

### **BERNHARD LANGER**

#### Personal

- To combat putting yips, has used a variety of putting grips, most recently utilizing a long putter that he began using at the end of the 1996 season
- Father settled in Bavaria after jumping a Russian prisoner-of-war train bound for Siberia
- Developed fever cramps several times as a child (ages 2-5) and nearly died as a result...Took up golf at age
  7 through caddying and turned pro at 15
- Developed back problems when he was 19, during an 18-month stint as a member of the German Air Force.
  Marching with 30-pound pack and rifle led to two stress fractures and bulging discs
- Devout Christian, helped organize the regular meetings of the European Tour Bible Class
- Website is bernhardlanger.de
- Started skiing at age 4 and would say he's a "scratch skier."
- Also enjoys driving fast cars
- Conducts an annual charity event for Youth for Christ. Event has raised \$140,000
- Favorite courses are Cypress Point and Augusta National
- Dream foursome would include Lee Trevino, Ben Hogan and Byron Nelson
- Admires Mother Teresa
- Best tip he ever received is to pay attention to fundamentals
- Favorite book is The Bible
- Top athlete is Bjorn Borg
- First job was as a teaching professional
- Daughter, Christina, plays golf at Florida Atlantic University.

## **2014 Champions Tour Highlights**

Even in his mid-50s, left no doubt he was the best player on the Champions Tour. Earned Player of the Year honors for an unprecedented fourth time (2008-10) and 2014 on the strength of five victories, the most by a player in a season since he won five in 2010. A pair of titles came in major championships. In addition to his two majors, was among the top-10 finishers in the other three Champions Tour majors, and he claimed his first Charles Schwab Cup since 2010, clinching the season-long points race in the final full-field event of the season, a T6 at the AT&T Championship. Broke Hale Irwin's all-time record for most money earned in a year (\$3,028,304 in 2002) when he finished with \$3,074,189 after his T4 performance at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship, the year's final event. It was the sixth time in the last seven years he has collected the Arnold Palmer Award as the Champions Tour's leader in yearly earnings. During this span, the only time he failed to do so was in 2011 when he was sidelined for part of the year with a thumb injury. Collected the Byron Nelson Award for a third time (2008-09) with a Scoring Average of 68.03, second only to Fred Couples' all-time mark (67.96) in 2010. Set an all-time record on any Tour for Greens In Regulation, hitting an amazing 78.35 percent over his 66 rounds.

Highlights of his year were multiple major titles during the summer, the second time he's won a pair of major championships in the same season (2010), and he joined Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, becoming just the third player to claim multiple majors in a season twice.

Sank a 5-foot birdie putt on the second playoff hole to defeat Jeff Sluman and win the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. The victory was his 21st of his Champions Tour career and his third different major title, becoming the first player to collect U.S. Senior Open (2010), Senior Open Championship (2010) and Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS titles in a career. Victory at Fox Chapel GC, coupled with countryman Martin Kaymer's win earlier in the season on the PGA TOUR at THE PLAYERS, marked the first time professionals from the same country other than the United States claimed both PLAYERS' titles in the same season. Win near Pittsburgh also marked the fourth time in his career he's claimed three or more titles in a Champions Tour season. Held a three-stroke lead over Kenny

Perry after 54 holes, but shot 70 in the final round and had to earn a playoff spot with Sluman when he holed a miraculous 50-foot birdie putt on the 71st hole, the par-3 17th. After both players made par on the first extra hole, he pitched his third shot from 30 yards to within five feet on the par-5 18th and converted the putt for the win One month later at Royal Porthcawl in Wales, claimed his second Senior Open Championship with the most-dominating performance in the history of the circuit. Cruised to a 13-stroke win over Colin Montgomerie with four consecutive rounds in the 60s. His 18-under 266 total was a championship record to par. Winning margin eclipsed Irwin's 12-stroke triumph at the 1997 Senior PGA Championship. He joined Tom Watson, Gary Player, Bob Charles, Brian Barnes, Christy O'Connor, Jr., and Loren Roberts as the seventh multiple winner of The Senior Open Championship. Victory in Wales also lifted him over the \$2-million mark in 2014 earnings in his 14th appearance of the year.

Tied Bob Charles for fifth place on the Champions Tour's all-time victory list when he picked up his 23rd career title at the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Came from four strokes back to edge both Woody Austin and Mark O'Meara for the title and went all 54 holes at En-Joie without making a bogey, a first for him in his career. Victory in Endicott, N.Y., was his fifth title of the season, matching his career-best in 2010.

Opened the Champions Tour's 35th season by winning his second Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. Used a run of five consecutive birdies over the last six holes to pull away from Couples and Sluman. Trailed Sluman by a stroke early on the back nine but tied him at the 13th hole, with the first of five consecutive birdies. Winning total of 22-under 194 proved to be the second lowest winning 54-hole score of the year. His 19th career victory extended his streak of years with at least one title to eight.

Notched his 20th career victory, and third Insperity Invitational title, holding off Couples by a stroke at The Woodlands. It marked the first time in his Champions Tour career that he won the same tournament three times. Win near Houston made him the 10th player in Champions Tour history with 20 wins or more in his career. Became the first player to reach the 20-win plateau since Gil Morgan on June 17, 2001, at the Instinet Classic. Victory at the Insperity Invitational made him the first multiple winner on the circuit in 2014 and gave him multiple wins in six of seven full seasons on the Champions Tour. Victory also lifted him over the \$1-million mark in 2014 earnings in just his seventh start.

Was also second in four tournaments, including three times over a four-event stretch early in the season Shared the 36-hole lead with eventual winner Kirk Triplett at The ACE Group Classic but saw his chances slip away when he bogeyed the final hole and Triplett made a clutch par putt.

Was again T2 in his next start at the Toshiba Classic. Was the 18- and 36-hole leader and rebounded from a pair of bogeys on the front nine Sunday to get back into contention. However, was unable to catch eventual-winner Couples even though he made three birdies on his final nine.

In mid-April, carded three straight rounds of 68 in defense of his Greater Gwinnett Championship title near Atlanta but was still second to Miguel Angel Jimenez by two strokes.

Almost won in Minnesota between his victory at the Senior Open Championship and the Dick's Sporting Goods Open. Staged a late back-nine rally at the 3M Championship only to fall one stroke short against Kenny Perry. Trailed by four strokes at the turn, but climbed into contention after making birdies on five of his first six holes on the back nine. Finally tied for the lead with a birdie at No. 17 only to see Perry win minutes later when he made a 15-foot birdie on No. 18. His 54-hole total of 22-under-par 194 was the second-lowest score to not win an event. Only Don Pooley's 24-under-par 192 at the 2006 MasterCard Championship at Hualalai was lower.

At one point dating back to the 2013 season, had a streak of 22 straight sub-par rounds and 31 scores of par/better that eventually was snapped when he opened with a 2-over-par 74 at the Regions Tradition.

Also saw a run of 20 straight top-10 finishes come to an end in Chicago when he was T20 at the Encompass Championship. Streak had dated to the summer of 2013 after he was T14 at the U.S. Senior Open in Omaha on July 14.

Made one appearance on the European Senior Tour, losing in a playoff at the Winstongolf Senior Open in Vorbeck, Germany. Was tied at the close of 54 holes with Paul Wesselingh and Phil Golding. However, he lost the event when Wesselingh won with a birdie on the third extra hole.

In his 31st Masters Tournament appearance, made the cut for the 23rd time and closed with a 3-under-par 69 to finish T8. It was his best showing at Augusta National since 2004, when he was T4.

Closed out his stellar season in December when he teamed with his son, Jason, to win the PNC Father/Son Challenge in Orlando by two strokes over Davis Love III and son, Dru.

# **CHAMPIONS TOUR VICTORIES (23)**

2014 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. 2014 Insperity Invitational. 2014 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. 2014 The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. 2014 Dick's Sporting Goods Open. 2013 ACE Group Classic. 2013 Greater Gwinnett Championship. 2012 3M Championship. 2012 SAS Championship. 2011 The ACE Group Classic. 2010 Allianz Championship. 2010 Outback Steakhouse Pro-Am. 2010 The Senior Open Championship. 2010 U.S. Senior Open Championship. 2010 Boeing Classic. 2009 Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. 2009 Liberty Mutual Legends of Golf. 2009 Triton Financial Classic. 2009 3M Championship. 2008 Toshiba Classic. 2008 Ginn Championship Hammock Beach Resort. 2008 Administaff Small Business Classic. 2007 Administaff Small Business Classic. SHOW MORELESS

## **PGA TOUR VICTORIES (3)**

1993 Masters Tournament. 1985 Masters Tournament. 1985 Sea Pines Heritage.

## INTERNATIONAL VICTORIES (2)

2008 Casa Serena Open. 2012 Nedbank Champions Challenge.

## **OTHER VICTORIES (59)**

1974 German National Open Championship, 1977 German National Open Championship, 1979 German National Open Championship, 1980 Dunlop Masters, Colombian Open. 1981 German National Open Championship, Bob Hope British Classic. 1982 Lufthansa German Open. 1983 Italian Open, Glasgow Golf Classic, St. Mellion Timeshare TPC, Casio World Open [Jpn]. 1984 Peugeot Open de France, KLM Dutch Open, Carroll's Irish Open, Benson & Hedges Spanish Open, German National Open Championship. 1985 Lufthansa German Open, Panasonic European Open, Australian Masters, German National Open Championship. 1986 German Open, Lancome Trophy, German National Open Championship. 1987 Whyte & Mackay PGA Championship, Carroll's Irish Open, German National Open Championship, 1988 Epson Grand Prix of Europe, German National Open Championship, 1989 Peugeot Spanish Open, German Masters, German National Open Championship. 1990 Cepsa Madrid Open, Austrian Open, German National Open Championship, World Cup [with Torsten Gideon]. 1991 Benson & Hedges International Open, Mercedes German Masters, German National Open Championship, Hong Kong Open. 1992 Heineken Dutch Open, Honda Open, German National Open Championship, 1993 Volvo PGA Championship, Volvo German Open, World Cup [indiv]. 1994 Murphy's Irish Open, Volvo Masters. 1995 Volvo PGA Championship, Deutsche Bank Open TPC of Europe, Smurfit European Open. 1996 Alfred Dunhill Masters. 1997 Conte of Florence Italian Open, Benson & Hedges International Open, Chemapol Trophy Czech Open, Linde German Masters, Argentinian Masters [SA]. 2001 The TNT Open, Linde German Masters. 2002 Volvo Masters [tie, with Colin Montgomerie]. 2005 MBNA WorldPoints Father-Son Challenge [with Stefan]. 2006 Del Webb Father-Son Challenge [with Stefan], World Golf Championships-Barbados World Cup [with Marcel Siem]. 2014 PNC Father/Son Challenge [with Jason].