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# TOUR NEWS

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Hye Jin Choi

## FOCUSED ON FOUNDERS

**E**ighteen PING pros are in northern California tuning up for the Fortinet Founders Cup, the first full-field LPGA Tour event in the United States this season.

Hye Jin Choi and reigning U.S. Open champ Maja Stark headline a roster that includes veterans Linn Grant and Jennifer Kupcho plus rookies Laney Frye, Hailee Cooper, Carla Tejedo, and Lauren Walsh.

New G440 K drivers and s259 wedges will be well represented. A growing number of staffers employ G440 K, like Lauren Coughlin, who gave the model its first win at a team event in December. Nearly a dozen will have s259 wedges in play.

See the full field below.

### THIS WEEK

#### PGA TOUR

##### VALSPAR CHAMPIONSHIP

Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club  
Palm Harbor, Fla., March 19-22

Dan Brown, Brian Campbell  
Corey Connors, Austin Eckroat  
Tony Finau, Viktor Hovland  
Mackenzie Hughes

Takumi Kanaya  
Matt McCarty  
Taylor Moore  
Rasmus Neergaard-Petersen  
John Parry  
Matthieu Pavin  
Seamus Power  
Kristoffer Reitan  
Neal Shipley  
David Skinnis  
Alex Smalley  
Sahith Theegala

#### DP WORLD TOUR

##### HAINAN CLASSIC PRESENTED BY MAEXTRO

Mission Hills Resort Haikou  
Hainan Island, China  
March 19-22

Dan Bradbury, Jonathan Broomhead  
Davis Bryant, Clement Charmasson  
Sebastián García Rodríguez  
Joel Girrbach, Thriston Lawrence  
Junghwan Lee, Ben Schmidt  
Freddy Schott, Hugo Townsend  
Daniel Young

#### LPGA TOUR

##### FORTINET FOUNDERS CUP

Sharon Heights G&CC  
Menlo Park, Calif.  
March 19-22

Celine Borge  
Hye Jin Choi  
Robyn Choi  
Hailee Cooper  
Allisen Corpuz  
Lauren Coughlin  
Karis Davidson  
Laney Frye  
Linn Grant  
Gurleen Kaur  
Jennifer Kupcho  
Ingrid Lindblad  
Leona Maguire  
Cassie Porter  
Paula Reto  
Maja Stark  
Carla Tejedo  
Lauren Walsh

#### PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS

##### COLOGUARD CLASSIC

La Paloma CC  
Tucson, AZ  
March 20-22

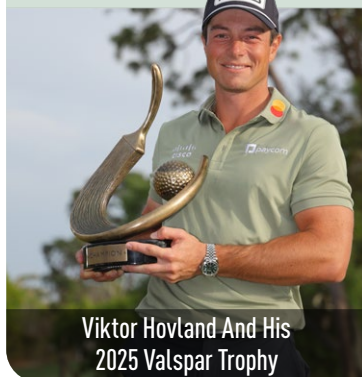
Stewart Cink  
Chris DiMarco  
Miguel Angel Jiménez  
Jeff Maggert  
Ted Purdy  
Kevin Sutherland  
Ken Tanigawa  
Kirk Triplett

#### LIV GOLF

##### LIV GOLF SOUTH AFRICA

The Club at Steyn City  
Steyn City, South Africa  
March 19-22

Laurie Canter, Tyrrell Hatton  
Sebastian Muñoz  
Joaquin Niemann  
Carlos Ortiz, Victor Perez  
Young Han Song, Bubba Watson  
Lee Westwood



Viktor Hovland And His  
2025 Valspar Trophy