

# Watson's 'Lessons Of A Lifetime' The Perfect Holiday Gift

World Golf Hall of Famer and eight-time major championship winner Tom Watson is sure to spread lots of holiday cheer with his comprehensive instructional DVD set titled "Tom Watson — Lessons of a Lifetime."

In Lessons of a Lifetime, Watson shares his knowledge of the golf swing and the game accumulated with references throughout to what he learned from the greats of the game including Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino.

The best-selling, two-DVD set is the must-have gift for beginners, weekend warriors and low handicappers alike, as it contains close to three hours of instruction. With an accompanying booklet of 44 lessons, embodying Watson's practical experiences and competitive winning strategies, Lessons of a Lifetime is one holiday gift that golfers will enjoy for many seasons to come.

The DVD set is available for \$49.95 at select golf and sporting goods retailers, on-course golf shops and online at [www.tomwatsondvd.com](http://www.tomwatsondvd.com). The set is also available to purchase by telephone at 1-800-993-5589. Domestic and international shipping is available at [www.tomwatson.com](http://www.tomwatson.com) and through Amazon.



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Golfers can even preview eight excerpts from the DVD set before purchasing by clicking on

TomWatsonGolf's YouTube channel at [www.youtube.com/user/TomWatsonGolf](http://www.youtube.com/user/TomWatsonGolf).

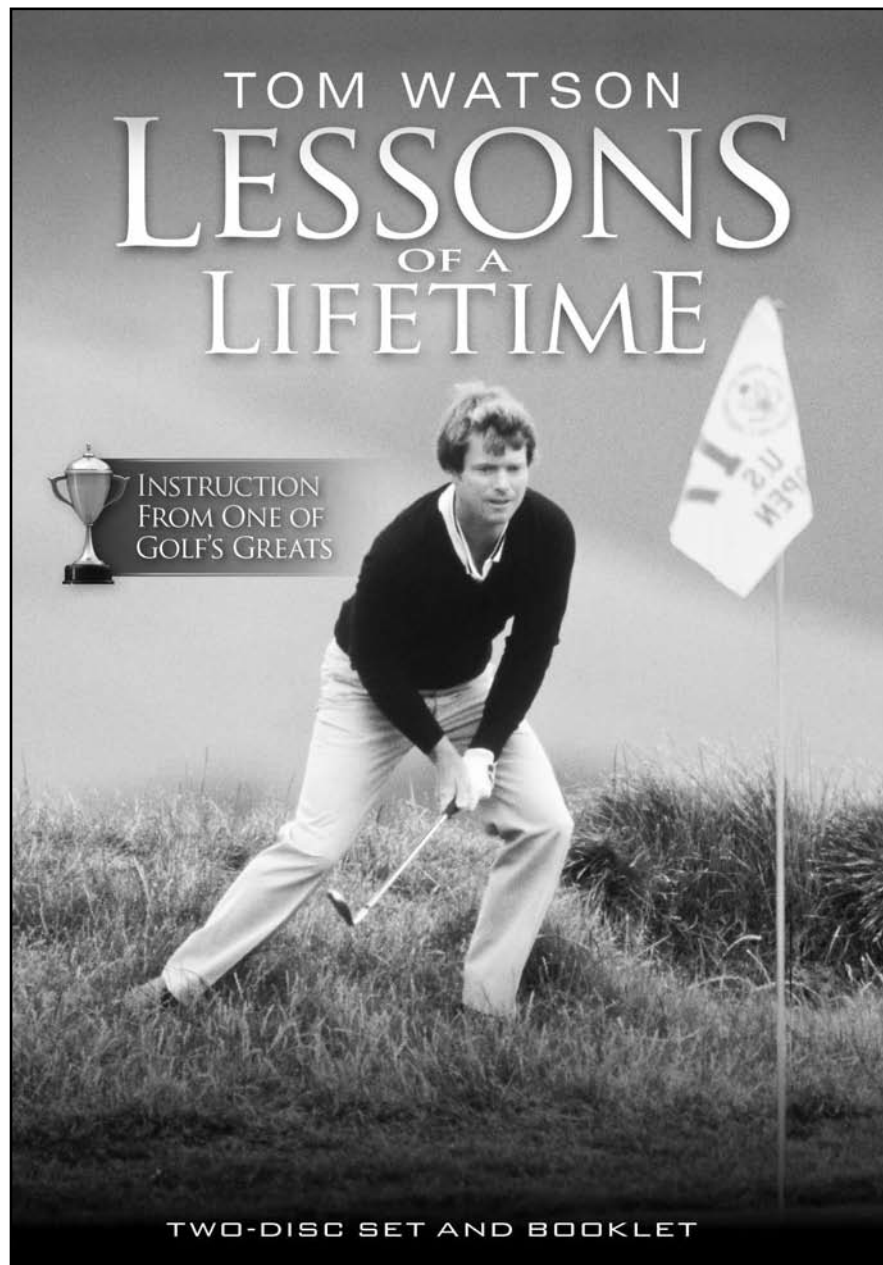
The two-DVD set, filmed at The Greenbrier Resort in West Virginia where Watson is golf professional emeritus, is a comprehensive learning experience, covering all facets of the game — from the grip to full shots, to chipping, putting and the secret of his timeless swing, plus specialty shots including those required in strong wind conditions.

Watson, a graduate of Stanford University who was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 1988, concludes the DVD set with a moving tribute to his "caddie for life," Bruce Edwards, who passed away in April 2004 from ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease. Golfers and non-golfers alike will find Lessons for Life is worth the price, just for this heart-touching segment alone. The tribute concludes with a song written and composed by Watson's stepdaughter, Kelly Paige. A portion of the DVD sales goes toward helping find a cure for this dreaded and, at present, incurable disease.

Directed by award-winning Terry Jastrow, Lessons of a Lifetime embodies the practical experiences and competitive winning strategies that have earned Watson professional recognition as one of the greatest players of all time.

"Tom Watson applies the same sense of determination and

purpose in his new DVD instructional set," says Jastrow, "as he has to his competitive golf game. It's fifty years of experience from one



of the game's masters."

Watson's eight major championships include five British Open titles between 1977 and 1983, the 1977 and '81 Masters and the 1982 U.S. Open, placing him sixth on all-time major championship victory list. Watson is one of fourteen players to have won at least three of golf's four major titles. He finished his regular PGA Tour career with 39 victories and added four significant international titles, including the 1984 Australian Open.

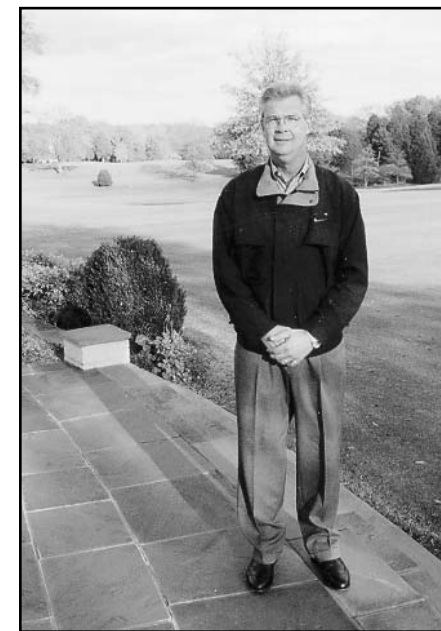
On the Senior, now Champions Tour, Watson has won 13 times,

including four major championships. He won the Senior PGA in 2001, the Senior British Open and the Tradition in 2003 and the Senior British Open again in 2005.

Just last year, only two months shy of his 60th birthday, Watson came close to making golf history again, taking Stewart Cink to a four-hole playoff before losing the British Open at Turnberry. The seemingly ageless legend was in position to claim his sixth Open title when he headed to the 72nd hole with a one-stroke lead. But he followed a good drive with an 8-iron approach that rolled through the green and down a slope. After putting up to within eight feet, however, he failed to convert his par-saving attempt, forcing a playoff with Cink.

"I was fortunate to have received excellent instruction early in my life," says Watson, a Kansas City native who, now at age 61, shows no signs of slowing down. "When I was 6 years old, my father, Ray Watson, cut down a hickory-shafted 5-iron, then proceeded to teach me the grip and how to hook and slice the ball — all the basic fundamentals of the game. It's all this knowledge I've accumulated that I'd like to share with golfers in Lessons of a Lifetime."

Consistency, contact, alignment, firmness of grip, pivot points, release, rhythm and legendary coach Harvey Penick's "dead-aim" philosophy are all covered in the two comprehensive DVDs. Watson's instruction comes across in an easy-to-understand manner making it seem your standing right beside him on the tee or green.



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and ninth tee, as well as special food and beverage service. Champions Club ticket packages start at \$895.

Another premium package will offer admission to the Executive Club at 17th Green, where food and beverage service will be included. Special package rates provide discounts for groups of 10 or more.

For additional ticket information, including information about any of the premium packages, call 704-554-8101. For details regarding private corporate venues, please call the tournament office at 704-554-8084.

## Hamilton Captures Final eGolf Event

PINE MOUNTAIN, Ga. — Thanks largely to a final-round 64, Alex Hamilton of Aiken, S.C., made the season ending Callaway Gardens Championship his second career victory on the eGolf Professional Tour when that event was played Oct. 12-14.

Hamilton's 15-under-par 199 total earned him a three-shot victory over Jack Newman, a 2009 Masters participant as the 2008 U.S. Public Links champion, and the \$19,000 winner's check. The win was his first since capturing the tour's Rock Hill Invitational in March 2006.

"These fields are so good now, so this win means a lot more to me," Hamilton said. "It's a much bigger win than the first one."

On a tough scoring day when wind sent many scores soaring, Hamilton's 64 was even more impressive, as he was one of only six players to break 70. The next best final-round scores were 67s turned in by two Sandhills area players, David Sanchez of Pinehurst and Andy Bare of West End.

The victory gave Hamilton quite a confidence boost as he prepared for the PGA Tour's Qualifying School.

"I feel like I'm playing well and everything is coming together well," he said. "I made it to the finals from here last year, so hopefully I can make it to finals again this year. We'll see what happens."

Just a week before coming to Callaway Gardens, Hamilton, a conditional Nationwide Tour player this year, Monday qualified for the PGA Tour's McGladrey Classic at Sea Island, Ga., where he finished tied for 45th.

"That definitely helped. It was my first PGA Tour weekend, and I had a chance to win with 19 holes to play," said Hamilton. "Sea Island is very tough. If you get it a bit off line, you can make bogey quickly."

Hamilton spent the final round at Callaway Gardens ignoring the scoreboard, a lesson he learned the hard way the week prior.

"At the (McGladrey), I looked at the scoreboard a little too much and it had a negative effect," he said. "So I decided today that I wouldn't look and would instead just try to stay in the process."

## Weaver Wins First As A Professional

CONCORD — A former college standout at Virginia Tech and the 2007 British Amateur champion, Drew Weaver had not won since turning pro at the first of this year. But that all changed when the High Point native birdied the first playoff hole in the eGolf Tour's Caddy For A Cure Classic presented by Sharpie.

The tournament was played Sept. 22-24 at Cabarrus Country Club and the victory was worth \$17,000 to Weaver. Tadd Fujikawa of Honolulu and Charlotte's Fernando Mechereffe, who also finished at 17-under-par 199, shared second place to win \$9,250 each.

Second-round leader Jason Caron of Jupiter, Fla., carded a closing 71 to slip into a six-way tie for seventh at 14 under. Also at that figure was Georgia's Brian Harman, who was looking for his second straight victory on the eGolf Tour after winning the Manor Classic two weeks earlier.

"I knew I was close, but I didn't want to get too wrapped up in looking at the scoreboard," said Weaver, who arrived at the par-5 18th in a three-way tie for the lead with Fujikawa and Mechereffe and had to hole a delicate five-footer for par to hold on to his berth in the playoff.

But Weaver made a quick work of the playoff when his approach to the par-4 14th, the first extra hole, settled within tap-in range at a hole he had just birdied an hour before.

"I hit a sand wedge from 112 up there to two feet, so I knew I had a good chance," Weaver said. "But with Tadd, you always think his putt is going to go in, and Fernando's short game is great, so you never know."

"I took about 100 deep breaths while they were finishing, so that helped to calm the nerves a little bit," he said.

Of his first win as a professional, Weaver said, "It's huge. I couldn't ask to be playing any better right now. One thing I've learned out here is that you can't get caught up in one week; you just have to build on each day."

## Harman Notches Initial Pro Victory

FARMVILLE, Va. — Two-time Walker Cup player Brian Harman had posted eight top-10 finishes in 11 starts since turning professional but was yet to hoist a trophy.

But the St. Simons Island, Ga., lefthander fired rounds of 69-65-70-68—272 to claim a three-shot victory at the Manor Classic played Sept 8-11 here. The victory was worth \$15,000.

The eTour's leading money winner, Jason Kokrak of Warren, Ohio, and Drew Weaver, a High Point native who shares an apartment on St. Simons Island with Harman, finished tied for second at 275 to win \$8,500 each. Weaver closed with a 68, Kokrak a 69.

Ironically, it was Harman's apart-

ment mate who provided a catalyst for the victory. The ultimate winner had started slowly, with just one birdie in the first four holes adding to his two-shot overnight lead. But on the downhill par-4 fifth, Weaver holed his approach for a dramatic eagle that cut into Harman's lead.

"I made a really nice putt on No. 4, and then Drew holes out on No. 5 for eagle," said Harman. "But then, I started making birdies and it was off to the races."

Harman reeled off three birdies over the next four holes to make the turn with a five-shot lead. Comfortably in front, the normally aggressive Harman was able to throttle back on the way to his first victory.

"I took some pretty conservative lines on my approaches into the greens, knowing the tournament was mine to lose," said Harman. "That's not usually something I'm good at — aiming away from flags. But I knew if I just played a bit safe, that I could win."

## Rain Cancels St. James Classic

SOUTHPORT, N.C. — Following a 48-hour period in which the greater Southport area received more than 17 inches of rain, the eGolf Professional Tour was forced to cancel the St. James Classic due to unplayable course conditions.

The event had been scheduled for Sept. 29-Oct. 1. The St. James Classic was to have been the penultimate event on the eGolf calendar.

## Par-Busters Set Club Championship

The Par-Busters Golf Group will play its 2010 Club Championship on Sunday, Nov. 14, at Birkdale Golf Club in Huntersville. The 9:30 shotgun start will also feature a member-guest format.

Entry fee for the tournament is \$70 per player and includes green and cart fees, range balls, prizes and food. The tournament is limited to 60 players with the entry deadline set for Nov. 7. For more information, contact John Love at 704-392-1036 or 980-253-1176 or Andre Springs at 704-605-0273.

