



Tuesday, August 26th Daily Media Update

Calgary's Darryl James Joins Final Five Qualifiers into 2014 Shaw Charity Classic Field

Local boy, Darryl James, qualified to play in his first PGA TOUR Champions Tour event thanks to a 2-under-par round of 68 at the 7,086 Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club layout.

"This is an absolute dream come true," said James. "I'm just so thrilled. It is the biggest day of my life and I can't wait to get home and tell my family. It is very special."

An instructor with the National Golf Academy in Calgary, James and four others played their way into the 81-man field competing for a purse of \$2.25 million.

Dick Mast and Jim Carter matched 66's to share the low round of the day, while Brian Cairns also fired a 68. U.S. Open winner, Steve Jones, earned the final spot in the field after winning a one-hole playoff over Bob Niger. Both Jones and Niger carded rounds of 69.

James brings the list of Canadians teeing up this week to four. Other Canadians in the field include: Stephen Ames; Rod Spittle; and Jim Rutledge.

David Frost to Hit Bobsleigh Track at Winsport's Canada Olympic Park

One of the world's most accomplished golfers, David Frost, will keep his clubs in the trunk on Wednesday and put on a bobsleigh helmet as he and his wife, Colene, hit the Olympic Track at Winsport's Canada Olympic Park.

The Frost's will be at the top of the track, August 27, at 3 p.m. where they will be blast down the 14-corner track at speeds topping 100km/hour.

A winner of 10 events on the PGA TOUR, and five times on the Champions Tour including one major victory at this year's Regions Tradition, Frost is highly regarded around the world where he has regularly played on both the top American and European Tours. Combining his passion for life on-and-off the course, Frost has a 300-acre Vineyard with his brother in the heart of wine-producing region of South Africa. Every David Frost wine is dedicated to a golfing great including: Sam Snead, Gene Sarazen, Arnold Palmer and Jack Nicklaus.

Scheduled Pre-Tournament Player Interviews in the Media Centre

Wednesday, August 27

Steve Elkington – 12 noon

Scott Dunlap – Immediately following Pro-Am Round – Tees off at 7:50 a.m.

Rocco Mediate – Immediately following Pro-Am Round – Tees off at 9:30 a.m.



Stephen Ames Enters Canadian Golf Hall

Calgary's Stephen Ames was inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame on Tuesday at the Shaw Charity Classic – an event he is a founding partner of.

“It's hitting home a little bit now for me. It is a real honour,” said Ames. “It's the highlight of my career right now, an added trophy to the career that I've had, which is wonderful. At this stage right now, it's something to relish.”

Ames, a dual citizen of Canada as well as Trinidad and Tobago is a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR. With his induction in the player category, Ames becomes the 74th honoured member of the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame.

“The Canadian Golf Hall of Fame seeks to recognize excellence as golfers, contributors and supporters of the game,” said Ian Clarke, Chair of the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame Selection Committee. “Stephen Ames has excelled on the biggest stage in our sport and it is fitting that he will be recognized for his respective accomplishments.”

Ames, 50, enters the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame as a prominent professional player, having amassed four PGA TOUR victories and over \$19.7 million in career earnings. In 2006, Ames captured one of the TOUR's marquee events, winning The Players Championship by six strokes over Retief Goosen. His victory at TPC Sawgrass was played against 48 of the top 50 players in the world and vaulted him at that time to No. 27 in the Official World Golf Rankings.

In 2013, the Stephen Ames Foundation funded the inaugural CJGA Stephen Ames Junior Cup presented by RBC at the Country Club of the Hamptons in Calgary. Since 2005, Ames has proudly hosted the Stephen Ames Cup, a Ryder Cup style tournament featuring a team of Canadian junior players versus Team Trinidad & Tobago. In addition, the Stephen Ames Foundation provides funding for junior golf programs and other children's initiatives in Canada and Trinidad and Tobago.

Wednesday's Featured Pro-Am Tee Times

8:50 a.m. Stephen Ames (Tee #10)

9:30 a.m. Rocco Mediate (Tee #1)

12:40 p.m. Steve Elkington (Tee #1)

12:40 p.m. Brad Faxon (Tee #10)

1:30 p.m. Billy Andrade (Tee #10)

Did You Know?

- There should be some good fishing stories at the Shaw Charity Classic on Wednesday. Eight players took a break from golf on Tuesday to take in some of Alberta's world-famous flyfishing



on the Bow River. The river junkies, which included Mark O'Meara, Craig Stadler, Fred Funk and Roger Chapman, put on their waders and took advantage of some of the best trout fishing in the world. Shaw Charity Classic Patron, Al Markin, committed to making a donation to the player's charity of choice for both the biggest and most fish caught;

- 57 of the 81 players in the field have won a total of 347 PGA TOUR events;
- 42 players have won 235 titles on the Champions Tour;
- 17 players have won major championships on the PGA TOUR and 19 players have won majors on the Champions Tour;
- There are four members of the World Golf Hall of Fame in the field including: Hale Irwin; Fred Couples; Sandy Lyle; and Bernhard Langer.

Quote of the Day

"As a proud Canadian I am truly humbled by this great honour. The opportunity to join the exceptional company of names means a great deal to me. This is unquestionably one of the highlights of my career." ...Stephen Ames

On this Day in Champions Tour History

Tom Lehman, who will arrive in Calgary on Wednesday, made just two bogeys over 54 holes to win the Reflection Ridge Open in Wichita, and defeated Greg Whisman by one stroke for his first Nationwide Tour title (August 26, 1990).

Four Players Withdraw from Shaw Charity Classic

Four players will not make the trip to Calgary. Steve Pate, Mark Wiebe, Scott Verplank, and D.A. Weibring have all withdrawn for this week, opening the door for Doug Garwood, Mark Mouland, Ben Bates and Jeff Coston to tee it up at the Shaw Charity Classic

Shaw Charity Classic Radar:

- The RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday which will include the majority of the Shaw Charity Classic field. Tee times will begin at 7:20 a.m. Wednesday Tee Times are attached to e-mail.
- Shaw Communications Inc. will celebrate tournament week with Calgarians by hosting a FREE concert featuring rock icons, Randy Bachman and Fred Turner, along with acclaimed Canadian band, The Sheepdogs, at Shaw Millennium Park on Thursday, August 28. The soldout show is presented by Rdio, the country's leading digital streaming music service;