

2025 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS LEARNING CENTER SHOW #2

VO > PGA Tour Champions Learning Center.

VO > This event, number two on the PGA Tour Champions schedule, meant another journey for players to an exotic location.

OC > We're here. We're back. Ready to go.

VO > Boarding a charter with the destination. An ancient land in northern Africa.

OC > Going to Morocco.

VO > Morocco, where the city of Rabat would host the fourth play of Trophy Hassan II as an over 50 event.

OC > Now, I don't know what time zone we in, but we in another one.

VO > Players drinking in the diverse culture and a par 73 course stretching over 7300 yards.

VO > And what a finish there playing in the final group with Steven Alker. Miguel Angel Jimenez sees his one-shot lead disappear with a bogey on 16. He dips to nine under and is tied with Alker.

VO > But a tremendous bounce back for the mechanic on 17 and drives the green of the 272-yard par four and leads it to about ten feet with a huge opportunity. From there, Miguel for Eagle, and he coolly rolls it home for a two-shot lead with one to play as Alker made par.

VO > The par five 18th was an easy walk home. Jimenez can make bogey and win, but instead knocks in the short par putt for the two-shot victory. His last win coming back in 2022. But in the winner's circle again.

VO > Jimenez earning a 14th win on PGA Tour Champions and first over the age of 60, a new tournament record low of 11 under par. Steven Alker, playing this event for the first time, failed to mount a back nine charge. Ernie Els solo third after winning the opener in Hole Alive. Here is the champion Miguel Angel Jimenez

OC > Good feeling. It's a little tense, but it's a nice feeling. Yeah.

OC > And you've also won in your 60s. How about that? You just don't stop.

OC VO > Yeah. You can't stop. I don't know if I'm going to reach 75, but they want me in. And all that said, yes, I think good events. Nice. Very nice. It's a wonderful day when you see, you know, I've been missing some shots in there from the big get a little bank. But, when I go, my shots are hitting good shots.

VO > And what about a word for the support? It's like you're a Moroccan out there.

OC > I don't know what he said, but it can be nice to have out here. A lot of people that like me here. And all of Spanish people I see also. And, What? You feel very good, very nice and solid on the golf with all the support.

VO > You are the Trophy Hassan II Golf Trophy winner for 2025. Many congratulations

VO > Thank you.

VO > Our congratulations to Jimenez who takes over the top spot in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Moving past Ernie Els, Steven Alker up two spots following his runner up in Morocco. K.J. Choi jumps 28 spots with Cejka and Langer tied for fifth.

VO > Golf aside, as they did in the opener in Hawaii, Stewart Cink and wife Lisa enjoyed the local sights, visiting Morocco for the first time. Prior to play an up-close look at all that Rabat had to offer events, museums and majestic architecture, even beaches as Morocco borders on the Atlantic and Mediterranean. The 6 made time to get a taste of the city's past and present.

VO OC > We did this cooking class at a restaurant here in Rabat and, cooked for dishes, a sweet, an appetizer, and two sort of mains and just had a lot of fun. It was energetic and we learned a lot. And it was really good fun as a sort of like, ceremonial sort of into the afternoon. They did these little henna tattoos and, you can see that very well, but. I'm not sure what it is, but it's pretty intricate. And everybody got one. They're all different and just part of the experience. So, I got this to remember the day by.

VO > Jason. Caron's amazing journey continued in Morocco in 2024 Caron parlay top five performances, one of them in the KitchenAid senior PGA Championship, into a top 36 finish overall on PGA Tour Champions, thus his dream of playing on the over 50 tour, which he thought was over while working as the head pro at Mill River Club in Oyster Bay, New York, instead turned into securing his card for 2025. Jason is still in disbelief following this career turn.

OC VO > And for a guy you know, as they say, folding shirts for living, they'll come out here and play with these guys and play well enough to have status. I think it's; you know, I look at it like it's a pretty cool story. It really is overall. But we just been, you know, it's great to have my wife out here, Liz, this week, and, just, you know, being able to enjoy this is kind of still, like a pinch, pinch me moment, if you will. So, yeah, it's. This is going to be a lot of fun. And see what happens.

VO > Will you set goals for this year?

OC VO > I'd like to win a golf tournament. I think last year I was close, and I feel like getting that little bit of that taste is pretty neat. You know, we'll see what happens. But that's really my only goal is to play well and hopefully have a chance to win.

VO > Now, a career milestone for a season. PGA Tour Champions player Paul Broadhurst is a nose to the grindstone seven-time winner on this tour. Two of the majors, the Englishman turned 60 this year and on the way to another productive season, made his 200th start on PGA tour Champions while in Morocco.

VO OC > Looking back when, you know, when I got a card out here and I was praying that I could get out here some time on the Champions Tour. So yeah, I've been, achieved two and events. That's that's pretty good. Yeah. 25 a year, 8 years Yeah, I'm happy with that. Thank you very much.

VO > Coming up on Learning Center, Ernie Els certainly knows his way around a golf course and all about designing them as well. The Big Easy on his latest project taking place in Portugal. You can join the club. A VIP tour is coming up next.

VO > Ernie Els is a four-time major champion and World Golf Hall of Famer, also bringing his expertise to the area, of course designed another Els club, fuels his international reach as an

architect. This one in Portugal where the Big Easy takes us through the project in great detail. A redesigned of which he takes exceptional pride.

VO > We're going to be so proud to open the first Els Club here in Europe.

OC VO > What enticed me to come here. I'm. I knew a lot about this region. And, I know people love this region, and, I mean, the weather is great, the food is great, the people are great. Location is unbelievable. You know, there's a there's a lot of great stuff happening here.

OC VO > You know, I'm I'm really excited that, you know, for me, it's my first golf course. And Ernie, our first design in in Europe. And, you know, we've design courses in England. You can say Wentworth. We've designed courses. Wow. With, you know, close to 20 golf courses throughout the world. And, you know, we've had tournament venues on all of our golf courses on every continent. But we haven't had one here in, in Europe. So, I think we're really excited to bring our design philosophy and one of our courses here in the area, here at Vilmoura.

OC VO > I mean, especially in Portugal, where you don't have a lot of oh, I would say very name recognized courses. And it hasn't been yet out there in the world market. It very well. We think that having Ernie Els and his brand here is just an absolute, winner. Love the participation that he's had on this. I mean, he's been class A on it. And, for the future of our golf, even in Portugal, I think is a massive step up for the for the whole country, not just here in Vilmoura.

OC VO > They really bringing it into the new modern era. And that's what this golf course needed. It needed a real big change to bring it into the new era of golf and golfers. And that's what we did. The ethos, philosophy of the Ernie Els design, you know, I go accordingly a lot of times the way I play my own game, I also got a lot of tips, you know, when I started designing, you know, with Jack Nicklaus. And I don't want to say that I play very similar to Jack Nicklaus, don't get me wrong. But, you know, I like to drive the ball in play. I'm a very good iron player, and I like my shortcuts pretty sharp. So, the driving, I want to get the ball in play. I want the player of the tee in play. So, the fairways are quite generous. I like certain types of bunker style in different conditions. And then, the second shots, I start playing with you, you know, I'll, I'll put greens on angles, fade the ball in, draw the ball in into, into greens and then depending on where you're at, how much wind you have. Here we don't have crazy wind, but we do have quite a bit of breeze. You know, you got to go accordingly with your, your grain shape, size. So, a lot of water hazards around, from the old existing golf course, but we flipped the nines and, really building a new, new golf course here at Victoria.

OC VO > He understands the shot values. Especially, you know, Ernie playing for over 25 years on the tour and with those shot values, he trusts in me to also balance it for the higher handicap players. So, what we try to do is have shot values that will be receptive for the higher handicap player, but also have pin placements within the green that if there is an event, a tournament that it will lend itself for those over lower handicap and also the tournament caliber player.

OC VO > Whenever we design a golf course, in our company, we always have the eye on a championship golf course. For if there's a, you know, term that comes there. Most of our courses, thankfully, have had championships and this is going to be no different. We envision a tour event, whether it's Champions Tour, the European Tour. We do have some talks going on for a tour event, you know, taking place here in the near future.

OC VO > It just laid out nicely. It was a really nice project. We thought that we really could do something special with it. We were fortunate enough to get Els, Ernie involved in this, and it's

turned out like, as we expected. I mean, just a superb product. Much like his other courses around the globe, I think for him, too, was just very exciting that he was able to plan his first European, course here. And so for us, this is like, I mean, again, your childhood, you know, as you're growing up and watching Ernie play out there, and now all of a sudden you have him here with us and he's in, he's willing to use this as his first marker in Europe. I think that says something about the destination and the type, of course, this is going to be.

VO OC > You know, we completely gave it a new look, new face, to it, people who have played the golf course before will not recognize it. You'll recognize, where you are, but, all the holes, are very different. They play differently in different directions. So, it's a very, very different golf course, but in the exact same area that everybody's very familiar with. So, that was very exciting to us that, the group that we work with had the fortitude to, to see what we saw and, you know, this hole that we're standing on right now is, the old 17 that played the exact opposite direction. You know, we rerouted this hole. It's a par five, but it's played the other, other direction. And that's what we did on the old back nine. You know, back nine is an absolute reroute you know. So, it's a very new look which was very exciting to us.

OC VO > We own five golf courses in this one area here. And for us this is more of a destination than it is just a golf course. This is an anchor for us, and it's an important anchor for this whole area. And Vilamoura is quite large and has lots of things going on today. New Marina, new hotels, etc. and this is just a centerpiece part of that.

OC VO > Come down here to this area. It's still very, local friendly. It's not overly commercialized and without touch, yeah, we want to just upgrade, but to have that old feeling of, you know, you're coming down here to enjoy and to relax with, only the best amenities available to you. Hotels, resort, golf. We want to make it world class. So, that's our plan.

VO > Intrigued? It won't be long until you can experience Ernie's vision for yourself. Els club. Vilamoura in Algarve, Portugal, will open this summer. Much more ahead on learning center, including learning from a legend when Ben Crenshaw talks putting. We listen just like Dickey Pride, who spent quality time with gentle Ben tips that can help you as well. Don't miss it.

VO > PGA Tour Champions debuts in the continental United States this week, returning to Tiburon Golf Club for one of the longest standing events held in one metropolitan area. So, join us in Naples, Florida for the Chubb Classic, pride of the Paradise Coast in Florida. For almost four decades.

VO > Now another example of putting for dough 2024 Q school final round and final hole. Dickey pride needed a par to get to a four-man playoff for three cards. As it turns out, he three putted and bogeyed the final hole. As a result, pride did not get into a playoff to earn status this season. He will, however, have limited starts in 2025. This week, Dickey Pride will make his season debut, but last month in Hawaii, he spoke with one of the best putters of all time, Ben Crenshaw, for a tune-up and being sharper on the greens.

OC > So Ben, I am one of the many legions of people that have tried to putt like you. I mean, I won in 94 on in Memphis with an 8802 that my father got me because when I was trying to putt like you when I was in college, and it stayed through my first couple of years on tour. And, you know, so many people have tried to copy and mimic you and become better putters, you know, what are the couple of things that they can use from what you do to help you help them putt better?

OC > I think it's least any good putter I ever saw had really great speed. I mean, they knew instinctively how hard they were going to hit the putt, but I know one thing too, that I think good putters are great readers of greens. In other words, you know, you putt on different greens every week, different species. You have to know how that ball reacts. Some greens are fast, some greens are slower. But you have to adapt every week that you play tournament golf. That's right. I try to just keep it simple. I would just simply go out and hit longer putts at first and just watch the ball and see what it does, see what the character mistakes were. And and I know one thing, two, that I wouldn't try to change so much of my stroke. A lot of people changing their strokes it gets gets them in trouble. The only thing I tried to do imperceptibly was change the ball position in my stance. I need to move it a little bit up or a little bit back.

OC > Okay, so when would you move it up and when would you move it back with the ball balance center was the ball.

OC > Yeah. I felt like I wanted to see a ball leave and had a certain roll on it. And I felt like I felt like if I it played it way too far up in my stance, that's too far and away. If I got way too close to the ball, that would inhibit my stroke. My stroke is a little bit freer than others, but I want to get that ball position in my stance that I that it felt comfortable. In other words, I really think when you putt really well, you've got a blank mind. You don't think about what you're trying to do. You're just watching the ball, and you don't. It's not technical at all. I'll bet the week of the weeks that you won, you weren't thinking about your stroke or the way you got into the ball. You were just being very alive and real about what you saw. In other words, optics has such a great thing to do with it.

OC > Yeah. And you and I have talked about this before. Both our mothers were artist. My mother was a painter, your mother played the piano. And I've always felt like that's one of the advantages I've always had, because I can look at a putt and I and I see a line where it's gotta go here, and if it's got to go here, then it's got to be at this speed.

OC > You know, I like to look at art, too. I like to see a ball break. Yeah. Up to me the hardest things were the straight putt I that you know, because you felt you felt like you're more precise then when you got over the ball. But if you see it bending. Then that it gives you a little more freedom that way. But once again that's reading the green.

OC > So is there anything that you can think of. You know for the average golfer? I mean, you and I instinctively see a lot of break. And we see things like artistic, you know, to help the average golfer see where the ball is going to go and where they need to start it.

OC > Things don't change. To hit this ball in the in the middle of the face is what you want. That ball travels the furthest. And and I this particular putter the putter, the putter that you like the 8802. I never thought that I would hit the ball in the heel of the putter. I don't I didn't want that. I want it in the center or maybe just out on the toe. That's just the way this particular club swings, for sure. This swings like a golf club. It has a little bit of offset, which I liked, but the weight people like in different weights, people like a heavy putter. Some people like a light putter. I always thought if you wanted enough to where you felt like the ball was going to, this putter was going to do most of the work,

OC > And it was going to roll it out the distance on it. Yes. All right. So now we're going to go straight to this is for me. I'm going to hit a putt, and I want a little help because I know what I've

been what I believe I've been fighting. I've been you know, I set up very similar to you with very long arms and I and I and.

OC > no tension.

OC > No tension. Really, really like grip. I always try to go like this and make sure that that that putter is just very nice and heavy. And then I have a tendency to kind of pull out like this. Sometimes I want to I like doing an inside arc stroke where I just go this way, and I love the way that ball rolls. But I see sometimes, you know, I'll be honest with you, sometimes I say that Paul and I get right here, and it goes this way. And that's not a good roll. That's. Yeah. No, that's not a good roll. So, I'm asking specifically for me because I've got a season to play here in 2025. I need some help in.

OC > Well I'll tell you this. We're all human. We're all human. And what? So many times, you see a guy just raise up just a little bit. That is simply human. You want to see what the ball does, but you've got to learn to stay down. Stay down with it long enough to where you're not lifting up. It's just like a golf shot, you know, if you miss a golf shot, if you stay down through the ball and not look up nine times out of ten, if you look up, we want to see where the ball goes, goes to the right

OC > Or opens at the face.

OC > You've got to train yourself to stay down. Same in putting. Stay right and say right down and don't come up. Well stay right down. It's human. It's we're all human.

OC > All right. Let's see if I got.

OC > Juist stay right down there.

There you go, beautiful. I like that putt.

OC > Well, give luck a chance on that.

OC > Give luck a chance. Thank you for your help. For my 2025 season. Starting off the right way with a punting lesson from Ben Crenshaw.

VO > Learning center just loves a master class. And Crenshaw delivered again. With that, we say goodbye from Northern Africa and gear up for competition in Naples, Florida. Standby for the Chubb Classic. Until then, I'm Vince Chiellini. As always. We thank you for watching.