

Bookie's Breakdown

October 15, 2012. Hi there fellow Slammers! Well you see I have been so derelict in my writing duties for these reviews that they took away my claim to fame — in the name of this summary.

No more "Bookie's Blog." Now it's either *Grumpy's Grumbings* — or in this case — *Bookie's Breakdown*. Hope you enjoy this one.

This week saw the return of the Slammer Tour for the sixth year on the Golf-O-Max Smuggler's Glen Get-Away.

While there were non-Slammers involved in the event, there *were* 27 and 26 Slammers competing over two days.

Did anybody go entirely undefeated over the weekend? Well, yes. Drum roll please.... Apostle! Who is this Apostle guy? Well his real name is Pierre something-or-other, so does that make him St. Peter? He *is* definitely a rock on the course! At least on *this* weekend. Congratulations, sir! We can't deny — not even once — let alone three times, your ability.

For a complete summary, Grumpy has outdone himself with full reports on the two days of Slammer fun. Be sure to check them out.

For the rest of the week there were events at Falcon Ridge, Stonebridge, Brockville, eQuinelle and Dragonfly. I wasn't at all these events, but I can attest to some remarkable play at Falcon Ridge.

I was the unfortunate victim of PizzaMan's prowess at the Ridge. I think everyone is aware of those three narrow, scrub-lined holes opening the back nine, in particular, number 10? One often jokingly refers to the fact that most likely someone will win a skin with a bogey on that hole.

And *sometimes* it's no joke.

Well, on this day, neither a bogey nor a par would win a skin on number 10 because PizzaMan recorded a birdie! That was outstanding enough, but the way he did it was even more remarkable.

He pulled his tee shot left into the trees and bushes and everyone thought he would have to use the Slammer hazard rule for his shot, but after some searching, he located the ball *way back* at the beginning of the tree line, almost hidden by the trees.

Using some kind of wood or hybrid, he miraculously got the ball over the trees on the right and landed about 30 yards short-left of the green, in the rough.



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Well, you guessed it: he chipped onto the green and the ball rolled and rolled, hit the pin and dropped in the cup. If we had a shot-of-the-year award, PizzaMan's recovery from the hazard would be a certain candidate!

To make matters worse for his opponents — namely me — on the previous hole, I was about 12 feet away from the hole with my tee shot, trying to secure a doggie and maybe even a birdie skin.

PizzaMan was short of the green and shot first — and holed his chip! I was so rattled that I missed my birdie putt, but I did get the doggie!

Moving on, you have to say that this is the year of the rookie. Of the stars awarded this week, the majority were given to rookies. It's going to be tough for the boys at the *Sun* to name the 2012 Rookie of the Year, so be sure to register for The Slammies on December 7th at Falcon Ridge to find out who is this year's lucky guy or gal.

To sign up for The Slammies, just go to the schedule on slammertour.com and get yourself inski, just as you would with any other event. The dinner is always spectacular and the prizes and hardware is plentiful!

eQuinelle is certainly showing itself to be a favourite Slammer Tour course because on Saturday, even as a large group of Slammers were playing Smuggler's Glen, 24 additional players meant a typical sellout at eQuinelle.

If anyone hasn't had the chance to play this course, be sure to do so — it's a real treat. But when planning to play eQuinelle, be sure to sign up no later than 9:04 on the day that registration opens because history has proven that it will fill up fast. You really need to be in the lottery to have a chance at a spot, even when the weather is bleak.

That's it for this week. For rookies who might think golf ends in October, think again! Our Sunday and Monday Indoor League starts December 2nd and, who knows, we may be golfing outdoors with Santa again.

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