

Cuba's Week in Review

July 4-10, 2011



The Slammer Tour has had nine events since the last fun report, with another set to go at eQuinelle before one of the major events of our season, The Commish's Cup.

As I surveyed the choices of events to compete in, and as events slipped by during the week, the competition level to make the Commish Teams exhibited in the comments section of each sign-up page was quite incredible. Chilly, a Slammer on non-Slammer team Falcon Ridge even withdrew from an event at Brockville after the yet to be played Commish's Cup, citing the excuse of celebrating his team's upcoming victory. Let this document stand as a testament to his golf dacity.

While many of us wish we had started to play golf at a young age and blame our late start on our lesser potential, I recently found that Chef, our consistent #1 player, did not start until he was 24 years old. He admittedly picked up the game quickly, but prepares smartly before the season with golf exercises. He practices sparingly but with purpose during the season, and approaches his game with the same human passion as any of us. No more or less.

The point of this mini biography is to reflect on a feeling most of us have experienced on the Slammer Tour and elsewhere.

Last week I was in a group where three players had good rounds going, but the fourth was having trouble hitting fairways. His confidence was low and his persona was shrinking to the point where he seemed to just want to get out of the way. Several holes later he birdied a really tough

hole and earned a likely skin, won the hole of course, got some high fists from all and rejoined the group psychologically. The momentum had shifted and by the end of the round it was obvious his earlier disconnect had cost him at least one match.

We saw Slammer Tour ruling procedure in action at its finest last week – when several things happened to make the way a player should proceed, unclear. After some minimal discussion on course, the play was protested and several days later the ruling was added to the Website.

Being interpreted within the official rules of golf, the ruling clarified the situation, affirmed the players understanding and satisfied all players in the finest sporting tradition. The actual decision is on the rules page under ST Decisions.

Evidence of the purity of match play can be seen in the TC match results. The following players won their matches, many of which were unexpected and hard fought wins – proving every player belongs: Stymie, Happy, Blue (twice), Mulla, Malone, Number 7, Figo, PJ, Taz, BearCat, Ticklar, PinSeeker, Smitty, Juice, Hacker, Grumpy, Sunshine, Roscoe, Danger and Golden Girl.

Although we tend to look at the top ranked players, our Slammer competition is fiery in all classes. In the Ladies division, IronMaiden is #1; the D division has Grumpy on top; the Senior division has Ticklar leading; the Super Seniors are led by Shooter; the Juniors are chasing Captain Crunch, the C division sees FishHawk at the top and the B division shows Cuba in the lead.

Birdies, Dogs, Skins, Points and most clubs in the inventory are led by Ticklar. Malone sits atop the overall standings.

And lastly, in answer to several emails, a few minutes of pre soaking gets golf clothing really clean and stylin!



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