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Fan-Favourite John Daly Commits to Playing 2023 Shaw Charity Classic Presented by Rogers

CALGARY— Long John Daly is ready to ‘Grip it and Rip It’ in Calgary this summer, confirming he will play the 2023 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers, August 14-20.

Golf’s bad boy from Arkansas will make his third appearance at Canada’s lone PGA TOUR Champions stop.

One of the most colourful characters in professional sports, the two-time major champion and winner of five PGA TOUR titles is one of the most adored by golf fans around the globe, which has helped spike galleries over the last seven seasons since he began competing on the senior circuit.

“John Daly is one of a handful of players in professional golf who is a needle mover,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers. “John is exactly who fans of any sporting event want to come out and see. He is a colourful character that is very entertaining while interacting with his loyal fan base and still hits the ball a mile. Having John Daly commit to playing in Calgary once again takes our tournament to a new level.”

The story of how golf’s “Wild Thing” burst onto the international scene more than three decades ago never gets old. The ninth and final alternate of the 1991 PGA Championship, the 25-year-old rookie drove halfway across the country the night before his first round at Crooked Stick Golf Club where he eventually went out and won the golf tournament – not to mention a legions of fans around the world with his booming drives, deft short game and fearless approach to the game. He backed that up by winning the 1995 British Open at the Home of Golf in St. Andrews.

“I’ve always said I’ve got the greatest fans in the world, and Calgary is no different. No matter what, through thick and thin, they’ve always stuck by me,” said Daly, whose lone victory on the 50 and over swing came at the 2017 Insperity Invitational. “This tournament always has huge galleries. There is nothing better than getting it going and having the fans get loud and crazy. That’s just the way I like them so I’m looking forward to getting up to Canada, and hopefully give the fans something to get loud about.”

Tournament officials previously announced that Jerry Kelly will also be back in Western Canada to try and defend his Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers title.

Kelly and Daly, along with what promises to be a full tee sheet of the biggest names in golf, are sure to help tournament officials make a continued impact in supporting the more than [270 youth-based charities](#) benefitting from the Shaw Birdies for Kids presented by AltaLink program. Donations can be made by visiting www.shawcharityclassic.com/donatenow.

Golf fans planning to attend the 2023 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers have the opportunity to take advantage of discounted [Early Bird Tickets](#) until tournament week. Single-day General Admission tickets for tournament play August 18 – 20 , 2023, that are purchased in advance for the tournament



will cost \$20, while upgraded Canyon Club tickets purchased in advance will be only \$40 (plus GST and fees). Juniors 12 and under are admitted FREE when accompanied by a ticketed adult.

The deadline to purchase advanced tickets is Sunday, August 13th, 2023, at 11:59 PM MT. The RBC Championship Pro-Am (August 16 - 17, 2023) will be FREE for spectators to attend. Limited quantities of advance General Admission and Canyon Club tickets are available for purchase at www.shawcharityclassic.com.

About the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers

The Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers will host some of the greatest names in the game of golf in Calgary at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club, August 16-20, 2023. The field, which will consist of 78 stars on the PGA TOUR Champions, will compete for US \$2.4 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. The winner will receive US \$360,000. 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, Brad Shaw and PGA Tour Professional – Stephen Ames, along with title sponsor, Rogers 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 \$93 million over 10 years that has been distributed amongst more than 270 youth-based charities in Alberta. For more information on the event, please visit www.shawcharityclassic.com. Follow the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers at facebook.com/shawcharityclassic and on Twitter [@shawclassic](https://twitter.com/shawclassic).

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