



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 29, 2018

WEDNESDAY MEDIA ROUND-UP FROM THE SHAW CHARITY CLASSIC

Scheduled Pre-Tournament Player Interviews in the Media Centre:

Thursday, August 30

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

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

What the Pros Are Saying:

Darren Clarke

“Seattle was my first week (on the PGA TOUR Champions) and I didn’t really know what to expect. I got a bit nervous as the week drew closer, but when I got there, it was fantastic. I played quite nicely. I’ve been watching all the scoring on the PGA TOUR Champions the closer I got to 50, and I was under no illusions how good the guys are. They really are incredible.”

“The Guinness has been very nice in the few places I found it (in Calgary), so that’s been good. I’m trying to learn the golf course really quickly, but the course is in wonderful condition. It is a really, really nice golf course, but you’ve got to be straight this week.”

“The guys were telling me how good the tournament is. They said you’ll really enjoy next week, great crowds, great tournament, great sponsors. So, this is certainly, from all accounts, one of the guys’ favourite events of the whole season.”

Friday’s Featured First Round Pairings – Split Tees at 9:20 a.m.

Tee #1

10:20 a.m. David Frost, Mark O’Meara, Mark Calcavecchia

10:40 a.m. Scott McCarron, Colin Montgomerie, Billy Andrade

10:50 a.m. Stephen Ames, Bernhard Langer, Miguel Angel Jimenez

11:00 a.m. Skip Kendall, Davis Love III, Jerry Kelly

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Fred Couples Withdraws from 2018 Shaw Charity Classic

Former champion, Fred Couples, has withdrawn from the 2018 Shaw Charity Classic. The field now boasts five members of the World Golf Hall of Fame, and eight of the top-10 players on the Charles Schwab Cup money list including the top-three ranked players, Miguel Angel Jimenez, Jerry Kelly and Bernhard Langer.

“It’s no secret Freddy is a fan favourite here in Calgary and has played a key role to the success of this tournament, so we will definitely miss having him at Canyon Meadows this week,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. “We understand the health issues Freddy has faced throughout his career. We wish him a speedy recovery and will look forward to having him back in Canada next summer.”

“He has done some heavy lifting for our event. Not only having Freddy in the field over the years, but his memorable playoff victory in 2014, has helped us continue to attract one of the strongest fields on PGA TOUR Champions each summer. This year may be the best field ever for us with so many of the top legends of the game here including five World Golf Hall of Famers – not to mention the number one-ranked player on Tour in Miguel Angel Jimenez along with rookies Darren Clarke and Chris DiMarco. They are ready to put on a great show for our incredibly loyal fan base.”

Join Us for Kid’s Day September 1

Bring the whole family down to Shaw Charity Classic on Saturday for Kid’s Day. A wide range of activities will be catered for your youngster including lawn games by InjaNation, Kids Scavenger Hunt, Sport Calgary All Sport One Day activation, complimentary lunch for the first 50 kids in the HGS KidZone, free giveaways, visits from local mascots, and special viewing areas on the first tee box.

Shaw Charity Classic Radar:

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

Tournament Information:

Event web site – 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. 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 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. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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