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Defending Champion Wes Short Jr. Joins Canadians Mike Weir and Stephen Ames in Booking Tee Times for 2021 Shaw Charity Classic Presented by Suncor
—Limited number of Premium Pass tickets available to catch Canadian greats battle 81 stars of the PGA TOUR Champions—

CALGARY—Wes Short Jr. will need to fend off two sharp-shooting Canucks, Mike Weir and Stephen Ames, when he bids to successfully defend his title at the 2021 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor, August 11-15.

Short, who rocked the lone Canadian stop on the PGA TOUR Champions with a one-shot victory in 2019, will be joined this summer by two of the nation's most accomplished golfers when the tournament safely returns to Calgary following a one-year break due to the global pandemic.

"It is always special to go back to a course where you've had success. It gives you a boost of confidence because you know you've done well there. To finally have that opportunity to defend my title at the Shaw Charity Classic is very special," said Short, who took full advantage of a fortunate bounce off a rock in the water hazard surrounding the green on the final hole to win his second career PGA TOUR Champions event.

"There are some shots that you might forget, but that is one I'll always remember. Every now and then, you're due for a good break. Usually, it seems like a lot of breaks don't really go your way. So when you get a good one, you have to just go with it."

Short has been lucky north of the border. His only other victory on golf's 50 and over swing also came in Canada at the 2014 Quebec Championship. He has six top-10 finishes so far this season.

While Short will look to complete a hat trick of Canadian victories, all eyes will be on fan-favourites Mike Weir and Stephen Ames who both will be looking to get fitted for the white Smithbilt cowboy hat that is presented each year to the champion of the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor.

Weir, now 51, will make his highly anticipated debut at the award-winning event.

"I am super excited to finally have a chance to play in Calgary," said Weir. "I have really enjoyed being out here on the PGA TOUR Champions. The 50s is a new phase of my life and it has been great. Life's good and my game's showing up so I'm in a really good place and can't wait to get back up to Canada."

Life is definitely good on PGA TOUR Champions for the 2003 Masters champion and winner of eight events on the PGA TOUR. Since turning 50 last May, the five-time member of the international squad at the Presidents Cup has been a frontrunner on the senior circuit with seven top-five finishes including his first victory at the In斯perity Invitational this spring. The three-time Canadian Male Athlete of the Year and member of the Order of Canada has been a runner-up four times on the PGA TOUR Champions this year, and currently sits eighth in the Charles Schwab Cup Money List.



Fellow Canadian Stephen Ames — one of the key players behind bringing the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor to Calgary — is also coming into this year's event on a hot streak.

The former Calgary resident has confirmed he will tee it up for the seventh time in his own backyard at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club.

Ames has racked up a handful of top-10 finishes this season, including two second-place finishes and his second career victory on the PGA TOUR Champions. The 57-year-old, whose best finish at the Shaw Charity Classic came in 2015 when he was T5, won the Principal Charity Classic in June.

The four-time winner on the PGA TOUR is part of a seven-person philanthropic Patron Group backing the award-winning tournament in Calgary since its inception in 2013. To date, the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor has raised more than \$61.1 million for youth-based charities in Alberta — largely through the tournament's Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink charitable program.

"I haven't been back in Canada in over 18 months. It's been a while but it's always nice to come back to where home was at one time. Many of us worked very hard bring an event of this calibre to this market so it will be awesome to see some friends," said Ames. "One thing that never leaves any of us on this Tour is that we still want to play well so it has been nice for me to be able to be doing that this year. The real winner of the event is obviously going to be the charities again, and that's what the tournament was made for, more than anything else."

Calgarians will have an exclusive opportunity to catch Weir, Ames, Short and many other legendary names in professional golf in August.

The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor will allow just 2,000 spectators each day for tournament round play, August 13-15, to ensure a safe return of the event. The limited number of Premium Pass tickets — which include all-inclusive food and beverage, access to the grounds, three open-air hospitality venues, refreshment stations, and front row access to the golf action — are available for \$225/ticket (+GST). Junior Passes (for those aged 17 and under) will be available for purchase for \$20/ticket (+GST) and must be purchased along with a regular Premium Pass. Tickets are available for purchase at www.shawcharityclassic.com.

This year's Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor week will include hosting Blakes Women's Day, August 9, and the RBC Championship Pro-Am, August 11-12, followed by three rounds of tournament play, August 13-15, where Wes Short Jr. will defend his 2019 title. Spectators will **NOT** be allowed on-site for Women's Day or Pro-Am rounds.



About the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor

The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor will host some of the greatest names in the game of golf in Calgary at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 11-15, 2021. The field, which will consist of 81 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 \$61 million in its first eight years that has been distributed amongst more than 200 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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