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**Davis Love III Returns to Calgary for 2019 Shaw Charity Classic
—Sixth World Golf Hall of Fame member to commit to PGA TOUR Champions event—**

CALGARY—Davis Love III is the sixth World Golf Hall of Fame member to add his name to the tee sheet for the seventh installment of the Shaw Charity Classic, August 28 – September 1, 2019.

The major winner, who continues to play against the youngsters on the PGA TOUR despite turning 50 five years ago, was a huge draw for local golf fans in his first visit to Calgary last year when he finished T13 at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club.

He will be back to take another shot against his pals on the PGA TOUR Champions in hopes of being fitted for a white cowboy hat that is awarded to the Shaw Charity Classic champion each year.

“I had a great time up in Calgary last summer. Canadians are so passionate about the game, are so friendly and hospitable. They love golf and their sports. Even when I’m up here snowboarding they want to talk about golf so I love playing in Canada,” said Love III.

After winning in his first appearance on the PGA TOUR in 1987, Love III went on to rack up 21 wins on the regular TOUR. His last triumph came in 2015 at the Wyndham Championship, making him the third-oldest golfer ever to win a PGA TOUR event.

The two-time U.S. Ryder Cup captain (2016 and 2012) who played on six teams himself, was in the top-10 on the Official World Golf Rankings for more than 450 weeks throughout his career. His biggest win on the PGA Tour came at the 1997 PGA Championship when he captured his lone major title at Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, New York. Love III was inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame in 2017.

He continues to hunt for his first victory on the senior swing.

“I have banged heads with the guys out here for a long time so I know I’m going to have to play really well if I want to compete on any week. The field in Calgary is always really, really strong with players that people recognize and remember so I’m going to have to hit a lot of fairways, get the ball in the right spots on the greens and make a lot of birdies if I want to get that first win,” said Love III.

“I love the competition. The golf course is really good and this tournament just does so many things right. Most importantly though, what they are doing for charity and the impact the Shaw Charity Classic has on the community is amazing. I’m excited to be coming back and help out.”

A stellar field is taking shape that includes back-to-back champion, Scott McCarron. Love III will join five other World Golf Hall of Famers in Calgary including: Bernhard Langer; Mark O’Meara; Vijay Singh; Colin Montgomerie; and PGA TOUR Champions rookie, Retief Goosen.

“This is an incredible line up of athletes who have all been a part of some of the greatest moments in



the game. It is such a treat for us to have them in Calgary and I am sure they will put on a great show for all us golf fans to enjoy,” 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. We have seen they can still play at a very high level and I guarantee they will be ready to duel it out to win at Canyon Meadows in a couple of weeks.”

Fans planning on attending the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic can take advantage of discounted tickets until August 28th. Join us for Super Saturday, August 31 for a full range of fun activities dedicated to the junior spectators, a Celebrity Shootout including NHL goalies Grant Fuhr and Mike Vernon, along with Olympic champions, Cassie Campbell-Pascall and Kerrin Lee-Gartner. The day will be capped off with Canadian country musician, Chad Brownlee, performing live on the 10th fairway following play! 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](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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