



**August 27 – September 2, 2018**  
**Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club**  
**Calgary, Alberta**  
**Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,086    Purse: \$2.35 million**

**August 28, 2018**

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## **TUESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC**

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### **Scheduled Pre-Tournament Player Interviews in the Media Centre:**

#### **Wednesday, August 29**

Darren Clarke – 3 p.m. (Media Centre)

#### **Thursday, August 30**

Fred Couples – 12:20 p.m. (Driving Range)

Davis Love III – 2 p.m. (Media Centre)

Scott McCarron – 2:30 p.m. (Media Centre)

### **Four Players Punch Their Tickets into 2018 Shaw Charity Classic –**

#### **Gibby Gilbert III sets new course record after a 9-under 63 at the Hamptons Golf Club**

Four players punched their ticket into the field at the Shaw Charity Classic following qualifying play at the Hamptons Golf Club on Tuesday afternoon.

Gibby Gilbert III set a new course record after firing a bogey-free 9-under 63. His round was highlighted by nine birdies and left him five strokes clear of his nearest competitor at the conclusion of play.

“I played really well today, I hit it straight, hit a lot of greens and made putts which is what you have to do when you shoot 63,” said Gilbert. “I had a couple great par saves that kept me going and helped me finish well. I’ve never played at the Shaw, so I’m looking forward to staying here this week and hopefully playing well.”

Tom Werkmeister and Stephen Mondshine fired 4-under 68’s to secure their spots in the field, while New Zealand’s Michael Long prevailed in a three-hole playoff over Greg Bruckner after the pair finished tied at 3-under par.

Complete qualifying results can be found by clicking [here](#).

### **Additional Quotes:**

#### **Stephen Mondshine:**

“I like playing golf on a good golf course, it’s fun playing with good players. I got into the Boeing classic three years ago and I’ve maybe pre-qualified 15 times since then and I haven’t gotten anything. I’ve been in playoffs, or a shot from getting in the tournament, so many times so I’m really looking forward to being in the field and playing this week.”

#### **Tom Werkmeister:**

“Last week provided some good confidence and experience for me to make it through qualifying. I made the event last week but played terrible, so I didn’t know what to expect today. I came in with a clear mind and a refresh and hit the ball great today. I made some key putts down the stretch and that’s what it takes.”

#### **Michael Long:**

“I turned 50 yesterday and obviously I’m very happy for the first time at it to get through and I’m looking forward to having a crack at it and seeing what it’s all about there, I have no expectations. I probably didn’t play my best today, but I had a good finish, birdieing three of the last five holes to post at three and crossed my fingers. I got into a playoff against my longest friend on Tour, Greg, we met him when I first came across in 1995 and we’ve known each other for a long time so it’s bittersweet. I’m ramped to get in, but obviously feel for Greg.”



### Field Overview:

The sixth-annual Shaw Charity Classic will feature eight of the top-10 players on the Charles Schwab Cup money list, including leader **Miguel Angel Jimenez** and defending champion **Scott McCarron**. Four past champions of the Shaw Charity Classic will compete in this year's event, as well as six members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: **Fred Couples, Bernhard Langer, Davis Love III, Colin Montgomerie, Mark O'Meara, and Vijay Singh**. In addition to Love, three other notable players will tee up at the Shaw Charity Classic for the first time: **Darren Clarke, Chris DiMarco and Dudley Hart**.

Shaw Charity Classic Champion	Year	Score
Scott McCarron	2017	194 (-16)
Carlos Franco	2016	192 (-18)
Jeff Maggert	2015	194 (-16)
Fred Couples	2014	195 (-15)
Rocco Mediate	2013	191 (-22)

### Field Highlights

- 57 PGA TOUR winners with 309 total career victories
- 41 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 153 total career victories
- 15 players with a PGA TOUR major victory, 10 with a PGA TOUR Champions major victory

### 2017 Recap: McCarron Wins Shaw Charity Classic by One:

**Scott McCarron** had three birdies and two bogeys on the front nine before draining a long putt at the par-5, 11<sup>th</sup> hole for eagle. It was the third eagle of the three-day tournament for McCarron. After **Miguel Angel Jimenez** missed a long eagle putt en route to a birdie on the par-5 18<sup>th</sup>, McCarron holed a 3-footer for par to close with a 3-under 67 and win by a stroke. He finished at 16-under 194 for his first fourth title of the year and sixth on PGA TOUR Champions.

### Clarke's Comeback:

Irishman **Darren Clarke** is one of 14 international players in the field this week. Last week Clarke made his PGA TOUR Champions debut at the Boeing Classic where he carded seven birdies in the final round to finish T24 with a 6-under 210. Clarke owns three victories on the PGA TOUR, with his most notable coming at The Open Championship in 2011.

### Davis Love III Takes on Shaw Charity Classic:

Davis Love III will make his 13<sup>th</sup> start on PGA TOUR Champions this week and first appearance at the Shaw Charity Classic. Love's best finish on Tour came in 2016 when he finished third at the Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai. This year he has three starts with one finish in the top 10 (U.S. Senior Open Championship). Love's best finish in Canada came in 1986 when he finished T3 at the RBC Canadian Open.

### Canada Connections:

Three Canadians will be competing in the sixth annual Shaw Charity Classic. Former Calgary resident **Stephen Ames** leads the trio and he'll be making his fifth start in the event, including a T5 finish in 2015. He'll be joined by **Steve Blake** (Calgary) and **Rod Spittle** (St. Catharines, Ont.). Spittle is a two-time Canadian Amateur champion, while Blake will be playing in this event for the first time.

### Winners, Eh?

Several current PGA TOUR Champions players have enjoyed success in Canada previously with victories at the RBC Canadian Open as well as the Air Canada Championship, an event no longer on the PGA TOUR schedule. Among the players in the Shaw Charity Classic field with wins at the RBC Canadian Open are **Mark Calcavecchia** (2005), **Billy Andrade** (1998), **Dudley Hart** (1996), **Mark O'Meara** (1995), **Scott Verplank** (2001), **Vijay Singh** (2004), and **David Frost** (1993). Calcavecchia also won in Vancouver in 1997.



### **Jimenez the New No. 1 in Charles Schwab Cup:**

After finishing T3 at the Boeing Classic, **Miguel Angel Jimenez** became the sixth player to sit atop this Charles Schwab Cup standings this season. This marks just the third time in 18 years that six or more players have been No. 1 in a season. Six players led in 2003 before **Tom Watson** eventually captured the Charles Schwab Cup, while seven players led in 2015 before **Bernhard Langer** won his second of three straight Schwab Cups.

It's possible for a seventh leader to emerge Sunday night after the conclusion of the Shaw Charity Classic. If **Scott McCarron** successfully defends his title and picks up the \$352,500 first-place check, he could surpass the four players currently ahead of him in the standings. Of course, that means Jimenez's lead is within reach for **Jerry Kelly**, **Bernhard Langer** and **David Toms**, as well.

### **Shaw Charity Classic Radar:**

The RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Tee times will begin at 7:10 a.m. **(Tee Times Attached)**

### **Tournament Information:**

Event web site – [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com)

Champions Tour information - <http://pgatourgolfmedia.com> (must login)

### **Ticket Information:**

Tickets, hospitality and sponsorship packages for the Shaw Charity Classic are available online at [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Youth 17-and-under are admitted free with a ticketed adult.

### **General Spectator Parking:**

Complimentary shuttle busses to the Shaw Charity Classic will run from the Anderson LRT Station. No ticket or pass is required to take the shuttle. Shuttles will operate from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., August 29-30, from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., August 31 – September 1, and from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. on September 2.

### **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](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com). Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at [facebook.com/shawcharityclassic](https://facebook.com/shawcharityclassic) and on Twitter @shawclassic.

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