

Week 15 – Tamarack East

Gentlemen of the Tour,

I bring you good tidings and the results from an unexpectedly great week of golf at the Rack. As we often do this time of year I think the members at large approached the opportunity to visit a Middlesex county course in the middle of a 3 week drought as an opportunity to play hit and run on fairways that might be better suited as driveways. Surprisingly the boys found the course in pretty good shape. Certainly the scoring would indicate that either A) we loved the conditions, or B) we all prefer to pitch and putt on shag carpets. Yes they left the greens mowed a bit long...

So how good was the scoring this week? Well, in the immortal words of Warner Wolf, if you had money on a 4 under net 67 making the podium this week... You Lost!!! That's right. It was net 66 or better to open this week and a couple of familiar faces were up to the task. The very first guy out this week laid down the gauntlet straight away by posting a 90 net 66 on Thursday. The bad news for the rest of us was that it was OOM leader with the early low number, and amazingly was his best round of the year, maybe his best ever on tour. The Friday morning 4 some had game but unfortunately no one could sustain it enough to overtake Trooper D.

On Saturday however, that story changed. The Skipper and his Little Buddy were out together (yes again!) trying to take a big run at our leader. They succeeded. First it was Skip with a tidy 93 net 64. That gross was his lowest of the year and results in his first win and second podium of the season. Congrats Skip. However in true Skipper style he couldn't hog the spotlight for himself this week. Instead he let his Little Buddy get some more sun as well. Johnny posted his lowest round of the season with an 89 net 64. That nets him a share of this weeks title, his 3rd already of the season (the same number as Trooper D I might ad) and brought him 2 points closer to our almost runaway OOM leader.

Now hard luck 4th is a handicap damaging net 67 this week, and unfortunately three guys get the honor. Tim-e-way, Newman, and Paul M are the poor souls with the albatross, but all was not lost for one of them. To elaborate I will leave you with this inspirational story of match play fun. Friday Morning Newman and I teamed up against Mullet and XL Pres for an all Piri Piri team prep match 4 ball. Not unlike many of the 4-ball matches at the Cup event no one ever led by more than 2 holes and some great golf was played. DiCo chipped in for birdie on the first par 3 to give Newman and DiCo a lead they would not relinquish until late on the back when XL Pres back 9 par streak gave the Captain's squad the 1 up lead with 2 play. All four guys poured in scoring holes to contribute to the very tight affair. After an unfortunate XLPres lost ball and a Newman/DiCo par at 17 the teams were all square heading to 18. Four solid drives and four more strong layups later it was anyone's match from about 80 yards out. Everyone but Newman missed the green, but Newman still had a good 30 feet left for bird. When it became clear the other 3 players were looking at bogeys Newman tried to stick his first putt close only to leave it a good 8-10 feet short. With that putt left to win the match Newman stepped up hit a solid put and watched as it hung just above the hole for a split second before falling in on the last rotation. The roar from DiCo and Newman surprised the boys from the first tee and their coach getting ready to tee off at number one. They asked if Newman had just birdie's the 18th to which we replied: "nope, even better... He just won the match". That friends it what we play for.

To the tour!

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Par	71
Slope	122
Rating	67.6

Name	Course Handicap	Gross	Net	OOM Points
Little Buddy	25	89	64	4
The Skipper	29	93	64	4
TrooperD	24	90	66	2
Tim-E-ay	9	76	67	1
Newman	30	97	67	1
Paul M	33	100	67	1
Eddie	19	87	68	1
XL Pres	20	90	70	1
Scott L	39	110	71	1
DiCo	17	89	72	1
Ed L(A)	36	109	73	0
Link-me	17	93	76	1
Mullet	15	92	77	1
The Sheriff	33	Off		1
Los Brackley	13	Off		1

Current OOM Standings

Position	Pub Name	Handicap	Points	Events Played
1	Trooper D	22	40	13
2	Little Buddy	24	33	11
3	Tim-e-way	8	27	14
4	Eddie	18	24	13
5	Pee-tah	24	23	11
5	Matt D	22	23	10
7	Skipper	26	20	10
8	Newman	28	19	11
9	DiCo	15	18	11
10	Paul M	31	17	13
10	Mullet	14	17	10
10	Los	12	17	10
13	Chris D	16	16	10
14	Tony C	18	15	11
15	David McC	35	12	6
16	Sheriff	30	11	8
16	XL Pres	18	11	7

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18	Scott L	36	10	7
18	Commissioner	16	10	4
18	Linke	16	10	7
21	Rich McD	27	8	6
22	Garty	20	7	5
23	Lance	24	6	6
23	The Faucet	16	6	6
25	Crano	30	5	4