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**Calgary Lassoes Bernhard Langer, Darren Clarke and Chris DiMarco for Shaw Charity Classic  
—Langer returns to YYC for third time, rookies Clarke and DiMarco target Calgary for one of first  
starts on PGA TOUR Champions—**

**CALGARY**—The next big international rodeo to swing into Calgary this summer will feature three of golf's top cowboys.

PGA TOUR Champions legend, Bernhard Langer, will join two soon-to-be rookies on the senior circuit at the Shaw Charity Classic. Darren Clarke and Chris DiMarco will also take on the world's top senior golfers at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country, August 27 – September 2, 2018 – just days following their 50th birthdays.

"This is a huge win for our tournament and golf fans in Calgary," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. "Having Bernhard back is big, and to have the top-two rookies pick Calgary to make one of their first appearances on Tour solidifies the Shaw Charity Classic's stature as one of the best fields on Tour."

Langer, who currently sits fourth on the Charles Schwab Cup Money List, will return for his third appearance at the award-winning event. The World Golf Hall of Fame member has racked up 37 wins on the PGA TOUR Champions – just eight behind Hale Irwin who has the most ever. A three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, including the 1993 and 1985 Masters, Langer has 10 major victories on the senior swing.

"I enjoyed playing in Calgary two years ago. It is a very impressive, beautiful golf course," said Langer, who missed last year's event due to a family commitment. "I'm an outdoors enthusiast and this part of the world is equally stunning. The fans were fantastic – some of the largest galleries we see on Tour – and I am excited to get back to Canada and try to win another golf tournament."

The German legend will have to get through two young guns on the PGA TOUR Champions if he is going to win his first event north of the border.

Northern Ireland's Darren Clarke, who becomes eligible to play on the PGA TOUR Champions when he turns 50 on August 14, becomes the third PGA TOUR major winner to add his name to the Shaw Charity Classic tee sheet. The 2011 winner of The Open Championship has won 21 tournaments worldwide on all of golf's major tours. He won 14 times on the European Tour and three times on the PGA TOUR.

The captain of the 2016 European Ryder Cup Team, Clarke was a member of five consecutive Ryder Cup squads between 1997 and 2006 – four times on the winning side. He also served as vice-captain in 2014 and 2010.

"It's going to be fun to be a rookie all over again," said Clarke. "It will be all familiar faces that I see, but lots of the courses are going to be new and that is something I'm going to have to get used to."

"These guys are still very competitive and it will be very tough to win on this Tour as it is at any level. The nerves will be the same, but I'm looking forward to seeing how I do and playing in Calgary, which I hear is a fantastic event, for the first time."

Chris DiMarco will make his debut on the PGA TOUR Champions in Calgary after celebrating his 50th birthday on August 23.

A three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, DiMarco enjoyed his best seasons between 2002 and 2006 where he found himself in the top-10 of the world rankings. It was during this period of his career when he finished second in three majors. He lost in a playoff to Vijay Singh at the 2004 PGA Championship. Tiger Woods topped him in a playoff at the 2005 Masters; and edged him again by two shots at the 2006 Open Championship.

A member of the United States' 2005 and 2003 Presidents Cup Teams, along with 2006 and 2004 Ryder Cup squads, DiMarco's journey through golf's professional circles began in Canada where he won the Canadian Tour's Order of Merit in 1992.

"I haven't played a regular schedule in a while so this is a whole new beginning for me and I can't think of a better place to do it than in Canada," said DiMarco, who has not played on a regular tour since 2012. "I have fond

memories of traveling across the country in the early 1990s and had some good success here. It's going to take some time to test the waters, but I'm definitely looking forward to getting out and playing against some of my old buddies. The level of play is very, there is really no margin for error on this Tour."

Langer, Clarke and DiMarco join previously announced World Golf Hall of Fame member, Davis Love III, defending champion Scott McCarron and inaugural champion, Rocco Mediate in the 2018 field.

"Regardless of the sport, Calgary has an uncanny ability to attract the top stars from around the world, and the Shaw Charity Classic is no different," said Van Kesteren. "Most of the guys on the PGA TOUR Champions peg our tournament on their calendars earlier in the year, and the reason for that extends far beyond the golf tournament. The beauty of the Rocky Mountains, world-class fishing and activities on the Bow River, first class restaurants and friendly hospitality all play a critical role in attracting the top senior golfers well beyond North America to our tournament."

Having raised more than \$22 million for Alberta children charities in its first five years, the Shaw Charity Classic announced last month an impressive fundraising goal of \$10 million for this year's tournament, which will support 182 children's charities across Alberta. This effort is made possible thanks to renewed support from Shaw Communications and AltaLink for Shaw Birdies for Kids, presented by AltaLink.

### **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 27 – September 2, 2018. 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 – Clay Riddell, Allan Markin, Keith MacPhail, Jim Riddell, Guy Turcotte, Gary Peddle, Mike Culbert and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications Inc, 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 \$22.1 million in its first five years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$8,391,413 raised in 2017 that was distributed amongst 159 youth-based charities in Alberta. For more information on the event, please visit [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at [facebook.com/shawcharityclassic](https://facebook.com/shawcharityclassic) and on Twitter @shawclassic.

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