

Bookie's Week in Review

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With Labour Day occurring this past week, Slammers laboured determinedly and often wetly to move up in the ranks, defend their rank, keep it in the short grass and perform all those other acts common to the wonderful game of golf.

On Monday there was a tough choice between two courses: eQuinelle and Predator, both wonderful and challenging courses. The eQuinellers witnessed the kind of confrontation that makes match play such a compelling form of golf: BearCat, a usual C/D player goes toe-to-toe with Suds, the defending TC-B champion, with neither player going no more than 1-up all day long and the Bear guy coming out with a tie. You never know! Watch out Chef.

As for Chef, can anybody step up to the plate? He disposes rather handily of KaDaver, ParBreaker, and ProZee (well ProZee at least takes him to the 17th) at Gatineau; but softens the blow by inviting everyone back to his place for some 19th-hole cheer. That's what I call a good winner.

Also of note at eQuinelle is Domer's performance in going 3-0. I just wonder how many of those putts were made one-handed. Yep, one-handed! If you have a chance, challenge Domer and see it in action.

Meanwhile at Predator, a remarkable scoring day. While match play is all about head-to-head play, it's hard to ignore when someone breaks 80 for the first time in his life; and that honour goes to Silverback, one of our Slammers with many years of acquired wisdom (i.e. seniorish – like me!). He carded a nifty 77 and took down all three of his opponents: Figma, PizzaMan, and Shades. Congratulations! (But hey don't you know you're supposed to buy beer for everybody when you do this? It's the Bookie tradition.)

In the Ladies B TC, ZenGirl defeats GoldenGirl on the 15th. It's on to the finals against IronMaiden. May the best woman win!

Another interesting tidbit is that there were 21 birdies from the 19 players in attendance, with 11 of them coming from the lead group of KaDaver, PointZero, Cuba, and Boomerang. At Gatineau, in the TC

Mixed RipZone and Cash defeat Rulz and ZenGirl. It's on to the GolfNuts for the final.

At Cedarhill on Saturday: Baldee holes out from 112 yards for eagle on the hardest hole on the course. He and pops, ProZee, take down the Sunny/SunnyBoy combo and will meet the Malones in the final. PizzaMan continues his good play taking out BearCat, IronMaiden, and Suttu rather handily. And Wilford makes short work of Eeyore, SRR, and Shades. Wilford's not just about oatmeal any more.

Mountain Creek on Sunday: Hacker redeems himself by having a stellar day, goes 3-0 against Cuba, Inch, and Dazed. And Pepilepu shoots another sub-80 round. And at Buckingham, it was IttyBitty's day – won all his matches, including his TC-B match over ProZee.

Follow up on a couple of issues: I was musing earlier about winning streaks in reporting on Cuba's 12-0 run. Well it turns out Cuba's got a long way to go – in 2007, Chilly went 30-0-3 at one point! Sorry Cuba. And in response to my question about relief from a cart path, I think I found the answer in the dry-as-dust decision 24-2b/3, which you can read here: www.usga.org/Rule-Books/Rules-of-Golf/Decision-24/.

But a much more lively and colourful answer was offered up by Cuba: You are taking an unplayable lie penalty – 1 stroke and taking 2 club lengths which can be taken in any direction but not closer to the hole. If it is the cart path, that is your fair drop. Next you get complete relief if you want that option, so you again drop in the bushes, which is your complete relief from the cart path. Hopefully you realized your predicament when you chose to take cart path relief. You again must chose to play from the bushes, or again take an unplayable and drop on the path. Luckily the max is 9 in Slammerville. A re-tee (provisional) taken from the tee should be allowed as a stroke and distance penalty under the rules of golf, but not in Slammerville. Borrow a club (no point in damaging your own) and play off the path. Use only your healthy hand so as not to re-injure your wrist. Thank the player who found your ball in the bushes.... something Stevie Ray would gleefully have done.

Finally, for my money, here is the quotable of the week: "If you had better line and better speed, it would have been a great putt." Yes, I know the feeling!

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