

JERRY KELLY

Q. All right, Jer. welcome back to La Paloma, Cologuard Classic by Exact Sciences. Talk to me about your round today, what this week means to you and just being back here and why you keep choosing to be the tournament host for this.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah, the round today is not about me getting ready to play a golf tournament, it's not about even looking at the golf course. I didn't even hit any extra putts, I didn't do anything.

It's to be there for the survivors.

You know, we had two in our group today, and it just means so much to me to be able to give them something because what they're going through and who they've lost, I mean, it hits you pretty deep.

So to have them out there, you just got to have smiles on the entire time and make sure they have the most fun that they could possibly have on a golf course, show 'em that that can happen on a golf course. May not see it all that much with us. It's just really special to be out there with them.

Q. We just talked to Pdraig and I mentioned to him about the new Birdies for Survivors.

JERRY KELLY: Yeah.

Q. He said that for every birdie he makes, he will too match the \$1,500. What does that mean to you and what does the player buy-in mean?

JERRY KELLY: Oh, I'm not letting him do that without me, are you kidding me? I'm in, I'm in. I'm doing \$1,501.

Q. Of course you are.

JERRY KELLY: No, I've talked with Paddy about this event. You know, he and so many of the players, all the players have bought in that this is so much more than a golf tournament. This movement to get people screened, they see, and they've played with people who we have lost.

It's something that we don't have to go through if we get screened, we don't have to lose people to this disease. It's amazing, there's still 60 million out there that are behind in their

screening. I can't say it loud enough and often enough and I'm going to keep doing it. Yeah, we need to get the awareness out.

Q. Just overall thoughts on how Cologuard is doing and what this tournament means? Miller said as well just that this tournament has become almost the No. 1 colorectal cancer event for people to come in and how many people are coming in this weekend.

JERRY KELLY: We had initially I think about three coalitions. You know, the groups that support, whether it's advocates, survivors or caregivers. Now we've got pretty close to 30, I think, coming.

I mean, that's a sea of blue that we're going to have out there and it keeps on going every single year. And the larger that sea grows, that's how many more voices are speaking up and getting the word out.

And a lot of them aren't even able to stay until the end of the tournament because they're going to D.C. and they're going to shout this in front of congress.

So yeah, I think bipartisanly they better get behind this program, otherwise I'm coming into Congress and letting 'em have it.

These people are nonstop, they're nonstop and so passionate about it. A lot of 'em, they've been hit with the worst possible thing that can happen. You know, a lot of 'em are -- the support, you know the families of the ones that we've lost and they don't want it to happen to another family, you know?

All it takes is sometimes grabbing somebody by the arm and saying, hey, I've got this person over here that can write you a script, let's get this done now. Why wait?

That's what we're trying to do, we're trying to shake people up almost more now than just talk about it. We're trying to really go, hey, come now, we've got somebody on site, Dr. Angie Nicholas, who can write prescriptions. She said, "I've been getting called off the hook, players, caddies," you know? It's what it's about and we're just going to keep going.

Q. What are the biggest challenges of playing on this course?

JERRY KELLY: I'd say if the wind blows, hitting those driving lines, that's the biggest thing. It really pinches down the further you go, and then the further you lay back, these are tough little sections of greens to hit. So you would like to push it down there as far as you can.

But if the wind is blowing, a lot of elevated shots, the wind is hitting that ball a lot longer when it's going downhill than it does on a normal shot. It's very tough that way.

Q. So how are you preparing for what tomorrow might bring weather wise?

JERRY KELLY: You can't prepare for that. You just have to know it's coming and try to have the right frame of mind. It's a grinding mentality and that's kind of what I've staked my career on.

But I'm old, my hands get frozen, my feet get frozen, my back gets tired. But you have to stay up for every single shot when you're cold, when you're wet, when it's windy. It's tough, but that's golf.