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**Five More International Stars Will Fire into Calgary for 2023 Shaw Charity Classic Presented by Rogers
*Miguel Angel Jimenez, Colin Montgomerie, Jesper Parnevik, Lee Janzen and Tom Lehman to bring flags
from around the world to award-winning tournament***

CALGARY—The Most Interesting Man in Golf, Monty and Spaceman will be joined by a two-time U.S. Open champ and the 1996 British Open winner for the 11th edition of the Shaw Charity Classic presented by Rogers, August 16-20, 2023.

The lone PGA TOUR Champions event north of the border deepened its field with the addition of Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez, Scotland's Colin Montgomerie, Sweden's Jesper Parnevik along with American major winners, Lee Janzen and Tom Lehman, who all made their commitment Monday to come back to Calgary.

"Calgary has an uncanny ability to attract the top stars from around the world regardless of the event, and the Shaw Charity Classic is no different," said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Shaw Charity Classic. "Each of these guys have played a critical role in helping us raise more than \$93 million for children's charities in the province over the last 10 years, and we are so grateful to have them back to put on another great show for Canadian golf fans."

Often sighted sporting his trademark ponytail and smoking a Cuban cigar, the 59-year-old Jimenez added his name to the tee sheet at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in hopes of getting fitted for a white Stetson cowboy hat.

The four-time European Ryder Cup team member, who is a 13-time winner on the senior swing, was runner-up at the event in 2017. In his four trips to Calgary, the colourful Spaniard has been a hit with the fans on and off the golf course. After matching a course-record 61 in his second round of the 2015 Shaw Charity Classic, Jimenez began a tradition of heading into the clubhouse to put on the chef's apron and hat, and whip up fresh prawns for spectators while drinking some fine wine.

"I love the golf course, and I feel I have the game to win any week, but you have to respect the rest of the guys (on the PGA TOUR Champions). They're very good players, competitors, and anyone can win the tournament. The goal is always to compete to win," said Jimenez. "I'm still playing well. I'm still enjoying myself on the golf course. I still feel competitive and I still feel I can compete so it is still a lot of fun."

Colin Montgomerie will be the fourth World Golf Hall of Famer to make his way back to Calgary this summer. The Scotsman, who is one of Europe's greatest players ever, will be on a birdie-seeking mission when he makes his seventh trip to Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club. A second-place finisher at the 2015 Shaw Charity Classic, Montgomerie is arguably the greatest Ryder Cup player ever. A winner of 54 professional tournaments, Montgomerie's first three of seven PGA TOUR Champions victories were major wins including the 2014 U.S. Senior Open.

"I enjoy all of the PGA TOUR Champions events, but Calgary is a special one. The course is absolutely



perfect, and the tournament has had a tremendous impact on the community. It has been voted the number one TOUR event three times for a reason, and I have always said as long as I'm on this Tour, I'll be participating in the Shaw Charity Classic," said Montgomerie.

Rounding out the most recent trio of players outside of North American who have booked their tickets to Calgary is Jesper Parnevik.

The colourful Swede, who is one of golf's most recognisable figures over the last three decades, will make his fifth trip to the area since turning 50. A five-time winner on the PGA TOUR before battling a series of injuries, Parnevik captured his only PGA TOUR Champions win in 2015 at the In斯perity Invitational in The Woodlands, TX.

"This is such a beautiful part of the world and I always love playing in Canada. I am glad to have the opportunity to come back to this tournament," said Parnevik. "The golf course is beautiful, really tight with lots of Christmas trees on either side of the fairways. You gotta keep it in play, and if you do, anything can happen. It's going to be a great week."

Two Americans, Lee Janzen and Tom Lehman, will add three more major titles to the star-studded field.

Janzen is an eight-time winner on the PGA TOUR including his two U.S. Open titles (1998, 1993). A member of two U.S. Ryder Cup Teams, Janzen also won The Players Championship in 1995. He has two victories since joining the PGA TOUR Champions full time in 2015 – the 2015 ACE Group Classic and 2021 SAS Championship.

Tom Lehman, who hosted the Claret Jug in 1996, will make his first trip to Calgary since 2016.

The only player to win Player-of-the-Year on all three PGA TOURs: Web.com; PGA TOUR; and PGA TOUR Champions, Lehman won five times on the PGA TOUR. The highlight of his career came in 1996 when he followed up his British Open victory with a win at the TOUR Championship. Ranked number one on the official World Golf Rankings for a brief stint in 1997, Lehman has won 12 times on the senior circuit including his three majors coming in 2010 at the Senior Players Championship, and 2011 and 2012 Regions Tradition.

"I am thrilled to be heading back to Calgary this year. I have a lot of friends in Scottsdale who are from Calgary and it will be fun to come back and spend more time in their city," said Lehman. "The crowds are always very enthusiastic and impressive there, and so is the golf course."

With less than two weeks to go until tournament week, the field is taking great shape. **Montgomerie** will fit into a notable foursome of World Golf Hall of Famers that includes **Fred Couples, Vijay Singh, and Mark O'Meara**. The impressive list of players also includes major winners **Darren Clarke, John Daly, Jerry Kelly, Corey Pavin, David Toms**, Canadian fan-favourite **Mike Weir** and **Y.E. Yang**.

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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