

Bookie's Week in Review

August 8-14, 2011



The week was jam-packed with nine events in all! It was also a week of visiting rarely-played venues including Greensmere, Malone, Whitetail and Brockville.

Events were also played at Metcalfe, Canadian, Gatineau, and The Marshes.

It got off to a rather soggy start at Greensmere where intermittent and variable rain (sometimes a sprinkle; sometimes a downpour) made playing a challenge. Note to self: always come prepared! For some reason I left my umbrella at home where it did little good in protecting me from the elements. Somehow I made it through twelve holes – enough to avoid being ten-holed – and then decided clubs slipping out of my hand and flying through the air was just not my thing – so I withdrew to the dry confines of my automobile.

Meanwhile back at the event itself, first-time rookie Gauber was making his mark on the Slammer Tour, dismissing Bookie, The Game and Particle and ascending to the top 40. PingMan and KaDaver both had stellar days as well, the former breaking 80 for only the second time in his Slammer career. Also it's clear from the evidence of the double entendres in the quotables that the male mind is always focussed on one subject. And it isn't golf!

The following day just a few drops of rain interrupted the play at Metcalfe where both ProZee and Wilford star. That's right – Wilford! He says he never gets mentioned, so here goes. Wilford beat BroAces on the 12th and RedDog on the 13th. Way to go, Wilford!

On Thursday Malone led a group of 16 Slammers down to Malone, NY, to play two rounds in one day. In the first round, XTour, JRoots (in his first appearance of the year), and BearCat starred. In the second, Malone (why not?), Cuba and Roscoe were the stars. Interestingly, Cuba was beaten by XTour in the first round, but came back to regain his rank from XTour in the second. Nice work as OC, Grumps! Also notable is the fact that Wilford drove.

Well that's four events – and there are five to go! Instead of summarizing all of them, I'll just hit you with the highlights and let you check out the details on the website. Starring among these five events were Ticklar, Chef, Rexall, Juice, KidsClub, ParBreaker, BearCat, Shades, The Kid, KaDaver, Tats, TJ and Wins – enough stars for everybody!

And just because he's the originator of the Slammer Tour, I'll mention the big guy, Rulz who makes a rare appearance at the Marshes where, after being down to Sunny the entire match, comes back and takes him down on the 18th. Nice work! (I'll collect the beer for the mention later.)

Of special note was the event on Sunday at Brockville where #1 was again on the line. Chilly owned the spot since July 31 and this was the last day to defend before automatically being demoted because of inactivity. He was in tough against Crenshaw, Steamer and Ticklar – and once again Tick finds himself at the top of the heap, taking down Chilly on the 17th. But in a way, Chilly is still #1 as an event summary writer. Have a look at his Brockville report and his nice tribute to Neil Cascagnette (aka The Lad) who died one year ago this month.

I heard some gossip this week that there was a little dust-up re someone hitting in front of the tee-markers, so I'll take the opportunity to remind us all how the rules of golf for match-play differ from those of stroke play. In stroke-play, if you hit from outside the defined area, you are automatically assessed a two-stroke penalty. But in match-play, there is no penalty. (rule 11-4.) However, the opponents *may* require you to re-hit within the area. Last year, I inadvertently hit from the back tees – a very poor drive as it turned out – so I suggested to my opponents that they should require me to hit again. Strangely, they declined.

Another rule is that if you hit another ball on the green, in stroke-play, you get a two-stroke penalty – but in match-play, no penalty! I'm not sure the reasoning behind this difference, but check it out: (rule 19-5a). Finally, in match-play, if you hit your opponent, his caddy or his equipment, there is no penalty; the first stroke is cancelled and you can re-hit from the same spot – (rule 19-3). That's enough for this week. If you know of any other rule difference, let me know and I'll put it in a future summary. By the way, did I mention Wilford?

D-Class Canadian Birdie Leaders (Aug 18)

1	Sutty	6	SunShine
2	Danger	7	Papa Malone
3	Grumpy	8	Raker
4	Pommie	9	BearCat
5	Charlie	10	IronMan



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