

GOLF

Golf pro to tee off for a long run

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Riverway Golf Course professional Jodi Reimer is preparing to shoot the highest score of her career.

Reimer, the one-and-only female golf pro in Burnaby, will be teaming up with Pastor John Burns of the Relate Church in Surrey for an unthinkable 100 holes of golf in a single day to raise money for a new support home soon to be opened for young women with challenges in life.

The 20-bed newly-renovated house on four acres of land in Surrey is a program of Mercy Ministries Canada and is the first of its kind in the country.

"It's a cause I believe in. It's hope for girls who have lost their way and battling life-controlling issues. It's kind of something quite close to my heart," said Reimer.

"We've just teamed up and put our forces together. I have a different sphere of influence. Golfers get it, when they think of the magnitude of it. At the end of the day, what kept (John) going was knowing it would make a difference in a girl's life."

Reimer, who is a member of Relate Church and a longtime supporter of the home, will play more than five full rounds on the 18-hole, 6,000-plus yards golf course at Peace Portal in Surrey, running and walking well over a marathon in distance, if every shot she makes is a straight one.

The second annual 100-hole Golf-A-Thon for Mercy Ministries will take place on Monday, June 21.

"We're doing it on the longest day of the

season for a reason," she said.

The pair will tee off at 4:30 in the morning and run the first 36 holes to ensure they cram in the entire 100 holes while it is still daylight.

In preparation for the event, both golfers have been running the hilly Peace Portal links in the morning hours. Reimer has also been known to shoulder her bag of clubs and take a turn around Riverway to be ready for the unthinkable quest.

"I'm getting quite nervous to be honest," Reimer admitted. But it hasn't changed her resolve one bit.

"I had some issues growing up as a young girl. I can personally emphasize with where young girls are at these days," she said.

And that makes the task seem less daunting.

Last year, Burns raised \$35,000 on his own. The pair are hoping to bring in \$50,000, which will be matched by an anonymous donor this year.

In preparation, Reimer will throw her pre-practice routine out

the window. In fact, the 33-year-old pro will cut out practice swings altogether to lessen the fatigue factor in the hopes of scoring under 450 strokes, approximately 200-over-par.

"I'll be trying to adapt my game to stand-up-and-hit-it kind of gold," she said.

Controlling her heart rate, much like that of a biathlete, is crucial to success on the fairways and greens. Etiquette too, will take a back seat in this ultimate of golf challenges.

Both golfers will tee off in tandem and putting usually completed with the golf bag still slung on their back.

Mercy Ministries staff will be at the first hole to warn golfers of the marathoners possibly playing through.

For Reimer, it will likely not be the last time, either.

"I think I'm in it for the long haul," she said.

For more information on the 100-hole Golf-A-Thon, go to www.relatechurch.ca or www.mercyministries.ca.



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Golf for girls: Riverway golf pro Jodi Reimer will be playing 100 holes of golf in one day in support of Mercy Ministries house.

Five named to summer Selects field lacrosse rosters

Five New Westminster field lacrosse players were named to Burnaby Mountain Selects summer team rosters.

New Westminster Secondary students Andrew Buchanan, Connor Goodwin and Teague Isbister joined Glenbrook Middle schoolers Dylan Sharpe and Matthew Buchanan on the touring squads.

In total, 66 student/athletes from 25 different communities across B.C., Idaho and Washington State will represent the Selects at top tournaments in Colorado and the east coast of the U.S. this summer.

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England, the birthplace of cricket, won its first-ever international 20-overs championship final over powerhouse Australia.

"If that can happen, anything can happen," Barry said.

To register for the cricket camps contact Melissa at 604-299-7001 or e-mail seebazcricketcamps@live.com. They can also be found on Facebook.

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