

August 9-15, 2021
Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club

Alberta

70/7,086 Purse: \$2.35 million

Calgary,

Par/Yards: 35-35—

August 11, 2021

WEDNESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP AT THE 2021 SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC PRESENTED BY SUNCOR

Notes and Quotes from Canada's Mike Weir

Canada's Mike Weir is set to make his debut at the 2021 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor when he tees it up on Friday. Weir, a rookie on the PGA TOUR Champions has one win (2021 Insperity Invitational) and four runner-up finishes in his 20 starts. The Canuck has finished in the top-10 in half of his starts this season, and is ranked eighth in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. Weir arrives in Calgary after a T2 finish at the U.S. Senior Open, marking his fourth, top-five finish in his last five starts on the PGA TOUR Champions.

Quotes from Mike Weir

"It's the first time in two years I've been able to cross north of the border. It just feels great being back up here. I was in Calgary a couple of years ago for the Canada Sports Hall of Fame induction and got a chance to cruise the city a little bit – it's always great to get back up here to play in Canada."

"I had a chance to check out the golf course yesterday. It was my first time around. It's very good and in really good condition. I'm healthy and very motivated. I'd love to be in contention come Sunday and try to win again."

"It feels great to be a rookie at 50 years old. It's kind of fun. I'm still motivated and still like to challenge myself. I still like to push myself."

"My (regular) caddie didn't make it up so I've got a college friend (Jeff Kraemer) coming in tomorrow to caddie for me. Last night I took a pull cart and walked around the course. I saw all the holes. The course is in tremendous condition. It's a great mix of some shorter holes that challenge you if you want to drive it up to the green or lay back, and then you have some long par 4s. You've got to use every club in the bag, and it's difficult around the greens."

"Jeff (Kraemer) won the Canadian Amateur back in 1990. He still reminds me of this today because he beat me by a couple of shots. Jeff's a great friend who lives in Peachland, B.C. We're still really close friends and it will be good to have him on the bag."

Wes Short Jr. Ready to Defend Shaw Charity Classic Title

Wes Short Jr. took full advantage of a fortunate bounce on the final hole to win his second career PGA TOUR Champions event at the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor.

Capitalizing on an assist from a huge rock in the hazard that protects the finishing green at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, Short had two putts on the final hole to make birdie and win the 2019 event by one stroke.

Short's final round included six birdies and two bogeys to give the golfer from Austin, Texas, just his second-ever PGA TOUR Champions victory. His last one was also in Canada at the 2014 Quebec Championship.

“It is nice to be back. I like this course a lot. I’ve had a fourth and a win. The (fortunate bounce) was a nice one. It was the best I ever had. They asked me ‘do you want to take that rock with you,’ and I said ‘no, I might need it for next time. I’ll leave it here.”

Langer Looks to Continue Momentum into Canada

World Golf Hall of Famer, Bernhard Langer, arrives into Calgary for the fifth time with back-to-back top-five finishes.

“I’ve been playing fairly solid golf tee-to-green, and just not making enough putts. It would mean a lot (to win in Canada). There are a few events I haven’t won on this Tour, and this is certainly one of them. I think I can play this course well, just a matter of getting everything going in the right direction all at once and firing on all four cylinders. It would be nice to have a victory in Canada. This is one country I haven’t won yet, so I’m trying as hard as I can.”

Currently ranked third overall in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, Langer has two, top-10 finishes at the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor, including a tie for second spot at the 2016 event.

“It’s great to be back in Canada. It’s our only stop (in Canada) during the year and they’ve done a phenomenal job over the years. Everybody loves the golf course, loves the crowd which is really enthusiastic here. The organizers do a fantastic job. Shaw is known to do an amazing job, and probably will raise more money this week for charities than we do most anywhere else.”

Langer will tee it up in Thursday’s RBC Championship Pro-Am at 12:20 p.m.

Featured Thursday Tee Times at RBC Championship Pro-Am:

The final RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Thursday at the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor beginning at 7:10 a.m. The following are featured player tee times. **(TEE TIMES ATTACHED)**

9:00 Mike Weir (Tee #1)
9:10 Vijay Singh (Tee #1)
12:20 Bernhard Langer (Tee #1)
1:10 Stephen Ames (Tee #1)

Tickets for 2021 Shaw Charity Classic Presented by Suncor

The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor will provide an exclusive opportunity to watch golf’s greats, allowing just 2,000 spectators each day for tournament round play, August 13-15. 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.

Safety Protocols Implemented for 2021

The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Suncor has implemented a number of safety measures for the 2021 tournament to ensure the protection of everyone involved in the event and the Calgary community at large. Tournament volunteers and employers will welcome participants and spectators through the gates at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club with the following health and safety enhancements in place throughout the week.

- All players, caddies, PGA TOUR staff and Golf Channel personnel are required to produce a negative PCR test within 72 hours of arrival to Calgary and then another PCR test upon arrival. At which point they will enter a “protected environment” between a dedicated section of a designated Calgary hotel and the golf course;
- Players, caddies, staff and volunteers are required to wear masks in all indoor areas. Masks will also be mandatory on all shuttle buses to and from the event, and signage will be present throughout the event site encouraging spectators to wear masks;
- Tournament officials have reduced the number of spectators on-site to a maximum of 2,000 guests/day (approximately 15% of normal capacity) and have built open-air hospitality structures to allow for greater distancing;
- Enhanced safety and cleaning protocols have been put in place to ensure all areas are routinely sanitized. Sanitization and handwashing will be regularly encouraged, with sanitization stations located throughout the event site;
- The event is completely cashless. Square terminals with “tap & go” functionality will be used for purchases at the Merchandise Tent. Food and beverage is inclusive with all tickets.

Tournament Media Information:

Event web site – www.shawcharityclassic.com

Champions Tour information - <http://pgatourgolfmedia.com> (must login)

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 70 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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