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**Senior British Open Champion Mark Wiebe Leads Three More Champions Tour Greats
into Calgary for Shaw Charity Classic**

Wiebe, Tour Favourites Fred Funk and Rocco Mediate, to tee it up at Canyon Meadows

CALGARY—On the heels of winning his first major championship on any Tour, Mark Wiebe will lead a trio of the Champions Tour's star names, Fred Funk and Rocco Mediate, into Calgary for the inaugural Shaw Charity Classic, August 28 to September 1, 2013.

Wiebe captured his fourth Champions Tour title after topping Bernhard Langer on the fifth playoff hole to win the Senior Open Championship at Royal Birkdale earlier this week. The biggest victory of his career, Wiebe also brings two PGA TOUR wins on his resume to Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club this summer.

"I'm looking forward to playing the new Champions Tour event in Calgary. The people in Calgary really support golf, and I know they'll be great supporters of this tournament," said Wiebe. "I think as a whole we are all excited to be coming up to play this year."

Joining an already stellar field that includes back-to-back major winner, Kenny Perry, along with arguably the biggest name on the senior circuit in Fred Couples, Calgary golf fans will be treated to more of the Tour's greats as Fred Funk and Rocco Mediate confirmed they will also make the trip north to Canada next month.

One of the straightest drivers of the golf ball in the history of the game, and oldest to win The Players Championship, Fred Funk has matched his eight PGA TOUR titles with eight victories on the Champions Tour which includes senior major championship victories.

"I'm looking forward to getting to Calgary. I've heard it's a really beautiful part of the country, and I have heard a lot about Banff so I am looking forward to playing and touring around," said Funk. "People tell me the town of Calgary is great, and we are playing a very nice golf course. It's exciting to have a new event up there."

Remembered most for taking Tiger Woods to 91 holes before succumbing in the epic 2008 U.S. Open, rookie and one of the most colourful characters on the Champions Tour, Rocco Mediate, will also challenge to become the first name on the Shaw Charity Classic trophy. Mediate, who won his first of six PGA TOUR events 22 years ago, won in his Champions Tour debut earlier this year at the Allianz Championship.

Tickets for the Shaw Charity Classic are available online at www.shawcharityclassic.com. Youth 17 and under are admitted free with a ticketed adult.

About the Shaw Charity Classic

The inaugural 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 28 to September 1, 2013. The field, which will consist of 81 stars on the Champions Tour, will compete for US \$2 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$300,000 and 300 Charles Schwab Cup Points. The inaugural Champions Tour stop in Western Canada, the Shaw Charity Classic 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 and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, the Shaw Charity Classic will remain true to the Champions Tour's goal of supporting the community. The Shaw Charity Classic is proud to support Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta, Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre, KidSport Calgary, and the Southern Alberta Emergency Relief Fund. For tickets, or more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at



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About the Champions Tour

Collectively, the Champions Tour has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game with many of its 32 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame competing regularly in its events and numerous other major championship winners among its members. The Champions Tour is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. Points earned in 26 official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2013 will determine the Charles Schwab Cup champion, the season-long competition designed to recognize the Champions Tour's leading player. The Champions Tour's primary purpose is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back, protect the integrity of the game and generate significant charitable and economic impact in communities in which it plays. In 2012, tournaments on all five Tours (PGA TOUR, Champions Tour, [Web.com](#) Tour, PGA TOUR Latinoamerica, PGA TOUR Canada) generated more than \$130 million for local charitable organizations, bringing the TOUR's all-time total of charitable contributions to more than \$1.85 billion. The Commissioner of the PGA TOUR is Tim Finchem. Mike Stevens is President of the Champions Tour. The PGA TOUR's website is [pgatour.com](#), the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, FL. Follow the Champions Tour at [facebook.com/ChampionsTour](#) and on Twitter @ChampionsTour.

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