VO>> Welcome to The PGA TOUR Champions year end review show I’m Vince Cellini. Coming up we'll look back on the 39 events season that began in January 2020 and ended in November of 2021. Along the way, you'll get to know the legends who compete on this tour. Some of them in a rather unconventional way.

OC>> Mr. Tebow, sorry for interrupting I'm part of the maintenance crew here and I'm trying to do a good job with you know, making the course look perfect for you guys. In case you didn't recognize me Bernhard Langer.

VO>> We’ll take Kenny Perry on a classic car journey that was downright spiritual.

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

VO>> We'll do a little duck hunting with David Toms

OC>> like going on a safari.

VO/OC>> tarpon fishing with Ken Duke

got to hide that sucker.

VO>> and much much more over 50 tour over the top fun as the show begins right now.

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VO>> Entering the final Tournament of the 2020 - 21 Super season, Bernhard Langer sat at number one on the Charles Schwab Cup standings. after battling a bad back over the first two rounds of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship Langer gutted his way to finishing 17th good enough to secure his sixth Charles Schwab Cup, the most in PGA TOUR Champions history. But hey, why stop there? The German legend has his sights set on number seven next season.

OC>> Champions want to win, they're used to winning they're used to being on top. That's what we practice for and work hard at it. We want to win tournaments, win majors and you know, hopefully the Schwab Cup or player of the year and I understand the competition is getting very very tough out here. It's gonna get tougher as the years come.

VO>> During the offseason, Langer went to Germany to have knee surgery. He said it had been bothering him for years and this was the right time to take care of it. He expects to be back for the start of the 2022 season in mid January, but also said he may play in less events next season. At age 64 Langer is still the face of the tour even when that face is in disguise as we saw in October during the constellation furyk and friends

OC>> tried to play some pranks on my colleagues and friends. this is definitely my new look no doubt about it. Work on this if I want to go incognito

this gentleman Han from Austria has been here Jacksonville for a while

So if you can hear me give me a thumbs up drag that hose right across the green and knock darrens ball off.

So sorry, you have to get them find a way to squirt them a little bit.

Oh okay, okay.

I could have done better than that

[inaudible]

You’ll get the people that aren’t quite as switched on Bernhard you will get them

you want to help me with this?

Yeah hold up I heard you have a bad neck give me some help What's your handicap sir? Very good. Very good.

Thank you Bernhard

Welcome to the tour.

have a great day, sir. Thank you. Thank you. Oh, you're very welcome. Thanks for not taking any big divots.

I just sweep it. I saw that you're doing great

Greenkeepers love you looking good, man.

Thank you very much for the help.

You're welcome.

Okay, he still has no idea

I think you've noticed that Phil is the biggest smack Talker by far. don't even turn off the blower on and just keep on talking

I heard you're one of the best out here.

Bern, good to see you man. Thank you keep the course nice you look good.

You got to play a prank or you bet you got some concentrates?

Well you've got to get this course ready for us man. I appreciate the hard work. It looks great for you man. Good to see you man.

Should we do Tim Tebow. Mr. Tebow Sorry for interrupting I'm part of the maintenance crew here and I'm trying to do a good job with you know, making the course look perfect for you guys. I wonder if you would sign an autograph and thank you so much to see I've been such a big fan of yours. Thank you Sorry for the interruption. And in case you didn't recognize me Bernhard Langer we try not to let on. Love it. Thanks again. Have a great day.

Hi Mr. Furyk, bill from local news. Thank you so much for your time. Just had a two fold question if you don't mind. couldn't get away with it. should have kept my mouth shut. It's hard to do with interviews. Thanks again. I appreciate it.

Appreciate you being here. Thank you Schwab Cup leader right here in disguise

I definitely thought it was a prank but I didn't take care. I didn't take you guys had it in Yeah.

This dummy was basically trying to use a blow dryer, you know blower while we're trying to hit. And then he was even doing it like right behind them. So I had to actually move him like tell him that, you know, turn it off. He did. Bernard played it off very well. He definitely caught me off guard.

That's a wrap for me.

VO>> hands down. That was Bernie's finest, comedic moment. Moving on. The final standings of the Charles Schwab Cup during the PGA Tour champion Super season made up of 39 events over roughly two years, Langer finishes ahead of Jim Furyk, who ended the season with three wins one of them a major. Miguel angel jimenez ends up third, the best finish of his career and Ernie els finishing fourth in his rookie season

and we're just getting started. Next up how David talons is spending his offseason duck hunting Of course, it's off to Arkansas when we return.

Phil Mickelson has had quite a rookie season. He won in each of his first two starts in 2020, then won two of his four events played in 2021. Mickelson joining Jack Nicklaus as the fastest to four wins and PGA TOUR Champions history. Both of them got there in just six starts.

In September, David Toms won for the second time in his PGA TOUR Champions career, defeating Dickie pride in a playoff at the inaugural ascension charity classes. Tom's is best known as professional golfer and major champion, but he is also an avid duck hunter. Less than a week after finishing tied for third in the Charles Schwab Cup Championship. Tom's was in Arkansas, where he was once again hoping the birdies would pile up.

VO/OC>> We're here at my duck camp this is where we come and spend a lot of time in the winter. It's called Fowler's point, a place I've been a part of for about eight years now. And I spend probably 35 to 40 days during the winter out here in the middle of the woods and water and it's a way of life. I started hunting with my grandfather, my father, I was lucky that when my son was at a very young age, he loved to go with me and he's probably hooked on it more than I am. He's called me all day long. The last two days, once he knew I was here on property at Fowler's point just to try to get a report.

OC/VO>> We have a blast. It's kind of our favorite time of the year together. Always hanging out. Outside of playing golf when I was growing up with this was kind of our thing that we did together.

VO/OC>> There's so much preparation that goes into it. When you're talking about getting decoys ready setting everything up, what's the wind direction? What's the water level? What do I need to wear for the elements at the time how you get out there and prepare for it? How you work all year long to get ready for the big event. I mean, it's very similar to golf. It's a beautiful morning. Plus it's outside. I mean, I'm the type of person that unless I'm watching LSU Tigers play or I'm watching Yellowstone I don't like to be inside

we're ready.

OC/VO >> the big day like today is really exciting. I mean, we all had a hard time sleeping last night. Mr. David he gets he gets to go on today's Christmas, his birthday, everything all in one. I mean, I've never seen him so jacked up in my life

VO/OC>> growing up in Louisiana hunting and fishing, you know, that's called sportsman's paradise state. So I was used to that growing up as a kid and then coming here, moving up, this is what they call the 50 yard line for duck hunting here, this part of Arkansas. So we're in the right spot to have good hunts, but we're still weather dependent, and migration of the birds what the weather's doing, what's the sun's doing, what the clouds are doing and what the winds doing the water level, very similar to all the preparation you put in for golf. So it goes hand in hand. To be able to put the clubs up for a little while now and do other things I enjoy. That's what it's all about. And our schedule on the PGA TOUR Champions is such that you can do that. The way it spread out over the year is you have your time off that you can take and spend time with family do the other things you'd like to do. And as long as I can continue to do that and the body holds up. You know, I see myself continuing to play, you know, maybe not as long as Bernhard is or some of those other guys but I certainly don't see why I can't play another four or five years. I felt like I've played a lot this fall in a time that I like to be away from the game a little bit following LSU my daughter's a cheerleader. So watching high school football and following her and see those games and things that I missed out on this fall because I was playing so much but then back to holidays we have Christmas with family and friends and then to be back here at the duck camp and spending as much time as I can in the woods until I get ready to go to Hualalai so it'll it'll be here before you know it and you know I try to get as much of this play time in as I can

VO>> next up one of Kenny Perry's passions is classic cars, he'll be surrounded by some beauties. Kenny comes face to face with Chevy's all time best. So come along for the ride

Welcome back, the PGA TOUR Champions is filled with success stories. One of those is Alex Cejka, who started 2021 By Monday qualifying for events and ended the season with two victories, both of them major championships, the region's tradition and the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship. A self professed grinder as a youth Cejka switched to golf because of his hero Bernhard Langer. Who remains Alex's inspiration.

Kenny Perry’s hobbies include muscle cars, restoring old vehicles and drag racing. Oh, and he plays a little professional golf on the side as well. Perry has been fascinated with cars since he was nine years old. When his dad bought a 1969 Chevy Camaro for Kenny’s sister. He began collecting and building cars himself in the late 1980s. But his car collection does not compare to what he was able to see earlier this summer.

OC/VO>> Oh my word. I'm in heaven. I've gotten 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.

I believe the last count is 174 cars. They're all Chevrolet's they're all real special Chevrolet's it's taken me about 20 years to put the collection together. 57 Chevy was a very favorite year of mine. And there are 16 of them.

So you own every 57 every color

Ken, if you were going to take a 57 Chevy and have of Corvette motor put in which one of these colors

my first love was turquoise. Okay, I was huge turquoise guy, but how can you go wrong with any of them? To tell you the truth. I'm a 57 fanatic. So this car collections just mind boggling and stunning.

Behind there is called a future liner. In 1930 Chevrolet had 12 of those vehicles there's only like five of these left in the United States. And I think this is the best one of the five this particular one shows a cutaway of a jet engine

How did you get it in here?

Well, that door I actually designed the building for one of them.

I got to get up in this thing. I think he's got a six cylinder in it.

It does.

The steering wheels gigantic. People don't realize how rare the cars these are. These co pose they're tripping me out. You know these are strictly made for drag racing. Yeah, that's like that's what I love to drag race. Look at all the convertibles top down wind in your hair. Baby.

59 is a real special car turns black cars [inaudible]

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

Corvettes are here from 53 up to 75. And then they stopped convertibles for a while.

Oh my goodness. You know when I get in a Corvette I feel like lurch. My head is too high. I'm looking through the Chrome. So you've got every Corvette from 53 to 75 in here. Oh my goodness. See those cars and the quality of those cars here where you cannot see anywhere else probably in the United States or at a car show. And you got to see them all in one in 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 10 or 12 charity events out here to raise money for cancer and for good causes. I don't want to play golf I want to just stay here

VO>> from the road to the water when we return Ken Dukes takes us tarpon fishing. Can he reel in the big one. Game and Fish Marlin bit through this piano wire. Don't come to my business again.

Stephen Alker’s PGA TOUR Champions debut began at the Boeing classic as a Monday qualifier. He finished tied for seventh that week beginning an incredible run of six consecutive top 10 finishes, and a spot in the Charles Schwab Cup playoffs. In the three event playoffs Alker finished tie for fourth, victory and second, now with full status next season Alker will be a favorite to win the Charles Schwab Cup.

Ken Duke started playing on PGA TOUR Champions in 2019. He's still searching for his first career win on the over 50 circuit, but finished last season 49th in the Charles Schwab cut points list when Duke isn't working on his golf game, he enjoys fishing and earlier this year he let us come along for the experience

OC>> [inaudible yelling while trying to reel in a fish] You got to go around. Just watch the front of the boat. You got to go around the front. Watch the trolling motor. Just stay down for a minute. Just stay down. stay down. That's a big fish right there. [inaudible yelling while reeling in the fish]. Man. How big was that? big old shiner. Wow, I wanted to get that sucker and that was awesome. How about that

VO>> Fred couples remains one of the most accomplished and popular players in the sport and with that enjoys his relaxing lifestyle outside of the spotlight. We'll spend some time in the Pacific Northwest with Freddy and that's next.

PGA TOUR Champions is where legends play and among the Legends is the dashing one. 15 Time PGA Tour winner 13 Time PGA TOUR Champions winner, Fred couples, he of the buttery swing and crowd appeal a native of the Seattle area, Fred learned the game at a municipal courses and skyrocketed to fame. This year our Learning Center crew tagged along with Freddy and his old friend John Bracken, for a little vacation getaway.

VO/OC>> I have a big heart for Seattle. I mean, I was 18 years old when I left for college, and I really never came back. I got my tour card at a young age. And I just kept going from there. And now I'm I keep saying 60 But I'm 61 Maybe I get a spot up here and just come or maybe I just rent once in a blue moon But I do I do enjoy it. And as you guys spent time with us, I mean, you're not going to get a better day anywhere in the world and happens to be, you know, outside Seattle up on the sound.

OC>> I've known John since we were I'm gonna say nine.

Yeah, that's probably right

but not really well until maybe a little bit later. Besides Junior tournaments

Langley high school was in the cascade league with us. He would go over to play Port Townsend. You’d go play wing point to play Bainbridge High School. Mike Dudek remember him at Bainbridge.

I know Mike Dudek. Yeah,

yeah, that was Bainbridge. That was wingpoint golf course on Bamberg

beautiful golf course. But the problem is I wouldn't get home till like eight o'clock at night, and I had homework to do, or my mother had homework to do. I used to get my report card, and she'd get mad at me. And my brother would say, Mom, you did all his homework. You're the one getting DS and C's, not him. You can't be mad at him.

Must have been after our freshman year of college. And we're driving down to Portland to play in what was then called the Payless, which was a pro tournament but they let some amateurs in, I pull over. I said, Well, I'm tired. You got to drive. And he says, Well, I don't have my driver's license. I mean he never got it? Well, how old were you when you really first got yours

VO/OC>> in college. I got to college in August at Houston. And I went out with the team to go to a bar I really had never been in a bar. There's good reason why. And they all walked in and they give them their license. I had no ID. And the guy asked me how old I was. And I said 17 He goes, Well, you can't go. So Blaine McAllister says Here are the keys to my car drive it back. And I didn't have enough guts to say Blaine, I don't have a license or otherwise I would have shown this guy. So I found my way back and I picked these guys back at one o'clock and they didn't have enough to drink but I said Blaine, I'm not driving back. I'm not driving back. But that was my first with my team letting them know. John Bracken knew right away. I didn't have a license, but my team thought wow, you don't have a driver's license.

OC>> So everybody would just take turns driving him. Where are we going? This week? We’re going to owensburg to Portland. We're going to yakama meadow springs in Tri Cities in. Okay, well, so you get used to just picking Fred up on Beacon Hill [inaudible] and going in and saying hello to violet.

And now everyone knows from stories with Joe Lacava that in 22 years with Joe or 23 I drove one time. But anyhow, those are when I'm telling you I’ve known him I don't know. Wow. 50 years. Jesus, that's ugly. I'll watch you swing in a minute. Your swing is not getting very old.

How about that?

OC/VO>> That's a half shank folks. Now I'm choking that's on the green. This is like my Phil Ivey story where Adam Scott and I 17th hole in Vegas, and we had him beat he came up and said, I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll double a bet. I bet you and Adam both can't hit the green. It was a nine iron shot out. Adam hit it up there five. You can’t make it up five feet from the hole. And then this is what I did.

Well-

you hole it?

No. To my defense, I was 15 feet from the hole. But I was two inches off the green 7500 For me 7500 From Adam Scott 15 large right into Phil Ivy's pocket. And then he looked and said, This is why I'm a top gambler. I was I wasn't nervous. I was so nervous for Adam. And of course he hit first. But that's true. 15 grand.

I don't know if you call it a lesson with John Bracken. And he probably taught me more than I taught him. But John has been a lifelong friend and he lives up here and I'm having a nice little vacation.

par five little dogleg left water left, you know, it's definitely hittable in just got to keep it you know, right center, I try and usually hit a little draw start it a little right and maybe hit a draw or just get it out in the fairway and hit a hybrid to the green.

I mean, that's beautiful. So I don't know if people are looking for me to critique that because I know nothing about a golf swing. But that's how would you rate that shot? It’s a foot in the left rough. A 7, so let's hit another one. Let's see, get it up to nine. I'd like to see John drive down through it more and extend the face through the ball. So John has a very compact good swing. Anytime you don't stay down in there, you're going to hit the ball low on the club face. So try and extend through the ball about two inches longer, right, and we'll just see what happens. For you, that's terrible. That for me, that's terrible. Yeah, that's terrible. So this is what some people do. They just, they just do that. Go ahead. Does that feel like put it back down?

That's further and I usually get it back.

Put it back down. Does this feel any different when I do this for your turn? Yeah, right. Instead, you're a little bit go ahead and fight me. You're a little bit there in the club's back so your shoulder isn't going back.

How about that?

is beautiful. So there you go. Now you can pick on me a little bit.

He doesn't ever look like his hands are squeezing the club there on softly and like if you remember there was I don't know whether it's golf magazine or golf digest there was a photo of him at impact ninety one ninety two and I believe part of his right hand was off the club and it's you know it's just this is where his his pressure point is just the last three fingers around his right hand literally is just along for the ride so I tend to most people tend I think when the pressure's on is to give the death grip where is he just his hands always looks so relaxed and comfortable that it you know occasionally like all you know if you're if you're unsure what club you got I think what I like to see him do when he was younger is hit some clubs full you know now he can hit little eight iron from one forty but I mean when I was caddying for him when he was younger I would always try and guide him towards hitting something hard because then I know he's not gonna quit on it.

if I came to play this hole and I wasn't feeling really good and I was a little stiff I would play completely different I would probably aim them at the cart path and cut it back in the play and today I feel pretty good so if I hit a good drive here I know I can reach this par five and how I would do that is I get a little bit more where my eyes go further to the right because I'm not going to trying to cut it. I'm just going to try and unload on it and I hit the ball much higher than John but that's right where I was looking. now see I can bet that's just five yards further than my first one and again it's not a bragging thing it's all feel and that's why I was asking you where I hit them so the more I hit them on the toe the further they go. a lot of times I hit them right in there but if I can get him out on the toe there's that thing and John mentioned earlier I am on a old golf world and Vijay Singh and Phil Mickelson too and we were laughing about it on my hands right there partly is because I'm trying to explode through the ball and that's how I've always done it so if someone said make sure your hands and come off the club I would death grip it. And probably wouldn’t hit it nearly as far but I don't even think about it same as vijay he just laughs but I'm gonna try and hit this to the maximum and I'm on vacation and I've hit three the best drives I’ve hit in a year and a half.

That ones pounded

what good it's going to do me

VO/OC>> will I miss this area? You bet. it just was somewhere where when I got my tour card I lived in palm springs and I've stayed in palm springs and I moved up the road a little bit to Newport I've talked about maybe trying to get something up here in the water. you know I always tell my parents that I would end up buying something in Seattle so I have that kind of on my mind and I have plenty of years I hope knock on wood to live and you know I think it would be an awesome thing to have a family house up here forever. and I usually john bracken because if he says it's the best spot, and then we went out on useless bay so that is somewhere susan and I can go play golf and hunter when w’ere up there but you know I still like to play golf when I'm at home. I don't need a lot of action my action is playing with buddies you know in the last couple years I've gone a little more with eighty seven year old Sam Reeves up at Carmel and I will say this because I think about it now a lot. he's been so good all the tour players but that's something that I kind of enjoy doing but I don't wanna to go play with people in Pine Valley I don't want to go five hours on a plane to play golf I can get in my car and go about you know a mile to play golf in Newport and then again in palm springs I can go one minute in the golf cart so to me that's my fun.

OC/VO>> so Fred comes back we've got a charity tournament here for seven years and he comes back you know after the first year we I go meet him in Vegas and he says okay how do we make it bigger and raise more money and so I said real simple we invite Arnold Palmer get Arnold Palmer to come. He said well I got that deal done. I said really, good how did that happen and he said I played his [inaudible], he said he likes to reciprocate. So I’ll invite him when I’m at bay hill I’ll get him. I said perfect so I call on the Monday the day after bay hill and said so how did it go and he said oh god I bogeyed seventeen I said I saw what you did I don't I you know how did it go with arnold and he said you know what I did talk to him I have no idea what I said to him he's the only guy he said my palms get clamy I get so nervous when I'm around him I've got no idea what I said to him but I know I didn't ask. so I called Lynn Roach and I said is he yanking my chain here and he said no he really didn't and so he gives me doc giffins number and he said you know call doc so I call him and doc couldn’t have been better. And he said what are your dates and I said what are some dates in July or August Mr Palmer's available and he give me the dates and I said well those are our dates. I call Fred and I said tough luck these work for Arnold so they’re gonna work for you.

Is that the same year we had laura davies come too. well I don't know the exact stories as good as you do but she got paired with him.

she was so nervous she shot a big I don't know what you shot or [crosstalk]

she was the best. She was the best. and Arnold was I don't know who won that year but no one was following whoever the winner was they were all following Arnold.

[inaudible] and when I was twenty I got on the PGA tour and I didn't have a dime and Mike foster sponsored gave me money to get going and then I think by New Orleans I paid him off in you know if I ever got going bad, new orleansI think was after I Augusta, then I can go back and borrow more money from but he's the guy foster and Marshall. but Mike foster gave me a start to get going but that’s his, he's passed away but that's is view the full place right there. I've never been to it

you know I hope to play on the Champions Tour till I'm sixty five I know Jay Haas is doing it I don't really have that the push to be really competitive maybe but if I play well I have to push so it depends on this idea of you know can I go out and compete with the younger guys coming up the jim furky, the ernie els, the reitf goosen. and when that really stops and I start finishing 35th – 40th I mean this in no bad way but that's not my Cup of tea . and it’s not like I’ve won a hundred tournaments it's just in my brain that when I can't shoot a score and I play really well I don't have any time for the traveling and worrying about a three footer which is always worrisome but it's just how hard can I practice and play and right now again when the pandemic and all we're doing is golfing. you know when I'm at home I’m not going to go to Disneyland or go on big trips so I play a little golf and I seem to keep the swing going and it’s very important for me to play well.

VO>> based on Fred couples recent performance don't expect a retirement announcement to come anytime soon the world golf hall of fame member has played twenty times during this wraparound season and while he hasn’t won, he has finished in the top ten twelve times. Fred turned sixty two on October third and remains one of the great fan favorites in the game.

when we come back John Smoltz turns a double play from the course to the microphone all in one day. Either way it’s on the scorecard for Smoltzy and that story is ahead.

John Smoltz is a hall of fame pitcher who played primarily for the Atlanta Braves. he retired after the 2009 season but hasn't retired from competition. earlier this season during the Mitsubishi electric classic In Duluth, Georgia the Braves legend had a chance to double dip on both of his passions golf and baseball

OC/VO>> well I'm about to pull off a small miracle here I got a golf round from sugar loaf in competition that didn’t go great, and now I'm getting ready to call a padres and cardinals game.

[starting tee announcement]

When I get a chance to compete, it’s almost as if I’m playing again and I miss that. Certain things like this don’t last forever so I’m trying to take advantage of it. After round two I’m going to do a game for fox, at a studio nearby which is something that I never thought we'd be doing but we are so.

going through my head is more golf than baseball and it'll turn into baseball but I definitely I wanted to do better these two days one more day to go but it's definitely a challenge to manipulate the schedule and call games. This week I especially have to concentrate on a couple different things but when I get in the chair and put on the headset, it’ll be all baseball. John Smoltz coming to work. so I'll look at him which is I can't do anymore because of the delay basically just dealing with this. last week was unique because it was in the hotel in a boardroom of the place where my daughter was graduating. now I'm used to this set up you know as far as calling the game. this is all the you know the games so I manually did everything and I'm like my life's got to get better so I finally got the ipad. it's made my life so much better. yeah I got you can you hear me? Huge echo. if I had to say what my round of golf today was like it was like bases loaded nobody out every inning and I got out of most of [crosstalk] all right well we’re getting ready for game time I thought I was ready for game time on the golf course but it's a long day I've got one more day tomorrow after this baseball game and this is my primary job so I can't make any mistakes here. especially with the amount of mistakes I made on the golf course so basically get my game done and then wake up tomorrow and hope to have a much better golf day.

[smoltz calling the baseball game]

OC>> John Smoltz will tell you broadcasting is challenging but golf as everyone knows is hard. the hall of Famer is truly passionate though about his involvement with PGA tour champions and we look forward to a full time smoltzy on the over fifty tour when his baseball duties are finished.

VO>> still to come we put a wrap on an unforgettable season and look ahead to an exciting start in 2022 so don't move we'll be right back.

that is a wrap for our season, volumes one and two. An incredible stretch of golf with amazing storylines

Dickie Pride is the winner of the Mitsubishi electric classic

new champions, growing performances and in the end we meet the new boss same as the old boss. our next event is in Hawaii at the Mitsubishi electric championship at Hualalai beginning on January 20th. For all of the hard working men and women behind the scenes and with a salute to our sensational players I’m Vince Cellini, thank you so much for watching.