

Grumpy's Grumblings

November 19, 2012. The final week, and what a week it proved to be! Before I go any further in writing this, I want to applaud the work of our Assistant Commissioner.

Malone made many changes this week. I spoke with a lot of Slammers and many had complaints, and I am of the opinion that most of their complaints were logical.

However, most of those comments were voiced by people who ONLY thought of their own scenarios.

The greater picture is what Malone had to consider. I may not agree with 100% of the decisions, but I am confident that we were ALL playing by the same rules.

Okay enough of the diatribe: let's move on to the week that was. Seven days with an event on every day.

On the season, we had 246 events, 287 Slammers (105 officially) in the 3,291 events and 9,150 matches that were played.

All records! 138 rookies tried the Tour in 2012. Who will be the Ottawa *Sun* Rookie of the Year this season? To see the nominees, go to slammertour.com and click the Awards tab.

This year's winner will fall in line with Popeye, Blue, Cuba, PinSeeker, Malone, MadMax, Kricklet and Ticklar.

Speaking of rookies, BigTee's final event last Monday was his 43rd of the season. He makes it on to the career Top 100 with that game and he's only the 5th rookie on that list.

The week that was contained much confusion, most of which was due to all of the Slammers who were on the cusp of their division.

In fact, of the Final Four on Sunday in the B Division, three played part of the week in the A Division.

Read the Sunday summary by the first-ever co-OC partners, IronMaiden and Grumpy, to see who won each of the divisional races.



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I would now like to talk about T-Bone. He played four times last week. First, he shot a B score, went 2&1 and moved 11 spots up. On Thursday, he shot a very decent C score, playing against two As and a top-B and dropped four spots.

Being aware of the rules, he signed up for Saturday and Sunday in a rare back-to-back golf event for him.

Saturday at Casselview, he beat the 1st, 2nd and 4th ranked C players and had won all three matches by the 17th hole. He knew the clause in the rule book that states that anybody one stroke below the cut-line could still qualify for the lower division, but he didn't have one of those scores in his scoring record.

Did he get an eight on #18? No! That is not the Canadian thing to do. In fact, he sunk a 20 footer to move himself in to the B division. The next day, T-Bone played in one of the non-ranking groups.

On the drive home, FrenchHooligan says to T-Bone: "That's too bad, you would have kicked all of our butts today and won." T-Bone gets the quote of the year for this: "**B Classers are supposed to beat C Classers**".

The season's last three milestones go out to Stevie Ray who is only the 2nd Slammer to lose 700 matches. His 19th career loss to Ticklar happened when he had a double bogie on #15 at Kingsway on Friday.

The next day, Steamer had a bogie on #16 at Casselview. He lost to both Chilly and ProZee as they both had a par. Whichever one sunk his putt last delivered Steamer his 300th career loss.

On the final day, IronMaiden became the 7th-ever Slammer to play her 350th career event.

*See you all Friday night
at the Slammies!*