

Senior PGA Championship

The Concession Golf Club

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Stewart Cink

George Savaricas

Eric Eshleman

Trophy Presentation



I got a text from my son Reagan last night, and he said: I love what you're doing out there. Just keep it up. The golf course will yield. I just kept that in my mind all day.

As a putt fell from off the green on four, it yielded a little bit. Then an eagle putt fell on seven; it yielded. It just kept on yielding.

I felt like what I was waiting for was finally coming true. I'm just so blessed right now to be able to play golf still at 52 years old against all these great players. PGA TOUR Champions is a great place to be, and I'm really thrilled.

GEORGE SAVARICAS: It's fitting that you're the 2009 Open Champion, the oldest men's major. You've now won the oldest Senior men's major with the Senior PGA Championship.

You've been on this run now. You've won four out of the last six starts. What does it mean to you to get that first Senior major as well?

STEWART CINK: Well, you know, it means a lot. Obviously the game we play, your year is kind of broken down into the main events and then the major events. They're all important, don't get me wrong, but the majors just have a little bit more history behind them. There's more rounds. The golf courses are usually set up a little bit more testing and exacting, like Concession. Then there's more players. You know, simply there's just more players you have to beat.

It means a lot to me to be attached to a trophy like this and to be involved now with the PGA of America, all the history here, going back to, I believe, Augusta National to the first one. That's pretty cool.

Glad we're here for a couple of years. It's great to play in Florida. I think this is a really great golf course. It requires a lot out of you, a lot of discipline. It doesn't fit some of my strengths off the tee where my strength normally is, but it fits a lot of the discipline and the game plan and sort of just self-management type of strengths that I have right now.

GEORGE SAVARICAS: Seems like Stewart Cink is winning every week now that he tees it up on the PGA TOUR Champions. What a performance here and what a way to kick off the Senior PGA Championship, part of this three-year run here at Concession Golf Club.

To the trophy presentation now, and for that we welcome in PGA of America Secretary Eric Eshleman.

ERIC ESHLEMAN: Thank you, George. We would like to first express our gratitude to the Concession Golf Club, the residents of the Sarasota Bradenton area for coming out, and the volunteers who made this championship so very special.

Now on behalf of the PGA of America, it's my distinct pleasure to present the Alfred S. Bourne Trophy to our 2026 Senior PGA Champion, Stewart Cink.

GEORGE SAVARICAS: That's a heavy one. We showed the graphic on the telecast. That's even heavier than the Stanley Cup, so clearly Stewart has been working out. That's a 36-pound trophy we have here.

A 63, a new course record here at Concession Golf Club. I mean, what a way to finish the week off with an exclamation point. How were you able to take it so low on a day that was seemingly difficult for a lot of those players in the final three, four groups?

STEWART CINK: Well, first of all, there's never been a day at Concession that is not difficult. It's a hard golf course. I think the nickname is well-known out there. I don't need to say it.

It's been a pleasure being here. I felt like I played pretty well every day. My tee-to-green game was pretty similar every day. Today I just had a little bit better rhythm in my putting, and the ball just found the hole.

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GEORGE SAVARICAS: A little secret to everyone watching. We were doing a run-through yesterday to prepare for today and the trophy presentation. As I was leaving the course, you were the only player still here. I saw you doing some work on the putting green.

I know you said your son, Reagan, texted you, but what did you find to breathe some life into that putter and then have a record-setting day like today?

STEWART CINK: Well, I think the most important thing to know is I didn't go to the putting green searching for anything. I went to the putting green to just reconfirm that everything I was doing was good.

My golf ball just was scared of the dark. It didn't want to go in the hole yesterday. Anybody here feel me on that?

It wasn't like I went to the green to try to reinvent something. I knew I had good basics and foundations, and I just went to -- I was messing around a little bit with the reads. Today I actually adjusted some of my reads. I was missing a lot of putts low. Today I played a little bit more break on some putts, and I had one of my better putting days.

When you couple that with good tee-to-green play and a strong game plan, like Reagan said, the course yields.

GEORGE SAVARICAS: It's amazing how one little thing can lead to a big victory. Six shots, the final margin. A 63, 19-under for the week, and now you have the Alfred S. Bourne Trophy.

Congratulations. Let's give it up to Stewart Cink, the winner of the 86th Edition of the Senior PGA Championship.

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