

2026 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS LEARNING CENTER SHOW #9

VO > PGA Tour Champions Learning Center.

VO > PGA Tour Champions was on the move for a fourth consecutive week. This time it was the Spirit Invitational from The Woodlands Country Club near Houston, Texas. A stellar field and a defending champion who entered having won half the events played on this tour in 2026. Who was last weekend's Lone Star? With a recap our team in the booth Bob Papa and Peter Jacobsen.

VO > Well thanks, Vince. Boo Weekley birdies the second hole after Ernie Els at birdie the first. Started the day with a one shot lead and says, to the Hall of Famer Peter, we're not backing down.

VO > It's pretty impressive to see Boo and Ernie go back and forth all day. And here at the eighth, a very unlikely birdie attempt. But this was huge to put the pressure on Weekley.

VO > Yeah. And Ernie was coming off a bogey at the seventh rolls in that long one. Weekley has this for par.

VO > This is tricky down the hill little speedy dead center.

VO > And then Ernie Els missed a bunch of birdie opportunities. Not able to cash in and really put pressure on Weekley. And then Weekley after a great tee shot his second at the par 5 15th. Now things are getting a little nervy about now. He was making a bunch of pars, couldn't make any putts and he hits this tremendous approach to hit the 15th green in two.

VO > He'd go on a two putt for birdie. Els would make birdie as well. And then here's where it all changed. Ernie Els missed the fairway at 17 and just caught it heavy.

VO > Yeah this is a difficult shot anyway. But you can't miss it short or left. And that's exactly what Ernie did.

VO > Els would go on to make a double bogey there and then Boo Weekley he didn't just cozy it up there. He poured it in.

VO > We thought he was going to cozy it up. And he does that.

VO > A rare birdie at 17. Weekly bogey free for the week. And at this point he's got a four shot lead walking up 18. And come on we got to go bogey free for the week right. He used it all though Peter.

VO > Yeah. Little drama here all around and in. Congrats, Boo weakly.

VO > is first win on the PGA Tour Champions a three shot win over Hall of Famer Ernie Els as Boo weekly jumped up 16 spots in the Schwab Cup standings all the way up to

number three, picking up \$450,000 for the win. Ernie Els moved up three spots to number four in the standings. So, here's how the final standings look boo weekly with his first PGA Tour Champions victory. Does it here at the inspiring three shots clear of Ernie Els. Let's hear from the newest champion.

OC VO > It's just been a long time. I mean it's just you know finally like I said I'm finally starting to get a little healthy again. Is swinging the golf club of good again. And just it feels good to actually be able to come out and play the way I know I can play and compete the way I continue to this week kept my mind straight, just focused on my target, focused on my greens, focus on the perks and, you know, and we got lucky enough to get Lord blessed me to win today.

VO > Come Thursday, the 2026 PGA Championship unfolds at Aronimink Golf Club outside Philadelphia. The championship was last played at this venue in 1962. The tour's second major of the year hosts a field of 156 players, including 2008 PGA Champion Padraig Harrington, and by virtue of his win in the senior PGA Championship, Stewart Cink. Both men give us a preview of what to expect.

OC VO. I went up to around a mic to have a look at the at the golf course for the PGA. I think at this stage it's pretty hard for me to turn up at a major on a Monday and try and get, you know, 36 holes to practice in. I it would tire me out. So, getting that worked on now I probably played two nine holes Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and spend some time chipping importing. I know the golf courses this stage is just getting a feel for the bunkers and the roof and things like that.

OC VO > I'm in a major conservation of energy mode right now, trying to rest. And I know it's going to take a lot next week. You know, I'm used to the rhythm of the PGA Tour Champions events now, and so it'll be a lot of golf course. It'll be, just it's more, you know, it's just more of a week. And while I'm looking forward to playing, I just need to be, you know, the best I can be. And at the at the end of a long five week stretch, it's hard to do. So, I'm going to draw on a lot of my experience and knowing myself and pay attention to the red lights that my system throws out.

VO OC > I just want to play as well as I can, you know? And though physically I'm well capable, I struggle a little bit on the greens at times. You know, I've been working hard at that and, you know, yeah, there's a little bit of me that if I turn up and catch lightning in a bottle, especially with the putting which which can happen of all the parts of the game, you can turn off and just have a good week and the greens out of nowhere. You know, I feel like I can still be competitive to do and do that.

VO OC > Any golf course would be very demanding. You know what? You come out here and you kind of get used to the PGA Tour Champions set ups. You go to a course like agronomy set up for PGA Championship, and it's going to feel like big boy golf, I'm sure.

So, that I'm kind of mentally getting prepared for and these greens being bricks here this week at The Woodlands might get us somewhat ready for that.

VO > When Learning Center returns, how the pros dissect a whole, sorting out the pieces and devising a plan. Zach Johnson on strategy. And this tour's perpetual motion. Alex Cejka mic'd up. Go inside the ropes and tag along as Alex begins his week at The Woodlands.

VO > Zach Johnson is a first year player on this tour, thus he has to learn new courses. He and caddie Brian Smith take us through their process during a practice round. At the invitation of sight lines at The Woodlands. Where to hit, where not to hit. We join them on hole number four, where water comes into play twice, yet solid execution could lead to birdie.

OC > The fourth hole here at the end, sparingly presented by you. Actually, just a passer measuring 413 yards. What are we doing Smitty.

OC > Well I feel like it's all...

OC > The right to left wind.

OC > It's Tuesday. We're going to hit a driver.

OC > I'm going to try to finish just the left line. You think it's the tree, the left that it's like 300 some inside that like a pump just left of it. So, I think the left trip to that tree okay. That's the stuff.

OC > Right lines, chairs. That shouldn't be. That should not be in. Yeah, I'd say left chair. To be even more precise. I don't agree with that. For the purple, these trees are at least

OC > You like that?

OC > Yep.

OC > Let me show us off like that. Oh, that's not even close. Should be like 330, but it should be into the wind. When should it be in the wind? Should be a lot of. Right. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Well, that was nice. Yeah, it's really nice. We've just got to move our light right and left lines left. We're always playing the whole backwards. So even on a par three like I have the pins here. Where do you, where do you know where to go. But where, where can't you go or where where should you not go. Where, where do you want to be. You know, so it's it's all that. How far for an on par five. You're, you're trying to find your perimeter based on wind and you're creating you're creating a landing zone to give you freedom to hit the shot. I want to say 145.

OC > Right on the number. Like normal doesn't miss by much.

OC > Should be right to left. I'm feeling in.

OC > Yeah, I think going back on this angle though, we're going back into it. So, it's got to be you got to play a 55 shot in 130 under on went yeah, every bit of it. It's kind of like the last hole you know angle wise. Yeah 55 then what I said?

OC > Playing 55 for.

OC > Just keep it until were satisfied.

OC > No it's fine. I'm not going to let it just come out. Well, that's the last shot. Felt like it had to be, you know what I mean. Better?

OC > Third time's a charm. So now I'm going to go to the front of the green, and I'm going to plot where are the pin placements. They've become pretty darn obvious. Most, most, most greens become pretty obvious. This green is actually one of the bigger ones out here. Left to right and depth. There's clearly going to be a front right pain right in here. I mean there's three areas front right, front left and I'm back left. Left bunker looks okay. Right bunker actually looks okay. Depending upon where the pin is.

OC > I need those two nuggs.

OC > It came out nice.

OC > Yeah, yeah. We started doing this a couple years ago at practice to make it a legitimate test. You know, try to get a legitimate. Where could we possibly miss and, you know, practice that. That sort of shot getting up and down.

OC > And see, that kind of stuff angers me in a good way.

OC > And I kind of like that break on a Tuesday that is.

OC > What did you say?

OC > I kind of like that on a Tuesday. Yeah, yeah.

VO > Alex Cejka has the deliberate walk of a man who looks like he just got some news. Good or bad. A four time winner on PGA Tour Champions. Three of the majors. When he is healthy, Alex is one to watch and impressively good in bad weather. Cejka was miked up during the first hole of the Insecurity Invitational and as usual, amped for competition.

OC > But yeah, everybody I think gets nervous a little bit. I mean, not like shaking nervous, but I think every first tee shot, it doesn't matter if it's round one, round two, round four, you get a little bit thumbs out of flass. You know, you want to hit a good one just to get in on the adrenaline going and get a positive vibe.

OC > Play well.

OC > Thanks.

OC > How are you? I'm Alex, you know it's still going with us. Yes. Pleasure us so we go to one YouTube. Really good. I'm a on the white ball today. You yellow?

OC > I'm a yellow ball.

OC > Hey, dude, I've got Srixon.

OC > Yes, I'm titlist, Titleist, Titleist. How are you? I'm Alex.

OC > Bailey.

OC > Hi, Jason.

OC > From Germany Alex Cejka.

OC > Also from a German town. And a little bit of the writer. It's pretty good. Thank you. Great drive.

OC > I'm just blessed to be out here. You know, when you study your career as a as a pro, you never think, like, 30, 40 years ahead. You just trying to play, and make a good, good living. And then obviously, like, towards the end of, in the 40s, I want to say, you giving a new chance on the Champions Tour with great guys, great player still. And it's still an honor for me to be out here and fight. We have so many great players. You really have to play good every week to be up there on the leaderboard. And, you know, I'm riding the wave for as long as I can. There's my body one day says I can't do it anymore, then I'll quit. But so far, I think we all love it out here. 190 front 210 flag was the wind is still off the right level bit.

OC > Yeah.

OC > Nice drive. Okay.

OC > Come on. Soft bounce. Soft soft. Stay on the green. Soft.

OC > Hey, Benji. Proud. I know my little boy is coming out in a little bit. Thanks. Let's have a good day. Come on,

OC > Alexi, just taken. We all just hanging in there, I need I want to be the first guy out here to have a therapy dog walking with me in the fairway. I wish he could walk on the fairway is probably somewhere in the stroller. I love it, I know, I know, let a little guy I didn't see him for two weeks. When I picked him up at the airport, he was like, oh, that right? For like a vanilla, you know, it's center in the back.

OC > What would it mean to get one with him?

OC > It would be special. You know, I won with my family on the bag, with my dad, with my grandfather, with my best friend, with my with my, brother. But with junior, we

finished, I think like five times second. So, we're going to we're going to keep knocking at the door and hopefully one day get the victory home. We'll see. Man, this is unstoppable from here if I chip it high What are we going to do. Get there. Come on. Keep going, keep going. Okay I'm actually pretty happy with this.

OC > Down grain pretty straight, Downhill down grain. Good putt good start. But hopefully we can finish strong in the next 17 holes.

VO > Still to come on Learning center. The tour will next play in Morocco. A year ago, Miguel Angel Jimenez stretched away and then walked away with the trophy. Come along as the mechanic tunes up for action.

VO > Stewart Cink has dominated this tour in 2026. Last week, however, the biggest Cink family win came courtesy of wife Lisa. Back in May of 2016, Lisa was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer and the Cink family's world was turned upside down. But Monday of tournament week came news from the MD Anderson Center that Lisa's ten year treatment battle had ended. Wonderful news for family, friends and fans.

OC VO > The tests were awesome. It was really just, another six month installment of the test she's had for ten years, ever since she did chemo. And she's been stable all this time. And the doctor finally said that, well, and we knew coming into here that it was a big deal if she had a good, clean Pet scan, that, she might have a chance to discontinue her treatment, and the doctor's like, hey, yes, you can. And so, that's the plan going forward. She's going to get all her treatment. And for the first time in ten years, she won't be, you know, going in every three weeks. And it's gonna be awesome, I just I'm so happy for her. It's just a little bit overwhelming. Just think back, like ten years ago when she got diagnosed and what, what we felt like might be the prognosis. We didn't even investigate. You know, with stage four cancer, you just don't you don't want to know those things. So, she's in a small group, for sure of people who've survived what she got diagnosed with for this long and continue to do well. So, to think that she is off treatment and from where she came, you know, the faith journey that we've been on has been unbelievable. I mean, just this been such a hard thing, but so sweet to to experience that. And to be honest, I just don't know how people could ever go through something like that without the faith of Christ.

VO > Terrific news for the Cink's. PGA Tour champions returns next week, but for the first time this season, they leave the United States the destination Rabat, Morocco, one of five countries on the tour schedule. Miguel Angel Jimenez will defend his Trophy Hassan two title. This is the first time the tournament has been contested outside the month of February. The event, which was founded as a DP World Tour tournament, will celebrate its 50th all time playing.

VO > Jimenez is known as the most interesting man in golf or sometimes as the Mechanic. And while Miguel Angel Jimenez enjoys life to the fullest, it's not all fine wine

and expensive cigars. For some two decades, he follows a golf focused method to maintain movement and mobility, even at age 62, he takes us with him inside the gym and reveals the fitness routine he lives by during tournament weeks.

OC > Every morning on tournament days that's what happens every everybody. And then, on the beginning of the week before the start, I working with two days with the weights, full body, one day shift legs. (undiscernible)

VO > Legendary pitcher Roger Clemens spent 24 seasons in the big leagues, piling up 354 wins and twice a World Series champion. While the majority of his career took place in Boston Common and spent three full campaigns as a Houston Astros, winning the last of his record seven Cy Young Awards with them in 2004. During a practice round with Mike, we're at the Insperity Invitational. The rocket employed a molded grip trainer used by world number one Scottie Scheffler. He explains.

OC > I was having trouble with my grip, trying to really feel like one, even to the point where I overlap. I was thinking about air locking, but, now with this grip on here, it's a great little practice, tool. And so, starting to use it as my second round with it. You know, before we start playing in some of our celebrity events. So it's, it really gave me a different feel, you know, and it does everything that, you know, if you, you know, when you're playing with the pros here, they tell you, you know, you're, you're the angles supposed to be pointing in your, you know, your shoulders or to one your shoulder. Yeah. But yeah, it's just a good little training thing. It's no different than me throwing, working on my split finger in the bullpen. So that's what we're doing.

OC > I love it.

VO > NHL playoffs have moved on to the second round, and we asked Canadian and hockey fan Mike Weir to break down the series he has his eye on, as well as who he believes will raise Lord Stanley's Cup. Wiers' Sounds like he could moonlight on any network set as an analyst.

VO OC > I've been really loving watching Montreal play. I know they probably got outplayed in game seven there against Tampa, but I really love that young core. You know, got a chance to spend some time with the guys when we were at the Presidents Cup in 2024. Got to know Nick Suzuki and Cole Caufield, and coach Marty Saint Louis and just it's such a class organization, so I'm kind of pulling for them right now.

VO> Who wins it all?

VO It's hard to say. Not Colorado. I think they're just too skilled, too big, too many lines. You know, just it's constant, you know, the speed. They were talking about it last night. If you're even with them, you're a step behind. Almost. So, you got a must be play. In front of them is what the. You know, some of the announcers saying that's probably good analogy. They're just so fast. And those those three lines just keep coming and and even the fourth line. So, they're going to be tough all the way through.

VO >So that's our show. Congrats to our Insperity invitational champion I'm Vince Cellini. We'll see you next time right here on Learning Center.