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An Interview With:

STEVE SCHNEITER

Q. Can you talk about how you finished there with an eagle on 18 and how much sweeter that makes this?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Well, I finally hit a good drive and dropped down there and I had exactly what I had in, I had 187 or 189 to carry on to the front of the green, and I hit 6-iron and ended up being close, made the putt. It was a great week. I had a lot of fun and this is a great course.

Q. You're also going to be one of the club pros that's going to be participating in the closing ceremony; can you talk about what that will mean to you?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Well, I'm honored to be the low club pro. I don't know if I deserve being with the champion, I mean, shooting 6-over par, but I think that's a neat thing and I'll cherish this week for a long time.

Q. Coming into this week, did you think this golf course matched your game pretty well? This is the first PGA Championship where you made the cut, and you played it well all four days; do you think your game matched up well with this golf course?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Yeah, I've been hitting the ball well. Playing well all year. And I got here, I felt in love with the golf course. It kind of suited my game and I hit it on the fairway, I played good. It was one of those weeks, you know you have every so often.

Q. Did you have any expectations coming into the week?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Yeah, I wanted to, you know, play well of course and make the cut.

Q. Coming down the back nine, were you thinking about being the low club pro coming down?

STEVE SCHNEITER: You know, I didn't think about it a lot. I just figured whatever happens will happen and just play your game and see if you can't shoot par or better.

Q. You eagled 18 both on Thursday and today. During your practice rounds, did you think 17 and 18 meshed up well with you because you hit the ball so long?

STEVE SCHNEITER: I figured if I hit good drives, get in the fairway and hit good drives, you know, I should make birdie.

Q. Do you have any family out here last week or this week?

STEVE SCHNEITER: I have my son, Jonathan, and I had my brother, Jerry, and a few other friends.

Q. How much more special does it make it knowing that he were following you around in the gallery?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Oh, it was fun. It was fun having my son here with me. He's out there, "Come on, dad, you can do it." That's what it's all about, just having your family with you to share your moments, your successes.

Q. Where does this rank and what are your memorable moments?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Well, it's up there.

Q. No. 1?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Well, I don't know if it's No. 1, but it's close to No. 1.

Q. Do you know Ron Philo; did you talk to each other in the locker room?

STEVE SCHNEITER: Not really. He had all his family. Everyone is busy doing their thing. He'll say, "Hi" and "How you doing, have a good week."

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Q. When do you head home and what's your first day back on the job?

STEVE SCHNEITER: To be honest, I'm going to Rochester for the Nationwide Monday qualifier tomorrow.

Q. So right back at it tomorrow?

STEVE SCHNEITER: I figured I was out here so I might as well.

Q. Do you have a favorite memory you might bring back to the club this week, favorite moment?

STEVE SCHNEITER: I don't mean to be selfish, but that last shot and making eagle on the last hole, final hole to shoot even par. That's something that will stick in my head for a long time, hitting a great drive, executing the next shot.

It was a great week and I had a lot of fun.

Q. Were you personally motivated at all playing with *Luke Donald* today? Did you in the back of your mind just think to ourselves, it would be fun to play well with *Luke Donald* who has been playing well this year?

STEVE SCHNEITER: I have played with Luke two years ago in Rochester at the **PGA**. Luke's a great kid. I mean, he's one of the good kids out here. He's just a good person and a heck of a player. It was a great pairing. I couldn't have asked for a better pairing, really. You know, we talked a little bit. I had fun.

MIKE SMALL

Q. Can you talk about the round and the entire four days?

MIKE SMALL: It was a wonderful experience. Today I made one bogey, one double-bogey and 16 pars. So really, the way I hit it this week, the entire week it's positive. It's positive I made the cut, it's positive I finished because I didn't hit that good. But to gut it out and shoot 73 today, I didn't make a birdie on the weekend which is frustrating, but it's a positive experience. The week and everything, it's a special thing for us, and I think it's a great thing that we're a part of and I really appreciate it very much.

Q. What's next for you?

MIKE SMALL: **PGA** end of this month in Chicago.

Q. Now, this experience that you have on the Tour and these events, how do you take them and use them in your coaching?

MIKE SMALL: Oh, I use them all the time. We play tournament golf every week. I've learned from the good things, I've learned from the bad things. This has come up where I can relate to players, what they are going through, frustration, exhilaration or whatever and talk to them about how to handle it.

Q. What's the first event in the fall?

MIKE SMALL: I go to Inverness.

DARRELL KESTNER

Q. Talk about your round out there and how it was.

DARRELL KESTNER: Just pleased to be here for four days. I didn't play on the weekend like I wanted to. I have a nice club and nice job to go back to, and thank goodness. I don't know how these guys on Tour do it. I'm totally exhausted. How in the world they play a couple practice rounds, four rounds in a tournament, it's harder than what people think.

Q. How did the heat affect you?

DARRELL KESTNER: You know, not making accuses, but it was hard, it was hard on me, hard to keep concentration and hard to keep your swing under control. It was tough but I had a lot of fun.

Q. What do you take away from this week?

DARRELL KESTNER: Just making the cut in both **PGAs**, the Senior and this one. And I have a lot of respect for **Baltusrol** and this championship. I'm just going to go back to the club and enjoy it.

RON PHILO

Q. How was your round today?

RON PHILO: Well, finally parred No. 3.

Q. What did you hit?

RON PHILO: I hit it on the fairway, I hit it

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on the green and I 2-putted. It was kind of unique. I struggled through that stretch of 6, 7 and 8 the last couple of days, but I still felt comfortable on the back nine. I think I shot under par on the back nine the last three days. That felt good standing on 10 tee even though I bogeyed 10. I birdied 11. I felt good coming into 17 and 18, the two par 5s. I feel like I don't have to worry about what Tiger is doing, I don't have to worry about going at it in two, so I had a wedge into 17 and 18 with a chance to get there.

It's great every time I play. There are some great players who played this week and it was great to have four of us out here playing on the weekend. Steve Schneiter is out there at 9-over right now. He's a very solid player. Saw him in the locker room, shot a 72. So I know he was 6-over and I was 7-over. You know, that really wasn't an objective. My objective I think when I started today, I really wanted to try to break 288. This is a 72 for the members, so it would be a par 72 for me if I was a club professional here playing. Breaking 288 would be like breaking par. But I got close. So that was good.

Q. Can you describe Thursday round versus Saturday and Sunday?

RON PHILO: I think I burned a lot of adrenaline on Thursday and Friday afternoon in the heat and, you know, I am trying to play really, really hard. Saturday morning I was bone tired. I mean, I didn't realize it until maybe walking up the hill on two how tired I was. I had great pairings, **Ted Purdy** was great to play with and Mark was great to play with today.

Q. How do you spend the rest of today now?

RON PHILO: Take a shower, got to get to the airport, got to fly out to Portland, spend a little time with my family before I head back to Florida.