

# Fairway fore-play:

## Golf heats up during Rautins-House Celebrity Classic

Funny how a young (at heart, at least) man's mind can work on a hot summer day, isn't it?

A month before we are to cover the 2008 CN Canadian Women's Open at the Ottawa Hunt and Golf Club, Sun photographer Tony "Trigger" Caldwell and I find ourselves at the fabulously popular 7th Annual Rautins-House Celebrity Golf Classic, played on the perfectly-kept grounds of the Rivermead Golf Club in Gatineau.

Not long into our visit, and upon closely surveying the field, we decide to go Bunny hunting.

"We need a picture of her," Trigger says, pointing to the name of a girl starting the shotgun tournament on the 18th hole.

The object of his attention is Amanda "Dream"

Drews, a 26-year-old Playboy model and TV star who is at the event with her boyfriend, MMA stud Daniel Puder, both to take some bucks and donate for auction a pair of tickets to the upcoming Copa and Robbers party at the storied Playboys Mansion. A number of extremely interesting events lined up to the back. Proceeds from the ducks go to a children's cancer foundation.

"I highly recommend going," the lovely Amanda tells us later.

I am immediately sold.

On the course, Amanda isn't about to be mistaken as one of the LPGA stars who will be here in August. In fact, yesterday was the first day she's had ever laid a golf club on her little hands. Some for a few of the other sexy celebs we tracked down.

The anchors of "Team Awesome" were Michelle Z and Nicole Arbour, who's billed as "the world's sexiest comedienne." (She gave me the calendar to prove it.) Nicole is playing the "trashy groupie" in the soon-to-be-released flick *The Rocker* and Regina Marilobis in another movie — *You Might As Well Live —* hitting the theatres shortly.

Neither her nor her play mate play much. "Hold my hand," Michelle instructed me as one of the two fortunate men in the group as she prepared



Don Brennan

to swing) but boy, could they ever celebrate.

Most striking is Alexis Jones, who lasted 35 of 39 days in the TV series *Survivor: Micronesia*. Alexis had never golfed before, but she showed off her athleticism when Trigger asked her to stand on top of a cart and take a shot while he shot her. Talk about a sweetheart.

"I snuck into the production company, because my tape had been sitting there for 26 months and they hadn't watched it," Alexis, who now is a motivational speaker for girls and has her own website, said when asked how she wound up on the show. "I told them they'd be an idiot not to cast me. Somehow, I got it." The highlights of the lowlights of her experience?

"I broke a finger, I blew out a knee, I ate a rat, I ate a bat," she said. "I'd gone 13 days without food. I lost 25 lbs."

Looking good now, too, is swimsuit model Julie Hinton. Not much of a golfer, but ...

"Want me to pick up my ball?" Julie, who was dressed in dangerous white top and snug burgundy pants, asked Team Sun after we watched her struggle with a chip shot.

"Have you ever made out on a golf course," I asked her. "With a lady or a man?" she quickly shot back.

There were a lot of impressive celebrities at this five

tournament that has raised more than \$200,000 for local charities and yesterday collected for The Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, The Kieran Thompson Research Fund, The Serge Groulx Golf Dream, The Serge Payer Foundation and Candlelighters.

But Trigger and I cover a lot of hockey and football players. Yesterday, as the days wind down to the LPGA tournament in our backyard, much of our focus was on the females. It's about time to get in the mood.

### This and that

Looked to be about a 40-footer new Shark Dan Boyle drained for birdie on No. 9, although when asked for his estimation the slick defenseman had it at 90. "The greens are nicer here than in San Jose," Boyle was told. "We'll see," he said. "I am going to go to play Pebble Beach, though." Not a bad bonus for the 6.67 Million Dollar Man ... One of the all-time greats, Damon Allen, chuckled at rumours that the Saskatchewan Roughriders could soon be calling him since losing starting quarterback Marcus Randall to injury. "It's one of only four (CFL) teams I haven't played for," Allen pointed out. So, closing in on your 45th birthday, will you consider coming out of retirement? "I'm open to offers," Allen said. "I'll listen to the New York Giants if they call." ... F.Y.I. Allen also said he likes to "play the media" and that he's "waiting for the

Ottawa franchise" before getting back on the field. Wonder how the Frank Clair Stadium faithful would feel about a 50-year-old quarterback, especially one that they booted out of town when he was in his 30s? ... If Damon comes out of retirement, Danny McManus was asked, does that mean you might too? "Not a chance," said another one of the best CFL QBs ever. "It would take me six months to get into shape." ... Boyle told Team 1200 that Ottawa was one of four teams he considered going to last week. He also said he's like to play for his home town team before he retires. He'll be 37 next time he's an unrestricted free agent ...

Aylmer's Mitch Rochette, a long-drive hitter, was crushing three balls for every group off the 13th tee. From 325 yards away, he put at least a half-dozen shots within 10 feet of the hole, including one that stopped about two inches away from being an ace. "I'm not playing that well, I shot an 83 at Eagle Creek the other day," said Rochette. "But I also hit one over the green on a 385-yard hole" ... Leo Rautins and Tony House should be applauded for their immense contributions to the community ... Performing with his Star hand at the dinner a night earlier and golfing yesterday was always entertaining entrepreneur Frank D'Angelo. "I love Ottawa," said D'Angelo, who is no longer involved with Steelback, but is back in the juice and energy



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Former CFL QB Damon Allen (clockwise, from top left) tees off, while Alexis Jones hits a shot from the top of her golf cart and Nicole Arbour and Michelle Z turn it up.

drink business. "Ottawa has been good to me." His soon-to-be released CD: *You Can't Keep A Good Man Down ...* Nice job Clon bigwig Garth Sully has — golf tournament by day, *Bluesfest* by night ... Puder, who is 6-0 as a professional and 20-0 as an amateur, was asked by Carolyn Walde for a message he wanted to include on tapes being sent to the troops in Iraq. "I told them I'm undefeated here, they better stay undefeated over there," he said ... Among the former NHL stars at the event: Dale Hawerchuk, Steve Shutt, Bernie Federko and Yves Lambert. "He won two Stanley Cups," someone said of Lambert. "Yves," the former Hub quickly corrected.

