

2025 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS LEARNING CENTER SHOW #18

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VO > August on PGA Tour Champions took us to the Pacific Northwest. The club at Snoqualmie Ridge near Seattle, hosting the 20th playing of the Boeing Classic. A spectacular backdrop as a field of 78 took wing.

VO > A star studded, and sun splashed finish out of a number of contenders. Aussie Steve Allan made a final push, starting the day four shots off the lead. Allan birdied three of his final four holes on Sunday, posted a stellar bogey free 65 and 15 under finish to capture a third career win, all of them in 2025. The Boeing Classic belongs to Steve Allan, John Swantek and Peter Jacobsen called it and have more.

VO > Okay. Thank you. Events. And what a week it was outside Seattle. And what a wild finish to the 20th edition of the Boeing Classic. And I'll tell you what, it was Steve Allan's moment for the third time this season.

OC > It has been an incredible journey for him early in his Champions Tour career. Peter and he played brilliantly on Sunday, then waited to see what happened for Stewart Cink and the group behind.

OC > The way Steve Allan has come out here on the Champions Tour. Kind of reminds me of what Steven Alker did. He had no status, came out, started here at Boeing, and he's had an incredible start to his career. Steve Allen joined the Champions Tour last year, but now three wins on his resume and today he was incredible. He didn't back down. He didn't linger. He didn't take a lot of time. He got over the shot and he played beautiful shots.

VO > Show you some of the highlights from a sensational Sunday at Snoqualmie Ridge. This was the second shot at 16 short little par four here.

VO > Yeah, he got right up. Grab the wedge. And he hit this shot. Used to back the back slope there and brought it down to tap in distance for another birdie.

VO > He had made one at 15. That one got him to 14 under. And then this was a marvelous bunker shot at 18.

VO > Yeah, this is a bunker shot. He will never forget. Used a cap which had to fly at halfway there then let it run out. That was a classy shot.

VO > And he had that remaining for a 65. He did not mess around. He got over the putt and just sunk it calmly. He had made so many important putts throughout the day. He had to wait to see if Stewart Cink could birdie the 18.

VO > Yeah, this was difficult. This is not the best spot you wanted to be in to been, but I will give Stewart credit. He went right at that flag with a five iron on 18. Played a

beautiful high cut. Unfortunately left the bunker shot short. Had this to tie Steve Allan. He missed it. And there there is your champion.

VO > bogey free 65 on Sunday to take down the title. His third of the season. And Steve Allan, who never won during his PGA tour career, is off and running on the Champions Tour. Let's hear more from our Boeing Classic champion.

OC VO > I don't know, I just found a bit of a groove with, you know, my swing. I think I am more aware of what I'm doing wrong when it goes wrong. I'm going into the day. Just let it happen. I'm not trying to force it. Not trying to push it, just trying to play. I think, a little bit of luck and, you know, I played well, I did well. So, you know, coming through the Q-School to get onto this tour and having a chance at 50 to play golf for money is amazing. So, it's all, you know, it's all a bonus. And yeah, just just let it happen. Not not like I said not trying to force it. No getting upset when things go wrong and just trying to play and have fun.

VO > Thank you, gentlemen. A look at the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Now with the win Steve Allen moves up a spot. Darren Clarke's T3 pushes him into the top ten. Stewart sinks runner up finish in the Boeing Classic, bumping him to second behind leader Miguel Angel Jimenez. Padraig Harrington is down two spots. The race continues.

VO > Noticeably absent for much of the PGA tour champion season is 2023 Charles Schwab Cup winner Steve Stricker. Playing through injury early in the campaign, Stricker underwent neck surgery last Tuesday. An 18-time winner on this tour, seven of them senior majors. Stricker issued the following statement regarding his health and what might be next.

VO > It read, I underwent disc replacement surgery in my neck on Tuesday to address a nagging issue caused by a bulging disc and bone spur. The procedure went very well and I'm already feeling great. I truly appreciate all the support and well-wishes. Looking forward to being back and ready for the 2026 season on PGA Tour Champions. We're looking forward to it as well.

VO > Also last week, E stands for Emerald City and for easy. Ahead of the Boeing Classic Ernie Els throughout the first pitch at T-Mobile Park when the Seattle Mariners hosted the Chicago White Sox. The South African born Els looked every bit the major league righty, finding the met. Els spoke about the experience of towing the slab.

VO OC > I asked me about a month ago, I said, yeah, of course I'll do that. But as it came closer, you know, you saw me, I was there, I was getting a little bit tense there, but, you know, it was great. I mean, the people were wonderful. And when I made off a decent pitch, you know, people kind of appreciated that this had all kind of worked out a good thing. I warmed up the shoulders getting older. I mean, I played cricket back in the day,

but still, when you got to throw like 60ft and, you know, both teams are watching you, you know what I'm making it is of yourself. I'm glad I threw it in the guy's glove, so that was great.

VO > The Big Easy's week got even better on Wednesday when handed a big check. Very big. Arcis golf came through again. Each year, Arcis sponsors the round up for Els for autism campaign. The various Arcis golf courses encourage members and customers to round up purchases of merchandise, food and beverage, or greens fees to the nearest dollar as a donation to the charity. The company's total is nearly \$1 million over the past six years. Els and Arcis Golf founder, chairman and CEO Blake Walker. On this Next Level initiative.

OC VO > Blake and myself, we have family with autism. We know each other very well. Through the years, he couldn't wait to get himself involved and taking his organization also into what we do. It's like Christmas in August, you know, getting a check in August and what they do in their properties. It's it's just unbelievable collaboration.

VO OC > You know, every year that I come to Snoqualmie Ridge for the Boeing Classic, the most special part of the week is when I get to hand Ernie the check for Els for autism. You know, having having a child that's in the spectrum myself, I got to know Ernie not as one of the greatest golfers that ever lived, but as a father that has a child with autism and it's it's literally my favorite time of the year.

OC VO > This money and Blake knows. I mean, he comes to our, our October events, you know, and a lot of his staff, it works with him comes, and it's a celebration of people who, donate and raise money for our foundation so they know exactly are books are open. They know exactly where that money is going. It's going straight for kids helping kids with autism from all ages. Especially now center down in Florida there. So, it's, it's a really feel-good story.

VO > Pdraig Harrington was in Portugal last week, and while there he played a round at the brand-new Els club at Villa Moura, site of next year's Portugal Invitational on PGA tour champions. In 2016, Harrington won the DP World Tours Portugal Masters on the same piece of land when it was known as the Arnold Palmer designed Victoria Golf Course. Harrington gave us his thoughts on the redesigned venue.

VO OC > It's always nice to come back to a venue of one on, but this is totally different today and he's done an unbelievable job here. It's distinctly different in character. Golf course, in unbelievable condition, fantastic condition. But the actual course, it's it's, you know, it's it's nice that I won on this course, but this is really different. It's it's been upgraded. No wind. It's a real championship golf course. The joy to play and especially in the condition it's in, I can't actually I cannot give enough credit to Ernie. It is fabulous. And to be honest, the last couple of holes, they are quite intimidating. But having a Champions Tour event here would be would be fabulous. It would be a great

event. I'm sure the crowds will come out, especially at this time of the year. What a place to be.

VO > Pdraig Harrington will get another stamp on his passport this week as he travels to Calgary to compete in the Rogers Charity classic, an event he has played twice before finishing in the top ten. Both times. Harrington is the hottest player on the tour right now. He's won in each of his last two starts, both of them majors.

VO > Coming up, master Thespian Fred Couples on his cameo in Happy Gilmore two, Fred has the acting bug ready to sink his teeth into a future Sandler film.

OC > If you're watching and I'm I'm available any every 3 or 4 years. If you got something you know I can. Garbage man. I can grow my hair long and gray. I can do a lot of things besides Blueberry Jubilee.

VO > Vijay Singh competed in the Boeing Classic, his first start after a five-week layoff from the game. The 62-year-old is in position to make the Charles Schwab Cup championship for the third consecutive year. Vijay's move is as long and silky as ever and the time off has Singh focused and ready.

VO OC > And I don't come here just to play food on the golf, you know, I want to come here and compete, you know, possibly win. So, my goal is to win. Always been so and that flourishes is another thing. But, you know, I'm I'm feeling good rested, you know, get rid of a little aches and pains and, ready to go.

VO > Boo Weekly just wrapped up his second year on PGA Tour Champions. He made his debut in the 2023 Boeing Classic. Boo put something together in mid-July with a T3 finish at the Dick's Open, his best performance of the year to that point.

OC > Cut, cut a little hair. It is roll now. Stay right, stay right. Stay short, man. You got a ball don't listen.

VO > He is a man on the move. And the entertaining one shared his thoughts on two years in the books here on PGA Tour Champions and offered a look ahead.

VO OC > It's a grind, but it is fun. It's a fun grind. I mean the travel is the only thing. I think it really stinks. You know, just just because, you know, you get on this and the flight is canceled here. Flight is canceled here. And but overall, yes, it is awesome to be out here playing good Lord's blessed me to be able to do it. And and why not you know, gave me the talent. So why not come on out and get active. Got a little Boom-Boom pouch and got me some candy fire right there. It's been a great year. I've had must add a lot of opportunities. Just. I mean, at Dick's I putted the ball real well. Just trying to keep that momentum going forward into the next eight tournaments or seven tournaments that we've got, you know, and if I can do that, I feel like I can make the playoffs and then never know when I get my card locked up.

VO > After a tie for 20th at the Boeing Classic, blue is 37th in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, the top 36 at the end of the season. Lock up playing privileges for 2026.

VO > If you still haven't seen Happy Gilmore two, then you haven't seen one of the great cameo films of all time, a Who's Who of Golf, past and present, including Fred Couples. who was the icing on the cake? Or in this case, the Blueberry Jubilee. Freddie's fondness of dessert made him a standout, and he shared with us his overall experience, from filming to the reaction from friends on his performance.

VO OC > I sat with Adam Sandler for almost 3.5 hours. That's number one. Most fun I've ever had. Pretty nervous because I had a couple easy lines. You know, I treat him like Tic Tacs. I don't think it takes me 20 times. And then after that would be seeing the movie at the premiere. And then we got home, and everyone wanted to watch it. So, we had people come in the house. And then the third thing is all the text people. Yeah. Like, you know, he kept a secret and a lot of people on most people didn't know I was in it. I mean, I'm getting text. Yeah, it's wild, but I really liked the movie. It was kind of fun, but it was fun to be a part of. I was at our table and then you went down a little bit, and that's where Schauffele and Ricky and Morikawa. Spieth. They were there the day I was there. There might be one more missing, but when I was there, I was never around. Scheffler. Koepka never saw Daly who's got a humongous part. He's phenomenal. Who surprised me the most. Well again it was Adam Sandler because we're at that table. And now as it moved down and he would get Herlihy to come up and he goes that's not the line they need to get the lines correctly. And I made a thing that actually got out about Faldo. I don't know if you've seen that. I wasn't picking on Nick at all. Let's get one thing straight. I was having fun because you would not think Adam would know. He knows every line of everyone else. And so, when someone would say something wrong, he said, just say your lines. Let's just say your lines. So, he surprised me the most. He was the coolest guy. And by the way, not just because he loves golf, but he loves the golfers. He really loves all the players. So, it was fun. It was it was a blast. And I'm available if you're watching Adam, I'm available. And any every 3 or 4 years, if you got something, you know I can. Garbage man. I can grow my hair long and gray. I can do a lot of things besides Blueberry Jubilee.

VO > Coming up on Learning Center, also a new role for this Hall of Famer. NFL great Ronde Barber on why golf is a whole new ballgame.

VO OC > I feel like I can force my will on football, but you can't force your will on golf. But the competitiveness of it especially, you know, now that I'm retired mostly and playing a lot of competitive tournaments at my golf club. Yeah, that's what translates the actual physical aspect. I'm totally different.

VO > The first full week of the NFL's preseason is complete. America's love affair with football is underway. The game, played at its highest level, with optimism running

throughout the league and every team in full belief mode. From these players, future all-time greats will find their place in Canton, Ohio. Players like former Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive back Ron Barber, a key piece in some really outstanding Bucs defenses dotted with Hall of Famers like himself, Barber was a playmaker. Interceptions, sacks. Returns for touchdowns. But attack mode isn't always the formula in golf, as he tells us in an interview from April's James Hardy Pro Football Hall of Fame Invitational.

OC > What a pleasure to spend time with Ronnie Barber. He is a Hall of Famer, obviously 2023 and a 2002 Super Bowl champion with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. And I think that Buccaneers team is a good place to start for me because it's unique in that defensively you have Hall of Famers at every level defensive line, linebacker, defensive back. Does that team which allowed I think 12.5 points a game.

OC > Yeah.

OC > Did they get their just do.

OC VO > Oh yeah. I think so. I mean when you start looking at the, you know, the lineage of great defenses. Yeah. You start for Pittsburgh. You go to Dallas even before that, the Pittsburgh and then, you know, the Ravens of the early 2000, we were in that same conversation with the Ravens during that time. We both won Super Bowls primarily on defense. You know, they got a number of Hall of Famers as well. But yeah, we do. I think when you have a defense that's named after, what we were mostly majoring in Tampa to be a great defensive coordinator. And Monte Kiffin, great head coach, and Tony Dungy. Yeah. I think what we put on tape, stands the test of time and people people respect what we were able to accomplish, especially over we won Super Bowl in 2002. But for about a ten-year period, we were one of the top defenses in the league with sacks and turnovers. And it was it was a fun time.

VO OC > Yeah. And I think a lot of guys that were just tough, you know, tough guys including yourself and and I believe you had this kind of a, are you a grinder. Would you say you grind all the way to get to where you are?

OC VO > Absolutely. I think I was grinding in year 16. You know, you had some coaches that always used to say you never get, you know, you never say the same. You get better; you get worse. And our team had that kind of mentality and the culture was built as such. So, you just you grind it. You had to if not, somebody else was gonna come take your job.

OC > How did you come to this sport.

OC VO > Being in Florida. I don't fish. Yeah. I don't play pickleball. Even now, I play golf. And, I got lucky, actually, there's a guy who started ahead of me when I first got there. Name was Anthony Parker. He was older, and he was a vet to play golf. He's like,

let's go play golf. We went almost every Friday to chip and putt, play a couple rounds, and I just got the bug.

OC > Do you feel like any of that football grinding translates to this for you?

OC VO > It's totally different sport Vince, you know, that. I felt like I could force my will on football. You can't force your will on golf. But the competitiveness of it especially, you know, now that I'm retired mostly, and playing a lot of competitive tournaments in golf club. Yeah, that's what translates the actual physical aspect of it. Totally different. But the mentality going out, I want to compete when that that's that, that definitely carries you.

OC > You seem to have a healthy perspective about it too. I think a lot of guys come out here and they beat themselves up about it and you're right, you really can't do that.

OC VO > I, I've tried to grind, and I do better when I don't show up at the range, and I slam my trunk and go to the first tee. So, But I do work on my game. I know there's parts that I can get better on. And that part that's fun. You know, that's that's the fun part about this game.

VO > You were in the right place. I mean, Tampa was I mean, certainly that that had a lot to do with it, I think. And then access.

VO > Right.

OC > Being there because it might have been a different story in green Bay.

OC > Exactly.

OC > Buffalo.

OC > Well if I went to green Bay, I would have lived in Tampa and just come back to green Bay for the football season.

OC > What's, what's what's been a great golf, memory for you?

OC VO > Oh, God. Yeah, I got a bunch. I'm actually turning 50 this year, and I'm going to Northern Ireland to play golf, and I think my best trip, other than that, was to Ireland before I went to Dublin, played some great, great courses over there. And most importantly, and this is what the sport does, it brings people together. You know, I went with, you know, three of my best friends, my wife and we had a, a fantastic trip. This trip coming up is, you know, ten, ten people, and we're gonna play golf. We're going to visit the countryside, and it's going to be a perfect birthday trip, I hope.

OC > That's awesome. You know, you've done something that's so unique in that as a twin, you've been able to carve your own kind of past your identity, right? I mean, it was was that challenging at times?

OC VO > You know what it was? It was good to go through it together. But then once we separated when we both graduated from Virginia, yeah, we started to diverge and take different paths, different entrance interests. And, that we played the same sport was somewhat of a hindrance, especially because he was a running back in New York. You know, glamor. That's a big market, big position. It was I was always kind of in his shadow until I started, you know, making Pro Bowls and being the player that ended up getting me a gold jacket. But yeah, it was I it's it's always funny to know that people associate me with my twin. In a good way and in a bad way. But I didn't mind it when one did at all.

OC > Who's better out here?

OC VO > Oh he can't play golf. He plays golf. He can't play golf, though.

OC > And they're the twin comparisons ends. Ronde, great to see you man. Congratulations on all your success.

OC > Thank you.

VO > Back to the PGA Tour Champions schedule and this week's stop in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Site of the event, the Rogers Charity classic. Prior to the Boeing Classic Paul Stankowski, who spent five days in Banff and was one with nature. He played golf, did some fishing and enjoyed all the beauty that our neighbor to the North has to offer.

OC VO > I'm amazed at Calgary so flat. And then these. The Banff is the most beautiful place I've ever been to that doesn't have an ocean. It's unreal. So yeah, it was it was a good time. It was a nice, relaxing break from the grind of professional golf. We got a bunch of browns and and, in fact, I don't think I've ever caught a brown this size before. It was amazing. It was so big. I had him in a hot dog, but it was this big.

VO > What an interesting twist. And what a way to close our show. It's a week in the Great White North and we will be there. Calgary, here we come. I'm Vince Cellini, as always, we thank you for watching Learning Center.