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**Two-Time Champion Scott McCarron First to Book Tee Time for 2019 Shaw Charity Classic
—Tickets available at discounted prices until tournament week—**

CALGARY—Scott McCarron has booked his plane ticket to Calgary in hopes of claiming a three-peat when he tees it up at the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 28 – September 1.

The top player on the Charles Schwab Cup Money List, who donned the traditional white Smithbilt Cowboy Hat presented each year to the champion of the award-winning tournament for the second time last year, is first to have booked his tee time for the seventh annual event.

“It is always special to be able to try and defend a championship. To have that opportunity again at the Shaw Charity Classic, which truly is one of the best events we play on the PGA TOUR Champions, is very special,” said McCarron, who aced the 14th hole on Sunday last year, which spurred him on to his second-straight title with a one-shot victory over Scott Parel, Joe Durant and Kirk Triplett. It was his 15th career hole-in-one.

“That was a huge momentum change. As soon as I made that hole-in-one, it was like we have a chance now, let’s go play solid golf coming in. Playing up in Canada means a lot to me and having won this tournament twice is a dream come true.”

Proud of his Canadian roots with his mother from Kaslo, British Columbia, the lone stop north of the border on the PGA TOUR Champions is extra special for the 10-time winner on the senior swing.

It was on Canadian fairways where it all began for McCarron.

“Canada has always had a special place in my heart. I came up here when I first turned professional and played the Canadian Tour for an entire year. It was the first organized tour I played, and I had so much fun just travelling from Victoria all the way to Prince Edward Island, driving my car and staying in hotels and trying to learn this game of golf at the professional level,” said McCarron.

McCarron and his wife, Jenny, have embraced Calgary’s mountain culture, travelling to Banff and spending free time fishing on the Bow River.

“When I came on Tour a few years ago everyone told me that I was going to love coming up to Calgary – the old-style golf course, the incredible fan support and the impressive amount of money the tournament raises for charity. They were right. We just love it up here. This is a tournament I would never miss,” he said.

McCarron is sure to have his hands full when he arrives to Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club at the end of August. Tournament officials are once again focused on assembling a stellar field.



“We are committed to ensuring golf fans in Calgary will have the opportunity to watch many of the best names in the game this summer. We look forward to rolling those names out in the coming weeks, but I can’t think of a better person to welcome back to Calgary first than one of the top competitors on Tour right now in Scott McCarron,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic.

“Scott and his wife Jenny have been great ambassadors for our event over the last three years, they enjoy what Calgary and Alberta offers during this stop on Tour and I know they will be enjoying their time with our community again this summer.”

Fans planning on attending the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic can take advantage of discounted tickets until August 28th. Join us Saturday, August 31 for Kid’s Day and enjoy a range of fun activities dedicated to the junior spectators! Corporate hosting packages for the Shaw Charity Classic are also available online at shawcharityclassic.com.

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 28 – September 1, 2019. 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 – Jim Riddell, Allan Markin, Keith MacPhail, Guy Turcotte, Gary Peddle, Mike Culbert and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Shaw Communications, 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 \$34 million in its first six years, with a PGA TOUR Champions record-setting donation of \$12,357,863 raised in 2018 that was distributed amongst 182 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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