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Ten More PGA TOUR Major Winners Added to Shaw Charity Classic Field *2016 tournament boasts 14 Major Winners, Six World Golf Hall of Fame Members*

CALGARY—World Golf Hall of Fame Members, **Mark O'Meara** and **Tom Kite**, will lead a group of 14 PGA TOUR major winners boasting a total of 25 titles (7 Masters, 4 U.S. Opens, 9 British Opens, 5 PGA Championships) to the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic, August 31 – September 4.

Mark O'Meara, who was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame last summer, has made the trip to Calgary for each of the four Shaw Charity Classic events, and finished in third spot last year at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. The two-time major winner (1998 Masters, 1998 British Open) is a 16 time winner on the PGA TOUR, and has two titles on the PGA TOUR Champions, including one major in 2010 – the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship.

“Calgary and the Shaw Charity Classic is obviously one of the best on Tour. Calgary is a wonderful place, an incredible city. I love the golf course. I love the Rockies and I'm a huge fisherman. Floating the Bow River is a beautiful experience so I can't wait to get back to Calgary for both the golf and to get back onto the Bow again,” said O'Meara.

Tom Kite also adds some additional firepower to one of the deepest fields on the PGA TOUR Champions calendar. The 1992 U.S. Open champion, and a 19-time winner on the PGA TOUR, competed on seven Ryder Cup teams throughout his career. Kite has also racked up 10 victories on the senior circuit, including one major title.

“I have always had a lot of fun coming to Calgary and playing in this event,” said Kite. “This really is a great field coming to Calgary and you have to respect all of the guys out here. They are all very good players, strong competitors and anyone can win on any given week. I continue to work hard on my game. I do feel things are going well and I'm going to keep giving everything I have to winning another golf tournament.”

Other major title holders who booked their tickets to the Stampede City include: **Mark Brooks** (1996 PGA Championship), **Mark Calcavecchia** (1989 British Open), **Todd Hamilton** (2004 British Open), **Lee Janzen** (1998, 1993 U.S. Opens), **Craig Stadler** (1982 Masters), **Scott Simpson** (1987 U.S. Open), **Jeff Sluman** (1988 PGA Championship), and **Bob Tway** (1986 PGA Championship).

The list of major winners also includes previously announced: Tom Watson (1983, 1982, 1980, 1977, 1975 British Opens, 1982 U.S. Open, along with the 1981 and 1977 Masters); Fred Couples (1992 Masters), Bernhard Langer (1993 and 1985 Masters); and John Daly (1995 British Open, 1991 PGA Championship).

“This is an incredible line up of athletes that have all been a part of some of the greatest memorable moments in the game, and are sure to put on a great show for all Calgary golf fans to enjoy,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. “Not only is this group some of the most successful players on Tour, they are also among the most respected. They can still play at a very high level and I guarantee they will be ready to duel it out to win at Canyon Meadows.”

With O'Meara and Kite booking their tickets to Calgary, the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic will now welcome a record six World Golf Hall of Fame Members. Others include: Watson; Couples; Langer; and Colin Montgomerie.

All three previously crowned Shaw Charity Classic champions – Couples, Jeff Maggert and Rocco Mediate, will also be in the field. In addition, the most recent first-time winner on the PGA TOUR Champions, Scott McCarron, will be packing his running shoes in his golf bag when he makes the return trip to Calgary this summer.



McCarron and his wife, Jenny, are the first two participants to sign up for the Shaw Charity Classic's inaugural Birdies for Kids Champions Run. The first 500 Calgarians (all ages) to register at www.shawcharityclassic.com will have the opportunity to join Scott – who will be the official starter – Jenny and other Tour players for the fun five-kilometre run alongside the fairways of Canyon Meadows Golf Country Club prior to Sunday's final round on September 4. The proceeds from the run will go to Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink, which is now in its second year. Birdies for Kids raises millions for youth-based charities across Alberta.

Tickets, hospitality and sponsorship packages for the Shaw Charity Classic are available online at www.shawcharityclassic.com. Youth 17-and-under are admitted free with a ticketed adult. For more information on the sponsorship and hosting opportunities at the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic August 31 – September 4, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com.

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 31 – September 4, 2016. The field, which will consist of 81 stars on the PGA TOUR Champions, will compete for US \$2.35 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$352,500 and 352 Charles Schwab Cup Points. The only annual PGA TOUR Champions stop in 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, Gary Peddle and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, the Shaw Charity Classic won the PGA TOUR Champions prestigious President's Award in 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$8.5 million in its first three years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$3,942,712 raised in 2015 that was distributed amongst 99 youth-based charities in Alberta. For 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 Bruno Event Team and Shaw Communications Inc.

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