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**Jerry Kelly, Mark Calcavecchia, Steve Flesch Set to Duel it out in YYC**  
**—2018 PGA TOUR Champions winners further strengthen world-leading Shaw Charity Classic field—**

**CALGARY**—The number one-ranked player on the PGA TOUR Champions, another major winner and Mr. Lefty on the senior circuit confirmed their names on a tee sheet loaded with the top names in golf at the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic, August 27 – September 2 in Calgary.

The trio of 2018 tournament winners – Jerry Kelly, Mark Calcavecchia and Steve Flesch – will hit the fairways at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club later this month.

Jerry Kelly, who has matched his career total of three wins on the PGA TOUR since turning 50 last year, will look to add to his lead atop the Charles Schwab Cup money standings in Calgary. Kelly, who has 10, top-10 finishes this season, won the Mitsubishi Electric Championship in Hawaii earlier this year.

“You’ve got to come out with the mindset that you’re trying to win every single week, wherever it filters out,” said Kelly on his goal of staying on top of the overall standings. “When it looks like you’re not going to win on the back nine on Sunday, you try and make a couple birdies just to improve your spot. I mean, you never stop, you just keep going. That is my mindset every week and it will be no different when I get to Calgary.”

Kelly has had success on Canadian soil. He won the 2017 PGA TOUR Champions stop in Victoria.

He will be joined by another golf legend who has a special place in his heart for Canada, Mark Calcavecchia. The winner of the 1989 British Open, Calcavecchia had two of his 13 PGA TOUR wins in Canada (2005 Canadian Open, 1997 Greater Vancouver Open). One of his four victories on the senior swing also came north of the border at the 2012 Montreal Championship. The four-time member of the U.S.A. Ryder Cup Team captured his first victory in three years in February at the Boca Raton Championship.

“I love Canada, it’s one of my favourite places. It’s been a good country for me over the years and always pretty cool to know I have a few more fans up there,” said Calcavecchia. “I’ve had such a great time in the four years I have played Calgary. I’m looking forward to another memorable week later this month.”

Steve Flesch will make his first trip to Calgary.

The second-year member of the PGA TOUR Champions chalked up his first win this year at the Mitsubishi Electric Classic.

“You never know if you’re ever going to win again. Honestly, it’s been harder than I anticipated winning on this tour. These guys are so good,” said Flesch, who beat Bernhard Langer on the second playoff hole. “It’s been a lot of fun playing on this tour. I missed the adrenaline rush and the nerves of playing.”

Energy will be high around the first tee box at Canyon Meadows that will play host to World Golf Hall of Fame members, major champions, and fan-favourites including Miguel Angel Jimenez, Davis Love III, Darren Clarke, Mark O’Meara, Rocco Mediate, Bernhard Langer, Colin Montgomerie, Chris DiMarco, Vijay Singh, Jesper Parnevik and defending champion Scott McCarron in this year’s field.

Having raised more than \$22 million for Alberta children’s charities in its first five years, the Shaw Charity Classic has set a fundraising goal of \$10 million for this year’s tournament, which will support 182 children’s charities across Alberta. This effort is made possible thanks to renewed support from Shaw



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### **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 27 – September 2, 2018. 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 – 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 2017, 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$22.1 million in its first five years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$8,391,413 raised in 2017 that was distributed amongst 159 youth-based charities in Alberta. For more information on the event, please visit [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at [facebook.com/shawcharityclassic](https://facebook.com/shawcharityclassic) and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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