VO>> PGA TOUR Champions Learning Center

VO>> Hello and welcome to PGA tour champions learning center, I'm Vince Cellini. This week it's off to the great northwest. Absent in 2020, the club at Snoqualmie Ridge will again be in full flight for the Boeing classic. The par seventy two layout was designed by Jack Nicklaus and is located about thirty miles outside of Seattle, Washington.

VO>> Darren Clarke made his PGA tour champions debut three years ago the two thousand eighteen Boeing classic since then he's won twice on tour both coming in the wraparound season including the 2021 opener at the Mitsubishi electric championship at Hualalai. Clark, always the tinkerer, took us through his bag just a few days before that win. If golf had a chemist, Darren Clark would be wearing a lab coat.

OC>> Hi I'm Darren Clarke, and we're going to do what's in my bag. You’re gonna see there's not much stuff in here I don't really know what's all in here but we're about to find out in a second. Obviously we got all our all our clubs and irons, superspeed sticks, alignment sticks and then we get into all sorts of stuff so, what’s in here? I don't know what's in here. Wrench, need that, too much loft not enough loft whatever change my SIM 2s, got to do that. The iPhone charger because you know it's like if you want a charge on the phone no good and all the cars that we use because Champions Tour we’re allowed to ride in carts, most of them have chargers. So I never run out of charge in the phone. And what's in there? Extra lighters, tee pegs, markers and a few other bits and pieces, a couple of training other training little aids and one for a flat left wrist one for keeping the right wrist bent. Another tic tac, right wrist bent. Blast motion on the putting green goes the top of the putter gives you all sorts of unbelievable data from your putting stroke and gives you really good feedback for rhythm for how much the face is open, work short game as well brilliant in that little bit of kit. What else? Ah! Everyone should have one, clean the clubs, clean the irons. Whenever Sandy my caddie is not here, got to do it myself. That's what they use. Most important thing should be in every professional golf bag, Swiss army knife never know when you know you gonna need a bottle opener when you can't get a can of beer when you can of beer bottle beer opener. In this pocket here, P. R. G. R. little launch monitor thing so use that whenever I’m not using my trackman. This is all my tees and ball markers and stuff go in there so that's what's in that pocket. Then we get down into the big one. I got my little valuables both my wallet, badge, mask Wallet, those stuff watch, everything goes in there whenever I go out to play. So that’s in the golf bag just to get them out of the way they all reside and stay in there. What else have I got in here? As I told you could be a rabbit hiding in here somewhere. Glove, more gloves. My Bushnell yardage cover, because it says on the cart, and it’s on the cart at the moment so my Bushnell stays in there as well. So that's that. There's so many pockets these days but anyway this one, waterproof jacket going to be too warm to wear it but don't really want to soak, so a bit of a catch twenty two but got one of those in the bag very light weight so not too bad. Nothing else in this side. Oh, another training aid. Lowes finest, and it's got a string attached here I stick him in the ground and then I try and imagine that I'm driving the ball put it maybe six foot in front where the ball is, try and feel as if I'm driving the ball on the string. One of my bad habits with my swing is that I get this way, if I get that way then obviously I'm not going to feel as if I'm driving the ball on to the string, so that's what this little gadget is for. That's that bit, now we get on to the side bits, let me see what's in here, we have nothing in that one. Next one, see what’s over, over the side of, head cover in case it rains Sandy puts that on. Mirror for up on the putting green. Two things here double line which is a putting string line, two lines on them, designed by my son's golf coach in Florida, came up with a really really good job Andy Walker did it it's a one black line, one white line right on top of each other, if you don't get your eyes right over the top of the ball you see both lines, and the idea’s just to see one line. That one’s very good. This one is called the tour striker educator, goes top of the grip show shaft lean, all that sort of stuff. As you can see I’ve got lots of gadgets in the golf bag. Golf’s always never that simple you know. So that's that bit, and it's quite nice I’m pulling all this out because Sandy is not too far away, he's gonna have to put it all back in again. Down in this one down the front we have all our golf balls stay down in here. We have another, the old sim three wood head because they just got the new SIM two head, so gonna check I didn't want to come here in case the new sim one wasn't quite as good as the old one so we brought the old one with me as well. And a couple more masks, can't go anywhere without it these days. In this one is some golf balls you save those for whenever I'm using the trackman, I'm doing some testing with a driver. We’re very fortunate that we get new balls here here but I kept my own ones. These are the 2021 the titleist pro V ones I used the Pro V One X last year going to these new ones this year because these probably won't spin a little bit more than last year's pro V. one, so and I just started playing them feel really good so far. And then here is my pencils, sharpies, ball lines, mark things, because I can’t draw them straight myself, I need a little bit of help, so that's why we got all of these. I believe just in case I have a sore head from possibly a little bit too much alcohol or whatever I gotta have those. Pretty full, these ones so I haven’t needed them recently. Another two sharpies, green Sharpies, always put a green Shamrock on my Titleist so I have more green Sharpies there than black ones. So draw the line in black and put the Shamrock in green. And then in this one is another golf ball, the laser from the perfect putter, it's one of those things we have for the green. Comes in two parts, the large part folds up, it's down in the locker, this is a laser to show where it’s lined up for so that stays in the bag too. Another one of those red balls to show, because with these things, if you hit it if you slightly cut it or slightly pull it, the ball will roll this way, if you strike it pure the ball will roll that way. So that's about everything I think’s in the bag, so as you can see, it is a cornucopia of good word that, isn’t it, cornucopia. It is a big thing mostly of training aids but a lot of stuff that we need so it's a very, I didn’t realize all that was in there. Sandy, before we play the first round, will probably have all of that out of there so the bag will be as light as can be before he goes to play, but that's what I travel with, those are my basics and that's what's in my bag.

VO>> Three years after Clarke's tour debut, he has four top three finishes, including two wins mentioned previously. Three of those events are all within the last twelve months, showing their Clarke is hitting his stride on the over fifty circuit. Certainly he is a player to watch each and every event.

VO>> Brandt Jobe is the defending champion of the Boeing classic. What a week he had, starting with game of catch with Seattle Seahawks Pro Bowl quarterback Russell Wilson, and then a game of catch up on Sunday. Seven strokes down, Jobe put together a marvelous round. Five straight birdies to start the round, and a closing nine under sixty-three, to take the title, hold the hardware, and sport the jacket. His Boeing classic defense buttons up quite a summer for the Jobe family, which includes son Jackson being drafted third overall by the Detroit Tigers as a right-handed pitcher.

VO/OC>> This summer has been a very interesting summer. My son, as most people seem to know, since I’m Jackson Jobe’s dad right now, he was in the MLB draft so we went through the whole process, and that process I got pretty busy towards the middle of May, as to where he was going so a lot of my focus got away from golf and got towards him and he was the third pick by the Detroit Tigers which is my my new favorite team. And we got him down to Lakeland and he got signed and he started off his minor league career with the Detroit Tigers. Very excited to get back to the Boeing I'll be defending champ from two years ago so I've never done that before, but it's a great venue for me, great golf course for me, so just looking forward to it, it's a beautiful place and you know looking forward to defending the tournament.

VO>> Oh, Canada you did not disappoint. Next on learning center, we look back on last week's event the Shaw charity classic in Calgary.

Vo>> I'm George Savaricas with world golf hall of Famer Lanny Wadkins final round Shaw charity classic eighteenth green, Doug Barron, up one for eagle.

VO>> It's a great second shot and all that was left for Doug at this stage was to get the pace correct and I would say that is correct game set match great win for Doug Barron, and he’s slightly excited.

VO/OC>> He's excited because that's his first win this season, second one in his career on the PGA tour champions. Lanny, what a celebration, what a finish. Sixteen through eighteen by Doug.

OC>> Yeah I mean he did exactly what he had to do coming down the stretch he had a two shot swing at sixteen with a great birdie, two wonderful shots just seventeen makes another birdie, good tee shot in exactly the second shot he had to play into eighteen, two putts for birdie there, could not have drawn it up any better for Doug Barron.

OC/VO>> So clutch out of Doug Barron to birdie the final three to notch his second victory out on this tour. Current look at the up-to-date Charles Schwab Cup standings, Bernard Langer to second now behind Jerry Kelly. Jim Furyk in third, you see some other big names in the top five, Ernie Els, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Scott Parel, rounding out the top ten. With the victory Doug Barron jumps all the way up to sixteen in the standings.

VO>> Thank you George and Lanny. Vijay Singh finished thirty sixth in the Shaw Charity Classic. Last week he decided to try out a new caddy. The lucky fellow was Carter Milton, who works in the bag shop at canyon meadows.

VO/OC>> Couple hours at the range, play 18, back for another couple hours of the range, go home, have some food, and go to bed. Kind of got thrown into it, I didn’t know who I was going to caddy for and when I realized it was Vijay was a little bit of a shock, definitely scared as well. It’s just the little, tiny minute things that he thinks are wrong and everyone else thinks it was an amazing shot. I think that's that's kind of what changes them from kind of just regular players like kind of me and everyone else.

OC>> All righty got one on the green, better than none right? I was way short, that’s the local knowledge thing. Today?

OC>> Left edge.

OC>> This far and you said left edge.

OC>> Well what do you think?

OC>> I think it’s gonna break a lot more right.

VO>> He’s local, he actually works at the shop here and sometimes I actually wanted a break from having a caddy, clear my mind a little bit, not depend on you know his read and you know I just want to do it myself and see if I can figure it out you know get some kind of a sense of how to read the green myself. Every time I go read a green, I ask the caddy and only thing and he's got his maps and everything. Carter’s a nice guy you know, says very little, says what he needs to say, and it’s cool. Nice to have a caddie like that.

VO>> Oh my word I'm in heaven.

VO>> Next on learning center Kenny Perry hearing angels, or is that the engine roar of classic Chevys. It is the latter.

VO>> Kenny Perry’s hobbies include muscle cars, restoring old vehicles and drag racing. He plays professional golf on the side as well. Perry has been fascinated with cars since he was nine years old, when his father bought in nineteen sixty-nine Chevy Camaro for Perry’s sister. He began collecting and building cars himself in the late nineteen eighties, but his car collection does not compare to what he recently saw in Des Moines, Iowa, surrounded by Chevrolet's all-time best.

OC/VO>> Oh my word I'm in heaven. I've gone a lot of car shows, cruise in swap meets, but when I walked in I was blown away just stunned by what Dennis has here.

OC/VO>> I believe the last count is a hundred and seventy-four cars. They're all Chevrolets, they're all real special Chevrolets. It's taken me about twenty years to put the collection together. Fifty-seven Chevy was a very favorite year of mine, and there are sixteen of them.

OC/VO>> So you own every fifty-seven every color?

OC/VO>> Ken, if you were going to take a fifty-seven Chevy and have a corvette motor put in, which one of these would you pick?

OC/VO>> My first love was turquoise. I was huge turquoise guy. But how can you go wrong with any of them?

OC/VO>> I'm a 57 fanatic so this car collections is mind boggling. It’s stunning.

OC/VO>> Behind there is called the future liner. In 1930, Chevrolet had twelve of those vehicles there's only like five of these left the United States and I think this is the best one of the five. This particular one shows that kind of way of the jet engine.

OC/VO>> How did you get it in here well?

OC>> I actually designed the building for one of them.

VO>> I got to get up in this thing.

OC>> I think you've got a six cylinder in it

VO>> It does

OC>> The steering wheel’s gigantic.

OC/VO>> People don't realize how rare the cars are. These are these, they're tripping me out. You know these are strictly made for drag racing.

OC>> That's right

OC/VO>> They came out, that’s what I love, the drag racing.

OC/VO>> Look at all the convertibles. Top down, wind in your hair baby.

OC>> Yeah, the fifty-nine is a real special car. Triple black, it’s called.

OC/VO>> This car is stunning. I love the steering wheel and the gauges. This is when craftsmanship was at its highest and they were building cars you know nowadays they are all plastic.

VO>> Corvettes are here from fifty-three up to seventy-five and then they stopped convertibles for a while.

OC/VO>> Oh my goodness you know when I get in a Corvette I feel like my head is too high, I'm looking through the chrome. So you've got every corvette from fifty three to seventy five? Oh my goodness. You see those cars, and the quality of those cars, here where you cannot see anywhere else probably in the US or at a car show. You got to see them all in one person was outstanding I mean it just made my day I can't thank Dennis enough for inviting us out here. What he does here, he told me he has ten or twelve charity events out here to raise money for cancer, for good causes. I don't want to play golf I want to stay here.

VO>> Kenny's personal home garage is also a mini museum and never makes for a bad drive. That will bring this week's learning center to the finish line we thank you for watching. I’m Vince Cellini.