

Southwest Putting Tour
 Lake Charles Louisiana
 26, 27 August 2023

The Mickey De Lucca Louisiana State Championship

The Louisiana State Championship was renamed the Mickey DeLucca Louisiana State Championship after Mickey's passing in 2021. Mickey grew up playing Putt-Putt in Lake Charles, was absolutely everyone's friend, won a APA National tournament and a lot of Southwest Putting Tour events, plus winning the Al Simpson Tournament of Champions twice. A very important person in our tours history.

The weather was clear but extremely hot, reaching 108° on Sunday. Cindy Simpson made sure everyone stayed hydrated by providing a water station on the course. We sweated, we putted, and somehow we finished. Joe Lea showed up to honor Mickey and led after the first round in the PPA division with a 26. Like Kevin and Tom, Joe showed he can come back and compete. At the end of four rounds on course one, Joe was at 111 and tied by Olivia Prokopová. Despite a penalty stroke, Brice Bergesen was in third at 113. In the open division Charles Tarbell broke open the tournament with a fourth round 26, beating everyone that round by at least 7 shots. He was at 117, Adam Sahlmel had the two low rounds in rounds 2 and 3, and was second at 125.

We teed off at 10am on Sunday, slightly cooler (I guess!), and it became a real close tournament after round five. In the PPA, Terry Simpson shot a remarkable 22 on course two and moved to within two of the leader, Joe Lea. In fact, seven of the ten players were within three shots of the lead with three rounds to go. Being the champion she is all around the world, Olivia Prokopová, shoots 26-25 to take a 5-shot lead into the final round. She coasted in to finish at 221 and win by five. Second was her husband Wade Sahlmel at 225, third Joe Lea at 226 and fourth Brice Bergesen at 227.

It was a good thing Charles Tarbell started Sunday with a 8-shot lead, as he struggled mightily on the back nine of course 2, only shooting 2-under total on the back nine his final four rounds. Adam Sahlmel made up some ground with the low 72 hole score of the day in the open division and ended up in second place at 254, five shots back of Charles's winning 249. Thanks to owner Greg Simpson and his manager, his sister Cindy for a great job of taking care of us in the Sahara like conditions.



SWPT 2023 PPA		"Mickey" LC 26/27Aug	
1	Olivia Prokopova	30 26 27 28 31 26 25 28	221 \$270.00
2	Wade Sahlmel	27 27 31 29 29 30 26 26	225 \$170.00
3	Joe Lea	26 27 28 30 30 26 31 28	226 \$110.00
4	Brice Bergesen	33 26 26 28 29 27 30 28	227 \$80.00
5	Jeffrey Smith	33 26 28 28 29 28 28 30	230 \$50.00
6	Lee Messinger	27 27 33 30 27 29 31 30	234
7	Geoffrey Mosk	31 28 32 30 30 27 30 28	236
8	Danny Tatum	33 32 30 28 28 33 28	240
9	Terry Simpson	27 31 31 32 22 32 32 35	242
10	Don Parker	34 32 29 29 30 30 32 27	243

SWPT 2023 AM		"Mickey" LC 26/27Aug	
1	Charles Tarbell	29 31 31 26 35 33 32 32	249 \$36.00
2	Adam Sahlmel	34 29 29 33 34 33 30 32	254 \$36.00
3	Mike Huckaby	29 31 33 37 32 38 33 28	261 \$36.00
4	Greg Simpson	31 37 32 33 31 33 32 33	262 \$36.00
5	Chris Conradi	31 33 33 34 35 33 32 32	263
6	Tommy Phillips	30 33 30 36 37 34 36 35	271

