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Shaw Charity Classic

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club | Calgary, AB, Canada | August 31- September 2, 2018

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Quick Facts

Golf Course: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club (Par 70 / 7,086)

Purse: \$2,350,000 (winner: \$352,500)

Golf Channel Television Coverage (all times Eastern):

- Friday: 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. (tape delay)
- Saturday: 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. (tape delay)
- Sunday: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Field Overview (as of August 28, 2018)

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**. Three past champions of the Shaw Charity Classic will compete in this year's event, as well as five members of the World Golf Hall of Fame: **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:

- 58 PGA TOUR winners with 300 total career victories
- 40 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 152 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, 11th 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 18th, 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.

McCarron Set to Defend for Sixth Time on PGA TOUR Champions

2017 Shaw Charity Classic champion **Scott McCarron** is set to defend for the sixth time on PGA TOUR Champions. He has three top-10s in his first four title defenses. This season, McCarron recorded four top-five finishes in major championships and he won the American Family Insurance Championship, his seventh career victory. In all, he has 10 top-10s, most recently finishing T6 at the Boeing Classic. McCarron is fifth in the Charles Schwab Cup.

Finishes as a defending champion:

- T2 – 2017 Principal Charity Classic
- T8 – 2017 Dominion Energy Classic
- T24 – 2018 Boca Raton Championship
- T4 – 2018 Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship
- T31 – 2018 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open

Media availability: Thursday, 2:30 p.m. MT (media center)

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.

Media availability: Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. MT (media center)

Davis Love III Takes on Shaw Charity Classic

Davis Love III will make his 13th 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.

Media availability: Thursday, 2:00 p.m. MT (media center)

Spittle Says Goodbye to PGA TOUR Champions

Canadian **Rod Spittle** will compete in his final PGA TOUR Champions event at the Shaw Charity Classic. Spittle first joined PGA TOUR Champions in 2005 and over the past 194 events across 14 years has recorded one victory (2010 AT&T Championship), two runner-up finishes (2007 Greater Hickory Classic, 2011 Allianz Championship) and 23 finishes in the top 10.

This week will mark Spittle's sixth appearance at The Shaw Charity Classic, competing in the event each year of its existence. His best finish at the event came in 2015 when he finished T12 at 8-under 202. In 15 rounds, he has only recorded one over par. The Shaw Charity Classic will mark Spittle's 11th event of the year. He will enter off a T10 finish at the DICK'S Sports Goods Open, his best since the Pacific Links Bear Mountain Championship in 2017.

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. Catharine's). 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.

Player	Money	Season Summary	Weeks #1	Last Week
1. Miguel Angel Jimenez	\$1,634,068	2 wins, 6 top-five finishes, 10 top-10s	1	T3
2. Jerry Kelly	\$1,587,134	1 win, 3 runner-up finishes, 10 top-10s	9	T11
3. Bernhard Langer	\$1,419,804	1 win, 5 runner-up finishes, 9 top-10s	3	T11
4. David Toms	\$1,417,597	1 win, 6 top-five finishes, 8 top-10s	2	T53
5. Scott McCarron	\$1,295,408	1 win, 6 top-five finishes, 10 top-10s	0	T6

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club by the Numbers

- **Hardest hole (2017):** No. 7 (par-4, 469 yards) – 4.206 average (17 birdies, 158 pars, 52 bogeys); it was the 41st hardest hole on Tour.
- **Easiest hole (2017):** No. 11 (par-5, 532 yards) – 4.318 average (11 eagles, 140 birdies, 79 pars); it was the 3rd easiest hole on Tour.

Year	R1	R2	R3	Overall Average
2017	68.333	68.577	69.429	68.858
2016	68.235	68.950	69.513	68.896
2015	69.247	68.889	69.198	69.111
2014	68.457	69.012	68.877	68.782
2013	69.074	69.370	68.568	69.004

PGA TOUR Champions – 2018 Season Overview

PGA TOUR Champions is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older, including 35 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame. The Tour's mission is to provide financial opportunities for its players, entertain and inspire its fans, deliver substantial value to its partners, create outlets for volunteers to give back and generate significant charitable and economic impact in tournament communities. In 2018, the PGA TOUR Champions schedule includes 27 tournaments across the United States, Scotland and Canada, with purses totaling more than \$56 million. The Charles Schwab Cup, which includes the Regular Season and the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs, is used to determine the season-long champion. All events are televised in the United States, with most receiving complete coverage on Golf Channel, the exclusive cable-television partner of PGA TOUR Champions. Internationally, telecasts air in excess of 190 countries and territories, reaching more than 330 million potential households. Follow PGA TOUR Champions online at PGATOUR.com, [Facebook](#), [Twitter \(@ChampionsTour\)](#) and [Instagram \(@pgatourchampions\)](#).

Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs

In 2017, Kevin Sutherland became just the third player to win the Charles Schwab Cup Championship and the Charles Schwab Cup in the same season. His breakthrough win at the season-ending event was the first of his PGA TOUR Champions career, and it was enough for him to surpass Bernhard Langer, who had won the Charles Schwab Cup the previous three years.

The third edition of the Charles Schwab Cup Playoffs will begin with 72 players at the Dominion Energy Charity Classic (Oct. 15-21). The top 54 will advance to the following week's Invesco QQQ Championship, and the season will conclude with the top 36 players at the Charles Schwab Cup Championship (Nov. 5-11).

At the start of the playoffs, each player's regular-season money total will become the equivalent number of points (e.g. \$330,000 equals 330,000 points). During the three playoff events, each dollar earned is worth two points, and those points will be added to a player's regular-season point total. After the Dominion Energy Charity Classic, the top 54 players will advance, and after the Invesco QQQ Championship, the top 36 players will qualify for the season-ending Charles Schwab Cup Championship. The player with the most points at the conclusion of the Charles Schwab Cup Championship will win the Charles Schwab Cup.

2018 Rookie Class

For players to become eligible to compete for PGA TOUR Champions events they must turn 50 years of age by the first competition round. If a player plays less than six tournaments in his first season of eligibility, he is considered a rookie the following season. Newcomers for 2018 with at least one PGA TOUR win include:

- Brent Geiberger (May 22)
- Robert Gamez (July 21)
- Dudley Hart (August 4)
- **Darren Clarke (August 14)**
- **Chris DiMarco (August 23)**

Upcoming rookie classes include:

- 2019 – Retief Goosen (February 3), Angel Cabrera (September 12), Ernie Els (October 17)
- 2020 – Jim Furyk (May 12), Mike Weir (May 12), K.J. Choi (May 19), Phil Mickelson (June 16)

PGA TOUR Champions – 2018 Schedule

1. **Mitsubishi Electric Championship at Hualalai:** Jerry Kelly birdied the 18th hole in the final round to turn a one-shot deficit into a one-shot victory over Colin Montgomerie. Leading by one on No. 18, Montgomerie found the fairway bunker off the tee and missed the green with his approach. After Kelly made his 18-foot birdie putt, Montgomerie had a chance to force a playoff, but his six-foot par putt slid by the hole.
2. **Boca Raton Championship:** Mark Calcavecchia captured his fourth PGA TOUR Champions title in wire-to-wire fashion, finishing two shots better than Bernhard Langer. Langer, who trailed by as many as four on Sunday, evened the score at 16-under with two holes to play, but he bogeyed the last two holes and finished second. The win was Calcavecchia's first since the 2015 Principal Charity Classic.
3. **Chubb Classic:** Over the last six holes at the Chubb Classic, Joe Durant and Steve Stricker traded two two-shot swings and one three-shot swing. In the end, it was Durant's birdie-birdie finish that produced a 19-under total and four-shot victory, the third of his PGA TOUR Champions career and first since the 2016 3M Championship.
4. **Cologuard Classic:** One year after bogeying No. 18 and finishing runner-up in his PGA TOUR Champions debut, Steve Stricker parred the closing hole en route to a 14-under total and two-stroke victory. It was his first win in his eighth start on Tour, and it was his first victory since the 2012 Sentry Tournament of Champions.
5. **Toshiba Classic:** As many as six players shared the lead Sunday, and Vijay Singh was the last man standing as his five back-nine birdies helped him post an 11-under total and a one-shot victory. It was his first individual win since the Dell Technologies Championship on September 1, 2008, and he had played 237 individual tournaments since that triumph. Singh is the first FedExCup champion (2008) to win on PGA TOUR Champions.
6. **Rapiscan Systems Classic:** For the first time, Steve Stricker claimed consecutive titles on PGA TOUR Champions with his 11-under-par effort at the Rapiscan Systems Classic. Stricker held a one-stroke lead through the front nine on Sunday before making four back-nine birdies to secure the title. His 4-under 68 on Sunday was his 25th consecutive round of par or better (the longest active streak on Tour) and kept his stat of never carding a round over par on PGA TOUR Champions intact.
7. **Mitsubishi Electric Classic:** With a birdie on the second extra hole, Steve Flesch prevailed in a three-man playoff and won the Mitsubishi Electric Classic, his first win on PGA TOUR Champions. Flesch birdied No. 18 to get into a playoff with Bernhard Langer and Scott Parel, and he birdied it twice more in the playoff, first eliminating Langer on the first extra hole, and then Parel. Because of inclement weather in Sunday's forecast, both the second and final rounds were played on Saturday.
8. **Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge:** Kirk Triplett holed a bunker shot for birdie on the first playoff hole to secure the victory with partner Paul Broadhurst at the Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge. The team of Bernhard Langer and Tom Lehman birdied five of their last seven holes (best ball) to get into a playoff at 24-under, but they settled for second place after they both missed birdie putts in sudden death.
9. **Insperty Invitational:** Bernhard Langer saved par on the 54th hole to win wire-to-wire and claim his fourth victory at the Insperty Invitational. Langer led by one through 36 holes, but he started the final round 2-over through eight holes and fell four shots off the pace. He played the last 10 holes bogey free, and birdies on Nos. 9, 10, 13 and 15 gave him an 11-under total and a one-shot win over Paul Goydos, Bart Bryant and Jeff Maggert.
10. **Regions Tradition:** Miguel Angel Jimenez birdied Nos. 16 and 18 to break a three-way tie for the lead and win his first major title. Jimenez had at least a share of the lead after every round, and his 19-under total was three shots better than Steve Stricker, Joe Durant and Gene Sauers. It was Jimenez's fifth win on PGA TOUR Champions, and he extended his streak to five straight years with a victory.

11. **KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship:** Paul Broadhurst carded weekend rounds of 64-63 and won the KitchenAid Senior PGA Championship by four strokes with a tournament record-tying total of 19-under 265. Broadhurst's 8-under 63 on Sunday erased the two-shot advantage held by the 54-hole co-leaders, Scott McCarron and Tim Petrovic.
12. **Principal Charity Classic:** After recording a second-round 65, Tom Lehman took a two-shot lead through 36 holes at the Principal Charity Classic. That lead turned into his margin of victory, as severe weather in Des Moines forced the cancellation of the final round and Lehman earned his 11th win on PGA TOUR Champions. Lehman's 13-under 131 total set the tournament's 36-hole scoring record at Wakonda Club, and it was two shots better than Bernhard Langer, Scott Parel, Woody Austin and Glen Day.
13. **American Family Insurance Championship:** Scott McCarron carded an 8-under-par 64 for a one-stroke victory over Wisconsin native Jerry Kelly. The seven-time PGA TOUR Champions winner birdied Nos. 14 through 16 and with pars on the final two holes took the American Family Insurance title with a 15-under-par 201 score. Tournament host Steve Stricker finished T3 with a 7-under-par 65 clean card on Sunday.
14. **U.S. Senior Open:** David Toms made a 15-foot birdie putt to take the lead at No. 16, then a long par putt at No. 17 on his way to a one-shot victory Sunday at the U.S. Senior Open. Toms' two-putt par on No. 18 closed out his final round of even-par 70. His 3-under-par 277 finish claimed his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions over Miguel Angel Jimenez (69), Tim Petrovic (70) and Jerry Kelly (72), who led after each of the first three rounds.
15. **Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship:** Vijay Singh birdied the second playoff hole to defeat Jeff Maggert and win the Constellation SENIOR PLAYERS Championship, his third win on PGA TOUR Champions and first senior major. Singh started the final round one shot behind in fourth place, and he carded a final-round 67 to earn a spot in the playoff at 20-under. With the win, Singh earned an exemption into THE PLAYERS Championship in 2019.
16. **The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex:** Miguel Angel Jimenez made a 12-foot par putt on St. Andrews' 17th hole to preserve a one-stroke lead, and a par on No. 18 gave him the victory over defending champion Bernhard Langer at The Senior Open Championship presented by Rolex. Jimenez closed with a final-round 69 and finished with a 12-under total for his second major victory of the year on PGA TOUR Champions.
17. **3M Championship:** Kenny Perry built a five-shot lead after carding a second-round 60, and he closed with a 3-under 69 to seal a three-shot victory at the 3M Championship. The win was his third in eight starts at TPC Twin Cities, making him the tournament's second three-time champion (Hale Irwin – 1997, 1999, 2002), and it was his 10th career win on PGA TOUR Champions.
18. **DICK'S Sporting Goods Open:** Bart Bryant made a 25-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole to secure a one-shot victory over Michael Bradley at the DICK'S Sporting Goods Open. Bryant became the first repeat winner in tournament history (2013, 2018), and both of his wins on PGA TOUR Champions have come at this event.
19. **Boeing Classic:** Scott Parel birdied the final six holes on the front nine en route to a 9-under 63 to win the Boeing Classic, his first victory on PGA TOUR Champions and first official victory since 2013. Parel entered the final-round trailing by five strokes behind Kevin Sutherland and Ken Tanigawa before setting a new 18-hole and 54-hole career-low to secure the victory at The Club at Snoqualmie Ridge.
20. Shaw Charity Classic
21. Ally Challenge
22. The Sanford International
23. PURE Insurance Championship
24. SAS Championship
25. Dominion Energy Charity Classic

- 26. Invesco QQQ Championship
- 27. Charles Schwab Cup Championship