

Bookie's Week in Review

August 9 to 15, 2010



The Commish thought it might be a good idea to have a summary of the week that was on the Slammer Tour. Yours truly having little better to do thought he'd take up keyboard and lay down some lines about our wondrous Tour. So here goes.

Of course the most eventful happening(s) was the return of a couple of wounded Slammers – Iron Maiden and, uh, Bookie. Iron Maiden not only returned but jumped right in as OC at an event at Arnprior. As for Bookie, well he did manage to better Grumpy in a Class D TC event even though he more or less collapsed on the back nine at Brockville.

Speaking of Brockville, this was a definite highlight of the week. This is a wonderful track, right up there with Outaouais and eQuinelle. If you haven't played Brockville and see another event planned for this course, be sure to get next to your computer at 9pm when the event opens and sign up—it's well worth the drive!

We're all fascinated by who's number one. This week saw the perennial rivalry between Chef and Chilly intensify. After ascending to the Number One throne with a thrashing of Boomerang, at Talon last Sunday, Chilly attempted to defend against Chef on Wednesday at Metcalfe. Well, he held on for 17 holes, but Chef did prevail. They continued the battle at Brockville and Chilly made a brave comeback from three-down to all square at the end. But of course, to retain the crown the challenger has to win; ergo, Chef is still our Number One Slammer. Congrats!

While the A classers battle each other with their sub-80 scores, it's important to remember that the Slammer Tour embraces all levels of ability and celebrates personal bests, whatever the scores might be. This week in this regard we can celebrate one Slammer in particular: Kids Club. At the Marshes on Tuesday,

he managed an 84 – 25 strokes below his last outing at this course! Even more impressive is the fact that he followed this up with an 86 and a 2-0-1 record at Arnprior on Saturday. Just goes to show ya: short but straight ain't bad! Keep it up and you'll be hitting from the blues, KC!

Other first-star achievements go to Mohad, Suds, IttyBitty, and Ruskie. Well done, guys! Speaking of the Mohad star, notable about this was that he was among three stars who were all rookies. This may be a first. So welcome to the Tour, SeaBass and Flameworke – keep it up! (And where DO they get these nicknames?!)

Throughout the summer, the TC events continue. The Class D has already been mentioned. But I should mention also that for the Parent-Child TC, Sunny and Sunny Boy ended the hopes of Billiards and Rulz. (But Billiards, because of his extraordinary ability to produce golfing offspring, finds himself still in the hunt as he next takes on the Malones with one Stevie Ray.) On the TC-B front, IttyBitty takes out Hacker at Brockville.

The biggest move this week? Flameworke moves from 368 to 82 – hope the air isn't too thin up here!

A comment about the weather: we've had pretty good weather this summer, especially compared to last year. But we did have some pretty severe weather on Sunday, the 15th. While Slammers are usually able to put up with just about any weather from zero degrees to torrential downpours, lightning is just too dangerous to countenance. So unfortunately, the Buckingham event had to be cancelled. Somehow the Canadian went ahead – either they didn't get the memo or they don't have all the oars in the water! (Well Grumpy was the OC, after all!)

Finally, redemption is at hand for Boomerang. He bounces back from his 10-holing by Chilly and goes 2-1 with a nifty 81 at Arnprior. You can't keep the 'Rang down!

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