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**Kenny Perry Rounds Out Stellar Field Confirmed for Fifth Annual Shaw Charity Classic in Calgary
—International Field representing 13 countries includes six World Golf Hall of Famers, 15 major winners—**

CALGARY—The grandstands are up, the course is in great shape and a field that includes six World Golf Hall of Fame Members and 25 of the top-30 players on the Charles Schwab Cup Money List is set for the fifth annual Shaw Charity Classic that will take place at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 30 – September 3, 2017.

Kenny Perry, who is ranked third on the current Charles Schwab Cup Money List, added some additional firepower to the tee sheet by putting his stamp on one of the deepest fields on the PGA TOUR Champions before Friday's deadline. The 14-time winner on the PGA TOUR will be one of 55 players in the field who combined bring more than 342 titles to Calgary. It will be the first time the two-time Ryder Cup Team member will tee it up at the Shaw Charity Classic.

"Adding Kenny Perry puts the exclamation point on what is arguably our strongest and deepest field we have had to date. We have focused our recruitment efforts on not only ensuring the best come back each year, but we also want to continue to provide golf fans with the opportunity to see other high-profile players like Kenny in Calgary," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic, who added the tournament has raised more than \$13.8 million over the last four years for Alberta youth.

The legendary line up for the fifth installment of the award-winning event is headlined by six World Golf Hall of Fame Members that includes: 2014 champion Fred Couples; Colin Montgomerie; Mark O'Meara; and a trio of other first-timers to Calgary in Jose Maria Olazabal, Vijay Singh and Sir Nick Faldo.

The trophy case at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club next week also features a total of 15 players who will bring 24 major titles with them including 10 Green Jackets, six Claret Jugs, three U.S. Open victories, and five Wanamaker Trophies. Other confirmed PGA TOUR major winners include: Mark Calcavecchia, Todd Hamilton, Lee Janzen, Larry Mize, Corey Pavin, Scott Simpson, Jeff Sluman, Craig Stadler, David Toms and Bob Tway.

"Our mission has not wavered. It is focused on showcasing the best players in the game in hopes of continuing to raise big money for youth-based charities in the province. We have accomplished step one of that goal by securing a lot of big names for 2017, and we are now hoping to hit the \$20 million mark in total charitable giving at the completion of our fifth tournament in two week's time," added Van Kesteren.

Perry's four major titles on the PGA TOUR Champions makes him one of 17 players on the tee sheet in Calgary who have won majors on the senior circuit. A total of 50 players in the field, including Sunday's winner Scott McCarron, have won a total of 196 PGA TOUR Champions victories.

Three Canadians including Calgary's own Stephen Ames, Rod Spittle (St. Catharines, Ont.), and Victoria's Jim Rutledge will be among the star-studded list of international players representing 13 countries who will be looking to grab a white Stetson on September 3. Other notable international players include: defending champion Carlos Franco (Paraguay), David Frost (South Africa), Miguel Angel Jimenez (Spain), Jesper Parnevik (Sweden), Craig Parry (Australia), Esteban Toledo (Mexico), and Jean Van de Velde (France).

"I was so happy to finally win my first tournament on this Tour and to do it in Canada was extra special," said Carlos Franco, who teamed up with Vijay Singh to win the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf earlier this year. "I love the people in Canada and the memories of last year in Calgary will always have a special place in my heart. I can't wait to get back to Canada next week to relive some of those memories and hopefully successfully defend my title. More importantly, all of us players understand this tournament's focus is on impacting children's charities. We look forward to supporting that effort once again and celebrating five years of giving to, and inspiring, Canadian youth through this golf tournament."



For a complete list of the field to date, please visit <http://www.pgatour.com/champions/tournaments/shaw-charity-classic/field.html>

NOTE: the final four spots will be filled following the final qualifying round, August 29, at The Hamptons Golf Club.

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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