

Bookie's Blog, by Grumpy

August 22, 2012. Has anybody seen Grumpy? There have not been too many weeks without a sighting of the dwarf. Grumpy spent the week at the Ottawa Sun Scramble, and boy... were they scrambled all over the place!

The Slammers were well represented. Some of the contenders honed their skills with the help of their fellow Slammers at the week's events.

This is not about the Tour, but it IS about Ottawa golf. Many of you are aware of the city's largest golf tournament, where 11 divisional champs are crowned. Many play in it, and of course I have been seen hanging around occasionally. I hear things and would be remiss if I didn't warn my Slammer family when 2013 registration opens: be sure to get in early. By the sounds of things this past week, not only are most returning, but they plan to tell friends. I encourage you to try it.

The show must go on — and it sure did!

While Tuesday's event took place at Pine View, a day after the Sun Scramble D Division played there, there was no sign of BTO (Backsman-Turner-Overdrive). It appears that we will have to re-write that old classic nursery rhyme for Wee Willie, the 2nd star, adding, "have you signed up for your next game? For now it's nine o'clock."

There seems to be a theme in one of our Slammer families, a concern about bringing rust back from the East Coast. Were they aMUISEd? Luckily, they came back unscathed and were named stars at Pine View on the 14th and Gatineau on the 15th — earning birds, dogs, skins and bones, oh my! Thank goodness for rain gear!

Speaking of Pine View, nothing Deter(red) our new rookie who played his second event there last week, followed by his third at Casselview on the weekend. Welcome Deter! It appears you have caught the Slammer bug.

That'll teach us to pick up hitchhikers. Wally, our rookie first star at Pine View on the 17th, was cheeky enough to show up at the first tee asking if he could come out to play. Slammers, courteous folk that they are, obliged. Wally went 3-0-0 with a dog, a bird and the entire pot, not to mention a new umbrella.

Ten Slammers showed up bright and early at Casselview and were appreciative of the great course conditions. Even Eeyore approved, most especially after making a 102 yard shot for an eagle on the 15th!



Most Career Events

- 1st: Ticklar, 645
- 2nd: Stevie Ray, 516
- 3rd: Chilly, 465
- 4th: Boomer, 421
- 5th: Rulz, 395
- 6th: Bookie, 369
- 7th: KidsClub, 310
- 8th: Grumpy, 305
- 9th: IronMaiden, 304
- 10th: Ripzone, 300



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If you'll recall in Winnie the Pooh: "I'm not asking anybody," said Eeyore. "I'm just telling everybody. We can look for the North Pole, or we can play. It's all the same to me." Eeyore came out to play and play he did! Congratulations Eeyore!

The Slammers may have been up a Creek on Saturday in Arnprior, but Cuba brought the paddle. He used it on Happy, Noonan and Canny Jack no less (still glad you finally showed up CJ?). The Enigma and Pipeline both grabbed hold and helped steer the canoe, each earning 2nd and 3rd stars respectively.

Threatening weather? Hogwash say the Slammers! The Enigma rode out with his pack of dogs on his reins. Tadpole, although a rookie, was not acting like a fish out of water as he got his electric cart well under control, like his game, earning 2nd star. The Enigma earned his second star this week, one day after another, both in Arnprior, while Pipeline took 2nd and 3rd on the same days. Should we detect a pattern here?

Where is Ripzone? EG's General Manager has played only nine events this season and three of those were on the il Primo Get-Away to Bingo back in April.

On that trip he went a dismal 1-7-1 and all seven losses were upsets. His 2012 record shows him at 6-12-3 and each of his scores are below his SA {median}, hinting he is leaking toward the C side.

I made an announcement early in the season that he would be the next Slammer to win a milestone award for his 300th career event. He has since played it, but two others beat him to 300, and a 3rd has moved him Ripper down to 10th in all time events.

I sure hope Ripper's foot gets better and that we get to see him out more often. He did try to defend his top seeding in the Promedia B TC match at Stonebridge just yesterday, but PizzaMan took him down in their second-ever lifetime match against one another.

Well he may not be golfing much, but he sure smiles more. *Hello Kathy!* Have a great week Slammers!

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