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**Colin Montgomerie Hungry for 2017 Shaw Charity Classic Title  
—International star becomes third World Golf Hall of Fame Member to commit to Calgary—**

**CALGARY**—Colin Montgomerie hopes his third time to Calgary is a charm when he returns for the 2017 Shaw Charity Classic.

After a runner-up finish in 2015, followed by a sixth-place outing in his second quest to secure a famed white Stetson of his own in Calgary, Europe's best golfer will be on a birdie-seeking mission when he tees it up at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 30 – September 1, 2017.

"When you finish second at an event you always want to come back, but that is not the only reason I want to be in Calgary," said Montgomerie. "I enjoy all of the PGA TOUR Champions events, but this one is a special one. The course is absolutely perfect, and the tournament has given, not only me tremendous support, but is simply fantastic the way it treats all of the players. It has been voted the number one Tour event twice for a reason, and as long as I'm on this Tour, I'll be participating in the Shaw Charity Classic."

Arguably the greatest Ryder Cup player ever, Montgomerie captured his 50th professional win last year – just a couple of weeks after the Shaw Charity Classic – when he finished on top at the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship in Victoria.

Montgomerie, who captained the 2010 winning European Ryder Cup squad at Celtic Manor, is a three-time major winner on the PGA TOUR Champions circuit. His first victory on the senior Tour came in 2014 when he won the Senior PGA Championship. He backed that up by winning the U.S. Senior Open Championship a couple of weeks later, and successfully defended his Senior PGA Championship in 2015. Affectionately known by golf fans around the world as "Monty," the Scotsman is the first player since Jack Nicklaus to start his career on the PGA TOUR Champions with three major titles. He also won his second straight Senior European Order of Merit in 2015.

"Colin Montgomerie is one of those rare players that moves the needle so it is a huge win for us to have him back on the tee sheet this year in Calgary," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. "Monty has always been in the hunt at our event, and I know for sure he has some unfinished business he'd like to settle when he returns in August. If I was planning to come to this event, I wouldn't let him out of my sight because I feel he will put on quite a show and leave his mark on Calgary."

Montgomerie held the reigns as Europe's number one player in 1993 – a position he retained for an unprecedented run of seven straight years where he earned more prize money than any British golfer in history. He added one more European Order of Merit title before switching his focus to teeing it up in senior Tours on both sides of the pond.

"The goal every time we tee it up is to be in contention so I am delighted I have been able to do that in my first two trips to Calgary, but the standard here on this Tour is fantastic. You just can't afford any wee wobbles. Week in and week out you've got to play your best, there's no question, and if you don't play your best you will not win – simple as that," said Montgomerie.

Montgomerie will make the trip to Calgary along with fellow World Golf Hall of Fame members, Jose Maria Olazabal and Sir Nick Faldo, along with the most interesting man in golf, Miguel Angel Jimenez. Shaw Charity Classic officials also announced U.S. Open winners, Corey Pavin, Lee Janzen and Scott Simpson will also be back.

**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](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at [facebook.com/shawcharityclassic](https://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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