

Bookie's Week in Review

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IFFY. That's the word that best describes the Slammer events of the past week.

It seems that May is taking up where April left off: rainy and cool. Amazingly, though, in spite of some very unsettled weather, the Slammers were still able to complete six events.

NEW COURSES.

Well maybe that's a more positive way to describe the past week. Two new courses – new to the Slammers anyway – were on the docket. The neat little track called Larrimac up the Gatineau was the location of the Monday event. Either Monday is too early in the week to play or some people are just a little uncertain about trying new things as only three participants showed up: PinShark, Smitty and rookie, Charlie. PinShark was the only star.

On the following day, the first event for 2011 at Stonebridge took place. Bulldog made a rare OC appearance. KaDaver, C-Lang, Ripzone and The Therapist all go 3-0. Grumpy has another stellar day coming well under three-digits and beating X-Tour. Congratulations!

Wednesday might have been more properly called rookie day. Out of 16 players at Falcon Ridge, eight were rookies and three were making their very first appearance: BoomStick, Cuddy and Macky. Welcome to the Tour! Another rookie, Jelvis, made his presence known and appears to be an A-type to be reckoned with. Not only does he go 3-0, he also scores three skins on three birdies and throws in a doggie to boot. So watch your backs, Chef, Ticklar, Chilly, et al – you've got competition!

Next up was a Saturday event at Hammond. Earlier in the week, everyone seemed to want to play there as the event was sold out within 24 hours. But then the weather reports started coming in and Slammers started falling faster than maple leaves in an autumn wind, yours truly among them. But still even with a steady rain falling Saturday morning, eighteen hearty (idiotic?) Slammers showed up

AND played right through the rain that didn't let up one little bit. One person who wasn't going to let this opportunity pass him by was Chef who was there to defend his Number One standing. And did he defend? Yes! For the very first time this season, the top Slammer defended the title, although he did face a stiff challenge from DeeJay who took him to the 18th. In fact, Chef was down one with two to play and managed to win the last two holes to retain the coveted top spot.

Also going 3-0 were Hacker and rookie, Stymie, who made short work of Costanza, Chuckie and PJ. For more on this event do check out IronMaiden's almost Hemingway-esque report. Well done, IM!

The next two reports were filed by Grumpy who in his inimitably delightful way provided entertaining summaries of events at Whitetail and Brockville.

Whitetail is another of those new (to Slammerdom) courses. This event ran on Saturday concurrently with the Hammond event and apparently they had to put up with the same Scottish mist. I guess the track is fairly challenging: among the eight players who showed up, three skins were won with pars and one with a bogey! But the big winner was SunShine who had her best showing of her Slammer career, going 3-0 and taking down Grumpy, Bubba65 and Danger. Apparently it was all in the new rainsuit! Congratulations!

Finally, at beautiful but rainy and wet Brockville, seven Slammers decided to challenge both the course and the weather. Another rookie, Ozone, was the big winner – the only one going 3-0 and doing it for the second event in a row. Suttu also makes a good showing; and Grumpy makes good use of the fact that all of Brockville's holes have names and produces a nifty report. Check it out.

This next Saturday is the big EG/Slammer opener at Outaouais. Twelve foursomes will vie for four dogs – \$60 bones per. Should be interesting!



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