

Cuba's Week in Review

September 19-25, 2011



Bookie has taken a break from his calling as writer, to stoically suffer the loss last week of his coveted ball marker, a Toronto Maple Leaf medallion.

Worn instead on his marker holder fastened to his hat was a simple, metal, slightly corroded flattened beer cap. I saw that and wondered what ball markers were used by other Slammers. I had a Mickey Mouse medallion until my wife needed it for a collection, which now consists of a Mickey Mouse medallion.

I now use a dime close to the hole, a huge metal Casino chip for far away, and a 1964 U.S nickel for mid range distances. PointZero uses a quarter with a red Remembrance Day poppy on it. He is a Slammer-putter extraordinaire so it's gotta have logic. Chilly uses a large plastic poker chip thing that resembles a crushed garbage can lid. I asked many Slammers at Kingsway what they used, and many flashed their golf course provided plastic circle with the small peg on the bottom. If we outlawed spikes years ago why are these still allowed? You would never see that in Cuba.

Chef uses a gold coloured magnetic arrow which he points down the intended line of his putt. Chef can afford gold. Grumpy has a dwarf picture on his marker, which he uses over 40 times a game. David Feherty, once a PGA player, used his hotel room key once and got fined. Burnsy has a very personal keepsake known to some other Slammers, but only we know who we are. Several Slammers use that small snap-on thingy from the back of their golf glove, which is a cause of slow play. Did you ever watch someone on the tee box still trying to refasten it? Without their input, I imagine IronMaiden colour co-ordinates her marker with her wardrobe, and hubby PizzaMan uses pepperoni. Or will soon.

During this pseudo Slammer research, numerous players chipped in at one of last week's 19th holes about how the doggie ball markers have morphed. They began as a golf ball with initials to one with initials crossed out and Chef's name written over them, to coloured golf balls favoured by SunShine, and taken the leap to PizzaMan using a mini pizza slice, my own humble heat misshapen ball and KaDaver searching for mini tombstones in dollar stores this Halloween season.

Sunny Boy and Sunny may next use eggs (hard boiled) and Cricket can impale a bug on a pin. Stevie Ray can leave a guitar pick, and Charlie can leave a bobble head because he never stops moving. It goes on and on until we come to Goose. Ugh.

We did golf, at Stonebridge, Casselview, Metcalfe, Kingsway Park and Loch March last week which produced 119 rounds of Slammer golf. Each and every round is a personal adventure deep into ourselves and out of one unknown golfer came the quotable, "Chicken Thursday, Chicken Thursday, You putt like it was Chicken Thursday!" May this utterance find its way in to Slammerlore and a book that needs to be written.

First Stars last week were C-Lang, Swanny, SunnyBoy, Shades and KaDaver. Second Stars were KaDaver, Princess, Chef, IronMaiden and Cash, while Third Star was awarded to Ticklar twice, Old Spice and Chilly. An attempt was made to award a piece of cheesecake, from Charlie, to a Slammer on a crash diet, to the first star at a recent event. All the Stars and then the notables ultimately declined as the item was seen to be packaged overseas and had a best before date in 2013. It may be available at the upcoming Slammies gala.

While not an official Slammer requirement, but never to be overlooked is the stylin' attire worn by so many members. Recently Shades took it to another level when he sported a matching flat cap to his awesome brown ensemble. Chilly continues to be svelte at every outing and seems to have put away the loud wardrobe for cool fashion. Rexall continues to wear bright colours and sports matching shoes, while Rulz adheres to SlammerGear. The best dressed Slammer of the week, on display at Kingsway Park was undeniably Cricket who wore an all black Greg Norman 3 weave hi tech shirt over black silk slacks and a black hat and looked better than Gary Player in his prime.

Never to be outdone, and in a category all her own is Juice, who has a discreetly placed Greg Norman Shark tattoo! It may be worth challenging her next summer! Sorry Juice.

The biggest news of the week is **#1** Slammer hats have been announced as official prizing for any Slammer, given once a year who achieves that top position in their class. Send an e-mail with your achievement which can only be after the announcement of the give-away, and it will be yours. Executive Golf has acquired 67's tickets and it looks like they will be doled out for fine golf as well. Can't wait for next year's Memorial Cup when hundreds try to sign up for an indoor event to win the tickets.

Lastly, we have played lift-clean-and-place for some course conditions and for the EG Club Championships, many rounds using Slammer stick-handling, and some with the ball played down as per the strict rules of golf. All Slammers are encouraged to send comments to myself, Malone or the Commish, or any OC on this varying rule. Or have your say on the Facebook page.

It's all good because it is Slammer Golf and I'm inski. *Oh, and Bubba65 aced the 310-yard par-four 14th at Copperdale on Tuesday. Congratulations, sir!*

Top-Ranked By Class

Chilly (Overall)	Rexall (Super Senior)
Cash (Ladies)	PinSeeker (B)
SunnyBoy (Junior)	BullDog (C)
KaDaver (Senior)	Raker (D)



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