

# Senior PGA Championship

Congressional Country Club

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## Darren Fichardt

### Quick Quotes



DP World and Sunshine Tour.

**Q. So what about the contrast between that and now being a senior?**

DARREN FICHARDT: I love it. About five years ago I told my wife I'm getting sick and tired of these youngsters hitting so far past me. Now all of a sudden I get there on Monday, and everyone is calling me the big dog. Yeah, it feels weird, actually. I'm still trying to get used to it.

Also all the par-5s are sort of gettable now, whereas on the regular tour, sometimes even the par-4s aren't gettable. Yeah, I'm enjoying it a lot.

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THE MODERATOR: Darren, 3-under today in the first round. What did you do well out there.

DARREN FICHARDT: Yeah, I hit the ball pretty well. Putter was also quite solid. I made the putts I needed to make. I think I only missed one fairway -- well, two fairways. I missed on the last, as well. But I think it's key to be on the fairway, give yourself a chance to be on the right place on the green.

**Q. Were the greens as difficult as you expected?**

DARREN FICHARDT: No. So the greens are very soft compared to the practice round. On Tuesday, I thought we were in big trouble this week. It was quite hard, especially when I played 10 on Tuesday, we pitched a pitching wedge in the middle of the green and it ran over in the water.

Today it was pitching and spinning back, so it was a lot easier out there.

**Q. We were talking with Ernie yesterday about the new generation of South African players, but what about the veteran generation? Three of you are in the top 10 today.**

DARREN FICHARDT: Yes.

**Q. Why is that?**

DARREN FICHARDT: I don't know. I think we always travel very far away from home, and we're used to grinding and doing whatever we can do to play well and stuff. I don't know, maybe it's just all the meat we eat. (Laughter.)

**Q. Just a quick history in this championship for you and where you've been playing recently.**

DARREN FICHARDT: So I turned 50 last week, so this is my first -- well, my second senior event. I've been playing DP World. Been playing there, what, 26 years, playing on

