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Inbee Park wins Manulife Financial LPGA Classic

Waterloo – Park, from South Korea, tied a course record with a 10-under 61, making this her 10th LPGA Tour title. Park finished three shots ahead of No. 13 Cristie Kerr. She was awarded the winners cheque of \$225,000.

"Congratulations to Inbee Park, the 2014 champion of the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic," said Marianne Harrison, President and CEO, Manulife Canada. "The fans were treated to some of the world's best golf and their support of the tournament was outstanding. We look forward to bringing the world to Waterloo Region once again in 2015."

The 25-year-old played the front nine in 5-under 31 and had only one bogey in the entire tournament – on the fourth hole in the first round on Thursday. This is Park's tenth-career victory. Park becomes the third different player to win the Manulife Financial LPGA. Previously finished tied for 14th in 2013 and tied for 2nd in 2012, losing in a four-player, three-hole playoff. Park is projected to remain No. 2 in the Rolex Women's World Golf Rankings.

"It's really exciting to see how proud the community is to have this world-class event in Waterloo Region," stated Richard Kuypers, Tournament Director for the Manulife Financial LPGA Classic. "I want to thank Manulife Financial's commitment to the tournament and volunteerism. We are grateful to the volunteers, fans, players, St. Mary's General Hospital and everyone who played a role in making this tournament one of the player's favourite stops on the tour."

Volunteerism was an important component to the tournament with 1,000 volunteers performing a variety of essential duties including: transportation, shuttle services, marshals, walking scorers, operations, and player and caddie hospitality at the tournament.

This year thousands showed their support by wearing red on Friday in support of St. Mary's General Hospital and the women they love. As the official charity partner, St. Mary's General Hospital receives a portion of the tournament proceeds, while providing the opportunity to raise awareness about the importance of women's heart health. An announcement regarding the total charitable contributions will be made at a later date.

Tickets for the 2015 Manulife Financial LPGA Classic are expected to go on sale this fall. For more information, visit www.manulifeclassic.ca.

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About the [Manulife Financial LPGA Classic](http://www.manulifeclassic.ca)

The Manulife Financial LPGA Classic is back for its third year on the LPGA Tour and will feature a standard eligibility field of 144 players, 72 holes of stroke play and a purse of \$1.5 million. The tournament will take place June 4 - 8, 2014, at Grey Silo Golf Course in Waterloo, Ontario, home of Manulife Financial's Canadian Division Headquarters. For more information please visit: www.manulifeclassic.ca. Follow us on Twitter: [@ManulifeClassic](https://twitter.com/ManulifeClassic).

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