



SPORTING LIFE

PLAYING THROUGH

→ The women behind two charity events this summer — Pride Toronto's Women's Golf Day and the We're Funny That Way Foundation Golf Tournament — sport some colourful, stylish looks that are sure to turn heads from the fairways to the 19th hole

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SANDRA VAUGHAN

Day job: City of Toronto, Shelter, Support and Housing Administration

Years golfing: 16

Involvement: Organizer Pride Toronto Women's Golf Day for the past two years

Highlights from last year's event?

"No one got hit in the head with a ball."

This year? "It's a great golf course and it's a great day for a good cause. We had 74 people last year; this year we're aiming to have a full complement of 144. It's a good deal. Regular tee fees are \$175 and this is only \$150, includes dinner, hosted by Deb Pearce. And prizes — women love their trophies. You can even win a car if you get a hole in one."

In support of: Pride's youth programming.

Outfit: Pique sleeveless polo by Nivo, polyester/Spandex skort by Vuarnet and mesh golf shoes by Nike (all available from Sporting Life).



MAURA LAWLESS

Day job: executive director of The 519 Church Street Community Centre

Years golfing: 10

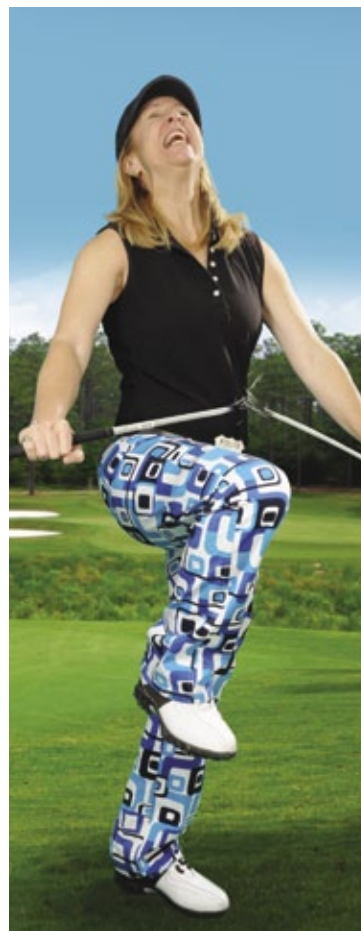
Involvement: The 519 is a sponsor of the Pride event

Why golf? "I'm too old for contact sports," says the former hockey player. "And unlike team sports, where there's all this pressure to never let down your teammates, with golf, you are only ever playing against yourself and your own expectations."

Highlight of the Pride event?

"I love seeing all different types of women and catching up with old friends. It's a great day on the course."

Outfit: Linen shirt and linen shorts by Ralph Lauren (The Bay) and leather golf shoes by Nike (Sporting Life).



MAGGIE CASSELLA

Day job: comedian, co-owner of the Flying Beaver Pubaret

Years golfing: 15

Why golf? "I always used to make fun of lesbians who golf, then I met a girl...."

Involvement: hosted the Pride women's event for the past couple of years, decided to organize her own event this year, open to all. **In support of:** "The money goes to the We're Funny That Way Foundation. We haven't chosen which charity to fund, yet. Every year we search out queer groups in small towns struggling to survive. If they have it together enough to approach us, then they don't need us. So we find them. It's so much fun to make that call offering money and support."

Outfits: Vintage Stephen Sandler jeans (above) from Body Body; polyester windbreaker (opposite page) by Abacus (Sporting Life).



RACHELLE ALLEN

Day job: financial planner

Years golfing: 4

Involvement: cohosting We're Funny That Way Foundation event

Why golf? "I just like the fashion... and driving the cart."

Hopes for this year? "We want to make sure we get a good number of people out and that they have a great time. And I want to win longest drive."

Outfit: Cotton/Spandex cardigan, ruffled polyester/Spandex top and plaid polyester/Spandex skort, all by 4all by jofit (Sporting Life).

PRIDE TORONTO'S WOMEN'S GOLF DAY
\$150 (includes golf, cart, dinner and prizes).
1pm. Thu, June 30. Angus Glen Golf Club.
10080 Kennedy Rd. Markham. pridetoronto.com.

WE'RE FUNNY THAT WAY FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT \$150 (includes golf, cart, coffee, muffins, lunch, prizes). 8:30am. Wed, July 27. Station Creek Golf Course. 12657 Woodbine Ave. Gormley. werefunnythatway.com.