

FingZ that make you go "hmmm..."

Rookie Denis Blais, aka FingZ, shares his thoughts on his first year on tour.

November 2014. This fun adventure started at Le Sorcier on August 10th. I'm with my usual ClubEG golf buddies, chugging down some pints and comparing scores. A woman was looking for someone and since she was wearing an EG shirt, I asked her a few questions. Kind of in a hurry to tee off, she mentions the Slammer Tour and to look it up via the ClubEG site.

I played my first event the next Thursday, August 14th, at The Marshes. I have no clue what match-play is. I know about skins and closest-to-the-pins... but Dogs and Bones? WTF! I walk out of there with a 3-0 record, a skin, and a closest-to-the-pin... darn... it's a dog and a bone! I claimed first star status, and without even knowing it, I was dressed in an official Slammer Tour colour, orange!

OMG! I've taken drugs before, wasted a crapload of cash, but luckily never got hooked. This is probably life's twisted way of saying 'Thanks' KuZ it got me hooked on the Tour! I mean *really* hooked!

I'm afraid of November 16th: what's next? Withdraw? It's gonna hurt! I can see the shakes, the sweats, the craving just creeping up on my shoulder and whispering to me how long winter will be! I'll be cursing at IronMaiden all winter for talking to me at Le Sorcier!

Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought I could meet so many great golfers combined with the human factor, the chemistry between each other, the jokes and yes, the Quotables! I have my share of quotables that didn't make it into the Slammer reports, probably due to some *poor* language... but hey, FingZ is FingZ and never sugar coats or filters what goes through my mind ;-). I probably owe more than a paycheck to the kids for abusive language towards myself... and it's all x-rated, in French!

Do you always strip in a parking lot? Yeah... I tried bars but that didn't work out to well!

I finally met Chilly; never played a round with him but we played rock /paper/scissors!

Played with two balls all day, a stiff shaft and got a boner!

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See ya... that ball is gone... I don't even drive that far for my vacation (Ace)

Stie té tata (Juice)

If we can't talk to your *ball*, shut the f*** up and don't talk to mine!

EG slapped over \$1,800 last month on my c-card... Only that? You play every damn day! (GoTee)

IronMaiden: *Grosse tête d'eau* does not translate into *Bone Head*, but you sure got me smiling with your translation ;-)

My dog balls... quite original I will admit! I love 'em but don't get to put them on as often as GoTee and Juice! I've made doggie balls for Birdman and AngryBird and am still working on J\$'s, Sunny's and chill's for next year — and if I can find a miniature Walter (Jeff Dunham's puppet), rest assured it will be Grumpy's! ;-)

The fun part of ClubEG/Slammer Tour is that you get to play courses that you (in my case) didn't even know existed, and it also opens doors to courses that we can't normally play.

If you need to invest in a golf lesson, here's a tip: challenge Woodsy and McGee. Heck, it's \$10 for a four-hour lesson! These guys *are* good!

I'll be closing the 2014 season with 54 events played. According to Grumpy, I'm on my way to reaching the 100 events' milestone in record time... just too bad I signed up in mid August, otherwise it would be a closed case by now! Now my goal is to reach it in less than 300 days! 16 in April 2015 and 30 in May should do the trick ;-)... or maybe not, kuz somewhere in there I actually have to work ;-). My total 2014 rounds sums up to a whoppin' 134 rounds.

Rookie 10+ Eventers

AngryBird, Bobo,
Dr Pepper, Dutch,
FingZ, HaleStorm,
Hitchman, Jam,
Knickers, Kookie,
Lulu, Mulder, Nivlac,
Orange Crush, Ozzie,
Pele, RonBow,
Schteeme, Steel Crazy,
Shwayze, Switch,
Tesla, TripleM
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Part deux...

Before the final two rounds of the season, I was the top-ranked B player (got my cap), second overall in the standings for a short while, 14th overall for number of events played, top-15 in birdies and top-10 for eagles (1).

I'm in the top-30 for doggies but \$133 short on earnings, which means I'm flirting with the basement that is currently owned by Grumpy, 13th overall in skins with 24... and gross earnings of \$5. Lets Party! My win percentage sucks big time! I hate being challenged and tend to choke somewhere between the 14th and 18th hole! I am currently ranked 353rd for total earnings... no worries Grumpy, I'm not aiming for the basement — your place is safe!

At the Dragonfly challenge, I had left the Antiflogistine at home, so at Antrim, I bought some Vicks Vapor Rub to create heat... that worked out fine... on the back-nine my feet were freezing and wet so I took off my shoes and socks and generously rubbed my feet with it! That sure worked... I felt the heat instantly and the next day I'm golfing again. The leftover Vicks that the interior of my shoes sucked up decided it would still be active! I walked Predator with fire in my shoes and almost felt like walking barefoot!

I have played with 74 different Slammers/Slammettes, though some of them I would pass anytime (I'm sure the reverse is true, too ;-), and others are turning into friends, some closer than others, but every single one of them shares the same passion: we are out here to play and to have fun.

Allen McGee... WTF is he doing here on the Slammer Tour? We should have our faces riveted to the Golf Channel watching him win the Big Break Academy. Wow, man, what a player, what a gentleman and overall great human! This guy can whoop anybody's ass on any given day playing left handed, while drinking beer! And by the emails and voicemails he gets in a round, I'm betting he's always on the job, too!

Whenever he's an OC, he buys drinks and even meals for his three stars. His earnings on Tour are spent with his foursome. This guy could just pack up 'n leave with the dough, but no, he stays and spends it with his group! Now *that's* sportsmanship! And thanks for the tips on various patios ;-), McGoop. The four rounds where I was in his group, he didn't 10-hole me once! I'm sure he's working on it but 'til then, suck it up buttercup!

Gator. This guy is a gent in every way. His was the first doggie ball I got to pick up and replace with my plain old ugly Pinnacle. Your doggie ball opened the doors to my imagination and you've probably all seen or heard of it by now.
High-fives bud!

Juice. What a gal! Great golfer and fun to talk to in French! She's kicked my butt as early as the 14th hole and she's here to play and here to stay. Thanks, Juice, for the great conversations, the laughs and the beers. I am 0-5-1 against you!

I could write a paragraph about all of you who I've played with but these three are *my* stars! Very honourable mention goes to: GoTee (anytime, anywhere, I'll play with you); chill (I can imagine the mud wrestling match we could have had if you had played that ball on the 16th at Prescott! I LOVE YOU BUT F*** OFF (after I tied a hole with a long one-putt in the final round!).

IM (thank you for taking the time to well represent ClubEG and the Slammer Tour at Le Sorcier... Bitch! LoL!; J\$ (haven't played as often as we would have liked but scaring-of-the-shit-out-of-me in the parking lots are worth millions! If the cart is rockin', don't bother knockin'!

Sunny (his nickname represents well who he is, even on rainy and snowy days! I'll make it a challenge to get my fiver back in 2015!); Flyer (anytime, high-fives!); Turtle (I still have no clue where all that extra \$ came from... but the kids are happy!)

Point Zero (awesome pictures, you are a charm to play with... any time!); ProZee (calm down, breath, relax and smile when you miss one!); Lucky (great ambassador for the Slammer Tour... rain or shine, any time!); Shortstack (we haven't played enough!); Grumpy (we had our differences and we surely will again but it's colourful to have you on Tour but you must learn to shut up when I'm hitting, even if you're five fairways away!); Hitchman and PoPs (my personal friends off tour... I'm happy you liked it as much as I did).

If some of you feel left out or forgotten, just picture my doggie ball... just kidding ;-) ... err, no I'm not!

Last but not least, every single one of you from ClubEG and the Slammer tour who make all this possible for us golfers, WE SALUTE YOU! High-fives, or 3.5 in my case ;-).

Thank you all for the great start in my rookie year; I'm looking forward to next spring, but before that, I'll see you at the Slammies on December 5th!

To all of you who wash dishes, snort, whistle, talk, sniffle, stand in my line of sight or move during my down swing, you are all invited to stare at my doggie ball — it's my SILENT message to you ;-).

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Cheers!

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