

# Elizabeth Arden Golf Classic

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The \$100,000 L.P.G.A. Elizabeth Arden Classic was held on C.C. Aventura's South Course February 15 - 18 with 104 of the world's finest women golfers participating. Great names from the tour included recently named 1978 Rookie of the Year, 1978 Player of the Year and number one money winner of 1978 Nancy Lopez; number two on the money list Pat Bradley and number three Jane Blalock.

Geographically the tournament was ideally situated this year. Aventura sits right on the county line between Dade and Broward. The gallery turn out proved to be the largest ever to attend an L.P.G.A. event in South Florida; with all proceeds going to the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

Mother Nature proved to be a true lady . . . if we could have ordered the ideal weather for each day we could not have had it finer. Temperatures ranged from the low 60's at night to the high 70's during the day.

According to Tournament Director John Montgomery Jr., "The overseeded bent grass greens were terrific, the rough was tough, and the over all course was in meticulous condition."

Victory came as Amy Alcott watched her 25-foot birdie putt sink on the third sudden death playoff hole. She beat Sandra Post and claimed the \$15,000. first prize. This brings her tournament wins up to six. Both Post and Alcott finished regulation play with one-over-par 73s and 72 hole totals of 213. Tied for third at an even 216 were Pat Bradley and Jan Stephenson.



Amy Alcott walks up to green #18 enroute to first victory of the 1979 LPGA Tour.

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