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Kärstin was first among 68 Swedish tour winners

Swedish tour winners:
1. Mats Lanner was given a free call home, right from the greenside, after he won in 1984.
2. Kärstin Ehrnlund, 1979. 3. Jesper Parnevik, 1995. 4. Helen Alfredsson, Liselotte Neumann and Annika Sörenstam, 1992. 5. Robert Karlsson, 1991.

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Kärstin Ehrnlund was the first Swedish player to win on any of the major tours. This was in 1980, and just as mobile phones have changed since then, so has Sweden's professional game.

68 players have won 317 tournaments, with 100 wins on the European tour.

Golf writer Jörgen Ohlson covered Kärstin Ehrnlund's first professional entry in 1979. She opened with an 82 but came back with a

70 in the second round – "the most important round of my life", she said. The following year she won the McEwan Lager Welsh Classic at the Whitchurch GC, near Cardiff.

Jörgen later took on the task to keep track of all Swedish tour winners. With the help of his lists he has written the leading article in *Årsskrift 2016*, looking back at the players who put Sweden on the golfing map of the world.

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Let's get it right: Caddie and dormie

Georg Kittel, president of the Swedish Golf Historians, reminds us to write *caddie* and *dormie*, rather than *caddy* and *dormy*. He quotes a range of sources going back to the 18th century. A *caddy* is a different thing, like a *tea caddy*.

Hester's swing held for 40 years

Lennart Sohlin wanted his father in law Uno Windefelt to take up golf and took him to a driving range. Uno gripped a five iron and clipped the ball 140 yards down the middle.

"Have you played before", asked Lennart and Uno confessed, yes, he had played.

It was during the war when he was stationed at Falsterbo, right beside the golf course. The Hoylake professional William Hester took the soldiers out. Uno stayed long enough to groove a Hester swing so steady it held 40 years later.

But he never took up golf.

The ladies have taken most of the wins

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Ove Sellberg was the first winner among the men, in 1986. Then came Mats Lanner and Anders Forsbrand, who in 1992 was the first Swede to be ranked Europe Number One. Another Swede to reach the summit was Robert Karlsson, who won the Dubai World Championship – and the European Tour – in 2010.

Gabriel Hjertstedt was the first Swede to win on the PGA tour in America. This was in 1997. He has been followed by another eight players with Jesper Parnevik and Carl Pettersson on

top with five wins each.

The ladies have scored two thirds of Sweden's tour wins. Annika Sörenstam alone has 89 wins in Europe and USA. Liselotte Neumann became Sweden's first major champion at the 1988 US Open. Then came Helen Alfredsson in 1993 and Annika in 1995. Anna Nordqvist, of a younger generation, became Sweden's fourth major champion in 2009.

As usual the men are determined to gain their first major victory this year, with World number seven Henrik Stenson first among the contenders.

The hickory trophy in new hands



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The defending champions Eva Adermark (far left) and Johan Moberg (far right) handed over the trophy of the Swedish Hickory Championship to the 2015 winners Christina Elmér and Magnus Sunesson. The competition was played at Flommens Golfklubb on the southern tip of Sweden. The 2016 championship will be played at Borås Golfklubb in south-western Sweden on 6–7 August.

Swedish Society of Golf Historians celebrate 20 years



RONNY KARLSSON

Great Moments: 1. Åke Skeppare drove himself in as founding president of the Swedish Society of Golf Historians in 1996. 2. Ulf Laurin, president of the Swedish Golf Federation, opened the Swedish Golf Museum in Landskrona in 2000. 3. Europe Captain David Kirkwood lifted the Hickory Grail trophy at Falsterbo in 2009. 4. Prince Daniel, husband of Crown Princess Victoria, reopened the Råsunda course near Stockholm in 2012 – for one day only. Stockholms Golfklubb laid out this course in 1912 and Hoylake professional Ted Roberts worked here.

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