

August 28 – September 1, 2013

Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club

Calgary, Alberta

Par/Yards: 35-36—71/7,117 yards Purse: \$2 million

Wednesday, August 28, 2013

WEDNESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP

President's Cup Captains, Nick Price and Fred Couples, to visit Media Centre on Thursday

Tournament headliners, Nick Price and Fred Couples, will drop into the Shaw Charity Classic Media Centre on Thursday following their rounds at the RBC Championship Pro-Am.

It will be the lone media opportunity for the two President's Cup captains prior to competing in the Shaw Charity Classic.

9 a.m. – Nick Price (Tee #1)

9:20 a.m. – Fred Couples (Tee #1)

Thursday's Featured RBC Championship Pro-Am Tee Times

8:30 a.m. Jay Haas (Tee #1)

8:50 a.m. Steve Jones (Tee #1)

9 a.m. Nick Price (Tee #1)

9:10 a.m. Larry Mize (Tee #1)

9:20 a.m. Fred Couples (Tee #1)

9:30 a.m. Tom Lehman (Tee #10)

12:20 p.m. Craig Stadler (Tee #1)

12:40 p.m. Fred Funk (Tee #1)

12:50 p.m. Steve Elkington (Tee #1)

Yakking with Rocco in the Media Room

“The Champions Tour is as good of a competition as you could ask for anywhere. Anyone wants to come out, think they can beat us up, regular TOUR, any Tour, bring it – see how you do. Some of the courses we play are longer than TOUR events. There are a lot of 2- and 3-irons, lot of 3- and 4-irons into par 3s. There are long enough par 5s where you can hardly reach some of them. So like I said, if any of the guys think you can beat us, c’mon out, we’re right here. Bring it!”

“Went to Banff yesterday and looked around. It is awesome. It is actually amazing up there. I love it here. I’m sure the community will love the tournament. I hope so because there hasn’t been much golf here. There should be, and now there is!”

“Tom Watson was my hero so when he is in the field I will go watch him hit balls. You don’t get that in any other sport. This is a great Tour to watch because everybody’s hero is still playing. That’s pretty cool!”

Amateur Doug Gunn Aces Par-3, 14th hole

The biggest day in Doug Gunn’s amateur golf career got a whole lot more memorable on the back nine of the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club on Wednesday.

Gunn aced the par-3, 14th hole with a seven-iron while playing with Champions Tour professional, Mike Goodes, in the RBC Championship Pro-Am.

“I knew it was going towards the green, but I actually didn’t see it go in,” said Gunn following his first-ever hole-in-one. “I hit it, said okay and picked up my tee. I looked at Mike (caddie) and he said it went in the hole. This is a golfer’s dream come true. I love being out here and it is just the icing on the cake to have a hole-in-one.”

Mike Hulbert added to Shaw Charity Classic Field

Mike Hulbert will tee it up on Friday for the opening round of the inaugural Shaw Charity Classic. Hulbert replaced Chie-Hsiang Lin, who was disqualified from the event after missing his Wednesday Pro-Am time.

RBC Championship Pro-Am Offers Lasting Memories

More than 140 amateur golfers enjoyed a day they will talk about for the rest of their lives while teeing it up with the legends of golf in Wednesday's RBC Championship Pro-Am at Canyon Meadows.

The unique day on the links presented an opportunity for Champions Tour professionals to evaluate their game, the golf course and their amateur competition.

"My focus, [playing in the pro-am], is on the amateur players, making sure that they enjoy the day," said pro Brian Henninger. "I'm going to make some bad shots because I'm not that engaged. I love the pro-am format so it's fun."

Amateur Rick Fauteux teed it up with touring professional, Gene Jones. The pro was in a teaching mood and Fauteux was ready to learn. "Well you know you learn a lot, he's a nice fellow, he taught us a few things. His caddie was real good to us too. It's a lot of fun."

While the pros are ultimately here to compete and win the tournament, they also enjoy playing in the pro-am. Champions Tour rookie Rocco Mediate, who captured his first victory this year, said he uses the pro-am to "entertain and have some fun, but when the bell rings, the whole thing is different."

For Mediate, the bell rings on Friday at 10:10 a.m. with the start of his first round. Mediate was six-under-par on his pro-am round Wednesday. It's safe to say this pro is ready for class to start, with the hopes that he can teach his fellow competitors a lesson too.

RBC Donates \$100,000 to Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation

RBC Foundation announced at Tuesday's Shaw Charity Classic Pro-Am Pairings Party a \$100,000 commitment to the Alberta Children's Hospital Foundation in support of a groundbreaking Mental Health Literacy program to be introduced in schools across Calgary. The program is aimed at helping students and teachers learn how to distinguish between mental health problems, distress and disorders and how to access support and resources. It incorporates mental health into everyday classroom discussion, reducing the tendency to sensationalize and ostracize those who are affected.

“We are extremely proud to partner with Alberta Children’s Hospital Foundation to support the mental health and well-being of children,” said Derek Neldner, regional head, Alberta, RBC Capital Markets. “For nearly 25 years, RBC has worked with the Alberta Children’s Hospital and today’s funding announcement will help specialists educate, provide a greater understanding of mental health issues and reduce stigma.”

As an official partner, RBC’s contribution to this initiative will help the Shaw Charity Classic reach their philanthropic goal to raise money to support children’s charities across southern Alberta.

Quote of the Day

“Freddie is number one in the class of who people should come out to watch this week in my opinion. He’s our pied piper out here I would say. He moves the needle like Tiger moves it on the PGA TOUR. There is just something about him. He’s one of my best friends and obviously we’re doing the Presidents Cup together, but to watch him play, he still hits it probably equal to the guys on the PGA TOUR length-wise. He just plays spectacular golf.”

...Jay Haas

Did You Know?

- It was 30 years ago today that Nick Price won his first of 18 PGA TOUR titles. Price fired his way into the winner’s circle at the World Series of Golf in Akron, Ohio.
- Mike Read, who will tee it up this week in Calgary, won his first PGA TOUR event in style 25 years ago after defeating Tom Watson on the first playoff hole at the NEC World Series of Golf.
- Hale Irwin was the last Champions Tour player to shoot his age in an event. The now 68-year- old accomplished the feat at the 2012 3M Championship when he fired an opening-round 65. It was the first time ever that the three-time U.S. Open winner bettered his age.
- The last time the entire Champions Tour field was over par in a round was at the 2005 Senior British Open Championship.

Canada’s Jim Rutledge to Hit First Tee Shot at Shaw Charity Classic

Victoria's Jim Rutledge will be first off the tee at the inaugural Shaw Charity Classic when the opening round gets underway on Friday, August 29. Rutledge, a regular on the Champions Tour, will play with Jeff Brehaut and Barry Lane.

First Round Featured Pairings

8:00 a.m. **Jim Rutledge (Victoria)**, Jeff Brehaut, Barry Lane

8:50 a.m. John Jacobs, **Dave Barr (Kelowna, B.C.)**, Neal Lancaster

9:30 a.m. Bart Bryant, Joe Daley, **Rod Spittle (St. Catharine's, Ont.)**

10:00 a.m. David Frost, Jay Haas, Mark O'Meara

10:10 a.m. Esteban Toledo, Tom Lehman, Rocco Mediate

10:30 a.m. Fred Couples, Nick Price, John Cook

11:00 a.m. Craig Stadler, Hale Irwin, Bob Tway

Shaw Charity Classic Radar:

- The second and final RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Thursday which will include the majority of the Shaw Charity Classic field. Tee times will begin at 7:50 a.m. *Thursday Tee Times are attached to e-mail.*
- Shaw Concert featuring Great Big Sea with special guests, The Trews, will take place on Thursday evening at 6 p.m. The sold out party will be held at Shaw Millenium Park.
- Opening round of the 54-hole Shaw Charity Classic tees off at 8 a.m.

Tournament Information:

Event web site – www.shawcharityclassic.com

Champions Tour information - <http://pgatourgolfmedia.com> (must login)

Ticket and Parking Information:

Tickets for the Shaw Charity Classic are available online at www.shawcharityclassic.com. Youth 17 and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult.

The quickest and greenest way to get the Shaw Charity Classic is to use the LRT to get to Anderson Station where free shuttles will run continuously every five minutes from Anderson Station to the Spectator Entrance at Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club. Shuttles will run from 7 a.m. to one hour after play finishes each day of the tournament.

About the Shaw Charity Classic

The inaugural Shaw Charity Classic will host some of the greatest names in the game of golf in Calgary at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 28 to September 1, 2013. The field, which will consist of 81 stars on the Champions Tour, will compete for US \$2 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$300,000 and 300 Charles Schwab Cup Points. The inaugural Champions Tour stop in Western Canada, the Shaw Charity Classic will showcase Calgary to the world through its broadcast on the Golf Channel. Led by a philanthropic Patron Group including Tournament Chairman – Clay Riddell, Vice Chairman – Allan Markin, Keith MacPhail, Jim Riddell, Guy Turcotte and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, the Shaw Charity Classic will remain true to the Champions Tour's goal of supporting the community. The Shaw Charity Classic is proud to support Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta, Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre, KidSport Calgary, and the Southern Alberta Emergency Relief Fund. For tickets, or more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter @shawclassic. The Shaw Charity Classic is managed by the Bruno Event Team and Shaw Communications Inc.

About the Champions Tour

Collectively, the Champions Tour has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game with many of its 32 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame competing regularly in its events and numerous other major championship winners among its members. The Champions Tour is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. Points earned in 26 official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2013 will determine the Charles Schwab Cup champion, the season-long competition designed to recognize the Champions Tour's leading player. The Champions Tour's primary purpose is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back, protect the integrity of the game and generate significant charitable and economic impact in communities in which it plays. In 2012, tournaments on all five Tours (PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, Web.com Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, PGA TOUR Canada) generated more than \$130 million for local charitable organizations, bringing the TOUR's all-time total of charitable contributions to more than \$1.85 billion. The Commissioner of the PGA TOUR is Tim Finchem. Mike Stevens is President of the Champions Tour. The PGA TOUR's website is pgatour.com, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in

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