Bookie's Blog, by Anonymous

May 10, 2012. Though 6 events took place, it was a real "Stinker" of a week, by most accounts! Three groups started our week off at Pine View in the city's east end, amid pretty gloomy weather.

The course was wet despite a myriad of new drainage trenches. By the end of the day, it was pizza for everyone after the doughboy himself, PizzaMan, cleaned house. The gloomy weather also had three slammers singing the blues after Blue upset each of them. All players were confident that they'd be rewarded by returning to play once the drainage work is done.

Next on the schedule was Falcon Ridge, and another opportunity for OC Bulldog to keep everyone entertained and on track. Cool, breezy and thick, grey skies didn't make everyone happy but the thirteen Slammers went at it anyway. In the feature match, Woodsy prevailed showing that youth and brawn are every bit as important as age and wisdom — he obviously doesn't drink fine wine. Adding two dogs to his three victories, he took 1st star. And for those worrying about Ticklar, he played his Slammer 18 then went out for another nine or 10 — just to show the "Ridge" who's boss.

Then came a rookie-fest at Hammond where seven out of the 12 players were pining for Ottawa *Sun* Rookie of The Year — for four of them their Slammer Tour virginity was lost forever. Mustn't have been bad because they all plan to return, especially Super Senior, Wally, who walked away with three wins, a skin, a dog and first-star honours

Lombard Glen is usually a favorite Tour stop, and Saturday was no different — with a full field taking on the bent grass greens and challenging layout. It all started so innocently... mild temps, actual sunshine and a fairly dry course. But, someone let their guard down and let the "striped one", as in two white ones down his back, in the house. And did he stink the place out! Better known for shooting in B-class territory and being an allaround nice rodent, Pepilepu laid an A-class beating on the field with a birdie, a dog, a skin, first star and... A HOLE IN ONE on the impossible-to-hit 8th hole. Though they were plugging their noses in awe, all Slammers joined in Pepi's milestone celebration by opening a tab in his name at the bar.



It's Pepilepu!

Events in 2012 (3)

Canadian Birdies (2)

Scoring Average (89)

Best 2012 Score (78)

Career Aces (1, THIS WEEK!)

Career ST Events (66)

Rookie Year (2009)

Favourite Local Course (Gatineau)



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Also on Saturday, six other Slammers headed east to Casselview to get a practice round in for the Commish's Cup. As always, the course was in great shape. An ST vet took first-star honours with no less than two birds, two dogs, three skins and a beating laid on two unsuspecting rookies. Guess who's rocketing up the Bud Light and TanCo rankings? None other than Stevie Ray, who's HSR is present on just about every par three, of every course, of every event.

The final event of the week being reported took place at one our new venues in the vicinity of Renfrew — Dragonfly Golf Links. Amid perfect spring conditions, a full field of Slammers tried to bring the course to its knees with only modest success. It wasn't until the 19th hole on the patio that our banner phrase "Some of these guys are good" came into full view. Bravos went to the hattoting rookie Harley for winning all of his matches, and to Dragonfly for its hospitality and generosity in contributing prizes. I should add that it seemed to be an inspirational day as well with nearly 20 quotables and almost three times that in unsuitable quotables.

Now to follow in Malone's footsteps, I've laid down my \$2. My ranting whine is about rookie names. Way back when I lost my ST virginity, I offered up "Davey" or "Davester" or "Davsy". The vets said in no uncertain terms "NO WAY! THERE'S NO THOUGHT TO THAT, WE'LL DO IT BY COMMITTEE, HERE, RIGHT NOW AT THE 19TH HOLE". So my handle resulted from Billiards, KidsClub, Mapper et al.

I love that our rookies are coming out in droves and making the Tour the best place to play in the Ottawa area, but I'm getting confused... I've known Chilly for years, but my next match may be against Chill. Davester was no good for me but it's okay today. First and last names are in like Corly, Munro, Nelson and Speers. I lay down a challenge: let no rookie leave the 19th tee without a laughable, clever nickname — and if they can spin it into a doggie marker — so much the better. #X, have a great week on the Tour!