

Bookie's Week in Review

June 6 - 12, 2011



A busy week in Slammer world: (7 events in 7 days)

It started off on Monday at Kingsway which was in very good shape. I guess people are not yet accustomed to playing on Monday as only four Slammers showed up. Ticklar made a good showing – no surprise there; but Charlie captures first star for fashioning a round in the double digits – a milestone for him. Congratulations, Charlie – gives you something to dance for!

The following day, Stonebridge hosted the Slammers on a very, very hot outing – hot in temp and hot in play. Oftentimes it's difficult for an A player to grab the first star as he is expected to come in with sub-80 scores and come up with a skin or two – just an average day for the A player. But on this day, Malone had an extraordinary day making it impossible to deny him first-stardom. His round includes five birdies, three skins, and a thrashing of Blue, PointZero, and Cuba. And may I say that he was just barely over par?

His efforts overshadowed great efforts by KaDaver, rookie springlakes and IronMaiden who all went 3-0. It's interesting to note that number 13 was birdied by four players. Is that a record for one hole? Can you look that up, Grumpy?

The heat continued the next day at Hammond. In fact it was even hotter; and you know what heat brings? – thunderstorms! Although most of the groups got in before the storm, two groups had to find shelter before they finished. The storm also resulted in a first for a Slammer event: summary and star presentation by candlelight! That's right – the power was knocked out and the hosts supplied candles. Without missing a beat and with his usual *sang froid*, ProZee the OC hands out the awards to the deserving. Stymie got the first star; and Chuckie, Sully and rookie IronMan all went unbeaten. ProZee is in tough: the only one to break 80 but only manages a 2-0-1 record. Match play is rough!

A rare Friday event takes place at Lombard Glen. Eleven slammers head out and Blue, Shooter and Ticklar all cover themselves in star-glory. Shooter's round is noteworthy in that a nine on number one

doesn't keep him from shooting a nifty 41 on the front. As they say: a bad hole – put it behind you.

Two events took place on Saturday – Cedarhill and Nationview. For some reason the latter has difficulty attracting players. Okay, Augusta it's not; but for the price it's a little country gem. At any rate five guys did appear and played as a fivesome – a nice way to pick up some points. And Bulldog (who was also OC) does just that – picks up eight points. No one went home empty-handed as Billiards, the vet, ties with Raker the rookie.

By contrast, the usual 20 Slammers came out to Cedarhill and some high-level competition was on hand. Another A player cannot be denied a star: Burnsy scores well, manages rather handily *three upsets* over Smitty, Cuba and Ozone and has three birdies, two skins and a dog. If I had a day like that, I'd probably frame it and retire to Elba! Well done, sir! Also having 3-0 days were Pepilepu, Rexall and Danger. Also, congrats to the stealthy crows who made off with Stevie Ray's peanut butter sandwich. Was it crunchy or smooth? [crunchy]

Finally, Sunday at the Marshes was the venue of choice for 23 Slammers who never saw a drop of the forecasted rain. (Don't believe the weathermen!) Number One again was on the line but for the third or fourth event in a row Chef defends against DJD45, PinShark and Woodsy. But it wasn't easy – two took him to the 17th, and Woodsy to the 18th. In fact, Woodsy was up on Chef through 16 holes; but Chef got all square with a par on 17 and then won the match with a bogey on 18.

Aside from the fight over the top spot, rookie springlakes (what's with the lower case? – thinks he's e.e. cummings?) garners the first star, taking down PointZero and the ever-formidable The Kid and manages a tie with Cuba. Also having good days were Popeye, DJD45, KaDaver, and Spoonhead. DJD45 had an eagle on number 13 – a short par 4. (How'd he do dat? -- drive the green and sink putt or hole out from fairway?) Nice to see Subpar and PinShark out. Hope y'all can get out more often!

My favourite quotable for the week only makes a partial appearance in the summary of The Marshes event. I guess Grumpy's a bit shy about these things – that's a new one to me! But, c'mon with some of the "ballsy" quotes in that space, this one's pretty tame: "That was a condom shot: it was safe but didn't feel that good."



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