



VAL SKINNER
LPGA PLAYER & FOUNDER OF THE LIFE EVENT
BIOGRAPHY

- Resides in Bay Head, New Jersey and Palm Beach, Florida

ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

Golf

- 21-year member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour
- six-time winner on the LPGA Tour
- Member of three Golf Hall of Fames
- Member of the 1996 U.S. Solheim Cup Team (U.S. vs. Europe)
- Served as captain of the 2003 United States PING Junior Solheim Cup Team
- Ranked in the top 15 in the world 7 of 20 seasons while on the LPGA tour
- Serves as golf analyst for the Golf Channel and CBS Sports
- Named Big Eight Female Athlete of Year (1980 and 1982) and GOLF Magazine's Collegiate Player of the Year (1982) and led nation in scoring while attending Oklahoma State University

Philanthropy

- Selected as one of USA Weekend magazine's 1996 Most Caring Athletes in recognition of her humanitarian efforts in working to raise awareness and funds to fight breast cancer
- In 2003, was honored in New York City as one of Yoplait, Self Magazine and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation's champions for her extraordinary work in the fight against breast cancer
- Val Skinner Foundation was listed in top 10 charitable foundations organized and funded by pro athletes in July 2005 issue of Sports Illustrated
- Received the 2005 Golf Writer's Association of America's Charlie Bartlett Award (was the first woman in a decade to receive this award)
- Received the 2007 Metropolitan Golf Writer's Association Winnie Palmer Award at the 56th Annual MGWA Awards Dinner on June 18

CHARITIES

- Launched a Pro-Am event that benefited Rape Crisis, House of Hope and Shelter From the Storm, all grassroots “women in crisis” charities in 1988. In 1992 hosted Sports for Kids charity classic in home state of Nebraska
- Launched national campaign the, “Young Women’s Initiative,” with Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ)
- The Val Skinner Foundation was the founding sponsor of the Komen on the Go™ national interactive breast cancer awareness tour and of the LIFE Center at CINJ, both which create and house programs focused on this mission for young women
- Has raised money for breast cancer research since 1996. Established the LIFE (LPGA Pros in the Fight to Eradicate Breast Cancer) Event in 2000, which features many of the most elite golfers in the world from the LPGA Tour in a pro-am event
- The LIFE Event quickly made history by becoming the largest fundraiser for breast cancer from a single day golf event. It raised a record of \$500,000 each year for the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey. This year funds raised for LIFE beneficiaries will reach more than \$4 million
- Val Skinner Foundation and LIFE Event selected as beneficiary of 18 and 19th Annual Steve A. Cox Charity Classic event