

Golfers needed for second world record attempt

Hospital benefits from assault on Guinness book

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If at first you don't succeed, go golfing — again.

That's the motto of Bryan Dearsley and his Event Ambassadors as they take another shot at the Guinness World Book of Records.

They fell just short of having a record number of golfers play a course one day last year.

They will attempt it again July 3 as part of the Markham Stouffville Hospital's World Record Golf Day and you can take part.

Like last year, the event will be

staged at Angus Glen Golf Club's 18-hole north course in Unionville.

Participants will also make an assault on six Guinness records: most golfers to play a medal round in 24 hours; fastest four-ball medal round; longest drive caught; longest single-handed drive; fastest individual to complete a 500-yard hole and most consecutive golfers to hit a shot into a target area.

The Canadian Amputee Golf Association will also be shooting for world records on the day.

The editor of the Guinness Book of World Records will be on hand.

"It's going to be quite an event," said Mr. Dearsley. "Not only will we be trying to break the mark set in St. Andrews, Scotland, of having 491

players ventured out to raise money for a local hospital. But we'll be introducing a number of new records."

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Mr. Dearsley hopes to entice 600 to 1,000 participants of varying ages and abilities to hit the links from sun up until sun down. A nine-year-old is the youngest player to register to date.

Proceeds raised from this year's event will go to the Markham Stouffville Hospital Foundation.

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Participants will be encouraged to collect pledges. A full incentive program will be launched at the end of March with minimum pledges being \$250.

"The event remains open and accessible to everyone within the community," Mr. Dearsley said.

"The event is a fun way to raise awareness and funds for the hospital while involving our community," added Chad Hanna, hospital foundation president.

"It's an incredibly exciting opportunity that's open to all golfers, regardless of age or ability."

Other activities during the day will include a \$1 million challenge, industry-sponsored golf clinics and product testing, mini golf for chil-

dren, silent auction and swing analysis.

Angus Glen will host a free day, including practice and an introduction to the records being attempted, May 6.

As well, an early bird nine and dine golf and dinner event will take place May 17 at the Kennedy Road club. It's open to the first 100 participants who raise \$350 in pledges.

For further information, including registration, sponsorship or partnership opportunities, phone 1-866-360-8320 or e-mail bryan@golfathon.net

Further details on the existing records and rules for the event can be found by logging on to: www.worldrecordgolf.com

Unionville golfer leads Arkansas school

Christine Ryckman led a contingent of golfers from Arkansas State University women's team by earning a sixth-place individual finish at the SBC Tournament in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

A 22-year-old Unionville resident who is in her junior year, Ryckman carded rounds of 79, 76 and 72. This was six strokes off the pace set by Taryn Durham of Middle Tennessee State University and Katie Kempter of

the University of Denver.

The lone Canadian on the Lady Indians team, Ryckman's final-round 72 enabled her school to finish sixth in the team standings with a team score of 940. Denver (909) was the top school.

During the 54-hole tournament, Ryckman carded an impressive total of 39 pars that was tops among all golfers.

Based on her performance at the tournament, the Unionville High School graduate also attained All-Sun Belt Conference honours.

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