



2015 Shaw Charity Classic

(17th of 25 Charles Schwab Cup events on the 2015 Champions Tour)

Calgary, Alberta, Canada
Canyon Meadows Golf & CC

August 7, 2015
Par/Yards: 70/7,086

First-Round Notes – Friday, August 7, 2015

Weather: Mostly sunny and pleasant with highs ranging from the low-50s in the morning to the low-70s in the afternoon. Winds from the NW at 6-12 mph. Lift, clean and place rules were in effect.

Current Leaderboard:

1.	Colin Montgomerie	62/-8
2.	Peter Senior	63/-7
T3.	Scott McCarron	65/-5
	Tommy Armour III	65/-5
	Corey Pavin	65/-5
	Michael Allen	65/-5
	Stephen Ames	65/-5
	Skip Kendall	65/-5

Charles Schwab Cup leader Colin Montgomerie showed he was no stranger to the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club course in Friday's opening round of the third annual Shaw Charity Classic. Making his first appearance in the event, the World Golf Hall of Famer blistered the 7,086-yard layout with an 8-under-par 62 to lead Australian Peter Senior by one stroke. Montgomerie's card showed nine birdies and just one bogey on his way to the first-round lead. Playing in a grouping with Fred Couples and Miguel Angel Jimenez, Montgomerie turned at 5-under-par on the front nine and recorded his only bogey at No. 12. His 62 was just one shy of the tournament scoring record set in the final round by Fred Couples in 2014.

The 8-under-par 62 by Colin Montgomerie matched the best first-round score in tournament history. Bart Bryant and Tom Pernice, Jr., each had 62 a year ago.

Colin Montgomerie's 62 matched his low round on the Champions Tour. He also had a 62 in the final round of the 2014 Toshiba Classic.

The 8-under-par 62 by Montgomerie was his sixth consecutive round in the 60s on the Champions Tour and the 13th in his last 16 starts on Tour.

Peter Senior had his best round in a Champions Tour event since March, 2014 when he fired a 7-under-par 63 on Friday to match his career-low round on Tour. Senior also fashioned a 63 at the Newport Beach event last year and had a 63 at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship in 2013.

Calgary resident Stephen Ames shot a 5-under-par 65 and led all players with the fewest putts in his round – 23. His round included 11 one-putts.

The course yielded just three eagles and 274 birdies on Friday. A year ago there were nine eagles and 312 birdies. In 2013 there were 16 eagles and 331 birdies in the opening round.

Peter Senior, Scott McCarron, Corey Pavin, Tom Byrum, Guy Boros and Jeff Freeman all posted bogey-free rounds.

The day's most impressive performance was turned in by Corey Pavin, who shot a 5-under-par 65. Pavin has been battling a kidney stone all week.

Defending champion Fred Couples fired a 3-under-par 67 to open his title defense.

Mark O'Meara and Fred Couples each posted their seventh consecutive round in the 60s in this event. O'Meara shot a 4-under-par 66, while Couples finished with a 3-under-par 67.

On Friday a total of 41 players' bettered par, a drop from 56 in 2014. There were 59 players under par in the inaugural event.

John Cook and Jeff Hart hit all 13 fairways on Friday to lead in that category.

The field scoring average was 69.247 on Friday, nearly a stroke higher than a year ago (68.457). In 2013 the field averaged 69.074 (course played as a par-71 that year).

The most difficult hole was No. 7 with an average score of 4.198 (+.198), while No. 11 was the easiest at 4.383 (-.617). There was one eagle and 49 birdies.

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