

Bookie's Blog, by Cuba

June 28, 2012. Quite recently, I was in a match and having little success sinking putts, which caused me to be distracted and I inadvertently set my tee about two-feet ahead of the tee blocks on the next hole. Several holes later my amiable adversary laughingly advised me that he was watching my tee off location closely as he'd previously seen the violation.

His recourse once I had played the misplaced tee ball was either to make me re-tee, or the hole is played out with no penalty.

He knew that and was satisfied that my tee shot was sufficiently poor to ignore the violation. Had it been a thundering behemoth of a drive, he could have directed me to replay it. He had to decide immediately.

We had a neat conversation over several holes about rules and his sentiments echoed my own, that they are the thing that makes our game so honourable, and are to be taken seriously, but never personally.

Reminder that if you think someone has broken a rule (either unintentionally or intentionally), the procedure is to announce that you will be filing a claim. This must be done after completion of the hole and before tee off on the next hole and an email must be sent to rulings@slammertour.com within 24 hours.

Click on the **ST Decisions** tab on the Slammer website for past clarifications. All of the involved golfers are still Slammers and still (mostly) get along.

For several years it has been a pet peeve that I can never seem to get my challenges to advance in the Slammer ladder when the TC matches are underway, as they take precedence over regular slammer challenges.

The reasoning is that those TC matches have time constraints and are difficult to arrange. I tend to lose early in all categories to ease the burden. The good news is that we are just finishing June and the great weather months of summer are still ahead, and every day has another juicy Slammer challenge available.



Canada Day First Star Picks

You? (2012)

Rulz/Ticklar (2011)

Boomer (2010)

Chimney/PizzaMan (09)

Suds (2008)

Suds (2007)

Blondie (2006)



This past week or so has seen 10 out of the last 15 events have a rookie earn 1st star. How are the 1st and subsequent stars chosen?

All aspects of match play Slammer golf are taken into account and weighted generally by matches won against superior ranking, win/loss record, dogs and skins, and on occasion a special lifetime achievement such as Pepilepu's hole in one, or Hacker going shoeless in March.

There are no stats or points or rewards for stardom, unlike the NHL's Molson Cup, and any prizing is out of the generosity or re-gifting of fellow Slammers.

By the way Popeye, there was a recall on the worm in the bottle of Tequila you won as best dressed at Canadian.

Due to health regulations, the Great Tequila Giveaway is over. To anyone who has experienced ill effects from their Latino nectar, please seek redress from their nearest friendly cartel.

The Slammer Tour quote of the week: *"What's your goal today?"*

I wanna become a C-classer. "And yours?"

I wanna beat your wife! (Only makes sense if you're a Slammer.)

Happy Canada Day to Slammers and others in our midst who enjoy all that our country offers. It lets us work, play, share, grow and sometimes struggle, but most often live the lives that those before us envisioned. Oh Canada!

— Cuba, #25.