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Seven More International Stars on PGA TOUR Champions Book Tee Time for Calgary
Paul Broadhurst, Fred Funk, David Frost, Jesper Parnevik, Craig Parry, Esteban Toledo, and Ian Woosnam bring flags from around the world to Shaw Charity Classic

CALGARY—Flags from 12 nations around the globe will be soaring above the putting green at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club during the 2017 Shaw Charity Classic, August 30 – September 3. Seven more international stars on the PGA TOUR Champions will descend on Calgary for the fifth anniversary of the award-winning tournament.

Paul Broadhurst (England), Fred Funk (United States), David Frost (South Africa), Jesper Parnevik (Sweden), Craig Parry (Australia), Esteban Toledo (Mexico) and Ian Woosnam (Wales) will add to the international flare that will be on display for Calgary golf fans.

“Calgary has a uncanny ability to attract the top stars from around the world, and the Shaw Charity Classic is no different,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. “The Shaw Charity Classic offers so much more than a great golf course to the best players on Tour. The beauty of the Rocky Mountains, world-class fishing and activities on the Bow River, along with our unique cowboy culture, first class restaurants and friendly hospitality all play a critical role in attracting the top senior golfers beyond North America to our tournament.”

Fan-favourites Fred Funk, David Frost and Esteban Toledo will all make their fifth-straight trip to Calgary to help celebrate the anniversary of the Shaw Charity Classic. Funk, who will join a large contingent of Americans heading north of border, will look to improve on his best finish in Calgary last year when he was 14th.

“The Shaw Charity Classic is one of my favourite events on the Tour. It is in a great town and a lot of people show up for the tournament, which makes it fun for us because we love showing off,” said Fred Funk. “I’m so glad that Shaw has extended their support another three years. I haven’t missed an event yet and I don’t plan too. The tournament does everything right, and has such an incredible impact on the community. We love everyone up there and I can’t wait to get back.”

A 10-time winner on the PGA TOUR including the 1993 Canadian Open, David Frost has taken in all the beauty the City has to offer in between tee times. In addition to carding top-15 finishes in each of his four previous appearances at the Shaw Charity Classic, Frost and his wife blasted down the Olympic bobsleigh track in Calgary.

“Calgary creates the stage that all professional golfers want to play in front of. There are thousands of people watching us at Canyon Meadows every year regardless of the weather conditions, and that makes this tournament enjoyable to play,” said Frost, who had the first round lead in 2016. “I played really well in Calgary last year. Hopefully I’ll get the crowd to make some noise with a good week again this year.”

Toledo will bring his four PGA TOUR Champions titles with him to Calgary. The entertaining Mexican enjoyed a breakthrough season in 2013 with two victories including a win during a Montreal stop on the PGA TOUR Champions.

Paul Broadhurst, Jesper Parnevik and Ian Woosnam will each make their second trips to Calgary since turning 50.

Broadhurst who won two times in 2016 including the Senior British Open Championship will look to get back into the winner’s circle, while the flamboyant Swede, Parnevik, will be hungry to improve on the first mark he made in Calgary with a fifth-place finish one year ago. A five-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Parnevik’s lone PGA TOUR Champions victory came last year at the Insuperity Invitational in The Woodlands, TX.

Ian Woosnam, whose only victory on the 50+ TOUR also came in The Woodlands, will bring another Green Jacket to the Shaw Charity Classic locker-room. The Wee Welshman’s second of two PGA TOUR wins was the 1991 Masters.



He also captured 29 European Tour titles throughout his career.

Craig Parry will make his first trip to Calgary. The Australian won twice on the PGA TOUR and six times on the European Tour before turning 50 last year.

Flights from five other countries have already been booked to transport many of the biggest names in the game to the Shaw Charity Classic including: Spain's Jose Maria Olazabal and Miguel Angel Jimenez; Scotland's Colin Montgomerie; defending champion Carlos Franco of Paraguay; Vijay Singh of Fiji; and Canada's own Stephen Ames and Rod Spittle.

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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