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**Major Champions David Duval and Darren Clarke Join Inaugural Winner Rocco Mediate as  
First to Commit to 2026 Rogers Charity Classic**

**CALGARY** – The Rogers Charity Classic officially teed off the golf season with the announcement of its first three player commitments for the award-winning tournament in 2026: major champions David Duval and Darren Clarke will be joined by the inaugural tournament champion, Rocco Mediate.

Mediate ran away with the tournament’s first title in 2013, posting a seven-shot victory and the lowest 54-hole total of 22-under-par on the senior circuit.

Often seen sporting a Calgary Flames hat in each of his visits to the Stampede City, one of the most colourful characters in golf has amassed six PGA TOUR victories through his career. Since dusting the field in Calgary 13 years ago, Mediate has captured five titles including his first major on the senior swing in 2016, when he finished on top at the Senior PGA Championship.

Recognized for his epic U.S. Open playoff battle with Tiger Woods, this summer will mark the first time Mediate will compete in Calgary since 2019.

“What can I say – Calgary is one of my favourite places on earth so I can’t wait to get back up there,” said Mediate, who was named Rookie-of-the-Year on the senior circuit in 2013. “It really is the people who make this event what it is. Everyone in the community comes out to support the event with the primary goal to raise money for youth-based charities. The money they have raised for children’s charities is just crazy. I don’t know how they do it. It just doesn’t happen anywhere else so I’m very proud to always have my name attached to this tournament.”

Mediate will face a formidable challenge in his quest to get fitted for a second White Stetson hat that is presented to the winner, with two of the biggest names on the PGA TOUR Champions joining him in the field.

Northern Ireland’s Darren Clarke, a major champion and one of golf’s most recognizable personalities, also added his name to the tee sheet. Clarke has been a regular in Calgary since turning 50 in 2018 and continues to be a crowd favourite. Over his distinguished career, he recorded 14 victories on the European Tour and three on the PGA TOUR. The 2011 British Open champion also served as captain of the 2016 European Ryder Cup Team, and competed in five consecutive Ryder Cups from 1997 to 2006 where he contributed to four winning teams.

“I absolutely can’t wait to get back to the Rogers Charity Classic,” said Clarke, who has four PGA TOUR Champions victories. “It is probably the best atmosphere we have on Tour. The crowds are incredible, it’s a fantastic golf course and great people. And for sure we have always even found one or two great bars as well.”

David Duval, a former world number one and major champion, will make his fourth appearance at the event as he continues his pursuit of a first PGA TOUR Champions victory. Duval enjoyed a stellar PGA TOUR career, earning 13 wins including The Open Championship in 2001.

Now in his fifth season on the PGA TOUR Champions, Duval first rose to prominence in the mid-1990s with seven runner-up finishes between 1995 and 1997, including a second-place showing at the 1996 Canadian Open. He went on to represent the United States at the 1996 Presidents Cup, where he was undefeated, and competed on two Ryder Cup teams. Duval also recorded runner-up finishes at both The Masters and the U.S. Open during his career.

With three marquee names already confirmed, anticipation is building for another memorable week at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club — one that combines elite competition with a continued commitment to supporting youth-based charities across Alberta.

“Securing commitments from David Duval, Darren Clarke and Rocco Mediate is a strong start to building our 2026 field and achieving our patron group’s mission of bringing the best names on the PGA TOUR Champions to Calgary while making a positive impact on the children in our community,” said Sean Van Kesteren, executive director, Rogers Charity Classic. “These are three incredibly accomplished players who have each made a significant impact on the game, and they bring a level of excitement and competitiveness that our fans truly appreciate.”

A variety of ticketing options for the 2026 Rogers Charity Classic are available, including different packages for premier spectator and enhanced viewing and hosting experiences. Tickets are available for purchase at <https://rogerscharityclassic.com/buytickets/>.

### **About Rogers Charity Classic**

Rogers Charity Classic hosts some of the greatest names in golf at the Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club in Calgary, Alberta each year. The field consists of stars from the PGA TOUR Champions who compete for US \$2.5 million in a three-round, 54-hole stroke-play tournament. Led by a philanthropic Patron Group along with title partner Rogers Communications, the annual PGA TOUR Champions stop in Canada showcases Calgary to the world through its broadcast on the Golf Channel. The Tournament has raised more than \$164 million since inception and helps thousands of Alberta youth annually through support to youth-based charities. For more information, please visit [rogerscharityclassic.com](https://rogerscharityclassic.com). Follow Rogers Charity Classic at [facebook.com/rogerscharityclassic](https://facebook.com/rogerscharityclassic) and on X, formerly Twitter.

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