**2022 PGA TOUR CHAMPIONS LEARNING CENTER SHOW #11**

VO>> PGA TOUR Champions rolled into the month of June and beautiful Des Moines Iowa and the Principal Charity Classic. Always entertaining seven of the previous eight playings have been decided by one stroke or a playoff. So what about this edition? Extra holes of course. Kirk Triplett and Jerry Kelly in a playoff duel both finishing eighteen under. First extra hole back to eighteen and Kelly absolutely stuffs his second shot tight setting up a birdie. Triplett missed his must make birdie attempt and it was all but over. Kelly made short work of sudden death dropping his birdie putt. Earning the win his ninth career on PGA TOUR Champions. For a recap here's John Swantek and Peter Jacobsen.

VO>> Thank you Vince what a finish it was on Sunday at the Principal Charity Classic at Wauconda Club in Des Moines, Iowa. Fifty-four holes was not enough to decide the outcome. These were the highlights from the final day here Peter. Jerry Kelly on the tee here at the par three second.

VO>> The par threes here today played difficult. This was about the third most difficult hole on the course all day and Kelly knocks it up there tight.

VO>> And this was Kirk Triplett for birdie here at the third from near downtown Des Moines.

VO>> Yeah, we saw birdies and eagles all over the golf course and when you make putts like that you know it's a gift.

VO>> This one from shorter range at the six got Triplett to fourteen under par. And then Jerry Kelly up the hill with his second into the twelve here.

VO>> A lot of wedges here. Uphill shots downhill shots and Jerry was dialed in with his short game this week

VO>> He would make that, and this was a beauty after the suspension of play for Triplett at the sixteen.

VO>> Yeah this is a bold shot you can see that hole location on that back left side. And he knocks it in there just outside the friend zone, so we made him putt that.

VO>> And he made it and this was a sparkling tee shot down the hill from Kelly.

VO>> Yeah hard to get this ball close to the hole and watch what Jerry does with this. He almost jars it on the fly. Sets up a beautiful birdie.

VO>> Both guys would par the eighteenth to finish eighteen under the new tournament scoring record by the way. First hole of sudden death was the eighteenth. Triplett missed from above the hole. Kelly did not from below the hole. Ninth victory on PGA TOUR Champions for Jerry Kelly. Who birdies the first hole of sudden death to win the Principal Charity Classic in Des Moines, Iowa. What a week it was here in the capital city, Vince.

VO>> Kelly's previous best finish of the Principal Charity Classic was third. This marks his fifth consecutive season with at least one victory since joining PGA TOUR Champions. it was a brilliant week of playing and coupled with the positive health news from wife Carol all about perspective as he prepares to defend this week in Wisconsin. Let's see where the winner now sits in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Stephen Alker with more solid play and remains out front. Jerry Kelly leaping up eight spots into sixth. And this is an impressive list of names as we head to a key midseason stretch on PGA TOUR Champions. The 2021 Principal Charity Classic winner has been a strong contender overall in 2022. Stephen Ames has come very close to winning posting three top five finishes and went into Des Moines sitting fourth in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Ames and wife Kelly are quite the team. She has been his caddy, playing partner, and number one supporter hence they are quite at home on the range.

VO/OC>> My grandfather bought me my first set of clubs. started playing probably like my late twenties so two years ago (LAUGHS).

OC>> I think it's just because you don't have enough support underneath. Your arms can’t hold the weight if that makes any sense.

OC>> From my legs?

OC>> Yeah from your legs. Your support comes from your hips and your legs.

OC/VO>> Got it. I think there's a rule that says husbands shouldn’t coach wives.

VO>> Oh definitely not.

OC>> However I think the part that's gotten better for me is consistency.

OC>> Kelly's old habit is that when she swings on the way back everything goes that way. Call it the Hollywood hip.

OC>> So this is basically, I'm trying to teach her how to turn properly with the hips.

OC>> I like to go hit big drives.

OC/VO>> Hence the nickname she has a norm K Bomb. The hard thing for Kelly when playing is putting the phone down and getting off Instagram and Twitter so she can’t really focus.

OC>> Oh lord.

OC>> Set into it.

OC>> Yeah.

OC>> And now stay there and swing.

OC>> Oh wow.

OC>> We’ll play three or four times a week when were home. We’ll go up play eighteen in two and a half hours. Stephen’s sons who we can go play have a little family rivalry out on the course.

OC>> Well you have the rivalry.

OC>> I have the rivalry with the boys.

OC>> Oh you did hit it this time?

OC>> And a little longer.

OC>> Good shot.

OC>> Yeah.

OC>> You get it?

OC>> Good.

VO/OC>> We both enjoy playing the sport together. So, she enjoys going out playing and learning. Sometimes she wants some lessons and sometimes she just wants to play golf which is fine.

VO>> You know we get to go to these great places and play some of the most amazing courses so its something that one he gets to practice, and I get to enjoy these beautiful locations.

VO>> Correct.

VO>> Staying on the A. list from Ames to Alker. Stephen Alker is in the catbird seat in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. The fifty-year-old (INAUDIBLE) began this ascension when he debuted on this tour as a Monday qualifier at last year's Boeing Classic. And it's been nothing but success ever since. Including a first major championship. There is no question he has everyone buzzing.

VO/OC>> Just got a lot of confidence and just a great success story. I mean last year he didn't have anything, and he had to finish top tens to keep going which he did and eventually won in Florida in Boca. And here he is today winning major championships and you know basic contending or winning almost every week so phenomenal story very.

OC/VO>> He's turned into Bernard Langer, right? He really has he's played amazing. When you play with him it's not surprising, I mean it's, there's no weaknesses. He hits the ball incredibly well. It's not a surprise to when you watch him play that he's doing the things that he's doing.

OC>> It's just to tell you the depth of our sport that a guy who really kind of struggled it sounds like he won four times I think on the Korn Ferry Tour but really kind of struggled on the PGA TOUR and European TOUR when he had a chance. It just shows you how good they are.

OC>> I mean you can see the confidence in him. That he just feels like he's going to do well and almost every week he has. I think he's a been out of the top ten once or twice maybe and it's very impressive.

OC>> What he has done in the last ten twelve months on this tour is exceptional. And yeah my hat's off to him he's a real nice guy and a super player.

OC>> He's figured out something he's always been a beautiful ball striker and a really good player and something has clicked. And to his credit he's running with it.

VO/OC>> A great ball striker. I’ve seen it. I've never played with him but he's making putts. The bottom line anytime, look at Tiger for ten twelve years all the tournaments he won. Yeah, he hit it great, chipped in a few times but he made putts he made good eight-to-ten-foot par putts to save his round going. And when you're doing that you get confidence in your putting and then you're not scared to miss a green. And that's what he's doing and he's just making putts.

OC/VO>> Well that's great to see as good a guy as Steven is to get the results that he’s got because he's been doing it a long time like all of us. And then he’s been one of those guys that could’ve played this way for a long, long time. And he’s out here on our tour kicking all our butts every week. So would like if you can get close to him one of these weeks, you're probably going to have a good week.

OC>> I heard someone say he is on a heater he is not on a heater. Heater last two weeks this is no fluke.

OC>> You better get used to interviewing him because he's going to be around for a while.

OC>> I guess they’re curious and I understand why they are man I haven't had much of a career on the PGA TOUR and the European TOUR. I played a lot of places you know I have won but the people ask me what's going on? What’s the secret sauce? But it's just a combination of everything. We talked about this before this you know there's a lot of things involved. But you know just I think the biggest thing I'm playing with a lot of freedom and I'm enjoying my golf and enjoying being out here with the guys. And it’s a second career for me it's all it's all good fun.

VO>> Three-time winner and twice a runner up prior to Sunday Alker was first in greens in regulation, scoring average, and all around. Another third-place finish for him in Des Moines and it seems Steven Alker is always among those fighting for victory on Sunday. He has gone from no status to a force on PGA TOUR Champions. Still ahead on learning center we head to Madison Wisconsin where Jerry Kelly gives us a short game tip and shows us what his life is like away from the golf course. It's an all access look with Jerry Kelly. As learning center continues.

Bart Bryant who won three times on the PGA TOUR including the 2005 Memorial and TOUR Championship died last Tuesday in a car accident. Bryant had considered quitting the game after an injury sent him off the tour in the early 90s. But his perseverance paid off with three victories after he turned forty. He is survived by his wife Donna, daughters Kristen and Michelle, and his stepchildren. His brother Brad is also a former tour winner. A charming man Bart Brian was a favorite among his peers.

OC>> I turned pro in 1983. My very first closest friend and been a dear friend ever since was Brad Bryant, Bart’s older brother. So, I've been very close to Brad and Sue and the Bryant family for a long time. And through Brad got to know Bart a few years later, a number years later. You know but just the same, a member, a part of what I consider to be a phenomenal family full of goodness and kindness and generosity and in love. So, to lose you know Bart I feel so bad for Donna, their kids, his kids. I think they're expecting another grandchild soon but after the heartache of losing Kathy for Bart a bunch of years ago now this on top of that for the kids I just feel terrible. You know the understanding of why bad things happen to good people it's hard to figure because he truly was one of the best one of the nicest one of the most good people that I knew.

VO>> Last week before the first round of the Principal Charity Classic there was a moment of silence and players wore more black ribbons as a tribute to Bart Bryant. The PGA TOUR Champions tragically lost one of their own far too soon. Bryant was a New Mexico State University alumni and his professional career spanned almost four decades. His was a story of determination and overcoming adversity. Our deepest condolences to his family and friends. Bart Bryant was fifty-nine years old. The over fifty tour stays in America's heartland moving to Madison, Wisconsin capital city of the badger state and site of this week's PGA TOUR Champions event, the always popular American Family Insurance Championship at University Ridge golf course. Madison resident Steve Stricker is also the tournament host back at the Principal Charity Classic after Covid knocked him out of the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship Stricker is always a threat to win. And doing so is a family effort. Wife Nikki is Steve's caddy but clearly when it comes to Stricker and golf it's all relative.

VO/OC>> It's a lot of fun we pick on each other we get on each other's nerves just like every other family but at the end of it all we love being with each other and they continue to want to come so I guess that means they’re having fun.

OC/VO>> Away from the course it’s a lot better to have family and just kind of feels like you're at home.

OC/VO>> I'm caddying for my uncle Mario we're just all really excited to be able to do it together.

OC/VO>> She's good this is I think tournament four for her but she wants to do a good job and I think she gets stressed out and I tell her it's not a big deal you know this isn't life or death. She's just a great calming effect for me. She doesn’t take herself very seriously and we laugh a lot.

OC/VO>> She's having fun doing it with Mario and we don't get this opportunity very often all of us to be here. Nikki continues to be on my bag and I haven't lost her yet so it's all good.

VO/OC>> What’s hard sometimes with Steve is he doesn't really say a lot and doesn't really want to and I think you know obviously, it's comfortable when I'm there but when he doesn't feel like he has to consult he just kind of does what he does.

OC/VO>> She so good at her job that just watching her do it I've watched her so much doing it that I’ve picked up on things that she does just staying out of the way and keeping up. So I caddyed at PGA and it rained so I did ask her the biggest tip you know that you have that you can give me.

OC/VO>> She was stressing about the rain you know what do I do with the umbrella?

VO/OC>> She said it doesn't matter if you get wet it only matters to keep the clubs dry and the player dry so you're like last on the list.

VO>> Are you ready to step on Dad’s bag yet?

OC>> I am if he ever invites me yeah, I just never have been invited.

OC>> Oh I don't know if she's going to have to fight with mom that bag.

OC>> I would really love to see it though I would truly.

OC/VO>> Mom’s just too good she's too good.

VO>> Last year at the American Family Insurance Championship hometown boy Jerry Kelly did it again. Kelly won the 2019 edition rallying from two shots down in the final round with a closing sixty-six. The 2020 event was canceled and then last year he once again rallied from two back with a closing sixty-six and fourteen under total. At eighteen Kelly had to get up and down for par and makes a clutch roll to finish his day and hold off an all-star field for his eighth PGA TOUR Champions win and second straight with the American Family Insurance Championship. And now Kelly recreates that delicate third shot on the seventy second hole in this week's what's your edge?

OC>> This is a shot that I had on the final hole the American Family Insurance Championship in Madison, Wisconsin last year 2021. And it’s not a shot that I hit often I hid putter from off the green. I like to chip the ball with spin. I was on such a severe downslope there's no way I could get under it out of the rough create the spin to land on the downslope on a downhill. So, I didn't think the putter had enough loft or forward momentum for roll to actually get it through the first part of rough, so I took out my sixty and went for the blade shot which I have not practiced and hadn't practiced very often. And that's going to change right now cause I'm going to practice that shot right now. It's incredible how much forward roll you can get blading it with a sixty. It comes out with topspin, and it came out really hot for me. I'm going to practice it now and I'm going to understand that first roll section will get through there very fast. And again, I'm on a downslope after that which is going to make the ball just kind of roll out once I get it on the front end, so speed is key on these shots. Speed to get it through and then speed not to go too far on the green. Oh, give me a chance give me a chance all right that type of forward roll makes that ball get down that hill really fast, so you don't have to impart as much effort which makes it an easier shot. Wish I would have known that then. I really would’ve have liked to have a two and a half footer straight uphill to win. So be it.

VO>> Jerry Kelly has been quite a force on PGA TOUR Champions and two wins in his hometown a big reason why. What's life like in Madison, Wisconsin for Kelly you know away from the golf course? J. K. himself gives us a tour anything can happen so you might want to hold on tight.

OC/VO>> Hi welcome to my town. Madison, Wisconsin we have got some special things planned for you and we're going to start out right here. Its a surprise though. I told you it's a surprise. Wait till you guys see this. This is a real Wisconsin treat. This is one of my favorite places. You are going to have to come to Wisconsin to try this because you are not going to get it anywhere else. Come on in.

VO/OC>> Well thanks again for coming out. The brewery was founded back in 1993 by Mary Couple (INAUDIBLE). There is seventy-five hundred breweries in the country right now. Were the sixteenth largest craft brewery, twenty fifth largest brewery overall. And we only sell in Wisconsin as you know. So the beer will sit in here for anywhere from three to six weeks. And we’ll ship it around the brewery here all this piping. We have six miles of stainless-steel pipe.

OC>> Any chance of running one of these pipes straight to my house.

VO>> We’ll do what we can, we’ll do what we can. We fill about almost four hundred cans a minute on the can line when its running. We do about three hundred bottles a minute on the bottle line when that’s running. We will fill about a million bottles a week here on our bottling line.

OC>> Drew, I really appreciate it buddy.

OC>> Thanks so much for coming out really appreciate it.

OC>> No the pleasure is all mine. What do we got for age?

OC>> This one has been aging for about thirty-five days. It’s a rib eye.

OC/VO>> Plenty fatty, now were talking. Alright three of those baby. There’s where the burnt becomes important. And it gets really hot. This is a surprise this is a huge one so I wanted this group to be the first to taste the new Kelly Orchard.

OC>> Thank you.

VO/OC>> So I became an ambassador for those guys a few years ago product is finally coming. Cheers! I hope you enjoyed your tour of my hometown of Madison, Wisconsin but it's not finished until you get to a badger game. Let’s go! You got to get a (INAUDIBLE) brat it’s just a ritual I'm sorry. I can't go in there until I get one. Let me get a couple brats please.

OC>> Sounds good it will be ten dollars.

OC>> Cheers there we go the brat ritual. Thank you. I think I can play.

OC>> How you doing man?

OC>> Good to see you buddy how are you man?

OC>> Good.

OC>> Thanks for having us. Dude. Played baseball with my son. He’s a mountain now. I kind of get the chills it's pretty cool. I really tell people I didn't go to college here because I spent most of my college years here in high school. C’mon Badgers number one soon.

VO>> Well that will do it for this week. I’m Vince Cellini and we thank you for watching.