Bookie's Blog, by Cuba

April 18, 2012. The most significant event on the Slammer calendar last week was the annual il Primo Getaway to Binghamton, New York — which comprised two rounds of golf at Conklin Players Club and a third and final round at Timber Banks.

Two buses left on Friday and although a plaintive Twitter text from a lonesome highway mentioned one of the buses having a mini mishap, Slammers back home didn't really care because we were playing golf at Cedarhill!

Try4Par, Woodsy and The Kid were our three stars. The 19th hole was apparently as memorable as the golf, with several other Slammers being invited to leave home and join in.

The next day found the Binghamton crowd playing round two at Conklin but again, we at home didn't really care because we were golfing at Mountain Creek!

The course was dry with hard fairways and consistent greens, allowing Bubba65, Old Spice and Eeyore to take the three stars.

On Saturday night, the Binghamtoners went to watch the Binghamton baby Sens play out the string of a season without playoffs while we were at home watching the Sens beat the Rangers in overtime. A statistically accurate phone pole of Ottawa-located Slammers taken the next day found 100% did not care about the Baby Sens score.

As the Binghamton crowd of Slammers travelled to Timber Banks and did their thing, we at home played Casselview — where Figmo, Crenshaw and ZenGirl earned three star selections.

Bubba65 remarkably had an urgent matter elsewhere and could not play his Slammer round, but nonetheless drove to the course, located his group mid round, paid off his "lost by default" matches and graciously supplied a dozen TaylorMade Burner golf balls as a prize to the first star. Awesome!





Bubba65

Events in 2012 (10) Canadian Birdies (1) Scoring Average (98) Best 2012 Score (80) Guy-In-The-Kilt Wins (10) Guy-In-The-Kilt Ties (3) Bud Light Points (23) Career ST Events (61) Career Aces (3) Next Event (eQuinelle)



Bubba's act of selflessness was a reflection of the spirit of fraternity we have on our Tour. One of the beneficiaries of this is the Make-A-Wish Foundation, Eastern Ontario, where we donate our three-putt proceeds every year. Last year we raised and donated over \$5,000.

I went to **makeawisheo.ca** and found this story:

On August 4, 2006, Mathew, very ill, asked, "Mama, will I ever get to see a space ship take off?" His mother said yes, not knowing if she may have to build a toy rocket herself.

- 1164 Days in treatment for Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia
- 1468 Doses of Chemotherapy
- 468 Doses of Steroids
- 104 Needle Pokes
- 29 Spinal Taps with chemotherapy injection
- 4 Bone Marrow Aspirates
- 2 Surgeries
- 1 Make-A-Wish® Trip

1377 days from the day Matthew wished to see a space shuttle take off, his wish came true. On May 14, 2010, Matthew saw the Atlantis Space Shuttle STS132 take off from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

Now I have another reason to love the Slammer Tour. — Cuba, #19.