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Vijay Singh and Colin Montgomerie to Return to Calgary for Shaw Charity Classic
—International stars focused on helping to make a positive impact on Alberta youth —

CALGARY—Vijay Singh and Colin Montgomerie are coming back to Calgary!

Two of golf's international stars bring additional firepower to an already stellar Shaw Charity Classic field that features fellow World Golf Hall of Fame members Davis Love III and Bernhard Langer.

"Both Vijay and Colin have been fierce competitors for many years on the PGA TOUR and continue to play at a very high level on the PGA TOUR Champions," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. "They are two of the best players of all time so it is great to have them back to entertain our passionate fans."

Vijay Singh will be swinging into Calgary on a hot streak. The 55-year-old Fijian captured his first major on the PGA TOUR Champions two weeks ago when he won the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship in a playoff over 2015 Shaw Charity Classic Champion, Jeff Maggert. It was the second individual victory of the year, and of his career, on the over-50 Tour. His first win came at the Toshiba Classic in March. He also captured the 2017 Bass Pro Legends of Golf title with Carlos Franco.

"Winning my first tournament (on the PGA TOUR Champions) at the beginning of the year was big, and now I have my first major, so I look forward to winning a lot more now," said Singh, who finished in eighth spot at last year's Shaw Charity Classic. "I always say, you get the first one out of the way, you can win a lot more after that. I hope to keep it going when I get to Calgary."

Singh has won 63 times worldwide including 34 of wins on the PGA TOUR, 13 European Tour titles and five victories on the Asian Tour. What began with winning Rookie-of-the-Year honours on the PGA TOUR in 1993, the 55 year old has a list of accolades as long as his punishing drives off the tee.

Capturing more wins than anyone after the age of 40, the "Big Fijian" has three Major titles throughout his illustrious career. He won the 2004 and 1998 PGA Championships, and put on a Green Jacket after winning the 2000 Masters. Currently sitting in third place on the all-time career money list behind Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson, Singh was the World Number 1 for 32 weeks between 2004 and 2005. He racked up 13 of his PGA TOUR victories during that two-year period – none more memorable for golf fans north of the border than when he topped Canada's Mike Weir in a dramatic playoff duel at the Canadian Open, denying fans a celebration they had been waiting to have for 50 years.

"I have fond memories of playing in Canada. The fans share my passion for the game and have always treated me with great respect. I am excited to have the opportunity to try and win another title up north this September," said Singh, who won the 2008 FedEx Cup and has played on eight President Cup Teams for the International squad.

Singh will have to get through Colin Montgomerie if he wants to get sized up for a white Stetson winner's hat at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club.

Europe's best golfer, who will be on a birdie-seeking mission of his own when he tees it up in Calgary August 27 – September 2, 2018, nearly won the 2015 event but came up just short in second spot.

"I enjoy all of the PGA TOUR Champions events, but Calgary 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 three times for a reason, and I have always said as long as I'm on this Tour, I'll be participating in the Shaw Charity Classic," said Montgomerie, who is still looking for his first win in 2018.

"This tour is still so competitive. We are all friends and I don't have the pressure I used to have, but when the gun goes Friday morning, it is work, and we want to win – believe me. Everybody's ambitious. We're driven, still. That's why we're here. As soon as that drive and ambition leaves us, I think it's time to go back and walk the dogs at home."

Arguably the greatest Ryder Cup player ever, Montgomerie has 53 professional wins. His first three of six PGA

TOUR Champions victories were major wins, making him the first player since Jack Nicklaus to start his career on the senior circuit with three major titles. His last two triumphs came in the fall of 2017.

Affectionately known by golf fans around the world as “Monty,” the Scotsman was Captain of the 2010 winning European Ryder Cup squad at Celtic Manor following an illustrious career on the European Tour. He 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.

Having raised more than \$22 million for Alberta children charities in its first five years, the Shaw Charity Classic has set a fundraising goal of \$10 million for this year’s tournament, which will support 182 children’s charities across Alberta. This effort is made possible thanks to renewed support from Shaw Communications and AltaLink for Shaw Birdies for Kids, presented by AltaLink.

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 27 – September 2, 2018. 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 showcases 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 2017, 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$22.1 million in its first five years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$8,391,413 raised in 2017 that was distributed amongst 159 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.

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