

Maria Hjorth

(Yort)



Rookie year: 1998
Status: Exempt
Career victories: 2 (1999)
Career-low round: 63
Career earnings (rank): \$2,790,802 (51)
LPGA career holes-in-one: 1
International victories: 5
Playoff record: 0-1
Education: University of Stirling (1996, English)

Professional

2006

- Best finish was a tie for third at the State Farm Classic, where she carded a season-low 65 in the opening round.
- Also carded a 65 in the opening rounds of the Safeway International Presented by Coca-Cola and the Florida's Natural Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez.
- Finished eighth at the Longs Drugs Challenge.

2006 Stats (rank)

Rds under par: 34/79 (41)	Rds in the 60s: 15/79 (46)	Birdies: 283 (20)
Eagles: 5 (20)	Greens in reg: 66.2% (64)	Driving accuracy: 56% (162)
Sand saves: 50.8% (8)	Putts per GIR: 1.79 (20)	Driving avg: 261.7 (15)

Career

- In 2005, best finish was a tie for third at the John Q. Hammons Hotel Classic; was a member of the European Solheim Cup Team.
- In 2004, best finish was a tie for 17th at the State Farm Classic; won the Ladies English Open on the Ladies European Tour (LET); returned to the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament, where she tied for 12th to retain exempt status for the 2005 LPGA season.
- In 2003, best finish was a tie for fifth at the Kraft Nabisco Championship.
- In 2002, top finish was a tie for second at the Evian Masters, where she crossed the \$2 million mark in career earnings; was a member of the European Solheim Cup Team.
- In 2001, although she did not win a tournament, more than doubled her career earnings on the strength of nine top-10 finishes; finished second at the Evian Masters and Jamie Farr Kroger Classic Presented by ALLTEL; tied for second at the Wegmans Rochester International and LPGA Coming Classic, where she tied her career-low 63 during the third round; tied for third at the LPGA Champions Classic, where she crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings, and the McDonald's LPGA Championship Presented by AIG, her career best finish in a major.
- In 2000, finished second at the Subaru Memorial of Naples after losing to Nancy Scranton on the second hole of a sudden-death playoff; carded a career-low 63 during the second round of the ShopRite LPGA Classic.
- In 1999, recorded two wins, the SAFECO Classic and the Mizuno Classic, where she played with a mix-matched set of clubs because her clubs were lost by an airline; with 408 birdies, became the first LPGA player to record more than 400 in a season; recorded her first career LPGA hole-in-one at the AFLAC Champions Presented by *Southern Living*.
- In 1998, recorded three top-10 finishes, with her best coming at the Friendly's Classic, where she tied for fifth.
- In 1997, finished fourth at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to gain exempt status for the 1998 season.
- Member of the Swedish, European and Australian Tours; won the Delsjo Ladies Open, Toyota Ladies Open and Aspeboda Ladies Open on the Swedish Professional Ladies Tour; member of the Players West Tour, where she won the A.V. Rubbish Classic.
- In 1996, turned professional.

Amateur

Hjorth enjoyed a very successful amateur career. She was a member of the Swedish National Team from 1991-96 and was the winner of 23 amateur events. As a junior in 1991, she won on the Swedish Professional Ladies Tour and captured the Swedish Girls Order of Merit title. In 1995, she went on to win the European Ladies Amateur title.

Personal

5'9"...Credits her parents, Liselotte Neumann and Seve Ballesteros as the individuals most influencing her career...Has two sisters...Hobbies include curling (playing in the highest division in Sweden), aerobics and reading books...Qualified for the Tour on her first attempt.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (2): 1999 SAFECO Classic, Mizuno Classic.
The Solheim Cup (2): 2002, 2005.

Major Championship History

	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06
KNC	DNP	T10	MC	T24	T36	T5	MC	DNP	MC
LPGA	T16	T63	MC	T3	T22	MC	MC	71	T39
OPEN	DNP	T8	MC	T19	MC	MC	DNP	MC	T41
DM/WB	T41^	T17^	MC^	T25	MC	MC	69	MC	T45

^ indicates finishes in the du Maurier Classic.

Hjorth's LPGA Record

Information above the line indicates record before originally qualifying for the LPGA Tour.

Year	# of events	Cuts made	Wins	2nd	3rd	Top 10s	Best finish	Earnings	Rank	Scoring average
1996	1	1	0	0	0	0	T25	\$ 7,730	N/A	72.25
1997	2	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	75.00
1998	24	18	0	0	0	3	T5	133,943	56	72.08
1999	30	28	2	1	0	7	1	572,940	11	71.08
2000	27	15	0	1	0	2	2	181,939	50	73.32
2001	29	24	0	4	2	9	2	848,195	5	71.46
2002	22	17	0	1	0	2	T2	359,194	26	72.14
2003	22	11	0	0	0	1	T5	108,512	70	73.08
2004	22	9	0	0	0	0	T17	44,074	123	74.10
2005	22	16	0	0	1	4	T3	242,371	51	72.36
2006	26	18	0	0	1	2	T3	299,634	44	72.20