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## Florida's Jenny Suh (70) Leads After First Round of PGA Women's Stroke Play Championship

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**PORT ST. LUCIE (Feb. 16, 2020)** - Former LPGA Tour member Jenny Suh of Palm Beach Gardens shot a 2-under 70 Sunday to take the first-round lead in the PGA Women's Stroke Play Championship at PGA Golf Club.

Suh made three birdies and a bogey on the Ryder Course to take a one-shot lead over Alison Curdt of Los Angeles and Ashley Grier of Springfield, Pa., in the 54-hole event.

Suh earned slightly more than \$100,000 during her five seasons on the LPGA Tour before stepping away from competition in 2015. Suh's only bogey Sunday came on the first hole.

"I still had the first-tee jitters, which is nice because you can't simulate that feeling," said Suh, who is Membership Director at the Dye Preserve Golf Club in Jupiter. "I have a better outlook on things when they don't go my way. I played steady. If anything, I was trying to be too safe. If I made a mistake, I was able to recover."

Curdt, the Director of Instruction at Woods Ranch Golf Club in California, birdied three of her last four holes and made six birdies overall and five bogeys in her 71. Curdt is a PGA Master Professional in Instruction and an LPGA Master Professional, one of only two women to achieve the highest PGA credential earned by an instructor.

Grier has three top-five finishes in the PGA Women's Stroke Play Championship, but is looking for her first victory in the event.

Tied for fourth at even-par 72 are defending champion Joanna Coe of Lutherville Timonium, Md., 2018 winner Lisa Grimes of Gold Canyon, Az., Sherry Andonian of Centennial, Co., Jessica Dixon of Old Greenwich, Ct., Alexandra Braga of Edgewater, Co., and Joy Bonhurst of Kensington, Md. Coe played the par-5s in even par.

Tuesday's winner earns a spot in this year's KPMG Women's PGA Championship, to be held at Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, Pa. But this isn't Suh's job anymore - she was back at the Dye Preserve an hour after her round to meet with a prospective member.

"I wouldn't have entered if I didn't think I had a chance to win," Suh said. "It would be exciting (to win), but I'm just trying to stay steady and not think about the outcome.

"I was more worried about getting back to work on time."

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