



Thursday, August 28th Daily Media Update

What the Pros are Saying:

Bernhard Langer

“It is a very impressive, beautiful golf course. I was surprised to hear how good the scoring was last year, but I understand the setup may be slightly different. The course played a lot shorter because of the firmness and maybe there wasn’t quite as much rough. I had a hard time seeing 22-under for three days on that golf course.”

“I think my putting is a little better than it has been on average, and that makes a huge difference. My ball striking is pretty solid for the most part as well.”

“I’m still a strong believer that we can get better even at my age because we can improve our technique and we can get better mentally. I understand more about the golf swing and the golf game than I did 20, 30 years ago. So what you lose in strength and flexibility you hopefully make up with better technique and other things you’ve learned through experience.”

Fred Couples

“It’s harder already. There’s one hole that’s a par 4 that is 490 now, and it’s a lot easier to play a hole, even if there’s water all over the place if it’s a par 5. You have to hit two really, really good shots to make par, so that’s probably four shots harder right there.”

“Stephen Ames is phenomenal to have out here. He’s someone I’ve known for a long time, and I like the way he plays, and Rocco is always fun to play with.”

“You have to get off to a good start. Last year, I felt like there was a few holes I didn’t play well, but the course is totally different today. It played much longer on the whole, and there’s not as many driver-wedges. I think the greens are perfect. It will be the same cast of characters, I can promise you. The same guys are always up there because they’re the best players on this Tour.”

Woodridge Ford Offers Free Car for Hole-in-One on Friday through Sunday

The Shaw Charity Classic’s auto partner, Woodridge Ford, will award a new car to the first Champions Tour player that gets a hole-in-one on the par-3, 210-yard 16th-hole at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. Woodridge Ford also offered a one-year lease on a vehicle to the first amateur who aced the picturesque hole during the RBC Championship Pro-Ams, but nobody was able to do so.

Did You Know?

- The Clubhouse dining room is hopping during Tournament week...Chef Mark and his team will crack 18,000 eggs during the breakfast hours that will help make 6,000 omelettes;



- The winner of the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic will earn \$337,500;
- The ALSIceBucketChallenge made its way into the Shaw Charity Classic on a frigid Thursday morning when Charles Schwab Cup leader, Bernhard Langer, doused local sports reporter, Glenn Campbell

Catch Shaw Charity Classic Action on the Golf Channel

A tape delayed broadcast of the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic can be viewed in the evening on the Golf Channel following each round of play Friday through Sunday:

Friday, August 29 7:30-9 p.m. MTN (tape delayed)

Saturday, August 30 7:30-9 p.m. MTN (tape delayed)

Sunday, August 31 7-9 p.m. MTN (tape delayed)

Facts and Stats going into the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic

- With eight events left on the Champions Tour docket, Bernhard Langer has already grossed the fourth most money in Champions Tour history. A win this week would make him only the second player to ever earn more than \$3 million in a single season. Hale Irwin holds the record for most money made in a season when he earned \$3,028,304 in 2002.
- No player has been able to defend a title so far in 2014. Bernhard Langer came second in the 2014 Greater Gwinnett Championship and finished in a tie for second in the 2014 ACE Group Classic, but that's the closest anybody has come to defending a 2013 title. Defending Shaw Classic champion Rocco Mediate followed up his 2013 Allianz Championship win with a 7th place finish in the same event earlier this year.
- Rocco style domination a rarity so far on the 2014 circuit. Rocco was in total control of his game at the 2013 Shaw Classic, winning by a seven-stroke margin. However, in 2014 only one event (Senior Open, Bernhard Langer, -18) has seen a margin of victory greater than four, and only two other events have seen margins of victory greater than two. This year, 13 of the 18 events have ended in either a one-stroke victory or in a playoff.

New Faces Set to Tee it Up in Calgary

More than one dozen news players to the Champions Tour will tee it up at the Shaw Charity Classic in 2014, including several long-time PGA TOUR competitors who turned 50 since the inaugural event in 2013. That group includes Calgary's Stephen Ames, Bill Andrade, Woody Austin, Joe Durant, Jeff Maggert, Paul Goydos and Kevin Sutherland. The rookie class will be joined by marquee names like World Golf Hall of Famer, Bernhard Langer, Mark Calcavecchia, Tom Purtzer, Tommy Armour III, Brad Faxon, Scott Dunlap, and Hal Sutton to make their first trips to Calgary.



Quote of the Day

"It's been an amazing year, very good from the very get-go – winning the first tournament and then just finishing in the top-three or five every week after. Being able to win two majors and five tournaments is a real blessing."

...Bernhard Langer

Friday's First Round Featured Pairings – Split Tees at 10:30 a.m.

Tee #1

11:50 a.m. Tom Lehman, Fred Funk, Jay Haas

12:10 p.m. Rocco Mediate, Fred Couples, Stephen Ames

12:20 p.m. Bernhard Langer, Craig Stadler, Scott Dunlap

Tee #10

11:40 a.m. Mark Calcavecchia, Kirk Triplett, Woody Austin

Changes to Saturday and Sunday Tee Times Schedule

Due to poor weather projected for the Calgary area on the weekend, Champions Tour rules officials have rescheduled tee times. The second round on Saturday will begin at 10:30 a.m. The championship final round will tee off at 10 a.m. Both rounds will be played off split tees.