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Charles Schwab Cup Points Leader Confirmed to Play 2014 Shaw Charity Classic
Bernhard Langer joins Kenny Perry and Mark Calcavecchia in making first trips to Calgary

CALGARY - Bernhard Langer, the Charles Schwab Cup points leader on the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour, has confirmed he will tee it up at Calgary's Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club for the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic, August 27-31, 2014.

One of the most successful players in the history of the senior circuit, Langer is currently ranked first in the quest for the Arnold Palmer Award as the Champions Tour's leading money winner. Langer has finished first on the Champions Tour Money List five times since turning 50 seven years ago. The smooth-swinging German has placed in the top-10 in each of his nine starts in 2014, including two victories and three runner-up finishes. His victory last month in Houston was his 20th career Champions Tour title, making him the 10th player in Tour history, and first since 2001 to hit the milestone.

"There was lots of buzz on Tour about how successful last year's Shaw Charity Classic was, and I am excited to have the opportunity to make my first trip to Calgary in August," said Langer, who should fall in love with Alberta being an outdoors enthusiast and self-described "scratch" skier.

"I'm very blessed to have won 20 times out here. It's been a great and wonderful achievement. I feel like I'm playing some of my best golf in my career so I hope to keep that going throughout the summer."

The former number one player in the world on the Official World Golf Ranking in 1986 has rattled off 19 straight top-10 finishes dating back to last year. He has also carded 28 of 29 rounds in 2014 under par.

Langer has won three times on the PGA TOUR including the 1993 and 1985 Masters Tournament. He also won two senior majors in 2010: Senior Open Championship, and the U.S. Senior Open.

"Bernhard Langer's name is synonymous with the greatest names in the game so we are thrilled to have him join us in Calgary," said Sean Van Kesteren, tournament director, Shaw Charity Classic. "When Rocco Mediate hoisted the trophy last August, he was convinced that with the success of our inaugural event – from the condition of the golf course to the thousands of fans that lined the fairways – that all of the guys would be here this summer. It exciting to begin seeing this statement from our Champion hold true."

Langer is now the third big name on the Champions Tour who has confirmed to make their first appearance at the Calgary event. Earlier this spring, Shaw Charity Classic officials launched its marketing and sales efforts by announcing that last year's Charles Schwab Cup winner, Kenny Perry, along with 1989 British Open winner, Mark Calcavecchia will headline what promises to be a star-studded field for the second annual event. Perry recently fired into the winner's circle for the first time in 2014 after winning his third consecutive Champions Tour major by taking the Regions Tradition title.

The inaugural Shaw Charity Classic, which was recognized with an Outstanding Achievement Award for a first year event by the PGA TOUR, and a Tourism Calgary White Hat Award for best event/festival/attraction in 2013, made a record-setting charitable donation of \$2,276,251 for a Champions Tour event. The legends of the game will play for a purse of \$2.25 million, an increase of \$250,000 from last year, when they return to Calgary's Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club August 27-31, 2014.

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



About the Shaw Charity Classic

The 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 27-31, 2014. The field, which will consist of 81 stars on the Champions Tour, will compete for US \$2.25 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$337,500 and 300 Charles Schwab Cup Points. The Champions Tour stop in Western Canada 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 in the World Golf Hall of Fame competing regularly in its events. The Tour also counts 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. 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. Points earned in official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2013 determined Kenny Perry as the Charles Schwab Cup champion, the season-long competition designed to recognize the Champions Tour's leading player. 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 Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow the Champions Tour at facebook.com/ChampionsTour and on Twitter @ChampionsTour.

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