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2009 CHAMPIONS TOUR NOTES

With the completion of the season, here are some interesting notes about the 2009 Champions Tour.

- Bernhard Langer led the Champions Tour with four wins, the fifth time in the last six seasons that at least one player collected four or more titles. Langer also claimed his second consecutive Arnold Palmer Award as the leading money winner, with \$2,139,451. In doing so, Langer became the eighth player in Champions Tour history to win back-to-back money titles (Miller Barber/1981-82, Don January/1983-84, Bob Charles/1988-89, Dave Stockton/1993-94, Jim Colbert/1995-96, Hale Irwin/1997-98, Jay Haas/2006-07). Loren Roberts, a three-time winner last year, was second in earnings, with \$1,960,613. John Cook collected two wins in his last three starts of the year, including the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, was third on the money list, with \$1,798,664. Jay Haas (\$1,758,395) and Fred Funk (\$1,563,810) were fourth and fifth, respectively.
- Loren Roberts took the lead in the season-long Charles Schwab Cup race after a T3 at the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship and held on the remainder of the year to capture his second Charles Schwab Cup title in the last three years. Roberts finished with 2,670 points, 319 points better than John Cook (2,351). Roberts also won the title in 2007. Rounding out the top five were Fred Funk (2,349), Bernhard Langer (2,322) and Jay Haas (1,984). Langer was the Schwab Cup leader after the first 15 events until Fred Funk moved into the top spot after his victory at the U.S. Senior Open and held the lead after the next five tournaments.
- Bernhard Langer earned his second consecutive Byron Nelson Award with a stroke average of 68.92, the lowest in a season since Tom Watson in 2003 (68.81). Langer became the ninth different player in Champions Tour history to win consecutive Byron Nelson trophies as the scoring leader. Hale Irwin (1996-98) is the last player to win three straight Byron Nelson Awards.
- No players over age 55 won an event in 2009, a first on the Champions Tour since 1999 when Dave Eichelberger was the oldest winner on the circuit at 55 years, 10 months, 29 days (Novell Utah Showdown). The oldest winner in 2009 was Jay Haas (Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship) at 55 years, 10 months, 2 days, while Tom Pernice, Jr., (SAS Championship) was the youngest, at 50 years, 22 days. Pernice's victory tied him with Gary Player as the ninth youngest winner ever on the Champions Tour. He also was the youngest to claim a Champions Tour title since John Cook won the 2007 AT&T Championship just 19 days after he turned 50.
- In 2009, three players—Tom Lehman, Michael Allen, Tom Pernice, Jr. —all won in their initial starts on the Champions Tour. Lehman won with Bernhard Langer at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, Allen won the Senior PGA Championship, and Pernice won the SAS Championship. Before this year, the last time the Champions Tour had three players win in their debuts was in 1980 when Don January, Roberto De Vincenzo and Arnold Palmer did it. In the history of the Champions Tour, there have been 15 players

win in their debut. Allen became the 22nd player in Champions Tour history to claim his first victory at a senior major championship, the eighth consecutive year that has happened.

- Steve Thomas set a new Champions Tour record for Driving Distance, averaging 301.5 off the tee. That broke Dan Pohl's mark of 300.5 yards set in 2005. Eduardo Romero had the longest-recorded drive on the Champions Tour in 2009. It measured 379 yards during the first round of the U.S. Senior Open on No. 2. at Crooked Stick Golf Club.
- There were seven first-time winners in 2009, four more than the Champions Tour had in 2008. The seven first-time winners last year were Mike Goodes (Allianz Championship), Dan Forsman (AT&T Champions Classic), Nick Price (Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am), Tom Lehman (Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf with /Bernhard Langer), Michael Allen (Senior PGA Championship), Tom Pernice, Jr. (SAS Championship), and Phil Blackmar (AT&T Championship). The all-time record for first-time winners in a season is 11 in 1999.
- Bernhard Langer (four wins), Loren Roberts (three wins), Keith Fergus (two wins), Jay Haas (two wins) and John Cook (two wins) were the only multiple winners last year, the fewest number since 2006 when there were five. There were an all-time record-tying 10 multiple winners in 2008.
- In 2009, only nine of 25 players who led or shared the lead heading into the final round went on to win. They are Keith Fergus (The Cap Cana Championship), Nick Price (Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am), Michael Allen (Senior PGA Championship), Bernhard Langer (Triton Financial Classic), Fred Funk (U.S. Senior Open), Loren Roberts (Boeing Classic), Jay Haas (Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn), Tom Pernice, Jr. (SAS Championship) and John Cook (Charles Schwab Cup Championship). In 2008, 14 of 29 tournaments were won by the leader/co-leaders heading into the final round.
- During the 2009 season, 17 of 25 winners came from the last grouping on Sunday. Last year, 24 of the 29 winners came from the last grouping.
- Jeff Sluman's victory at the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach made him the only player in 2009 to defend a title. The last time there was only one defending champion in a season was 2005 when Hale Irwin won the Turtle Bay Championship for a fifth straight time. In 2008, five different players defended titles: Tom Watson (Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am), Jay Haas (The Principal Charity Classic), R.W. Eaks (Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn), Bernhard Langer (Administaff Small Business Classic), John Cook (AT&T Championship).
- Jay Haas (Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn, Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship) and Bernhard Langer (Triton Financial Classic and 3M Championship) were the only two players to win in back-to-back starts on the Champions Tour in 2009. In 2008, there were three back-to-back winners – Scott Hoch (Allianz Championship/ACE Group Classic), Tom Watson (Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am/Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf), Jay Haas (Senior PGA Championship/The Principal Charity Classic).
- Fred Funk was the only player to finish among the top 10 in every senior major in 2009 and was victorious at the U.S. Senior Open. Funk's T7 finish at the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship marked the ninth consecutive time he's been among the top 10 in a Champions Tour major, dating to the 2008 campaign. In 2008, Bernhard Langer was the only player to finish among the top 10 in all five majors on the Champions Tour.
- With his victory at the Triton Financial Classic, Bernhard Langer was the only player to go wire to wire in a Champions Tour event in 2009. The last time the Champions Tour had just one wire-to-wire winner

was 1993 when Dave Stockton led start-to-finish at the GTE Northwest Classic.

- Both Lonnie Nielsen (Dick's Sporting Goods Open) and Keith Fergus (The Cap Cana Championship) had five birdies in a row en route to their victories, the best birdie streaks by winners last year. In 2008, Tom Watson made five birdies in a row in winning the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am, the best birdie streak by a winner that season.
- Lonnie Nielsen averaged 295 yards per drive at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open, the longest by a winner on the Champions Tour last year (ranked second for the week)...Both Nick Price (Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am) and Jay Haas (Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn) hit 36 of 42 fairways, the most by a winner last year. Price ranked T6 in Driving Accuracy for the week while Haas ranked T49...Mike Goodes (Allianz Championship/T1), Lonnie Nielsen (Dick's Sporting Goods Open/T2) and Jay Haas (Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn/T7) all missed just eight greens in regulation en route to victory...Loren Roberts averaged only 24.3 putts per rounds (1st) in his victory at the Boeing Classic, the fewest in a three-round event by a winner on the Champions Tour since Tom Kite averaged 24 putts per round at the 2006 Boeing Greater Seattle Classic.
- Five multiple winners in 2008 failed to post a win in 2009. The group included Scott Hoch, Denis Watson, Tom Watson, R.W. Eaks and Andy Bean.
- Gary Player, Jim Colbert, Jim Dent and Bob Charles were the only players to match or better their ages in 2009. The 73-year-old Player bettered his age six times, including all three rounds of the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai and matched it once, while Colbert bettered his age once and matched it once. Charles bettered his age in the opening round of the Senior British Open, while Dent bettered his age at the Allianz Championship.
- Bernhard Langer posted 15 top-10 finishes in 2009, the most of anyone on the Champions Tour and more than Loren Roberts. Last year, John Cook led the Champions Tour with 15 top-10 finishes while Langer and Jay Haas finished with 14 top 10s.
- R.W. Eaks and Jay Haas both recorded double eagles in 2009. Eaks had his in the opening round of the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai (driver, 5-wood from 246 yards on No. 7), while Haas accomplished the feat in the second round of the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, using a driver, 3-wood from 272 yards on No. 11 at the Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort & Spa. In 2008, both John Cook and Bobby Wadkins had double eagles in the first half of the year.
- In the final round of the 2009 Senior British Open at Sunningdale, Curt Byrum made three eagles. It marked only the fifth time in Champions Tour history a player has recorded three eagles in a round. It was the first time since Bruce Lietzke did it at the 2003 MasterCard Championship at Hualalai.
- Five of the 25 official events played in 2009 were decided by playoffs, the most since 2006 when there were six overtime sessions. In two of the five playoffs this year, Fred Funk lost. In 2008, there were four playoffs for the entire year and none after the Senior British Open.
- Both Bernhard Langer (Triton Financial Classic) and Fred Funk (U.S. Senior Open) won events by six shots, the largest winning margin in 2009. In each of the last six years, at least one Champions Tour event has been won by five or more strokes.
- Jeff Sluman came from six shots behind to win the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach, the biggest final-round comeback on the Champions Tour since Denis Watson rallied from seven shots back to win in

a playoff at the 2008 AT&T Champions Classic. In each of the last 10 years, at least one Champions Tour event has been won by a player coming from five or more strokes back on the last day.

- Bob Gilder, Bernhard Langer, Brad Bryant, Dan Forsman and John Cook all set new 18-hole tournament records this year. Gilder fired a third-round 63 at the TPC Treviso Bay, site of The ACE Group Classic, Langer's final-round 64 at the Punta Espada Golf Club at The Cap Cana Championship set a new mark and Bryant fired a 10-under-par 62 in the opening round of the JELD-WEN Tradition at the Crosswater Club at Sunriver Resort. Forsman carded an 8-under 64 in the first round of the Administaff Small Business Classic at the Tournament Course at The Woodlands Country Club. Cook's record was a 10-under-par 62 in the second round of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship at the Sonoma Golf Club.
- In 2009, five players survived a double bogey or more but still claimed their titles. Nick Price's final-round scorecard included three double bogeys, but the World Golf Hall of Fame member survived those and another bogey to win the Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am for his first career Champions Tour win. Dan Forsman, Keith Fergus, Lonnie Nielsen and Jay Haas also had double bogeys on their scorecards but went on to win the AT&T Champions Classic, The Cap Cana Championship, the Dick's Sporting Goods Open and the Constellation Energy Senior Players Championship, respectively. In 2008, eight players made a double bogey and still won.
- For the third consecutive season, the longest birdie streak on the Champions Tour was six in a row. In 2009, Mark James made six straight birdies in the opening round of the Allianz Championship and Dan Forsman also made six straight birdies in the first round of the Administaff Small Business Classic.
- For the third straight year, the best birdie-eagle streak was five. In 2009, Lonnie Nielsen opened the final round of the Dick's Sporting Goods Open with two birdies, an eagle and two more birdies.
- Gene Jones and Keith Fergus shared the Champions Tour lead in Eagles with 10 in 2009. In 2008, Denis Watson's 13 eagles were the most by a player on the Champions Tour. Andy Bean made the most birdies on the Champions Tour in 2009, with 305. In 2008, Tom Kite led with 327 birdies.
- Jay Haas birdied par-3s more than any other player. He made birdie 20.77 percent of the time (54 birdies out of 260 chances). Bernhard Langer birdied par-4s and par-5s more than any other player. Langer converted 143 of 653 on par-4s (21.90 percent) and 105 of 215 on par-5s (48.84).
- Jeff Sluman made a hole-in-one in the final round of the Walmart First Tee Open at Pebble Beach and went on to win by two strokes. He became the first player to make an ace and go on to win since R.W. Eaks at the 2007 Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Sluman's hole-in-one came almost 45 minutes after Allen Doyle aced the same hole (No. 5, Pebble Beach). It marked the first time since the 2005 Senior British Open that holes-in-one had been made on the same hole in the same day.
- Overall, 10 players (Don Pooley, Michael Turner, Roger Cameron, Chip Beck, Kirk Hanefeld, John Cook, Tim Simpson, Jeff Sluman, Mike McCullough, Allen Doyle) made 11 holes-in-one this year on the Champions Tour. Beck had two, and his ace at the Senior PGA Championship made him one of just three players (Jim Thorpe and Dave Barr) to have recorded an ace on the PGA TOUR, Champions Tour and Nationwide Tour. The Champions Tour had only had a total of eight aces in 2008.
- Four players played in all 25 official events in 2009—Mark Wiebe, Tom Kite, Jeff Sluman and Lonnie Nielsen. In 2008, Bob Gilder was the only player to tee it up in all 29 official events.
- Michael Allen made the biggest move of any of the 25 tournament winners this year. During the Senior PGA Championship, Allen was T73 after the opening round, eight strokes behind the leaders. Allen

jumped to T11 after the second round and eventually seized the lead after 54 holes and went on to a two-stroke win at Canterbury near Cleveland.

- Although Bob Gilder was ineligible for the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai, ending his string of consecutive starts at 122, he still owns the longest current streak for consecutive starts for which he was eligible, at 145. The last time Gilder missed a tournament for which he's been eligible was the 2004 Greater Hickory Classic at Rock Barn. Dana Quigley (278) and Mike McCullough (177) hold down the top two spots for most consecutive eligible events played in Champions Tour history.
- Lonnie Nielsen's 24 birdies at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open were the most by a player this year in a 54-hole event. Bernhard Langer had 23 at the season-opening Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. In 2008, R.W. Eaks made 24 birdies at the 3M Championship. Fred Funk's 24 birdies at the U.S. Senior Open at Crooked Stick and John Cook's 24 at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship were the most in a 72-hole event. In 2008, Fred Funk made 26 birdies at the JELD-WEN Tradition, the most in a four-round event.
- Tom Kite made birdie or better (nine birdies, one eagle) on 10 straight par-5s at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai in January.
- Ben Crenshaw led the Champions Tour in three-putt avoidance (1.53) with only 16 three putts over his 61 rounds played (1,044 holes).
- A number of Champions Tour players and future players fared well when testing their games in PGA TOUR/European Tour events in 2009. Tom Watson lost in a playoff to Stewart Cink at the British Open and Jeff Sluman was T18 at the U.S. Bank Championship in Milwaukee. At the Masters, Sandy Lyle was T20, and Larry Mize finished T30 at the event. Tom Lehman, who teamed with Bernhard Langer to win at the Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf, was the 54-hole leader at the Transitions Championship before finishing T8. Fred Couples, who will join the Champions Tour shortly, had four top-10 finishes, including T3s at the Northern Trust Open and the Shell Houston Open and a T5 at the Wyndham Championship. In Europe, Bernhard Langer was the 54-hole leader at the BMW International in Munich and eventually finished T9.
- Champions Tour pro-am fields in 2009 included a number of well-known sports and entertainment celebrities. Among those competitors were Michael J. Fox., Bo Jackson, Cornelius Bennett, Phil Niekro , Emmitt Smith, Mark Wahlberg, Steve Spurrier, Sidney Lowe, Nick Saban, Bill Murray, Jeff Fisher, Vinny Testaverde, Jeff Lebo, George Lopez, Dale Jarrett, Stone Phillips, Bart Starr, Joe Theismann, Vince Gill, Reuben Studdard, Al Del Greco, Bobby Labonte, Jesse Ventura, Neal Broten, Paul Molitor, Taylor Hicks, Pat Sullivan, Bobby Johnson, Charles Barkley as well as former Heisman Trophy winners George Rogers, Mike Rozier, Doug Flutie, Andre Ware, Ty Detmer, Gino Torretta, Chris Weinke, Eric Crouch and Tim Brown.
- Tom Watson, Gil Morgan and Tom Jenkins continue to defy Father Time. The three 60-plus-year-olds finished among the top 30 on the 2009 money list. The 60-year-old Watson was 20th, with \$798,672, while the 61-year-old Jenkins was 22nd, with \$683,801. The 63-year-old Morgan was 28th, making \$636,864.
- Leonard Thompson played his 1,000th combined PGA TOUR/Champions Tour event when he teed it up at the 2009 SAS Championship. Thompson's appearance in Raleigh made him just the 10th player in history to accomplish the feat. Thompson made 651 starts on the PGA TOUR and won three official titles. He also won three official Champions Tour events in 349 appearances.