

# Senior PGA Championship

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## Brian Gay

### Press Conference



THE MODERATOR: Brian Gay joins us now at the 2026 Senior PGA Championship. Brian, a great start for you. 6-under 66. What went well out there for you?

BRIAN GAY: Putted nicely. For the most part stayed out of a lot of the trouble out there. Only hit I think one tee ball out of play. Made one nice chip-in. Just a combination of some good stuff.

THE MODERATOR: Questions.

**Q. You did it twice today. You had three birdies in a row, two times, the front and the back. I wonder what goes through your mind when that's happening and that roll is going.**

BRIAN GAY: You don't really think about it too much. I made some nice saves early and then got on that little run on the front there. I hit, I don't know, 4, 5 feet on five. Hit a really nice 7-iron on the par-3, like, 4 feet. Really good shot there. Good up-and-down on the par-5 for those three in a row.

What else was it? Where did I birdie three in a row?

**Q. 15, 16, 17, and then five, six, seven.**

BRIAN GAY: 15 was my chip-in. Ball ran just through the green a little long there. Chipped it in coming back. 16 was the best putt of the day kind of over the ridge probably 25 feet. 17 was a two-putt off the fringe, so it was getting dark pretty quick (smiling).

**Q. Brian, just talk a little bit about this late a tee time. What do you when you tee off at 2:47? And about the conditions, it was getting dark, but there was almost no wind out there whatsoever.**

BRIAN GAY: Well, you know, I thought normally you think late in the day it would die down, but when we made the turn, it was probably blowing harder than it did all day. I noticed on the coverage this morning the flags weren't moving at all, so I'm, like, well, I don't think I'm going to get

the best of it.

It's just a long day. Slept in. Just laid around the room for a while, but I'm not an early, early guy anyway. I'm a bit of a night owl, and I tend to sleep in. So it's not as bad for me as some maybe.

**Q. The last three birdies and then you almost birdied a fourth out there just a second ago. Did something click with your putting late in the round or...**

BRIAN GAY: I putted good all day, honestly. Made a lot of good putts. A couple of nice par saves early and then a couple longer birdie putts on the back. I read the greens pretty good, and speed was good.

**Q. Is it different to read the greens when it is as late as it is now? We're past shadows, so...**

BRIAN GAY: Yeah, I struggled honestly. 17 the sun was right here dead in our eyes. Somehow I flushed a perfect drive. Then I couldn't really see with my sunglasses on or off. The sun was right in my eyes.

The first putt off the fringe on 17 I hit way too hard, but 18 I have no idea how I did that. It was maybe the hardest putt on the course and almost made it and had a tap-in, so I was pleased with that, because I couldn't really see.

**Q. When you go on the course, you see Allan, Langer, Jimenez up there. Do you look at it and say, I can't catch these guys, or do you do your own thing, or both?**

BRIAN GAY: You try to do your own thing. You hope you see the good scores, and you think that, okay, they're out there. Hopefully won't get too much wind late. I thought they had really good conditions this morning. You can't, like, try to chase that soon, so you just kind of do your thing and try to play well.

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