

# List of Women's Western Open champions

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The [Women's Western Open](#) was an annual [golf](#) competition, which was played in match play between 1930 and 1954, and strokeplay between 1955 and 1967. It was established in 1930 and was a [women's major championship](#) that was organized by the Women's Western Golf Association. This event has the distinction of being the first women's major championship ever played.

[Patty Berg](#) holds the record for the most victories with seven, which is the overall record of the combined eras of match and stroke play. During match play competition Berg, [Louise Suggs](#), and [Babe Zaharias](#) holds the record for most victories with four. In the stroke play era, Berg and [Mickey Wright](#) holds the record for most victories with three. The most consecutive in the combined eras is two and was done by the following golfers: Berg, Suggs, Zaharias, [Opal Hill](#) and Wright. Berg and [Betsy Rawls](#) are the only two golfers to win the competition in match play and stroke play eras. In the match play era, 9&8 was the largest margin of victory by [Marian McDougall](#) in 1934, Hill in 1935, and [Betty Jameson](#) in 1942. During the stroke play era, [Kathy Whitworth](#) holds the record for lowest under-par at 11 in 1967 and the aggregate low of 289,



























† Tournament won in a [playoff](#)

















\* Tournament won by an [amateur](#), or had a runner-up who is an amateur

## Champions

### Match play era

Year	Country	Champion	Margin	Country	Runner-up	Course	Location	Notes
1930	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">Mrs. Lee Mida</a> *	6 & 5	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">June Beebe</a> *	Acacia CC	<a href="#">Indian Head Park, Illinois</a>	[1]
1931	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">June Beebe</a> *	3 & 2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">Mrs. Melvin Jones</a> *	<a href="#">Midlothian CC</a>	<a href="#">Midlothian, Illinois</a>	[2]
1932	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">Jane Weiller</a> *	5 & 4	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">June Beebe</a> *	Ozaukee CC	<a href="#">Milwaukee, Wisconsin</a>	[3]
1933	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">June</a>	3 & 2	<span><span><span></span></span><span> </span></span> USA	<a href="#">Jane</a>	<a href="#">Olympia</a>	<a href="#">Olympia</a>	[4]

		<a href="#">Beebe</a> *			<a href="#">Weiller</a> *	<a href="#">Fields CC</a>	<a href="#">Fields, Illinois</a>	
1934	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Marian McDougal I</a> *	9 & 7	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mrs. Guy Riegel</a> *	<a href="#">Portland G&amp;CC</a>	<a href="#">Portland, Oregon</a>	[5][6]
1935	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Opal Hill</a> *	9 & 7	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mrs. S.L. Reinhart</a> *	<a href="#">Sunset Ridge CC</a>	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	[7]
1936	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Opal Hill</a> *	3 & 2	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mrs. Charles Dennehy</a> *	Topeka CC	<a href="#">Topeka, Kansas</a>	[8][9]
1937	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Helen Hicks</a>	6 & 5	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Bea Barrett</a> *	<a href="#">Beverly CC</a>	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	[10]
1938	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Bea Barrett</a> *	6 & 4	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Helen Hofman</a>	<a href="#">Broadmoor or GC</a>	<a href="#">Colorado Springs, Colorado</a>	[11][12]
1939	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Helen Dettweiler</a> *	4 & 3	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Bea Barrett</a> *	Westwood CC	<a href="#">St. Louis, Missouri</a>	[13]
1940	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Babe Zaharias</a> *	5 & 4	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mrs. Russell Mann</a>	<a href="#">Blue Mound G&amp;CC</a>	<a href="#">Wauwatosa, Wisconsin</a>	[14]
1941	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	7 & 6	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mrs. Burt Weil</a>	Cincinnati CC	<a href="#">Cincinnati, Ohio</a>	[15]
1942	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Betty Jameson</a> *	9 & 7	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Phyllis Otto</a>	Elmhurst CC	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	[16]
1943	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	1 up	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Dorothy Kirby</a> *	Glen Oak CC	<a href="#">Glen Ellyn, Illinois</a>	[17][18]
1944	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Babe Zaharias</a> *	7 & 5	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Dorothy Germain</a> *	Park Ridge	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	[19][20]
1945	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Babe Zaharias</a> *	4 & 2	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Dorothy Germain</a> *	Highland G&CC	<a href="#">Indianapolis, Indiana</a>	[21]
1946	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Louise Suggs</a> *	2 up	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	Wakoda Club	<a href="#">Des Moines, Iowa</a>	[22]

1947	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Louise Suggs</a> *	4 & 2	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Dorothy Kirby</a> *	Capital Ctiy Club	<a href="#">Atlanta, Georgia</a>	<a href="#">[23][24]</a>
1948	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	37 holes	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Babe Zaharias</a>	Skycrest CC	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	<a href="#">[25]</a>
1949	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Louise Suggs</a>	5 & 4	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Betty Jameson</a>	Oklahoma City CC	<a href="#">Oklahoma City, Oklahoma</a>	<a href="#">[26]</a>
1950	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Babe Zaharias</a>	5 & 3	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Peggy Kirk</a>	<a href="#">Cherry Hills CC</a>	<a href="#">Denver, Colorado</a>	<a href="#">[27][28]</a>
1951	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	2 up	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Pat O'Sullivan</a> *	Whitemarsh Valley CC	<a href="#">Philadelphia, Pennsylvania</a>	<a href="#">[27][29][30]</a>
1952	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Betsy Rawls</a>	1 up	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Betty Jameson</a>	<a href="#">Skokie CC</a>	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	<a href="#">[27][31]</a>
1953	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Louise Suggs</a>	6 & 5	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	Capital City Club	<a href="#">Atlanta, Georgia</a>	<a href="#">[27][32]</a>
1954	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Betty Jameson</a>	6 & 5	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Louise Suggs</a>	Glen Flora CC	<a href="#">Waukegan, Illinois</a>	<a href="#">[27][33][34]</a>

## Stroke play era

Year	Country	Champion	Course	Location	Total score	Total par	Notes
1955	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	Maple Bluff CC	<a href="#">Madison, Wisconsin</a>	292	E	<a href="#">[27][35]</a>
1956	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Beverly Hanson</a>	Wakonda CC	<a href="#">Des Moines, Iowa</a>	304	E	<a href="#">[27]</a>
1957	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	Montgomery CC	<a href="#">Montgomery, Alabama</a>	291	-1	<a href="#">[27]</a>
1958	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Patty Berg</a>	Kahkwa CC	<a href="#">Erie, Pennsylvania</a>	293	+1	<a href="#">[27]</a>
1959	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Betsy Rawls</a>	Ranier G&CC	<a href="#">Seattle, Washington</a>	293	+5	<a href="#">[27]</a>
1960	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Joyce Ziske</a> †	<a href="#">Beverly CC</a>	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	301	+9	<a href="#">[36][a]</a>
1961	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mary Lena Faulk</a>	Belle Meade CC	<a href="#">Nashville, Tennessee</a>	290	-10	<a href="#">[36]</a>
1962	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mickey Wright</a> †	Montgomery CC	<a href="#">Montgomery, Alabama</a>	295	+7	<a href="#">[36][b]</a>

1963	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mickey Wright</a>	Maple Bluff CC	<a href="#">Madison, Wisconsin</a>	292	E	<a href="#">[36]</a>
1964	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Carol Mann</a>	Scenic Hills CC	<a href="#">Pensacola, Florida</a>	308	+8	<a href="#">[36]</a>
1965	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Susie Maxwell</a>	Beverly CC	<a href="#">Chicago, Illinois</a>	290	-2	<a href="#">[36]</a>
1966	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Mickey Wright</a>	Rainbow Springs CC	<a href="#">Mukwonago, Wisconsin</a>	302	+2	<a href="#">[36]</a>
1967	 <a href="#">USA</a>	<a href="#">Kathy Whitworth</a>	Pekin CC	<a href="#">Pekin, Illinois</a>	289	-11	<a href="#">[36]</a>