



# **Shaw Charity Classic**

Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club | Calgary, Alberta, Canada | August 13 – 15, 2021

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# Quick Facts

- Golf Course: Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club
- Par: 70; Yardage: 7,086
- Designed by: Olson Beatty
- Purse: \$2,350,000 (\$352,500)
- TV Coverage (Golf Channel):
  - Friday: 8:30-10:30 p.m. ET (Tape Delay)
  - Saturday: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
  - Sunday: 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Quick Links: <u>Tournament Field</u> | <u>Tee Times</u>
- Social Media: Twitter (@ShawClassic), Instagram (@ShawClassic), Facebook (@ShawCharityClassic)

# Field Overview (as of 8/11/21)

After two weeks off from competition, PGA TOUR Champions returns to action at the Shaw Charity Classic, August 13-15. The lone PGA TOUR Champions event held in Canada each season, Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in Calgary, Alberta is set to host the tournament. Defending champion (2019) **Wes Short, Jr.** joins Canada's own **Mike Weir** and **Stephen Ames** for the eighth edition of the Shaw Charity Classic.

In addition to World Golf Hall of Fame members **Bernhard Langer** and **Vijay Singh**, five other major champions will tee it up this week, including **Lee Janzen**, **Mark Brooks**, **Todd Hamilton**, **Shaun Micheel** and Weir.

- 2 members of the World Golf Hall of Fame
  - (Bernhard Langer, Vijay Singh)
- 43 PGA TOUR winners with 157 total career victories
- 29 PGA TOUR Champions winners with 124 total career victories
- 8 with a PGA TOUR Champions major title
- 7 with a PGA TOUR major title

# 2019 Recap

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**Wes Short, Jr.** birdied the final hole on Sunday to secure a one-stroke victory over two-time defending champion Scott McCarron. The victory was Short's second on PGA TOUR Champions, with both wins being claimed in Canada - 4 years, 11 months and 25 days apart. **Steve Flesch** and Tom Gillis both recorded three rounds in the 60s to finish third and fourth place, respectively.

# **Return to Canada**

For the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, a PGA TOUR-sanctioned Tour will play an event in Canada. It is the first PGA TOUR Champions event held north of the border since the Shaw Charity Classic in 2019. When the first round begins on Friday, it will have been 712 days since the final round of the 2019 Shaw Charity Classic.

This week's field includes four Canadians: Mike Weir, Stephen Ames, David Morland IV and Dennis Hendershott.

#### Weir's Tournament Debut

Canadian **Mike Weir** is set to make his debut at the Shaw Charity Classic when he tees it up on Friday. Weir, a rookie on PGA TOUR Champions in 2020-21, has one win (2021 Insperity Invitational) and four runner-up finishes in 20 starts. Weir has finished in the top 10 in half of his starts this season (10 of 20) and is ranked No. 8 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings. In his last outing, Weir finished T2 at the U.S. Senior Open, his fourth top-five in his last five starts on PGA TOUR Champions.

Seventeen total players will be making their Shaw Charity Classic debut this week, including Robert Allenby, Cameron Beckman, Alex Cejka, Tim Herron and Rod Pampling.

#### Ames Aims for Success at Shaw

Canadian **Stephen Ames** is making his seventh appearance at the Shaw Charity Classic this week, with his best finish at the event a T5 in 2015. Ames, making his 24<sup>th</sup> start of the 2020-21 season, has one win (2021 Principal Charity Classic) and two runner-up finishes among six top-10s. He finished T8 at the U.S. Senior Open in his last outing on PGA TOUR Champions.

#### Langer Looks to Continue Momentum

Coming off back-to-back top-five finishes, **Bernhard Langer** returns to Calgary for the fifth time in 2021. Currently ranked No. 3 in the Charles Schwab Cup standings, Langer has two top-10s at this event, including a T2 in 2016. During the 2020-21 season, Langer has one win (2020 Cologuard Classic) and 18 top-10s in 28 starts. In all, Langer has 41 wins on PGA TOUR Champions, second-most all-time behind Hale Irwin (45).

# Charles Schwab Cup Update

Jerry Kelly continues to lead the <u>Charles Schwab Cup standings</u> for the seventh consecutive week following his eight top-10 finishes in the past 10 tournaments. Jim Furyk remains at the No. 2 spot and Bernhard Langer climbs one spot to No. 3. Miguel Angel Jimenez climbed two spots to No. 5 following his runner-up finish at The Senior Open presented by Rolex.

This week's top five has combined for 42 PGA TOUR victories and 64 PGA TOUR Champions wins. During this season, these five players have combined for 10 wins, nine runner-up finishes and two senior major victories.

<u>Player</u>	Money	2020-21 Season
1. Jerry Kelly	\$2,369,861	2 wins, 14 top-10s
2. Jim Furyk	\$2,243,480	3 wins, 10 top-10s
3. Bernhard Langer	\$2,238,103	1 win, 18 top-10s

4. Ernie Els	\$2,221,229	2 wins, 14 top-10s
5. Miguel Angel Jiménez	\$2,091,798	2 wins, 12 top-10s

# **Trend of First-Time Winners Continues**

Eleven players have become first-time winners on PGA TOUR Champions during the 2020-21 season, matching the single-season record, first set in 1999. Stephen Dodd was the most recent first-time winner when he hoisted the trophy at The Senior Open presented by Rolex in July.

In addition to Dodd, the other first-time winners on PGA TOUR Champions in 2020-21 are **Cameron Beckman**, Ernie Els, Jim Furyk, Phil Mickelson, **Mike Weir**, **Alex Cejka**, Dicky Pride, Darren Clarke, **Brett Quigley** and Shane Bertsch.

Player	Tournament
Cameron Beckman	2021 DICK'S Sporting Goods Open
Shane Bertsch	2020 Charles Schwab Series at Bass Pro Shops Big Cedar Lodge
Alex Cejka	2021 Regions Tradition
Darren Clarke	2020 TimberTech Championship
Stephen Dodd	2021 The Senior Open Presented by Rolex
Ernie Els	2020 Hoag Classic
Jim Furyk	2020 The Ally Challenge
Phil Mickelson	2020 Charles Schwab Series at Ozarks National
Brett Quigley	2020 Morocco Champions
Dicky Pride	2021 Mitsubishi Electric Classic
Mike Weir	2021 Insperity Invitational

# **Tournament History**

This year marks the eighth playing of the Shaw Charity Classic, as PGA TOUR Champions returns to Canada for the first time since 2019. Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in Calgary, Alberta has hosted each of the first seven Shaw Charity Classics, dating back to 2013.

Year	<b>Champion</b>	Winning Score
2019	Wes Short, Jr.	197 (-13)
2018	Scott McCarron	195 (-15)
2017	Scott McCarron	194 (-16)
2016	Carlos Franco	192 (-18)
2015	Jeff Maggert	194 (-16)
2014	Fred Couples*	195 (-15)
2013	Rocco Mediate	191 (-22)

\*-won in a playoff