

Rogers Charity Classic (PGA TOUR Champions)

Canyon Meadows Golf and CC • Calgary, Alberta, Can. • Aug. 21-23, 2026

Golf Course Superintendent

Chris Nelson

Years at Canyon Meadows: 3

Years as a Superintendent: 10

Previous Courses: Inglewood Golf and Curling Club, Golden Golf Club

Hometown: Golden, British Columbia

Education: Fairview College (turfgrass management)

Professional Tournaments Hosted: This is Nelson's 3rd Rogers Charity Classic after five years as an assistant for the event. He also hosted the PGA of Alberta Championship three times.

Other Key Agronomy Personnel

Mat Moulton, assistant superintendent; Chad Neighbour and Derek Walsh, equipment managers; Chris McNicol, general manager; Matt Freeman, PGA professional

Agronomy Employees: 40 / Tournament Volunteers: 25

Course Architect

Otto Anderson (1957)

Renovation: Russ Olson (2005-2013), Wade Horrocks (2021-present)

Notable

- The area is in a draught; it has been 5 weeks without rain. In addition, it was a tough winter on the golf course leading to a lot of damage on tees and fairways.
- Environmental improvements: naturalizing numerous large areas, reducing water, chemical/fertilizer inputs and fuel usage. Planning a shop expansion that will get all washing equipment and chemical storage as environmentally responsible as possible. All the ponds on the golf course are chemical free and only treated with biologicals and manual removal.
- A 2024 tee renovation added more forward tees.
- The Rogers Charity Classic started in 2013 and has raised over \$164 million for local children's charities.

Tournament Setup

Par: 35-35--70

Yardage: 7,093

Turfgrass

Greens: A-4 bentgrass .110"

Collars: Kentucky bluegrass / Poa annua .375"

Approaches: Kentucky bluegrass / Poa annua .375"

Tees: Kentucky bluegrass / Poa Annua .375"

Fairways: Kentucky bluegrass / Poa annua .400"

Rough: Kentucky bluegrass / Poa annua 3"

Course Statistics

Average Green Size: 6,500 sq. ft.

Total Property Acres: 195

Acres of Fairway: 24

Acres of Rough: 100

Number of Sand Bunkers: 69 (160,000 sq. ft.)

Number of Water Hazards: 5

Number of Holes Water is in Play: 7

Soil conditions: Underneath the topsoil, it's mostly sandy gravels and large rock. Portions of the golf course have a heavier clay/silt subsurface.

Water Sources: Stormwater retention

Drainage: 90% of the golf course drains incredibly well. The portions with heavier clay/silt subsurface can be an issue with an inch or more of rain.

High Elevation: 3,770'

Low Elevation: 3,550'

Average Fairway Widths: 27 yards

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