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(505) 925-5523**LOBO WOMEN'S GOLF TO PARTICIPATE IN SHANICO INVITATIONAL**

**Update:** The University of New Mexico women's golf team will travel to Corvallis, Ore. and the Shanico Invitational, Oct. 8-10. The tournament will be played at the Trysting Tree Golf Club. Oregon State will host the three-day event.

**Format:** The tournament consists of 18 holes each day. Start times for the three-day event begin at 8:30 a.m. on Monday and Tuesday and 8 a.m. on Wednesday.

**Course:** The Trysting Tree Golf Course will host the tournament. The course plays to a par 72 on 6,089 yards.

**Tournament Field:** There will be 18 teams participating in the Shanico Invite including: BYU, Boise State, Cal, Eastern Washington, Idaho, Idaho State, Long Beach State, **New Mexico**, Northern Arizona, Oregon, Oregon State, Portland State, San Francisco, Stanford, UNLV, Washington, Washington State, Weber State.

**Lobo Lineup:** The UNM lineup for the Shanico Invite is as follows: Claudia Ferrini, Kristi Larsen, Katrina Leckovic, Kailin Downs and Christina Spence.

**New Mexico in the Rankings:** In the latest poll released on Oct. 3 the New Mexico Lobos are ranked No. 12 by *GolfWeek Magazine*. UNM was unranked in the pre-season poll.

The Lobos have three individuals in the top-100 including senior Claudia Ferrini who is the highest ranked Lobo at No. 33. Sophomores Kristi Larsen and Katrina Leckovic come in at No. 73 and No. 84 respectively. Freshmen Kailin Downs is No. 113 while Christina Spence is No. 176, followed by sophomore Kellyn Newman at 215 and freshman Shannon Johnson at 237. Not bad considering there are more than 800 collegiate golfers across the nation.

**Last Time Out • 2001 McGuire Results:** The University of New Mexico Lobos took tournament honors at the 23rd Annual Comcast/Dick McGuire Invitational held Sept. 14-15 at the UNM Championship Golf Course. The tournament was held despite the absence of teams who chose to withdraw due to attack on America. The field was comprised of eight teams.

The Lobos captured the title by a five-stroke margin over New Mexico State, 875 to 880. New Mexico finished 1-under for the tournament and set a new course team tournament record previously held by Arizona (1996 McGuire - 876).

Taking individual medalist honors was Texas Tech's Stephanie Dukes who finished with a 213 (-6) two strokes ahead of NMSU's Alena Sharp at 215. New Mexico's Claudia Ferrini finished third with a tournament score of 216.

"We are very excited about how we started our season," said UNM head coach Jackie Booth. "I knew we were talented, but I didn't know we were that mentally tough this early in the season. It was an honor to win the McGuire, it being the first time since 1986. We look forward to the rest of the season."

**Head Coach Jackie Booth:** Head coach Jackie Booth starts her fifth year with the UNM women's golf program.

Booth led the Lobos to the 2001 NCAA Women's Golf Championships for the second time in her five year tenure.

While under Booth's tutelage the Lobos have two-straight MWC Women's Golf Championships and her athletes have captured Player of the Year and Freshman of the Year honors.

Last season Booth was named 2001 MWC Coach of the Year - her first conference honor at UNM. Booth also garnered Central Section Coach of the Year honors - her second at UNM.

**2001-02 NEW MEXICO WOMEN'S GOLF ROSTER**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Class/Exp.</b>	<b>Hometown</b>
Kailin Downs	5-7	Fr/HS	Bend, Ore.
Claudia Ferrini	5-5	Sr/2L	Lima, Peru
Shannon Johnson	5-8	Fr/HS	Sioux Falls, S.D.
Kristi Larsen	5-6	So/1L	Scottsdale, Ariz.
Katrina Leckovic	5-11	So/TR	Burnaby, British Columbia
Kellyn Newman	5-4	So/1L	Mesa, Ariz.
Christina Spence	5-6	Fr/HS	Port Alberni, British Columbia

**Head Coach:** Jackie Booth (5th Year)**Assistant Coach:** Angie Hopkins (4th Year)

# SCHEDULE FALL

• Sept. 13-15 •  
**Comcast/Dick McGuire Invitational**  
Team Total - 294-283-298 = 875 (-1)  
1st out of 8 teams

• Oct. 8-10 •  
**Shanico Invitational**  
Oregon State University  
Trysting Tree Golf Club  
Corvallis, Ore.

• Oct. 19-21 •  
**Stanford Invitational**  
Stanford University  
Stanford Golf Course  
Palo Alto, Calif.

• Oct. 30-31 •  
**Hawai`i Fall Invitational**  
University of Hawai`i  
Kapolei Golf Course  
Oahu, Hawai`i

## SPRING

• Feb. 25-26 •  
**Arizona Wildcat Invitational**  
University of Arizona  
The Raven Golf Course  
Tucson, Ariz.

• March 11-12 •  
**Pioneer Electronics-UCLA Bruin Classic**  
UCLA  
Menifee Lakes Golf Course  
Temecula, Calif.

• March 15-17 •  
**Lady Gamecock Classic**  
University of South Carolina  
The University Club  
Columbia, S. Car.

• March 29 •  
**Isleta Lobo Golf Fundraiser**

• Apr. 5-7 •  
**Ping/ASU Invitational**  
Arizona State University  
Karsten Golf Course  
Tempe, Ariz.

• Apr. 22-24 •  
**Mountain West Conference Championships**  
Sunriver Resort  
Bend, Ore.

• May 7-11 •  
**NCAA Regional Championships**  
Site & Course TBD  
East - Michigan State  
Central - LSU  
West - Stanford

• May 20-25 •  
**NCAA Division I Women's Golf Championship**  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Wash.

# 2000-01 INDIVIDUAL SCOREBOARD

## KAILIN DOWNS • FR. • BEND, ORE./MOUNTAIN VIEW HS

3 rounds...222 strokes...74 avg.

Low Round = 72 (McGuire Invite), Best Finish = 10th place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite ..... 74-72-76 = 222 (+ 3) ..... 10th out of 48

## CLAUDIA FERRINI • JR. • LIMA, PERU/NEWTON COLLEGE

3 rounds...216 strokes...72 avg.

Low Round = 69 (McGuire Invite), Best Finish = 3rd place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite ..... 75-75-78 = 228 (-3) ..... T20th out of 48

## SHANNON JOHNSON • FR. • SIOUX FALLS, S.D./O'GORMAN HS

3 rounds...229 strokes...76.3 avg.

Low Round = 74 (McGuire Invite), Best Finish = T28th place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite (i) ..... 79-76-74 = 229 (+ 10) ..... T28th out of 48

## KRISTI LARSEN • SO. • SCOTTSDALE, ARIZ./CHAPARRAL HS

3 rounds...219 strokes...73 avg.

Low Round = 69 (McGuire Invite), Best Finish = T4th place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite ..... 75-69-75 = 219 (E) ..... T4th out of 48

## KATRINA LECKOVIC • SO. • BURNABY, B.C./U. of HARTFORD

3 rounds...220 strokes...73.3 avg.

Low Round = 73 (twice at McGuire Invite), Best Finish = T6th place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite ..... 74-73-73 = 220 (+ 1) ..... T6th out of 48

## KELLYN NEWMAN • SO. • MESA, ARIZ./DOBSON HS

3 rounds...228 strokes...76 avg.

Low Round = 76 (3x at McGuire Invite), Best Finish = T25h place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite (i) ..... 76-76-76 = 228 (+ 9) ..... T25th out of 48

## CHRISTINA SPENCE • FR. • PORT ALBERNI, B.C./ALBERNI ARMADA

3 rounds...226 strokes...75.3 avg.

Low Round = 74 (McGuire Invite), Best Finish = T19h place (McGuire Invite)

Dick McGuire Invite ..... 76-76-74 = 228 (+ 7) ..... T19th out of 48