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**Fred Couples Commits to 2023 Shaw Charity Classic Presented by Rogers
—Couples addition brings number of World Golf Hall of Fame members to three along with 10 PGA
TOUR major winners for 2023 event—**

CALGARY—Boom Boom is coming back to Calgary!

Fred Couples, who is the third World Golf Hall of Fame member to confirm he will be teeing it up in Calgary, is adding some additional firepower to what is shaping up to be one of the deepest fields on the PGA TOUR Champions calendar at the 2023 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers, August 16-20.

The uniqueness of the city, the surrounding area and the connection with Calgary golf fans has pulled the 2014 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers champion back to Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club for the second straight year, and sixth time in the tournament's 11-year history.

"Calgary has been a very enjoyable place for me. I have always said, as long as I'm healthy I plan on coming here every year. I love the place and I love this tournament.," said Couples. "The people are incredible. The crowds are huge. The course is always in great shape and I always feel like I can play it well. There is nothing more a player could ask for. I look forward to getting back there."

A crowd favourite since the tournament's inception in 2013, Couples won the 2014 event in thrilling fashion after a career-best final round 61 that included a chip-in eagle on the 54th hole. He got sized up for a white cowboy hat after winning the first playoff hole over Billy Andrade. It was the first of only two playoffs in the award-winning event's short history. Last year Jerry Kelly topped John Huston on the first extra hole.

Couples captured his 14th career victory on the PGA TOUR Champions last year at the SAS Championship. A winner of 15 PGA TOUR events, the smooth swinging bomber is remembered most for his 1992 triumph at the Masters Tournament. Once graduating to the senior swing, he made an immediate statement. Finishing second in his first start, he went on to win his next three events, becoming the first player ever to win three of his first four tournaments. Couples has two major championship victories on the PGA TOUR Champions: 2011 Senior Players Championship, and The Senior Open Championship in 2012.

Couples joins fellow World Golf Hall of Fame members – Mark O'Meara and Vijay Singh – who have already committed to the 2023 Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers.

"Freddie is a needle mover who definitely plays a huge role in helping any tournament he plays draw big crowds, and that has certainly been the case here in Calgary. Knowing we will have the opportunity to welcome him back to Calgary delivers a boost of excitement for us heading into the final two months of our planning for tournament week," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers.

"The patron group, our title sponsor, and the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club have made a



commitment year-after-year to bring the best names on the PGA TOUR Champions to Calgary with a goal of creating special memories for Canadian golf fans and to raise more money for children's charities. Adding Freddie's name to the list of high-profiled players making the trip to Calgary this year helps us deliver on this continued mission."

Earlier this month, Van Kesteren and his team announced nine other players who have a Green Jacket, or who have had their names etched on the U.S. Open Championship Trophy, The Claret Jug or the Wanamaker Trophy.

The impressive list includes: **Darren Clarke** (2011 British Open); **Mark O'Meara** (1998 Masters, 1998 British Open), **Corey Pavin** (1995 U.S. Open); **Vijay Singh** (Masters 2000, 2004 and 1998 PGA Championship), **Jeff Sluman** (1988 PGA Championship); **David Toms** (2001 PGA Championship); Canadian fan-favourite **Mike Weir** (2003 Masters), **Y.E. Yang** (2009 PGA Championship), and **John Daly** (1995 British Open, 1991 PGA Championship) who will all also be at Canada's lone PGA TOUR Champions stop.

The nine major title holders on the PGA TOUR will be joined by defending champion, **Jerry Kelly**. A three-time winner on the PGA TOUR, Kelly's career took off since turning 50. He has won 11 times on the PGA TOUR Champions including three times during the 2022 season.

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



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