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**Major Winners Mark O'Meara, Craig Stadler, Bob Tway and Jeff Sluman Lead
Crew of Americans into 2017 Shaw Charity Classic**

—Billy Andrade, Jay Haas, Billy Mayfair, and Woody Austin bring additional firepower to YYC—

CALGARY—A band of eight more Americans on the PGA TOUR Champions led by major winners Mark O'Meara, Craig Stadler, Bob Tway and Jeff Sluman will bring a total 65 PGA TOUR titles with them to Calgary for the 2017 Shaw Charity Classic, August 30 – September 3.

Mark O'Meara becomes the fifth World Golf Hall of Fame Member to put his name on the tee sheet at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, joining Nick Faldo, Jose Maria Olazabal, Fred Couples and Colin Montgomerie on this year's pairings guide.

The 16-time winner on the PGA TOUR, which includes the 1998 Masters and 1998 British Open, is one of a handful of players to make the trip to Calgary in each of the tournament's first four years.

"Calgary and the Shaw Charity Classic is obviously one of the best on Tour. It is a wonderful place, an incredible city. I love the golf course. I love the Rockies and I'm a huge fisherman. Floating the Bow River is a beautiful experience so I can't wait to get back to Calgary for both the golf and to get back onto the Bow again," said O'Meara, who also has two PGA TOUR Champions victories.

O'Meara headlines a group of three more American-born major winners adding their names to this year's field list, which also includes Craig Stadler (1982 Masters), Bob Tway (1986 PGA Championship), and Jeff Sluman (1988 PGA Championship).

"This is a very good line up of athletes who have all been a part of some of the greatest and most memorable moments in the game, and make our field even deeper," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. "Not only is this group some of the most successful players on Tour, they are also among the most respected. They can still play at a very high level and I guarantee they will be ready to put on a great show while dueling it out at Canyon Meadows."

Four other big names on the PGA TOUR Champions will also be looking to put their name in the history books as the winner of the fifth anniversary of the Shaw Charity Classic.

Three-time PGA TOUR Champions major winner, Jay Haas, will make his third trip to Calgary. A nine-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Haas made an immediate mark on the back nine of his career winning the 2005 Champions Tour Rookie-of-the-Year honours. He has gone on to win 18 times on the PGA TOUR Champions swing.

Fan-favourite, Billy Andrade will be in search of his fourth victory against golf's best over 50 years of age. The four-time winner on the PGA TOUR nearly put on the White Stetson in 2014 when he was defeated in the first hole of a thrilling playoff following a remarkable comeback by Fred Couples.

"It was a heck of a fight we had up here a few years ago. It was my first time up to Calgary and the fans were phenomenal. Fred shot 61 and I shot 62 in that final round. To be able to put up the scores that we shot, and to put on the show that we did was a testament to the great fans in Canada," said Andrade. "I always have a wonderful time up there, but I still want to win that tournament so I'll be back fighting once again at the end of the month."

Woody Austin and Billy Mayfair round out the group of eight Americans who have also added their names to the list of a star-studded class of international stars bringing a plane full of titles with them from around the globe to Calgary.



A second-place finisher at the 2007 PGA Championship, Austin is a four-time winner on the PGA TOUR who has added three more titles to his name since turning 50. Mayfair has five victories throughout his career – none more memorable than the 1998 Nissan Open when he became the first and only player to ever beat Tiger Woods in playoff on the PGA TOUR.

With nearly all of the top-30 on the Charles Schwab Cup Money List committed, the Shaw Charity Classic will announce its final field for the 2017 event on August 21.

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 30 – September 3, 2017. 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 will showcase 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 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$13.8 million in its first four years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$5,217,713 raised in 2016 that was distributed amongst 124 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. The Shaw Charity Classic is managed by Bruno Event Team and Shaw Communications Inc.

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