

Bookie's Blog, by Grumpy

August 1, 2012. The greens got thumbs up every round every round and the greens got thumbs up all around. 'Twas a hot week. An honourable mention goes to the greenskeepers who didn't let us down. Conditions were greatly appreciated.

The stars came out in spades by day: 23 stars in all — 26 if we count the Juniors. Are you aware of the awesome job that KaDaver is doing for our future with the Kevin Haime Junior Slammer Tour?

Academy Award for 'True Grit' as DJD comes back from his initial bail to battle through serious foot pain at Outaouais for second star, with two birds and going 3-0 — winning all his matches and tip-toeing into the top 10.

Watch for the stars coming out at Outaouais and Camelot August 7-10 at the Canadian Mens' Amateur Championship Tournament. The winner gets an exemption in the 2013 Canadian Open and the 2012 US Amateur Championship.

Four stars go to rookies and one of those rookies raked in two of those — if we count the Juniors.

What is a rookie? From Wikipedia: "*A rookie is a person in his first year of a sport, or someone that is new to a profession, training, or activity such as a rookie cop, rookie pilot, a recruit, or occasionally freshman.*" Our Rookie of the Year is sponsored by the Ottawa Sun, so who *is* in the running this year to follow in the footsteps of Popeye, Blue, Cuba, PinSeeker, Malone, MadMax, Cricket, & Ticklar?

Speaking of rookies, Brewcee and GolfGripGuy both earned their first two points — ranking 7th and 83rd respectively. In addition, SmallPak went 3-0 at Arnprior with wins over TJ and BigGuy, *and* took Juice down in their TC match.

Edelweiss, Edelweiss... That's what Taz was singing after winning the entire pot on July 28th!

Dave Walker is stuck with the name "PopCycle" until someone comes up with something better. His better-half suggested "TriGuy" but that was categorically rejected. At least she's trying! Anyway, welcome to a cool and crazy guy. Did anybody tell him about BullDog's club?

They. Found. Their. Thrill... On. Cedar. Hill... TadPole and Pouf take #1 and #2.

These results certainly do not jive with the definition of "new to an activity". Seems that all of these rookies are GOOD. Well done everyone!

IronMaiden, Ticklar and T-Bird wished upon a star and got two each.



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Pearl was to be a contender until his whine turned into a shine when he discovered that his drive, a la 'Pommie style', ended up 71-yards from the pin at Outaouais. Shazam!

Was the smallest event ever at Casselview — with only 3 golfers? Nope: there have been many (it was repeated just yesterday at Timber Run), as we try to find the best times and days for everybody. Supersy lived up to the 'Super' in his name by winning both his matches, getting the only dog — and seven unofficial skins.

Ten minutes between tee offs and total time of three hours and 45 minutes: is *this* a record? If it is, it was beaten later in the week with a 3:20 round. Anyone know where?

There are fire ban warnings all around, many matches and lots of fires started and others put out without much rain to speak of. Smoke signals are rising, but Chimney has quit smoking (congrats) and Papa Malone is also cutting way down. Pipeline?

PinShark, on his 2nd round of the season, hit monster drives including a 360 yarder on 15 at Gatineau. Not too shabby. All of these guys and gals are good!

Need a million bucks? Don't miss the Bud Light \$1,000,000 ACE this Friday, August 3rd at Falcon Ridge. As of this moment there are four spots left for the Slammer event — but all you have to do is show up and check in to get your name in the hat to shoot for the loot. (165-yards, eh?)

Milestones? This report deals primarily with two past Preston Cup Winners. The 2007 winner, KidsClub, played his 300th event, got his 400th win and 900th point; the same three milestones that the 2008 Slammer of the Year, IronMaiden, achieved.

They were 7th and 8th to achieve these milestones — but she beat him to the 900th point. One more thing, her 400th win was against KidsClub at Prescott on July 15th. The first lady of the Tour was also the 23rd person to record her 100th bird on July 22nd (two days before Eeyore did the same).

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