

Bookie's Week in Review

October 18-24, 2010



After all the activity and excitement of the previous week, the Slammer Tour calmed down a bit: just three official events this week.

One thing remained constant, though – KaDaver keeps playing very well. He takes out Ticklar, Cuba, and Smitty at Chateau Cartier and then on the weekend at eQuinelle, after winning the lottery and creating his own harem, he beats them all. But even though the ladies didn't do well against Mr. K, as a result of the challenges, we now have three ladies in the top ten – probably the first time this has ever happened. So congratulations to **IronMaiden**, **ZenGirl**, and **Juice!**

There was some good play from other Slammers. Lenny, Suds, Cuba, Blue (twice!), and C-Lang all were star-worthy.

The event of the week was definitely eQuinelle. The day started out rather cold, but as the day wore on the temperature threatened double-digits and the sun even came out occasionally. The fact that there was very little wind was a great bonus. I had played two days earlier at Falcon Ridge where the temperature was similar but the wind blew at 30k or more. The experience was not pleasant – to put it mildly!

Let's just hope there are a few more days like that before the snow flies. As for Number One (and Number Two), there was no activity. Dr. U and Smuggsy are from the Smugglers' Glen area and I'm not sure they will be playing this coming week. If not, they will both drop down three spots and who knows...Malone is waiting (patiently?) in the wings to grab that spot.

Aside from the usual Slammer events, there was one other Slammer-related happening. This was the Doggie Extravaganza that took place on Sunday, October 24. KidsClub provided this report on the event:

Doggie Extravaganza – what a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon! Seventeen Slammers had a thoroughly enjoyable afternoon playing at White Sands. Each of the Slammers put in twenty bones; so each doggie was worth 37, with seven going to the kids.

By Slammer consensus, White Sands is the best conditioned, best designed and most interesting par three course in the Ottawa region. Two doggies were won by Ticklar, Fuzzy, and Eeyore. Singles were picked up by Stevie Ray, ScotsMan, and Chilly. Well done guys. And Ticklar wins some extra glory (sorry, no extra bones) for being closest to the pin over-all – 32 inches on number one.

There was an optional skin competition that everyone entered; so the skin pot was worth 85 bones. Lots of pars cutting off pars. For birdies, Ticklar cut off Fuzzy on hole #1 and IronMaiden cut off Jefferson on hole #5. Would you believe that no one won a skin?! This is a Slammer Tour first – not a skin won. After checking and rechecking the skin sheet and consulting with OCs and Slammer Tour executives, it was decided to return the skin money back to each person who went into skins. Another Slammer Tour first. So there were lots of doggies but it was skinless day.

Thanks to Steamer, our Skin Master, and Grumpy, our Doggie Master. KidsClub was OC.

The 19th hole provided unanimous support for these Doggie events. The overwhelming consensus was that there should be three Doggie Extravaganzas per year: one each in spring, summer, and fall. There was lots of discussion of having one under the lights, perhaps having one after a scheduled Slammer event such as at Marshes and then at Marchwood but all should be 18-hole events. This just re-enforces the fact that hard-core Slammers are golf addicts. What a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon!

While we're on the subject of dogs, who will be the doggie king this year? At the present time, it seems that Ticklar is a lock with 35 of the things and Chef is pretty secure in second place with 29. But the bronze medal is still up for grabs. KaDaver, Stevie Ray, Smitty, Cuba, and Boomerang all have between 20 and 23 dogs. Go for it guys!

Coming up this week: some events at Cedarhill. Will Malone be Number One? Or maybe ProZee or Baldee? Stay tuned.

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