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## MONDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP

*Tom Watson, John Daly Lead 14 Major Winners into Shaw Charity Classic*

The hottest rookie on the PGA TOUR Champions, John Daly, along with five World Golf Hall of Fame members including one of the greatest names of all time, Tom Watson, will lead a star-studded class of 81 players into the Stampede City for the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club.

The field as of August 29, 2016 includes:

Five World Golf Hall of Fame Members – Tom Kite, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, Tom Watson;

14 PGA TOUR Major Winners including – Mark Brooks, Mark Calcavecchia, John Daly, Todd Hamilton, Lee Janzen, Tom Lehman, Craig Stadler, Scott Simpson, Jeff Sluman, Bob Tway;

10 Countries Represented –Jesper Parnevik (Sweden), Jean Van De Velde (France), David Frost (South Africa), Esteban Toledo (Mexico), Carlos Franco (Paraguay), Paul Broadhurst (England), Fred Funk (United States), will join Canada's own Stephen Ames, Jim Rutledge and Rod Spittle. Other countries include Bernhard Langer (Germany), Colin Montgomerie (Scotland);

There are 21 players who have won PGA TOUR Champions majors. All four of the 2016 PGA TOUR Champions major winners are in the field – Bernhard Langer (Regions Tradition), Rocco Mediate (Senior PGA Championship), Paul Broadhurst (The Senior Open Championship) and Gene Sauers (US Senior Open);

Other New Faces Abound in 2016: The Shaw Charity Classic welcomes a handful of new players making their first starts in the Alberta event in 2016. That list includes Paul Broadhurst, and Billy Mayfair;

There are 58 players in the field who have combined to win 322 PGA TOUR events; There are 47 PGA TOUR Champions winners who have combined to win 225 titles.

*Three Calgaryians Set to Challenge for Six Spots in Final Qualifier on Tuesday*

Scott Allred, Darryl James and Gord Courage will be among 28 players battling it out for the final six spots in the 2016 Shaw Charity Classic field during the final qualifier at The Hamptons Golf Club on Tuesday, August 30.

Allred will be in the first group heading onto the course at 7:30 a.m. James, who was a Tuesday qualifier at the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic and played last year on a sponsors exemption, will tee it up at 8 am, while Courage will begin his quest to earn a spot at 8:50 am.



### *Judy Rankin Kicks off 2016 Shaw Charity Classic with Inaugural BDC Women's Day*

A room full of high-powered women from corporate Calgary gathered at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club for a breakfast and panel discussion with LPGA TOUR Hall of Famer, Judy Rankin, and Samantha Charlesworth, CFO of Superior Lodging Corporation. The first-ever BDC Women's Day officially kicked off tournament week.

A total of 95 women representing 42 Calgary-based companies took advantage of the unique networking opportunity which was held in partnership with the Calgary Chamber of Commerce.

Immediately following the inspirational presentation, 48 of the women headed out onto the course for nine holes of golf and the chance to play like the pros on the back nine of the tournament course.

Rankin and Charlesworth sent each of the women home with one key message: "You need to say YES to invitations to play golf. Find your voice, be brave and then go and do it."

#### *Quotes from Judy Rankin:*

"Talented women who do great work are very respected in the work place now. Don't force it. Continue to do your job well and you will be equally respected."

"I make no bones about it, golf is a tough game. Don't wait until the kids go away to college to learn the game."

"Do your job. Do it well, and people will encourage you to move forward."

### *Forerun the Final Round – Olympic Medallist, TOUR Pros to Lead Birdies for Kids Champions Run*

Olympic bronze medallist in the 4x100 metre relay, Akeem Haynes, will join PGA TOUR Champions pro, Scott McCarron and his wife Jenny Klein, to forerun the final round on Sunday with Calgarians participating in the unique five-kilometre SAP Birdies for Kids Champions run, presented by AltaLink.

Running enthusiasts will have the opportunity to join McCarron, Haynes and other Tour pros – who will be the official starters of the run. Jenny will lead the morning run and walk alongside the fairways of Canyon Meadows Golf Country Club prior to Sunday's final round.

The run, which will begin at 7:30 a.m., winds its way in and around the golf course. A traditional pancake breakfast will be prepared for all participants once they cross the finish line, and their guests. Race kits include a Birdies for Kids Champions Run t-shirt, water bottle, unique race bib, pancake breakfast and a ticket to the final round of the tournament. Runners' guests are also encouraged to come down and cheer on the participants.



All proceeds generated from the run will go to the Birdies for Kids, presented by AltaLink, matching pool to support 113 children and youth-based charities across Alberta.

*Shaw Charity Classic Radar:*

Shaw Charity Classic Tuesday Qualifier will be held at The Hamptons Golf Club. Tee times run from 7:30-9 a.m. (Tee Times Attached)

The RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Tee times will begin at 7:30 a.m. (Tee Times Attached)

*Tournament Information:*

Event web site – [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com)

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

*Ticket Information:*

Tickets, hospitality and sponsorship packages for the Shaw Charity Classic are available online at [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Youth 17-and-under are admitted free with a ticketed adult.

*General Spectator Parking:*

Complimentary shuttle busses to the Shaw Charity Classic will run from the Anderson LRT Station. No ticket or pass is required to take the shuttle. Shuttles will operate from 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., August 31 – September 1, and from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. September 2-4.

*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](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at [facebook.com/shawcharityclassic](https://www.facebook.com/shawcharityclassic) and on Twitter @shawclassic. The Shaw Charity Classic is managed by Bruno Event Team and Shaw Communications Inc.