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**PGA TOUR Champions Rookie Retief Goosen to Make First Trip to Shaw Charity Classic
—Two-time U.S. Open winner to be officially inducted into World Golf Hall of Fame June 10—**

CALGARY—Just days prior to walking into the World Golf Hall of Fame with the class of 2019, Retief Goosen has confirmed he will be making his first trip to Calgary for the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic, August 28 – September 1.

The hottest rookie on the PGA TOUR Champions, Goosen will be looking for his first victory on the senior swing when he charges down the fairways of Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club this summer.

“It’s been great fun seeing some of the guys that I played with earlier in my career,” said Goosen. “The golf courses on this Tour are all new to me, and that will be the same in Calgary, so I need to really get a handle on that quickly.

“I have enjoyed it out here on the PGA TOUR Champions. All of these guys have been able to win multiple golf tournaments around the world, so they know how to get the job done and make it very difficult to win out here. I’m really looking forward to having some fun up in Canada and see what I can do.”

Nicknamed “The Goose,” the two-time U.S. Open winner will be officially inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame on June 10 at Pebble Beach. The ceremony will kick off U.S. Open week.

“Excitement is definitely building. The Hall of Fame has been around my house collecting things for the exhibition so it is something that is always on mind and I’m really looking forward to enjoying the event,” added Goosen, who has two runner-up finishes at The Masters throughout his career.

The distinguished resume of golf’s newest Hall of Famer leaves no debate he will be one to watch when the top stars in the sport over 50 years old swing into Calgary. He has amassed 36 professional victories on three Tours around the world (PGA TOUR, European Tour and South African Tour) throughout his illustrious career. Goosen led the European Tour Order of Merit in 2001 and 2002 and was the European Tour Player of the Year in 2004. A seven-time winner on the PGA TOUR, the soft-spoken South African was also part of six consecutive Presidents Cups, while teeing it up for the International Team.

“The level of competition on the PGA TOUR Champions, which we witness each year at the Shaw Charity Classic, is already very high. Adding Retief Goosen to the mix definitely adds to the depth on our tee sheet,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. “Retief still has a great deal of talent and is big addition to our field.”

Goosen joins previously announced World Golf Hall of Fame Member, Bernhard Langer, and back-to-back champion, Scott McCarron, in this year’s Shaw Charity Classic field.

Fans planning on attending the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic can take advantage of discounted tickets until August 28th. Join us Saturday, August 31 for Kid’s Day and enjoy a range of fun activities dedicated to the junior spectators! Corporate hosting packages for the Shaw Charity Classic are also available online at shawcharityclassic.com.



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 28 – September 1, 2019. The field, which will consist of 78 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. The annual PGA TOUR Champions stop in Canada showcases Calgary to the world through its broadcast on the Golf Channel. Led by a philanthropic Patron Group including Tournament Chairman – Jim Riddell, Allan Markin, Keith MacPhail, Guy Turcotte, Gary Peddle, Mike Culbert and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, the Shaw Charity Classic won the prestigious President’s Award as the top event on the PGA TOUR Champions in 2017, 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$34 million in its first six years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record-setting donation of \$12,357,863 raised in 2018 that was distributed amongst 182 youth-based charities in Alberta. For more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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