



VAL SKINNER
LPGA TOUR PROFESSIONAL, FOUNDER OF LIFE
GOLF ANALYST

- Resides in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

ACHIEVEMENTS & HONORS

Golf

- 20-year member of the Ladies Professional Golf Association (LPGA) Tour
- Six-time winner on the LPGA Tour, 10 wins worldwide
- Member of three Golf Halls of Fame
- Member of the 1996 U.S. Solheim Cup Team
- 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
- Served as a Golf Analyst for CBS Sports and the Golf Channel for 13 years
- 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
- 3-Time Collegiate All-American

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, rape and domestic violence.
- Recipient LPGA Humanitarian Award 1998
- Recipient LPGA Susan G. Komen Award 1999
- Recipient of the Award of Hope from the Cancer Institute of New Jersey 2000
- In 2003, was honored 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 by Sports Illustrated 2005
- Recipient of the 2005 Golf Writers Association of America's Charlie Bartlett Award, (was the first woman in a decade to receive this award)
- Recipient of the 2007 Metropolitan Golf Writers Association Winnie Palmer Award
- Val Skinner Foundation received 2010 Excellence Award for Outstanding Foundation from The Professional Fundraisers Association of America
- Recipient of the 2010 Compassionate Leader Award from The Young Survival Coalition
- Val Skinner named 2011 Garden State Women of the Year (sports and recreation)

CHARITIES

- Established the Val Skinner Foundation in 1999 and founded LIFE (LPGA Pros In the Fight to Eradicate breast cancer) in 2000
- Launched and hosted “Val Skinner and Friends”, a Pro-Am event in 1988 that benefited Rape Crisis, House of Hope, and Shelter from the Storm grassroots “women in crisis” charities. The event had a 20-year run.
- Co-created and hosted Sports for Kids Charity Classic in 1992. The event was in Val’s home state of Nebraska for many years.
- Visionary of a national campaign called the “Young Women’s Initiative” in 2002 partnered with Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the Cancer Institute of New Jersey (CINJ) to launch the campaign nationwide.
- The Val Skinner Foundation was the Founding Sponsor of “Komen on the Go” in 2004, a national interactive educational breast cancer awareness tour. Komen on the Go traveled to college campuses and community events nationwide, during its eight-year run the tour reached a total audience of 24 million.
- The LIFE Center at CINJ was founded in 2002 and named to honor the advocacy of the Val Skinner Foundation. The LIFE Center houses programs focused on the foundations mission to serve young women and their families, there are now satellite LIFE Center’s around the state of New Jersey.
- Val 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 and other pro sports in a pro-am golf event.
- The LIFE Event quickly made history by becoming one of the largest fundraiser for breast cancer from a single day golf event. It has continued to raise \$500,000 at each annual event with \$14 million raised to date Susan G. Komen for the Cure and the LIFE Center at the Cancer Institute of New Jersey.
- The Val Skinner Foundation donated funding in 2009 to create an extension of the “Young Survival Coalition” in southern states.

- The Val Skinner Foundation launches “Young Women Walking “for the 2012 Susan G Komen for the Cure 3-Day as the Founding Sponsor.
- The Val Skinner Foundation established the first “Precision Medicine Initiative” fund for the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey LIFE CENTER in 2013.
- The Val Skinner Foundation in partnership with Discovery Education, Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey LIFE Center and Rutgers School of Public Health funded and launched Decoding Cancer nationwide January 2016. Decoding Cancer is a digital educational platform on breast cancer genetics, through Discovery Educations network of schools, including Title 1 schools; the program will have access to 38 million students and 3.5 million educators. DecodingCancer.org is also available in Public Libraries and on all tablets.
- The Val Skinner Foundation celebrated the 20th Anniversary of LIFE on June 10, 2019.