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## Wednesday, August 27th Daily Media Update

### **RBC Championship Pro-Am Offers Lasting Memories**

More than 140 amateurs had the opportunity to tee it up with the greats of the game Wednesday afternoon at Canyon Meadows, a dream come true for any golfer.

Four of those amateurs played alongside Larry Mize, one of the 17 major winners in the field this week.

“It was an outstanding experience, he’s friendly, generous, he’s acting as our team captain and it sure is a lot of fun playing with a Masters champion,” said Ross Parberry, one of Mize’s partners in the RBC Championship Pro-Am. “He would help me read some greens that I wouldn’t see any break in, but he always read them perfectly.”

As for the pros, the Pro-Am serves as a chance to give back to the community, sharing their expertise while having fun before the tournament atmosphere sets in over the weekend.

“It’s been a good day, I usually don’t like to say too much early on because sometimes that can mess an amateur up, but as the day goes on I try to help as much as I can.”

The amateurs in Mize’s group weren’t the only ones enjoying themselves at Canyon Meadows today, amateur Marco Donadeo said his group had a blast in the presence of Doug Garwood.

“Doug’s been great, he’s given out some tips and he’s really funny, we’ve had some laughs today for sure.”

The final RBC Championship Pro-Am takes place on Thursday prior to the opening round of the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic on Friday.

### **David Frost Blasts Down Bobsleigh Track at Winsport’s Canada Olympic Park**

David Frost replaced his golf duds and shoes for a skintight race suit and running spikes on Wednesday while hopping in a four-man bobsleigh for a trip down the track at Winsport’s Canada Olympic Park with his wife, Colene.

With Canadian Olympic women’s pilot, Jenny Ciochetti (Edmonton), in the driver’s seat, the 10-time PGA TOUR winner topped speeds of 100 kilometres while ripping down the 14-corner track.

“I can see why you need to be strong, powerful and fit to hold on,” said Frost. “I’m out of breath and I didn’t even do anything. It was amazing. I’ve never done anything like this before. I can see why the Jamaicans didn’t do too well.”



Three others Canadian Olympians that competed in Sochi this February – Ben Coakwell (Saskatoon), James MacNaughton (Newmarket, Ont.), and Bryan Barnett (Edmonton) helped educate the Frost’s on the unique sliding sport while showcasing another of Calgary’s leading attractions.

“Bobsleigh has taken off in Canada since the 2010 Olympics, and to have Frost take an interest in it is awesome,” said Coakwell, who just returned from Germany where he competed in a summer bobsleigh race. “We are always finding ways to elevate our sport and create interest.

“I think it is cool that we have a Champions Tour event in this city and here we are talking about bobsleigh and golf together. Calgary is such an interesting and active city with lots to do, and this is proof of that.”

Frost will be back on the course at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club Thursday where he tees off in the RBC Championship Pro-Am at 9:10 a.m.

“I definitely will hang up this skintight suit.”

**What the Pros are Saying:**

“It was one of those weeks (last year) where nothing really happened bad, it was just a lot of good shots, a lot of good putting. It was freaky actually. It doesn’t happen very often.” ...Rocco Mediate

“This is one of our best driving courses that we play all year. Now that it’s a little softer, and you lay back, you will have a lot longer clubs into some of these pins, and some of these pins get kind of interesting. It’s really a good set of greens. Who knows what’s going to happen.” ...Rocco Mediate

“The nice thing about this Tour, even though it’s tough, is it’s as close to an exempt card as you’re going to get. Basically you’re going to get 18 starts, let’s see what you can do with them.”  
...Scott Dunlap

“My golf has been pretty good, and I haven’t been doing well on Sundays. I think last week I backed that up with some good steady play. Hopefully there’s not this precipitous decline, and we’ll keep playing pretty well.” ...Scott Dunlap

“My biggest thrill this week in Calgary was walking in the arena at Spruce Meadows under the clock tower and they put my name up there. What was interesting for me there was I was on the horse and he was at the entry gate explaining what was going to happen under pressure and what the horse was going to do.” ...Steve Elkington



### Thursday's Featured Pro-Am Tee Times

9:10 a.m. Tom Lehman (Tee #10)

9:20 a.m. Fred Couples (Tee #1)

9:20 a.m. Mark O'Meara (Tee #10)

9:30 a.m. Hale Irwin (Tee #1)

12:30 p.m. Bernhard Langer (Tee #1)

12:50 p.m. Fred Funk (Tee #1)

### A Look Back at Canyon Meadows 2013

Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club played as the easiest course on the Champions Tour in 2013 with an average score of 69.004 for the week. The two most difficult holes were numbers one and two, while hole 15 was the easiest. The par-5, 15th, yielded 21 eagles and 141 birdies for the three rounds. However, the hole will be changed to a par-4 this year bringing the course to a par70.

### Did You Know?

- There are four first-time winners on the Champions Tour in 2014 including Jeff Maggert, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Colin Montgomerie, and last week's winner in Seattle, Scott Dunlap;
- Kenny Perry fired the lowest 54-hole winning score at 193 (23-under-par);
- Hale Irwin – the oldest player in this year's Shaw Charity Classic field – bettered his age, 69, in all three rounds of the 3M Championship this year with scores of 68-66-68;
- 10 players in the Shaw Charity Classic have won the PGA TOUR's Canadian Open in their career. The winners include: Bob Tway (2013); Mark Calcavecchia (2005); Scott Verplank (2001); Steve Jones (1989, 1997); Bill Andrade (1998); Mark O'Meara (1995); Hal Sutton (1999); David Frost (1993); John Cook (1983) and Bob Gilder (1980). Two players won the Air Canada Championship in Vancouver. Calcavecchia won in 1997, while Gene Sauers fired his way into the winner's circle in 2002.

### Quote of the Day

"Not surprised. He is a workaholic. He never stops. If I was Paul McGinley he'd be my first pick (for the Ryder Cup) and I'd throw Monty in there too. It's fun to have him on our Tour because he makes you work harder. He is putting up Tiger numbers. It's remarkable what he is doing, but I'm not surprised." ...Rocco Mediate on Bernhard Langer's play in 2013

### Shaw Charity Classic Radar

The final RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Thursday which will include a number of high-profiled names in the Shaw Charity Classic field including Fred Couples, Bernhard Langer, Fred Funk, Tom Lehman, and Mark O'Meara.

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;