

Lee Trevino

How special has the PNC event been to you?

“We love this tournament. We started out in Florida and have ended up here at the Ritz. What makes this so special is that everything is on campus. You don’t have to go anywhere, don’t have to drive. I like the date now, as opposed to a week later. A week later is closer to Christmas. Even though we’re old, we still celebrate Christmas. So, I would like to see it keep this same week, the first week in December.”

“Healthwise, I’m not doing great. I’m 80 years old now. My knees are giving me trouble. My son carried us more this year than he has in the past. He played a lot better this year. I putted better this year than last year. But, of the 22 of these I have played in, this is the lowest score I have posted.”

On Jack Nicklaus turning 80 and how he was as a competitor

“Well, everyone knows it. I mean, the guy was 70-something tournament and 18 of those were major championships. So, we know what kind of golfer he was. We were all competitive. We were not playing each other. You have to understand that there are 144 players, or whatever, in the field. 70, probably, after the cut. If you start messing around trying to mess with one person, you’re probably very stupid. That’s because there are another 68 guys trying to pass you. But, if we were one or two shots back, we might look at the board to see who was leading and we knew that if we shot 67, 68, we’d win the golf tournament. That’s what we focused on. Nicklaus was phenomenal at it. He could almost tell you what the score was going to be. But, we knew his name was going to be there when we started. Jack was so much longer and stronger than all of us. So, if the course had four or five par-5s, Jack Nicklaus was 3-under when he parked his car, cuz he could hit all those par-5s in two. We had to really work for our birdies.”