

Grumpy's Grumblings

August 31, 2013. Quote of the month: *"I had a double bogey on 14 but still beat McGee666 by two strokes."* Mountain Creek — August 25th.

Hello to all you readers in Slammerville. I am bringing you the grumblings for August, 2013. In the 31 days of the month, we had 33 events. Don't forget that many and most of the same people that bring you the Slammer Tour also ran the city's largest golf tournament for the ninth year in a row. The Ottawa Sun Scramble had us at other events as well, including three qualifiers, Royal Oak Kick-Off Day, the il Primo Champions' Dinner and treks to seven different course during the week of August 12-18.

Back to the month that was... on the Tour, where we had 13 different OCs (Grumpy led the way with five), 14 Skin Masters (Iron Maiden — seven times), and 16 Doggy Masters (Stevie Ray did it thrice). The reason that I bring this up is because there were 17 N/As for the month: that is where nobody volunteers, and usually the OC has to do double duties or ask someone at the event. So go ahead and give it a try and see if it's for you.

Those 33 events consisted of 457 Slammers playing in 647 matches and having a 90 scoring average. We contributed \$591.75 to the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Pace of Play. At one time, the Tour had a "reputation" for being slow, which I often thought was unjustified because people weren't looking at the course's whole 18 before spouting out. Admittedly, I am a faster golfer than most, and I have to confess that at least four times this season, I lamented about having to wait for the group ahead. However we ended up coming in at less than four and a quarter hours. Keep up the great work!

First star. Flyer was the first star at Canadian on July 31st, and then again in his next three events, prompting Bookie to pose the question: "Is that a record?" I invite you to read the result page for the Buckingham event on August 18th to see that it was a topic of discussion. Ace, KaDaver, PinShark, springlakes & Tooth Fairy each got to the top step on the podium twice during the month. And let's not forget TugCap who also did it twice (which is all of his career events on Tour).

Then almost exactly one month after the Bookie question, T-Bone mentions this about Rocco: "This is his 6th Slammer Tour event and he has finished in the stars each time." Well I invite you all to check Nolanator's star stats of one year ago. Also for volume, check out Blue's rookie year.



2013 EG Club Championship Leaders

Open: **Chef** (77 / 74)

A: **Old Spice** (83 / 83)

Senior: **Chilly** (75 / 76)

S. Senior: **Eden Windish** (88 / 91)

B: **Lucky** (79 / 81)

Ladies B: **chill** (83 / 87)

C: **Barry Halverson** (83 / 85)

Ladies C: **Lee Zomer** (96 / 98)

D: **Grumpy** (90 / 100)



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Milestones of the month. Aug. 2: Hacker was 19th to get his 300th loss; Aug. 3: Blue was the 30th to reach 200 wins; Aug. 6: Grumpy became the 8th Slammer to play 400 events (the shoes have been ordered); Aug. 9: Cuba is 31st to lose his 200th, and three days later was 15th to get to 400 wins, and ProZee was 6th to get 125 skins — and 15 days later he had his 150th birdie, which was good for 16th.

Aug 14: Gator was the 45th and fastest to reach 100 events; Aug. 21: PizzaMan was 18th to get 75 dogs, and Davestator made it onto the top 100 with his second one on Aug. 31.

Aug 20: Stevie Ray got his 1,700th point — only the third to do so. Eight days later, Bookie was the 12th to get to 900. Aug. 16: Turtle was the 41st to reach 400. Getting to 200 were Rexall {67th}, Bubba {68}, PapaMalone {69} & chill (70).

Swanny {Aug 6th}, T-Bone {14th}, Gator {20th} & Rexall {31st} were the 61st - 64th to get their 100th win. That exact same number of Slammers also recorded their 100th losses. They were PinShark on the 6th, XL Easy {9th}, Chef {18th} and Blue on the 26th.

An aMUISE-ing stat is that PizzaMan (11th to do so) got his 100th skin on August 9th and his bride was 12th on the 28th. Bookie (26th) got his 50th on the 5th, beating Eeyore by five days. Swanny {54th} and PinShark {55th} had their 25th skin.

We had nine Slammers (Grouch, Oscar, Millionman, TugCap, JohnnyBoy, Swiggs, Greedy & Gadget) come out for their first event last month. AngryBird made his debut at Carleton and was the 300th Slammer to play this season.

Career leader, Malone, has 16 eagles in 238 events. Well his last one on Tour was May 9th at Manderley (18 events ago); however those smaller winged critters are not as absent. In his first event for the month (has he been busy?) at Carleton on August 29th, he was introduced as having 399 career birds. He promptly birdies #1 to become the third Slammer to get that many.

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