

# Chubb Classic presented by SERVPRO

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Tiburón Golf Club

## Bernhard Langer

### Quick Quotes

**Q. Just a very solid start. Could you talk us through your round a little bit?**

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, it was. I drove the ball very well. Hit pretty much all the fairways, I think, and hit a lot of greens in regulation, so I didn't have to get it up-and-down very often, didn't struggle in that department. Hit some key shots very well like the second shot on -- is it 5, the par-5 over the water?

**Q. 6.**

BERNHARD LANGER: So I hit it really well to get it over, and I hit it on the green and two-putted for birdie. I had a nice stretch there of several birdies in a row.

I think started with 6, 7, 8, 9, something like that, and yeah, felt pretty comfortable. Too bad I kind of chunked my putt on the 18th. I hit the ground first. That's why I came up short. Otherwise it would have been nice to go 9-under, but still happy with 8.

**Q. Would that always kind of be the play from off the green?**

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, I was thinking of possibly chipping it, but where the ball was, it was into the grain, and that's a tricky lie. You can chunk it real quick. I had a pretty good feeling from the previous hole where I putted from off the green. I thought I could get it close.

**Q. What was the tee shot you hit at 10? That seemed to give you a nice spark.**

BERNHARD LANGER: Ooh, now you've got me. I can't even remember since they changed the holes.

**Q. The long par-3.**

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, that was a beautiful 3-hybrid. It played long today. Thank goodness it was



downwind. It played 230 or something. I hit it to about five or six feet, so that was nice to see that one close.

**Q. It seemed like a lot of your putts were in that mid-range, where you hit it pretty tight.**

BERNHARD LANGER: Yeah, I didn't make any real long putts. They were all short to mid-range. But putted fairly solid.

**Q. You came in and you said your game wasn't quite spot on. What have you found the last couple days that felt so good today?**

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, just continuously working on my game. It's always a process.

Today I didn't make those mistakes that I said I had made the last few weeks, where I would throw in two, three bogeys a day. I was pretty focused and felt decent and hit a lot of quality shots because there are some holes you've got to hit it very straight, because the greens are like that (severely sloped). I hit one really good shot on I think it was the 3rd hole or something, the par-3, and it just rolled and rolled, and all of a sudden it was off the green in the rough. Used a hybrid and got it up-and-down, so that was one of the few greens I missed, but it can happen five, six times here just because of the runoffs.

**Q. I think a lot of players come in here and see it as being a really tight, demanding-off-the-tee course. You have such a comfort level off the tee here. How big of an advantage is that?**

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, it certainly helps to be driving it good, and I drove it good today. I don't always drive it that good, either. But today I hit my lines, I hit my spots where I was aiming and never really got into any kind of trouble.

**Q. How is this year's 64 different from last year's opening-round 64?**

BERNHARD LANGER: Well, I don't know. It's a year later, so it feels even better, I guess. Last year I was 64, now I'm



65. But it always feels good to shoot 8-under par on any golf course, certainly out on TOUR, and it's great, and I look forward to the weekend.

**Q. What is it about playing in Florida? You've broken your age three times in Florida, seven times overall on TOUR.**

BERNHARD LANGER: I've broken it several times in Florida. I just feel comfortable on Bermudagrass, the different grasses we have down south because it's hot. I can read the grain. I like fast, grainy greens which we find down here. My last two victories were in Florida last year.

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