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**Jerry Kelly Books Ticket to Calgary to Defend Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers Title
—Single-day General Admission Tickets available for \$20, upgraded Canyon Club tickets \$40 if
purchased in advance of tournament week—**

CALGARY—Playoff hockey season is in full swing, and in celebration, the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers is bringing back its defending champion, and one of the PGA TOUR Champions top former hockey players, to Canada this summer.

Jerry Kelly is first to add his name to the tee sheet for the 2023 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers slated for Calgary's Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 16-20, 2023.

"I got All-City (playing hockey in high school) and they said, hey, we would love to have you walk on at University of Wisconsin. But I knew better, I couldn't play with those boys," said Kelly. "I always tell people, when I get on a green, I can see the green, I can see the hole, the shot that I need to hit, everything. When I got on the ice, I was fast, good shot, but I had my head down way too much and I started getting popped really hard. It was really fun. I love that sport, but being a centre, I liked to go in corners. At my size, we don't live that long," said Kelly.

A three-time winner during his career on the PGA TOUR, Kelly has done some serious living since replacing his hockey stick for golf clubs.

He donned the traditional white Smithbilt Cowboy Hat presented each year to the champion of the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers after defeating John Huston on the first playoff hole. It was the 11th victory for the 56-year-old on the PGA TOUR Champions.

"I kept telling everybody, the Shaw Charity Classic cowboy hat is the only thing that would actually get me to take off my Cologuard hat for just a few seconds. I'm proud of this thing, it's awesome. I've always wanted one and it was so cool to get it," said Kelly.

The Shaw Charity Classic title was the third victory of the season for Kelly who finished fourth on the 2022 Charles Schwab Cup Money List.

Kelly scored another victory for the PGA TOUR Champions players earlier this spring when he became the oldest player ever to make the cut at The Players Championship while teeing it up against the best on the PGA TOUR. Kelly earned a spot in the field after winning the Kaulig Companies Championship last year (formerly the Senior Players Championship).

"Jerry certainly shares Canada's passion for golf, hockey and our mountain culture in Western Canada, so he has been a great champion for us and we can't wait to have him back," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers. "We are committed to ensuring golf fans in Calgary will have the opportunity to watch another world-class field this summer who are determined to help us raise significant money for youth-based charities in the province. We look forward to rolling those names out



in the coming weeks, but I can't think of a better person to welcome back to Calgary first than one of the top competitors on Tour right now in Jerry Kelly."

Kelly is sure to have his hands full when he arrives to Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in mid-August. Tournament officials are once again focused on assembling one of the strongest fields on Tour.

Golf fans planning to attend the 2023 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers have the opportunity to take advantage of discounted [Early Bird Tickets](#) until tournament week. Single-day General Admission tickets for tournament play August 18 – 20 , 2023, that are purchased in advance for the tournament will cost \$20, while upgraded Canyon Club tickets purchased in advance will be only \$40 (plus GST and fees). Juniors 12 and under are admitted FREE when accompanied by a ticketed adult.

The deadline to purchase advanced tickets is Sunday, August 13th, 2023, at 11:59 PM MT. The RBC Championship Pro-Am (August 16 - 17, 2023) will be FREE for spectators to attend. Limited quantities of advance General Admission and Canyon Club tickets are available for purchase at www.shawcharityclassic.com.

About the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers

The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers will host some of the greatest names in the game of golf in Calgary at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 16-20, 2023. The field, which will consist of 78 stars on the PGA TOUR Champions, will compete for US \$2.4 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$360,000. 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, Brad Shaw and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Rogers 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 \$93 million over 10 years that has been distributed amongst more than 270 youth-based charities in Alberta. For more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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