

ROUND 4 INTERVIEW
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TROPHY PRESENTATION

RICH LERNER: Phil, terrific round. What was the difference this week?

PHIL MICKELSON: Well, it's fun to come out on top, and to get back and play here in Phoenix is a special feeling. Amy and I have had so many great years here; the birth of our first two children were here, we met here over at Arizona State and spent so many great years here. It's so fun for us to come back and play in front of everybody one.

And then to come out on top here was a special week. I want to congratulate Bernhard because he really is the gold standard for work ethic, discipline as well as talent and a great golf game. At 64, to win the season-long championship, that's pretty impressive, pretty inspiring.

I want to obviously thank all the fans for coming out and supporting this tournament. It's been great. The staff here, we had 600 volunteers come out to make this possible. The staff, the superintendent made this golf course pristine. It's just beautiful and a real treat for us to play here. Thank you for that.

Then obviously I want to thank Charles Schwab for all of their support of the Champions Tour, the season-long event, this event and everything that you guys have done to make this event and the season long Champions Tour succeed, so thank you guys very much for your support.

I wanted to thank the tournament staff, Tiffany Nelson, and everybody here at Phoenix Country Club for making this a special week.

RICH LERNER: Phil, one more thing, because we all love to watch you perform. What's still possible for you?

PHIL MICKELSON: I'm going to shut it down for the rest of the year. In two days Amy and I are celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary, which is really cool. We're going to go on a few trips, have fun.

I'll get back to work. We watch how hard Bernhard works on the course, right, but he works off the course just as hard. That's what I've got to do this offseason to make sure that I'm maintaining speed, maintaining fitness to where I can practice and work as hard as I need to to play and hopefully have another moment like I had in this year's majors. That's what really drives me.

And also to come out here and play with people that I've played with for so many decades

and compete and see friends, life-long friends. It's been fun and hopefully I'll have a chance to play successfully in both.

RICH LERNER: Congratulations. It was a memorable year, enjoy the off season.

PHIL MICKELSON: Thank you.

RICH LERNER: Walt, there's one more beautiful trophy to hand out.

WALT BETTINGER: It's tough to put into words what Bernhard has accomplished. For the sixth time our Charles Schwab season-long winner; two seasons actually this year.

Bernhard, we have the big, heavy trophy for you.

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, there's so many things to say after 39 events and two very unusual years.

I'd like to first of all thank my wife, Vikki, and my family support. She's back there and my daughter Jackie and son Jason and grandson Jackson, they've been amazing throughout the years. None of us could do what we're doing without our loved ones fully behind us.

I want to congratulate obviously Phil for his outstanding play. He's played, what, five out here and you won four? I mean, you're unbelievable. I'm just lucky he's not playing more out here, I wouldn't be standing here, that's for sure.

And also Jim Furyk. I mean, how exciting was it coming down the stretch? Literally came down to the last shot. If he would have eagled 18, he would be standing here lifting the Charles Schwab Cup trophy and he would be the winner.

I'm literally overwhelmed with emotion. It was an up-and-down week for me. I had back issues earlier in the week, could barely swing the club. I was this close to pulling out and ground through it and made it and started playing a little better, so that was just incredible.

Then the last few holes with Jim being right there, it was very emotional nonetheless. It was still an incredible finish for me.

RICH LERNER: I think the same could be said of Phil, you've been an inspiration to a lot of people. What advice would you have for people over the age of 50, over the age of 60 who still aspire to do great things in whatever it is they're passionate about?

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, that's the key. I think whatever you're passionate about, do it, and whatever you love doing, keep doing it. If you love the game of golf, which is a great game, keep playing. You can still get better. I think we're living examples of that if you're in your 50s and 60s, you can still get better and improve the game and have fun living and

staying healthy and all that is wonderful. And the game of golf has grown so much the last couple years, it's great to see.

One thing or one person I really want to thank and that's God. My Bible verse for the week was, "Put all your cares on me because I care about you," and that has really sustained me through the week and through the troubles I've had. And I want to give Him all the glory because he deserves it. I'm just a golfer and using the gifts and talents he's given to me.

I want to reiterate what Phil already said. The grounds crew here, the members, Tiffany, your team, Walt, unbelievable. Whoever's been involved with this tournament, you did an outstanding job. We are thrilled to be here. We're the benefactors of being able to play this wonderful championship, this golf course, and we thank you for your hard work.

Same to you, Miller, and your whole team. Congratulations to everybody. Have a wonderful offseason and happy Thanksgiving. God bless you.