



**August 31 – September 4, 2016**  
**Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club**  
**Calgary, Alberta**  
**Par/Yards: 35-35—70/7,086 Purse: \$2.35 million**

**August 30, 2016**

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## **TUESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP**

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

#### **Wednesday, August 31**

Bernhard Langer – 12:30 p.m. (Immediately following pro-am round)

Tom Watson – 2:30 p.m. (Immediately following pro-am round)

#### **Thursday, September 1**

Jeff Maggert – 11 a.m.

### **Bob Niger and Clark Dennis Lead Final Six Qualifiers into Shaw Charity Classic**

Bob Niger and Clark Dennis tamed the challenging Hamptons Golf Club with 3-under-par rounds of 69 to earn two of the final six spots in this year's Shaw Charity Classic field.

"It was a good day on a tough golf course. I had a bogey-free round and was able to make a few birdies," said Dennis, who has qualified to play in four PGA TOUR Champions tournaments since turning 50 in February. "It was a tricky golf course but a good test. It was a fun day."

John Inman, Miguel Angel Martin and Jeff Lemaster all matched scores of 71, while Jose Coceres grabbed the final spot in the field with an even-par round of 72.

Gord Courage was the top Canadian. The Calgarian missed qualifying by two shots after posting a 74.

There were 28 players in Tuesday's final qualification round conducted by the Alberta PGA.

### **Wednesday's Featured Pro-Am Tee Times**

7:50 a.m. Jean Van De Velde (Tee #1)

8:50 a.m. Jesper Parnevik (Tee #1)

9 a.m. Colin Montgomerie (Tee #1)

9:10 a.m. Rocco Mediate (Tee #1)

9:30 a.m. Tom Watson (Tee #1)

1:10 p.m. John Daly (Tee #10)

**Langer's 2016 Performance Shows Age is No Limit:** At age 59, Bernhard Langer continues to defy statistics showing PGA TOUR Champions success comes between the ages of 50-55. In the Tour's 37-year history, 85% of wins have been posted by players between the ages of 50-55. However, at age 59, Langer has won four times in 2016, including a pair of major championships – Regions Tradition and a third consecutive Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship. In addition to his four wins, his resume for the current season shows 12 top-10 finishes in 15 starts, two third-place efforts and 36 of his 44 rounds have been below par. His worst finish was a T13 at the American Family Insurance Championship in June.



**Tour Welcomes Several New Faces in 2016:** A number of new faces began to dot PGA TOUR Champions tournament fields this year as a number of long-time PGA TOUR performers turned 50. Here are the prospective members along with their 2016 birthdays: **Craig Parry** (January 12th), **Bob Estes** (February 2nd), **Jose Maria Olazabal** (February 5<sup>th</sup>), **John Daly** (April 28th), **Michael Bradley** (July 17th), **Billy Mayfair** (August 6<sup>th</sup>), **Tim Petrovic** (August 16th). Later in the year, **Jerry Kelly** turns 50 on November 23 and will be eligible starting in 2017. Other notable players who turn 50 early in 2017 are **David Toms** (January 4<sup>th</sup>) and **Steve Stricker** (Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup>). Parry finished T38 at the Allianz Championship, Daly T17 at the Insperity Invitational and Bradley T36 at the recent Senior Open Championship in Scotland. Billy Mayfair was T2 at the U.S. Senior Open, while Petrovic made his debut last week. Estes and Olazabal have yet to play in 2016.

**They Were Previous Winners in Canada:** 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 Bob Tway (2003), Mark Calcavecchia (2005), Billy Andrade (1998), Mark O'Meara (1995), Scott Verplank (2001), David Frost (1993), John Cook (1983) and Bob Gilder (1980). Among the winners in Vancouver were Gene Sauers (2002) and Calcavecchia (1997).

#### **On This Day in Tour History...**

**August 31, 2003** – Playing in an unprecedented ninth major championship for the campaign and the first player to do so, Tom Watson wins the JELD-WEN Tradition near Portland when he is one better than Gil Morgan, Isao Aoki and Tom Kite. Watson's up and down birdie from a greenside bunker was the difference as he claimed back-to-back major titles.

#### **Did You Know...**

- When the Shaw Charity Classic joined the PGA TOUR Champions in 2013, it was marked the first time the senior circuit swung into Calgary in 15 years. This will be the sixth year the PGA TOUR Champions has been in Calgary. The first was 32 years ago when Don January defeated Miller Barber by two strokes to win the Peter Jackson Champions at Earl Grey Country Club;
- Kirk Triplett was a two-time winner in Alberta, winning the first Alberta Open in 1988 staged by the Canadian Tour at Wolf Creek, and followed that with a victory the next week at Fort McMurray in the Fort McMurray Charity Classic. He came back in 1989 and also played in the 1989 Canadian PGA Championship at Glencoe.

#### **Forerun the Final Round – Olympic Medallist, TOUR Pros to Lead Birdies for Kids Champions Run**

Olympic bronze medallist in the 4x100 metre relay, Akeem Haynes, will join PGA TOUR Champions pro, Scott McCarron and his wife Jenny Klein, to forerun the final round on Sunday with Calgarians participating in the unique five-kilometre SAP Birdies for Kids Champions run, presented by AltaLink.

Running enthusiasts will have the opportunity to join McCarron, Haynes and other Tour pros – who will be the official starters of the run. Jenny will lead the morning run and walk alongside the fairways of Canyon Meadows Golf Country Club prior to Sunday's final round on September 4.

The run, which will begin at 7:30 a.m., winds its way in and around the golf course. A traditional pancake breakfast will be prepared for all participants once they cross the finish line, and their



guests. Race kits include a Birdies for Kids Champions Run t-shirt, water bottle, unique race bib, pancake breakfast and a ticket to the final round of the tournament. Runners' guests are also encouraged to come down and cheer on the participants. Please visit, [www.shawcharityclassic.com](http://www.shawcharityclassic.com), to register.

All proceeds generated from the run will go to the *Birdies for Kids, presented by AltaLink*, matching pool to support 113 children and youth-based charities across Alberta.

**Shaw Charity Classic Radar:**

- The RBC Championship Pro-Am will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Tee times will begin at 7:30 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 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 p.m., August 31 – September 1, and from 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m. September 2-4.

**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 31 – September 4, 2016. The field, which will consist of 81 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 and 352 Charles Schwab Cup Points. 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, Vice Chairman – Allan Markin, Keith MacPhail, Jim Riddell, Guy Turcotte, Gary Peddle and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, the Shaw Charity Classic won the PGA TOUR Champions prestigious President's Award in 2015 and 2014. The Tournament has raised more than \$8.5 million in its first three years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record setting donation of \$3,942,712 raised in 2015 that was distributed amongst 99 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://www.facebook.com/shawcharityclassic) and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic). The Shaw Charity Classic is managed by Bruno Event Team and Shaw Communications Inc.

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