

Sophie Gustafson

(Gust-ahf-son)



Rookie year: 1998

Status: Exempt

Career victories (last): 4 (2003)

Career-low round: 63

Career earnings (rank): \$3,434,127 (38)

LPGA career holes-in-one: 3

Playoff record: 0-2

International victories: 17

Education: Aranasskolan & Komvux University (1995, Marketing, Economics, Law)

Professional

2006

- Recorded her second consecutive runner-up finish at the Weetabix Women's British Open.
- Posted six top-10 finishes, including a third-place finish at the Samsung World Championship, tie for fifth at the ShopRite Classic and a tie for sixth at the Franklin American Mortgage Championship benefiting the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt.
- Posted a career-low 63 in the second round of the Franklin American Mortgage Championship benefiting the Monroe Carell Jr. Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt and in the final round of the Wendy's Championship for Children.
- Crossed the \$3 million mark in career earnings at the U.S. Women's Open, where she tied for 10th.
- Advanced to the quarterfinals of the HSBC Women's World Match Play Championship before losing to third-seed Lorena Ochoa 3&2 to finish tied for fifth.
- Won the Siemens Austrian Ladies Open presented by Uniqo on the Ladies European Tour (LET).

2006 Stats (rank)

Rds under par: 39/81 (24)

Rds in the 60s: 22/81 (17)

Birdies: 319 (11)

Eagles: 8 (4)

Greens in reg: 71.6% (12)

Driving accuracy: 64.8% (137)

Sand saves: 38.6% (74)

Putts per GIR: 1.80 (32)

Driving avg: 275.2 (3)

Career

- In 2005, recorded a total of seven top-10 finishes, including a runner-up finish at the Weetabix Women's British Open; as a captain's pick, made her fifth Solheim Cup appearance and earned two points for the European Team.
- In 2004, recorded a season-best tie for third at The Mitchell Company Tournament of Champions; led the Tour in driving distance with an average of 270.2 yards.
- In 2003, claimed her fourth career title at the Samsung World Championship; also crossed the \$2 million mark in career earnings with the win; led the Order of Merit on the LET, where she won the Ladies Irish Open, HP Open and the BT Ladies Open; also won the World Matchplay Championship; won the LET's Vivien Saunders Stroke Average trophy and was voted as the Player's Player of the Year on the LET; was a member of the victorious European Solheim Cup Team, posting a 3-2-0 record; in November, became the first woman to compete in a men's Japan Golf Tour event at the Casio World Open in Kaimon, Japan.
- In 2002, best finish was a tie for 11th at the Weetabix Women's British Open; was a member of the European Solheim Cup Team; recorded her third LPGA career hole-in-one during the second round of the First Union Betsy King Classic; won the Biarritz Ladies Classic on the LET.
- In 2001, won her third LPGA title at the Subaru Memorial of Naples; finished second and crossed the \$1 million mark in career earnings at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez, where she lost a two-hole, sudden-death playoff with fellow Swede Annika Sorenstam; recorded the first and second holes-in-one of her LPGA career during the second round of the Evian Masters and final round of the season-ending Tyco/ADT Championship, respectively; won the AAMI Women's Australian Open on the LET.
- In 2000, became a Rolex First-Time Winner at the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez; won the Weetabix Women's British Open; lost the Mizuno Classic in a sudden-death playoff with Lorie Kane; scored 2-1/2 points as a member of the victorious European Solheim Cup Team; won three titles on the LET and was voted the Player's Player of the Year; also teamed with Carin Koch to win the TSN Ladies World Cup Golf.
- In 1999, tied for sixth at the Weetabix Women's British Open, where she recorded a double-eagle during the second round.
- In 1998, best finish was a tie for second at the Weetabix Women's British Open; won four international tournaments; was a member of the European Solheim Cup Team; voted as the Player's Player of the Year on the LET.
- In 1997, tied for 40th at the LPGA Final Qualifying Tournament to earn non-exempt status for the 1998 season; finished fifth at the Alpine Australian Ladies Masters and won the Thailand Open.
- In 1996, finished 12th on the Women Professional Golfers' European Tour (WPGET) Order of Merit; won two international titles.
- In 1994, joined the WPGET and went on to win the 1995 Swiss Open and 1997 Thailand Open.
- In 1992, turned professional.

Amateur

Gustafson started playing golf at the age of 10 and had limited amateur experience.

Personal

5'10"...Attended Swedish school for 15 years, where she studied law, accounting and marketing...Credits Seve Ballesteros and Laura Davies as the individuals most influencing her career...Married Ty Votaw on June 16, 2006...Has two older brothers...Hobbies include motorcycles and music...Earned Life Membership on the LET Tour in 2006...Qualified for the Tour on her first attempt.

LPGA Victories, Awards, Etc.

LPGA Victories (4): **2000** Chick-fil-A Charity Championship hosted by Nancy Lopez, Weetabix Women's British Open. **2001** Subaru Memorial of Naples. **2003** Samsung World Championship.

The Solheim Cup (5): 1998, 2000, 2002, 2003, 2005.

Major Championship History

	98	99	00	01	02	03	04	05	06	
KNC	DNP	T79	DNP	T7	T25	T51	T48	T66	MC	
LPGA	DNP	T54	T40	MC	MC	MC	T74	MC	T44	
OPEN	DNP	T20	T31	11	MC	MC	MC	T58	T10	
DM/WB	DNP^	DNP^	T33^	T42	T11	8	MC	2	T2	

^ indicates finishes in the du Maurier Classic.

Gustafson'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
1994	1	1	0	0	0	0	T75	\$ 612	N/A	77.25
1995	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	82.00
1996	1	0	0	0	0	0	MC	N/A	N/A	75.00
1997	2	2	0	0	0	1	5	30,154	N/A	72.50
1998	4	2	0	1	0	1	T2	81,915	83	74.58
1999	21	11	0	0	0	1	T6	80,800	96	73.27
2000	21	18	2	1	0	4	1	544,390	13	71.93
2001	25	23	1	1	0	7	1	617,327	15	71.55
2002	20	15	0	0	0	0	T11	165,093	57	72.40
2003	22	17	1	1	0	6	1	636,372	18	71.11
2004	21	11	0	0	1	3	T3	167,843	65	73.48
2005	26	21	0	1	1	7	2	484,839	28	72.59
2006	25	21	0	1	1	6	T2	655,548	17	71.57