

Bookie's Week in Review

September 12-18, 2011



If you thought that the Slammers were slacking this week, since there were only four events on the docket, you would be wrong. Au contraire, mon ami!

It was a very active week – with the first round of the EG Club Championships beginning on Saturday. But first: the week got off to a start at Outaouais where ParBreaker nearly lived down to his name, coming within two strokes of breaking that barrier and in the process capturing two dogs and taking down KaDaver in his TC-Senior match to advance to the finals. Next up: Ticklar. Should be a good match.

Also starring were Juice, who recorded wins in both the TC-A and TC-B ladies divisions, Smitty – and Irene or Johnny or Kristina or Larry, or whatever the name of that hurricane was that they got the tail-end of! For one group, it was just too much as they hurried themselves off the course and into the safety of WDN.

The next day, such weather was just a distant memory as Slammers enjoyed blue skies and the most salubrious (look it up!) temperatures for golf at the rarely-played Mississippi Golf Club. Hopefully, in the future, more events will be held here. It is certainly a beautifully-maintained course and as good as Brockville and Outaouais, (IMHO). Ticklar (unsurprisingly) found the course to his liking, capturing the first star and adding a dog to his ever-increasing total. Perhaps more surprising was the play of Pommie who took down Monkee, RedDog and Raker. Well-done, suh!

The next event wasn't until Saturday at Lombard Glen, which played host not only to the Slammer event, but to the first round of the EG Club Championship. Besides the 45 Slammers who participated, there were 33 non-Slammers, making for a very busy day. Kudos to Malone for managing things, keeping everyone well-informed and making sure everything ran smoothly. (Doing all this and having a baby too! Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Malone and welcome to the world, Jaxon!

And a special thanks to Grumpy who sacrificed his own participation to ensure that everyone teed off at the appointed time, and for tabulating the results. Since I know how much Grumpy likes statistics, here's some for you: inputting the scores for 45 Slammers meant 810 keystrokes – just for that part of the summary. Better check out Fit Fore Golf, Grumpy, to keep those fingers in shape!

With so many Slammers participating, the dogs were worth quite a few bones – over 35 buckaroos – and with only five skins scored, those were worth a fair bit as well. Three of these skins were won with

birdies on three of the most challenging par-3s: holes 8, 11 (Burnsy for these two) and 16 (Princess). That 16th is an especially difficult one with swamp on the left and right and a green with undulations that would test the patience of a saint. Congrats, Princess, on sinking the 40-footer from off the green!

Out of all the Slammer activity of the day, C-Lang, Shades and Pepilepu captured star honours. And Ticklar took down Crenshaw in the TC-Senior division in what must have been an exciting match: Ticklar could manage no more than all-square through 14 holes but then came back to finish the match two-up. Now he takes on ParBreaker in the finals (see above).

Check out the Club Championship standings, here: www.executivegolf.ca/events/clubchampionship/egclubchampionship2011.shtml

The week ended at the goose-poop-enhanced fairways of The Marshes. (I love our fine-feathered friends as much as anybody but I do wish they'd find another spot to make their fall deposits!) There were both highs and lows to report. Amazingly, X-Tour managed a star with a 0-2-1 record; but, aha! – he had two dogs and two skins. Such are the vagaries of match play! Hacker had a dog and skin on hole #3, coming within six inches of a hole-in-one! Inch and Aggy also starred.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the ledger, hole #2, proved once again to be a mighty challenge and maintained its status as the most difficult hole on our tour – or in the Valley for that matter. PinSeeker and Ticklar were the only ones to par it, but 16 Slammers played it in 115 strokes, or 35 over par. There were three bogies, five doubles, two triples and four maxes.

Finally, it must be reported that a certain foursome entered what must be the house of ignominy, all failing to come in under three digits. Their names seem to have been mostly blacked out (a CSIS operative?), but as Scarlet O'Hara said and as most golfers know, "Tomorrow is another day!"

EG Club Championship Defenders

Chef (A)	PizzaMan (C)
Summersnow (Ladies)	Tony Mandamin (Super S.)
Cuba (Senior)	Jeff Wang (D)
Sunny (B)	



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