

Bookie's Breakdown

May 7, 2013. The poet Shelley asks: "If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind?" Well, for us Slammers, the answer is *yes, yes it can!* Much too far behind!

We waited patiently — no, *impatiently* — for this winter to leave us for good. And even when spring "came", it did so only begrudgingly. It let us get out onto the links on April 6th, only to give in to more snow and more cancellations the following week.

Well, spring does seem to finally be here and firmly entrenched. (I say that with fingers firmly crossed!)

Yes, that first local Slammer Tour event did take place on Saturday, April 6th at Prescott, and you could tell how anxious Slammers were to finally start playing their favourite game. Twenty eight Slammers showed up at the end of the 416 to start another year of friendly competition.

This was a record turnout for an opening event and while snow was piled here and there around Ottawa, Prescott escaped such a fate and conditions were just fine. The course was quite playable, with good greens and just a bit of wetness.

Well that was the first event locally. In fact, though, a few events had been played earlier in the season in a distant land where apparently one can play golf in February. Imagine!

I bring this up to highlight what must be already the pinnacle of rookie Pearls' Slammer Tour career — she scored an ace on hole number 17 at TPC Myrtle Beach. Congratulations, Pearls... I hope you didn't go bankrupt buying beers for the others in attendance!

Her magic shot seems to have been a harbinger of great things to come on the Slammer Tour — the season is only a few weeks old and already four eagles have been scored.

Notable Quotable.

**"You know why Dracula does so well?
He stays clear of the stakes!"**
Grumpy, Prescott, May 4th



Hitchette?



**Congratulations to
Hitch and Mrs. Hitch
on the birth of their
little baby girl.**



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Even though it is still early, Slammers are always trying to reach for the top, going after the coveted Number One ranking.

So far, Chef seems to have a stranglehold on the top spot. After taking over the spot on April 21st, he has held that spot up to the present, defending it four times against players such as Hitch, Old Spice and KaDaver.

We had our first event at eQuinelle, and as in years past, the event filled up very quickly. It is without a doubt a favourite course for Slammers. When I logged in just after 9pm, 16 spots were already taken.

For those new to the Tour, if you go to the site when registration opens at 9pm and you see that it looks like all the spots are taken already, don't give up!

If you enter in those first-five-minutes of registration, you will be entered into a lottery. After the five minutes are up, your fate will be determined by a random number generator and you may very well be successful in getting a spot.

The season is now well underway and there is a report for each event. Please take a look at these reports. Each is written by the Onsite Coordinator (OC) for the event and the OCs have become very adept in their writing — you will be entertained, believe me!

A random statistic: The Slammer with the most number of points as of this writing — none other than the 2011 Slammer of the Year, PizzaMan, with 49. Close on his heels is Juice with 47.

See you on the links!

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