



Marnie McGuire



1983-1986

Marnie is a former professional golfer who played a lot of golf on the Japanese LPGA tour in the 1980s and 1990s. At age 17, Marnie became the youngest, and only New Zealand woman, to win the British Ladies Amateur in the tournament's history. In 1998, her first year as a professional, she became the only New Zealander to win the Women's Australian Open. These successes, along with winning on the Japan professional circuit an impressive five times, led Marnie to be awarded the Sportswoman of the Year title at the 1996 Halberg Awards.

Marnie came close to giving up her beloved sport in 2000, but with the help of her family, returned to golf and went on to earn her ticket for a year playing in the USA.

Since leaving the professional circuit, Marnie has been involved in coaching and administration and has worked with Waikato Golf as their golf development officer. Her vast experience complements the Kiwisport Programme and encourages engagement in golf by the next generation of young Kiwis. She has also worked for The First Tee New Zealand, a golf education programme for young people.

Epsom Girls Grammar School recognised Marnie's significant achievements and contributions to golf in 2014 with a Founder's Award.