

FINAL ROUND INTERVIEW
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BERNHARD LANGER (-10)

Q. Thanks for dropping by. That was a great round for a while, you were 7 under through 11 holes. I thought you were going to shoot your age to close this season out.

BERNHARD LANGER: I was trying, Rich, and I had lots of opportunities, but the putts wouldn't drop anymore, then I made a bogey on 17. But it was fun, it was a nice day.

Q. I would be remiss if I didn't ask you, we just saw that projection which has Kevin Sutherland, if it ended right now, winning the season-long Charles Schwab Cup Race and the million dollar bonus without having won a single tournament all year, in a campaign where you won seven. You were part of the policy board that made these changes. Would you be comfortable with that scenario?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, yeah, we're comfortable because we voted for that and that's what it is at the moment. It was never meant to be fair. It was meant to be playoffs. Everybody in the field was given a chance to win. Is it fair? No, it's not, but that's how it is right now. We might revisit in the future.

Q. Don't you think it makes sense to enact a rule whereby someone will have to have won at least one tournament to be eligible to win the Schwab Cup bonus?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, that could be one of the rules we might change into in the future, but then that could bring other problems into the scenario as well. It's not easy, but I think we might have to revisit in the future and just see if we can tweak it slightly like they tweaked the FedExCup points at various times and we might have to do the same here.

Q. You'll be Player of the Year under any circumstance. As you go forward, we'll start again in Hualalai early 2018, what will be the goals?

BERNHARD LANGER: Very similar. Just the main goal is to improve myself, to have a better technique or to have better chipping, putting, whatever it is. If I can continue to improve, I'm going to have a good chance to win tournaments, to win majors and to be one of the top 5 or 10 guys out here.

Q. I'm assuming it would also be a goal down the road, provided you stay healthy, to at some point become the oldest winner on the PGA TOUR Champions. Mike Fitchick was 63 when he won in 1985.

BERNHARD LANGER: That's a great achievement. Yeah, maybe if I get there, you never

know. I'm just 60 right now.

Q. Curious, what do you know about the game of golf today that maybe you didn't 30 years ago?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, there's a bunch of things. I think I'm a better ball-striker in general. I know more about my technique and my tendencies, what I fall into when things go wrong so I can sometimes help myself quicker even when I'm on the golf course. I have a better understanding of what I can do, what I can't do and how to attack a golf hole. You don't always have to go to the flag, you can make birdie different ways.

It's the fascinating thing about golf, there's so many aspects to it. It's the driver off the tee and the irons, and then the short game and the putter and the mental aspect of it. That's why there's never been the perfect golfer altogether.

Q. I'm going to reveal a little secret, your friends back home in south Florida call you Bernie --

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah.

Q. -- which I think would be a surprise to many people. Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, it has been out here Weekend at Bernie's and we have all really enjoyed it, Bernhard. Wonderful season. Congratulations. Really, for all of us of a certain age, you've been a tremendous inspiration.

BERNHARD LANGER: Appreciate it very much. Thanks, Rich.