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**Darren Clarke Hosts Irish Pub Night During Shaw Charity Classic Week**

**—Calgarians invited by Downtown Calgary to raise a pint with British Open champion, August 29—**

**CALGARY**—Darren Clarke will be pouring pints at a local pub in addition to chasing birdies at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club when he arrives in Calgary later this summer for the Shaw Charity Classic.

The 2011 British Open champion not only confirmed he will be back to battle for the prestigious PGA TOUR Champions title at the award-winning event, but he will also bring the 19th hole downtown, August 29 at 6 p.m., where Calgarians will have an opportunity to have “Drinks with Darren,” thanks to the Downtown Calgary.

“I absolutely can’t wait to get back to the Shaw Charity Classic. Calgary was just my second week on the PGA TOUR Champions last year and it was unbelievable,” said Clarke. “It was probably the best atmosphere we have on TOUR, incredible crowds, a fantastic golf course and great people. And for sure we even found one or two great bars as well. I can’t wait to get back and join everyone again.”

The winner of 21 tournaments worldwide on all of golf’s major tours will drop into Ceili’s Modern Irish Pub for the “Darren Clarke Pub Night,” presented by Downtown Calgary, before taking on 78 stars on the PGA TOUR Champions.

Guests will be treated with learning how to pour the perfect beer to toasting the freshly poured pints to sharing an evening of laughs during a 45-minute “Open-Mic” barside chat with the Northern Irishman that will be hosted by national sports media personality, Eric Francis.

“The Shaw Charity Classic prides itself on bringing the community together in an effort to make a positive impact on the lives of children in Alberta,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. “Providing Calgarians with the opportunity to have a pint and chat with one of the PGA TOUR Champions’ most entertaining and hottest new stars is completely unique and helps us achieve that goal. We are thrilled to have Darren back with us in Calgary. I know we will all share a few laughs with him, both at Canyon Meadows and Ceili’s pub.”

A limited number of tickets for the inaugural pub night are available for \$60 at [shawcharityclassic.com/buytickets/](http://shawcharityclassic.com/buytickets/)

Clarke became eligible to play on the PGA TOUR Champions when he turned 50 last August. He won 14 times on the European Tour and three times on the PGA TOUR. The Captain of the 2016 European Ryder Cup Team, Clarke was a member of five consecutive Ryder Cup squads between 1997 and 2006 – four times on the winning side. He also served as vice-captain in 2010 and 2014.

He has two, top-five finishes this year. Clarke was tied for fourth at the Mastercard Japan Championship in June. His best finish on the 50-and-over swing came in March when he finished tied in the runner-up position at the Cologuard Classic.



“These guys are still very competitive. They are lights out every week so it is tough to win on this Tour as it is at any level,” said Clarke. “The nerves are the same, but I’m still trying to get the first victory out here, and hopefully it will be in front of the awesome fans in Calgary. I had such a great time there last year.”

Fans planning on attending the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic can take advantage of discounted tickets until August 28th. Join us Saturday, August 31 for Kids’ 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](http://shawcharityclassic.com).

### **About the Downtown Calgary Association**

The Calgary Downtown Association (Downtown Calgary) represents over 2,600 businesses in the Downtown core. Their vision is to, mindfully and meaningfully, shape the downtown core being the catalyst for Downtown vitality and vibrancy. The Downtown Calgary continues to take steps to solidify its position as a champion for Downtown businesses and a leader in urban placemaking. For more information on the Downtown Calgary, please visit [www.downtowncalgary.com](http://www.downtowncalgary.com). Follow the Calgary Downtown Association at [facebook.com/downtowncalgary](https://facebook.com/downtowncalgary), on Twitter and Instagram @downtowncalgary.

### **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](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at [facebook.com/shawcharityclassic](https://facebook.com/shawcharityclassic) and on Twitter @shawclassic.

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