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Three Members of Golf's 59 Club Take Aim at Shaw Charity Classic

Only player to reach golf's magic number on Champions Tour, Sutherland, leads Goydos and Beck into YYC

CALGARY—Kevin Sutherland, who became the latest professional to shoot 59 and first on the PGA TOUR's Champions Tour, will lead a group of three that have fired golf's magic number into Calgary to tackle the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club for this year's Shaw Charity Classic in just one week's time.

Sutherland went where nobody has ever gone on the Champions Tour breaking the 60 mark on the scorecard over the weekend by firing a sizzling 13-under par round, which included 12 birdies, one eagle and one bogey. The lone bogey came on the final hole of the par-72 En-Joie Golf Club in Endicott, New York.

"Amazing round. Obviously I played really well. I was just in my own little world," said Sutherland.

The 50-year-old Champions Tour rookie was greeted on the 18th hole with a standing ovation and many of his fellow Champions Tour players who rushed out to the green to witness this historic moment.

"The response I got when I came up 18 I have to admit gave me chills. I guess if your Jack Nicklaus or Arnold Palmer you get used to that, but when everybody stood up around the green and was clapping, I got some chills," said Sutherland, whose low round on the PGA TOUR coincidently came at the 2010 Canadian Open when he shot 62. His lone PGA TOUR victory was at the 2002 World Golf Championships Match Play Championship.

"To have the players behind the green giving me hugs and high fives, hand shakes and congratulations, that stuff means a lot and that is the stuff I'm going to remember most today."

One of those players standing behind the 18th green to watch Sutherland complete his near flawless round was his best friend on Tour, and another member of golf's 59 Club, Paul Goydos.

Goydos will join Sutherland in Calgary later this month – both in search of their first Champions Tour victories. Goydos became the fourth player in PGA TOUR history to card a 59 when he made history himself in the opening round of the 2010 John Deere Classic. A Champions Tour rookie, Goydos has two PGA TOUR titles: 1996 Bay Hill Invitational and the 2010 Sony Open in Hawaii.

Rounding out the trio of the 59 Club members that will swing into Alberta's foothills for the second annual Shaw Charity Classic, August 27-31, 2014, is Chip Beck.

One of the Tour's most colourful characters, Beck shot his 59 in the third round of the 1991 Las Vegas Invitational at Sunrise Golf Course. A four-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Beck also represented the United States on three Ryder Cup teams. Beck was part of the 81-man field that competed in the inaugural Shaw Charity Classic one year ago.

Tournament officials will announce the complete list of players that will tee it up in Calgary during a media conference on August 20.

Ultimate Golf Experience Mini-Putt Challenge

Calgarians can put their putting skills to the test at Bow Valley Square Centre Court, August 6, 13, and 18 with the chance to win VIP treatment to the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic. All participants that sink a putt on the mini-golf hole will be invited back for the Grand Final putt off, August 20, at the Bow Valley Square Park Site for a chance to win an impressive prize package that includes:





- A new set of TaylorMade golf clubs
- Golf for one foursome at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club
- Four VIP tickets to the Crow's Nest on the 16h green for August 30
- Private clinic with a Champions Tour Pro during Tournament week
- VIP shuttle service to the Shaw Charity Classic for August 30 play
- Shaw Ultimate Home Theatre experience, featuring a 60" Flatscreen TV, Home Theatre system, and a Shaw Gateway Whole Home HDPVR with two portals
- \$100 gift card to spend at any Oxford Properties retailer

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 27-31, 2014. The field, which will consist of 81 stars on the Champions Tour, will compete for US \$2.25 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$337,500 and 300 Charles Schwab Cup Points. The Champions Tour stop in Western 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 and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, the Shaw Charity Classic will remain true to the Champions Tour's goal of supporting the community. The Shaw Charity Classic is proud to support: Hull Services; Calgary Police Foundation funded program YouthLink Calgary; Kids Cancer Care Foundation of Alberta; KidSport Calgary; Children's Wish Foundation (Alberta and N.W.T.); Ronald McDonald House of Southern Alberta; United Way All-In for Youth; and Sheldon Kennedy Child Advocacy Centre. For tickets, or more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter @shawclassic. The Shaw Charity Classic is managed by the Bruno Event Team and Shaw Communications Inc.

About the Champions Tour

Collectively, the Champions Tour has the most recognizable and accomplished players in the game, with many of its 32 members in the World Golf Hall of Fame competing regularly in its events. The Tour also counts numerous other major championship winners among its members. The Champions Tour is a membership organization of professional golfers age 50 and older. Conceived in 1980 as the Senior PGA Tour, it started with just four events and purses totaling \$475,000. The Champions Tour's primary purpose 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, protect the integrity of the game and generate significant charitable and economic impact in communities in which it plays. Points earned in official Charles Schwab Cup events in 2013 determined Kenny Perry as the Charles Schwab Cup champion, the season-long competition designed to recognize the Champions Tour's leading player. The Commissioner of the PGA TOUR is Tim Finchem. Mike Stevens is President of the Champions Tour. The PGA TOUR's website is <u>pgatour.com</u>, the No. 1 site in golf, and the organization is headquartered in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla. Follow the Champions Tour at facebook.com/ChampionsTour and on Twitter @ChampionsTour.

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