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U.S. Open Winners Janzen, Pavin, Simpson Return to Calgary for 2017 Shaw Charity Classic

—Scott Simpson commits to YYC on 30th anniversary of U.S. Open win—

CALGARY—On the eve of the opening round of what is arguably golf's toughest major, three former U.S. Open winners – Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen and Scott Simpson – have confirmed they will return to Calgary to play in the 2017 Shaw Charity Classic, August 30 – September 3.

Two-time U.S. Open winner, Janzen, won the national championship in 1993 and again in 1998. He'll tee it up at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club alongside Pavin, who won the 1995 U.S. Open, and Scott Simpson who was crowned champion 30 years ago.

"It is a grind to win a U.S. Open. You have to learn to be patient and take your medicine," said Janzen. "I still believe it is the most difficult major to win, but winning out here on the PGA TOUR Champions is no easy task either. These guys are extremely competitive and play at a very high level. We all still love to win, especially highly regarded tournaments like the Shaw Charity Classic."

Janzen's two major titles were among his eight victories on the PGA TOUR. A member of two U.S. Ryder Cup Teams, Janzen also won The Players Championship in 1995. Making his third straight start in Calgary since turning 50, Janzen's lone victory on the senior circuit came in his rookie year at the ACE Group Classic.

Corey Pavin will also make his third trip to Calgary after missing much of the 2016 season with an elbow injury. Pavin delivered one of the best pressure shots in the history of the U.S. Open with his 228-yard, 4-wood on the final hole at Shinnecock 22 years ago to capture his lone major title.

"It's by far the most pressure I've ever felt on a golf course," said Pavin. "I have never had a feeling like that on a golf course. I had been trying for 12 years to win a major championship. I had opportunities and didn't do it so it was a huge relief, but to win the national open was an absolute thrill beyond words."

Pavin continues to benefit from his major triumph, and so do tournaments around the world he plays in. The California native spent more than 150 weeks in the top-10 on the Official World Golf Rankings between 1986 and 1997 thanks to his 15 wins on the PGA TOUR. A three-time Ryder Cup Team member, Pavin also captained the 2010 squad – the same year he joined the PGA TOUR Champions. His lone victory on the 50 and over swing came at the 2012 Allianz Championship.

Scott Simpson will share anniversary celebrations with the Shaw Charity Classic, which has been wowing golf fans in Western Canada for the last five years. Simpson celebrated the 30th anniversary of his U.S. Open victory by booking his fourth ticket to Calgary.

Simpson's lone major title came at the 1987 Open at the Olympic Club in San Francisco where he topped last year's Shaw Charity Classic headliner, Tom Watson, by one stroke. Simpson went on to win seven times on the PGA TOUR and played in the 1987 Ryder Cup. His lone victory on the PGA TOUR Champions came in 2006.

"I still think to myself, 'Wow, how did I ever win one of those?' It is still hard to believe sometimes," said Simpson. "I wasn't totally unknown because I did win earlier that year, but I realized later I really was the



little guy who beat the big guy. It's still great to relive those memories. I loved golf when it was at its hardest. I loved that challenge and still do today.”

Simpson will have another major challenge on his hands when teeing it up against the 78-man field who will help celebrate the fifth anniversary of the award-winning Shaw Charity Classic.

“Lee, Corey and Scott’s names are synonymous with some of the greatest moments in the game of golf, and we are lucky to have them share these life changing experiences with us in Calgary,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. “I think that’s what makes this TOUR so special. It allows us to look back and rekindle these special memories with our golfing heroes, while continuing to watch them compete at an elite level. As part of our fifth anniversary, the Shaw Charity Classic is committed to adding more of these great names who have made a tremendous mark on the game, to our tee sheet.”

Earlier this month, World Golf Hall of Fame members, Jose Maria Olazabal and Sir Nick Faldo, along with the most interesting man in golf, Miguel Angel Jimenez, also booked their tickets to Calgary this summer.

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 only 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 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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