



## Shaw Charity Classic

Canyon Meadows Golf & CC/Calgary, Alberta, Canada/September 1-3, 2017

### First-Round Notes

**Course Setup:** Par 70/7,086 yards/68.333 R1 scoring average

**Weather:** Mostly sunny and pleasant with highs in the upper-70s. SE wind 6-12 mph.

	Player	To Par	Scores
1.	<b>Kevin Sutherland</b>	-8	29-33 - 62
2.	<b>Scott McCarron</b>	-7	33-30 - 63
T3.	<b>Todd Hamilton</b>	-6	32-32 - 64
T3.	<b>Billy Andrade</b>	-6	33-31 - 64
T3.	<b>Scott Dunlap</b>	-6	34-30 - 64
T3.	<b>Miguel Angel Jimenez</b>	-6	34-30 - 64

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#### Kevin Sutherland, 29-33 - 62 (-7)

- His 8-under-par 62 was one shy of the tournament 18-hole scoring record set by Fred Couples in 2014 and matched a year later by Miguel Angel Jimenez.
- His 62 was his best first-round score since he joined PGA TOUR Champions. Previously he had a trio of 65s, including one at DICK'S Sporting Goods Open last month.
- The 62 was the second-lowest score of his PGA TOUR Champions career. His career low was a 59 at the 2014 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open (second round).
- Today's 62 was also his lowest first-round effort on any Tour.
- This marks the first time in his PGA TOUR Champions career that he has held sole possession of the lead after the first round. Earlier this year he was tied for the lead at the Principal Charity Classic and DICK'S Sporting Goods Open.
- Shares the lead for top-10 finishes on Tour with Bernhard Langer with 12 (in 16 starts).
- Eleven of his last 12 rounds have been in the 60s.
- His 17 of 18 greens in regulation today.
- Best showing here was a T9 in 2014.
- Has three second-place finishes this year.

### **Scott McCarron, 33-30 – 63 (-7)**

- Opened with a 7-under-par 63, his low round of the 2017 season.
- Had a strong finish, making birdies on Nos. 13-15 and an eagle on No. 18 to move into sole possession of second place.
- Was T12 here in 2015 and T37 a year ago.
- Is a three-time winner this year, including the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, and is currently second in the Charles Schwab Cup race.

### **Tournament Notes...**

- Todd Hamilton's 6-under-par 64 was one stroke shy of his career-low round on PGA TOUR Champions, a 7-under-par 63 here in the second round a year ago.
- Jose Maria Olazabal's 5-under-par 65 was his best round on PGA TOUR Champions. Earlier this year he posted a 5-under-par 67 at the Allianz Championship. He is currently T7.
- Billy Andrade, a runner-up here in 2014, shot a 6-under-par 64 on Friday and is currently T3.
- Defending champion Carlos Franco opened with a 1-under-par 71 (T61), while 2015 winner Jeff Maggert finished with a 4-under-par 66 (T15). Fred Couples, the 2014 champion, opened with a 3-under-par 67 (T23) and Rocco Mediate, the inaugural Shaw Charity Classic winner, is T33 after a 2-under-par 68.
- Rod Spittle had the best showing by the three Canadian players in the field. He is T23 after a 3-under-par 67. Former Calgary resident Stephen Ames shot a 1-under-par 69 and is T45 and Victoria's Jim Rutledge is T66 following a 2-over-par 72.
- Tom Pernice, Jr. had the day's fewest putts (23), while David Frost and Scott Parel had 24.
- Miguel Angel Jimenez and Gene Sauers each had a pair of eagles on Friday.
- Mike Grob hit all 18 greens in regulation to lead all players in that category.
- A total of 54 players finished with rounds in the 60s and overall the field averaged 68.333, just a shade higher than last year's first-round scoring average of 68.235.
- Hole No. 7 was the most difficult on Friday with an average score of 4.295 (+.295). It yielded just four birdies. Hole No. 11 was the easiest with an average score of 4.385 (-.615). Players made three eagles and 44 birdies.
- Rocco Mediate is the only first-round leader to win this event, going wire-to-wire in 2013 for a seven-stroke victory over Tom Byrum. So far in 2017 on PGA TOUR Champions, four first-round leaders/co-leaders have gone on to win.
- Jay Haas ran his streak of consecutive holes without a three-putt to 180, the best current streak on Tour.