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**Shaw Charity Classic Celebrates British Open Week by adding Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, Mark Calcavecchia and Paul Broadhurst to Calgary Lineup
—Five World Golf Hall of Fame Members now confirmed to tee it up in Calgary—**

CALGARY—Four of the PGA TOUR Champions hottest stars with British ties including two more World Golf Hall of Fame Members, will be making their way back to Calgary to play in the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic, August 28 – September 1.

Two of Britain's top golfers on the senior circuit, **Colin Montgomerie** and **Paul Broadhurst**, will be joined by British and Canadian Open winners, **Mark O'Meara** and **Mark Calcavecchia**.

"I enjoy all of the PGA TOUR Champions events, but Calgary is a special one. The course is absolutely perfect, and the tournament has had a tremendous impact on the community. It has been voted the number one TOUR event three times for a reason, and I have always said as long as I'm on this Tour, I'll be participating in the Shaw Charity Classic," said Montgomerie, who was named to the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2013.

The Scotsman, who is one of Europe's greatest players ever, will be on a birdie-seeking mission when he makes his fifth trip to Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. Montgomerie finished second in his first appearance at the 2015 Shaw Charity Classic.

"This tour is still so competitive. We are all friends and I don't have the pressure I used to have, but when the gun goes Friday morning, it is work, and we want to win – believe me," added Montgomerie. "I came up a little short a few years back but hoping to have a good week this summer. That's why we're here. As soon as that drive and ambition leaves us, I think it's time to go back and walk the dogs at home."

Arguably the greatest Ryder Cup player ever, Montgomerie has 53 professional wins. His first three of six PGA TOUR Champions victories were major wins, making him the first player since Jack Nicklaus to start his career on the senior circuit with three major titles. His last two triumphs came in the fall of 2017.

Montgomerie captained the 2010 winning European Ryder Cup squad at Celtic Manor following an illustrious career on the European Tour. He held the reigns as Europe's number one player in 1993 – a position he retained for an unprecedented run of seven straight years where he earned more prize money than any British golfer in history. He added one more European Order of Merit title before switching his focus to teeing it up on senior Tours on both sides of the pond.

He will be joined by fellow Brit, Paul Broadhurst. The Englishman has won six times on the senior swing including two majors. Broadhurst won the 2016 Senior Open Championship along with the 2018 KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship.

They will have to contend in Calgary with two Americans who have not only hoisted the Claret Jug in their illustrious careers, but have also been crowned Canadian champions.



Mark O'Meara, who made his mark by winning the 1998 British Open just three months after claiming the Masters, has also added his name to the Shaw Charity Classic tee sheet for the seventh straight year.

One of five World Golf Hall of Famers confirmed to battle it out at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, O'Meara is a 16-time winner on the PGA TOUR including the 1995 Canadian Open.

"I love coming back to Calgary each year," said O'Meara, who is one of a handful of players to play in all seven events and won earlier this spring for the first time in nine years. "I love the Rockies and floating down the Bow River so I can't wait to get back to the city this summer."

He will be joined by another golf legend who has a special place in his heart for both Britain and Canada. Mark Calcavecchia not only captured the 1989 British Open, but two of his 13 PGA TOUR wins came in Canada (2005 Canadian Open, 1997 Greater Vancouver Open). One of his four victories on the senior swing also came north of the boarder at the 2012 Montreal Championship.

"Canada is simply one of my favourite countries in the world. It's been a good country for me over the years and the fans are great everytime we get up there to play," said Calcavecchia. "I've had such a great time in the five years I have played Calgary and I can wait to get back and see everyone later in the summer."

Others who have previously committed to play include Bernhard Langer, Vijay Singh, Retief Goosen, Jesper Parnevik, David Frost, and two-time defending champion Scott McCarron.

Fans planning on attending the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic can take advantage of discounted tickets until August 28th. Join us Saturday, August 31 for Kid's Day and enjoy a range of fun activities dedicated to the junior spectators! Corporate hosting packages for the Shaw Charity Classic are also available online at shawcharityclassic.com.

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 28 – September 1, 2019. 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 – 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 \$34 million in its first six years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record-setting donation of \$12,357,863 raised in 2018 that was distributed amongst 182 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.



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