

Bookie's Week in Review

April 25 – May 1, 2011



Well April finally loosened its cold grip a bit, enabling the Slammers to take to the links for four events this week.

The Number One position remained as volatile as ever with three different Slammers claiming the spot during the course of the week. Burnsy unfortunately fell out of the top spot by default: he forgot to sign up for an event over two weekends; so the torch was passed to Chef, who showed himself worthy of the honour by scorching Lombard Glen with a round that included three birdies.

Speaking of Lombard Glen, it was newly opened and 24 Slammers were very happy to test out the landscape. It was a bit wet here and there but was generally playable and no one was going to complain too strenuously. Besides Chef's sterling showing, others going 3-0 were Boomerang, Smitty, Shooter (welcome to the star-club, rookie!), Hacker, and ParBreaker. Noteworthy also was the fact that 24 birds were scored. Perhaps also remarkable was the fact that Ticklar did NOT get a dog!

And a personal thanks to all who showed up for breakfast at Local Heroes to remind me that I'm a year older! Much appreciated, I think. And I was glad to improve mightily over my birthday performance last year – tying Rulz on the 18th by sinking a longish putt.

Midweek was still a little wet and one event was cancelled. The forecast for Wednesday at Metcalfe was dire and only four showed up. But sometimes you have to realize that weather prognostication is little better than a crapshoot – the day turned out to be one of the best yet.

Now I'm reluctant to report something that will have to be entered in the annals of ignominy – but as your faithful recorder, I must pass this along (don't shoot the messenger!): all four Metcalfe par threes were hit; but no dogs were awarded! I think you can figure it out. The kids thank you. It was not revealed who the unlucky donators were; but the candidates were Hacker, ProZee, Suttly, and Chadderbox. Hmm... only they will know!

Saturday was an absolutely gorgeous day for golf and the Canadian proved itself to be quite playable – just a few wet spots. While Ticklar grabbed the first-star honours, it was perhaps the second-star showing that still has people talking: Grumpy goes 3-0, taking down Pommie, Gaziff, and Suttly – all on the 16th hole. Congratulations sir! The one other 3-0 effort was turned in by Kids Club. Nice.

Finally, Buckingham was the venue for Sunday's outing. Ticklar took down Chef and now sits atop the Slammer hillock. Shades and Smitty also went 3-0. Smitty remarkably has been quietly compiling the best record of all the Slammers in this young season going 23-1 and not yet suffering a loss on Canadian soil! I see a Number One in his future.

As for other goings-on at Buckingham, I invite the reader to check out Cuba's entertaining report – certainly the best of the year so far:

www.slammertour.com/slammertour-event-summary.php?event_id=1683

Some very inviting events are on the docket this coming week as more courses open up: Outaouais, eQuinelle, and The Marshes. See you out there!



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