

## Amputee Open coming to London

A field of more than 80 golfers from across the world is expected to descend upon Forest City National Golf Club Aug. 13-15 for the Canadian Amputee National Open presented by Scotiabank. Headlining the field are Robert MacDermott of Edmonton and Gwen Davies of Calgary, the men's and women's defending national champions from last year's event at Fox Meadow in P.E.I.

"A lot of amputees are attracted to golf because it is so good for recovery," says Ron Versteegen, himself an amputee and chair of the organizing committee for this year's event. "We expect a lot of great golfers, and these are great golfers by any definition."

The field, which Versteegen and the rest of the committee were working on finalizing through the early summer, is expected to attract golfers from as far afield as Europe, Japan and Australia. He said the winning score is typically around even par, and golfers will compete in a 54-hole, stroke-play format. The lowest score is declared overall champion but there are also sub-categories according to the type of disability.

The event returns to Ontario for the first time since 1999. For more information go to [www.caga.ca](http://www.caga.ca). ●