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LATTY CLUB SURVIVES OC HANGOVER, BONES JR. RETURNS WITH A VENGEANCE

The Latty Club rolled back into action Sunday and shockingly the weather didn't try to kill anyone. Mild temps, calmer winds,although a back nine that felt straight out of the British Open set the stage for a day where the scores cooperated.

Fresh off the Ocean City trip, the roster was thin. Captains Delin and Socci were excused absences. Richie Piazza, however, attempted the boldest move of the weekend: believing he could disappear for three days with two kids and a wife *and* still play Sunday golf. That idea was rejected harder than a Dikembe Mutombo finger wag. Meanwhile, the one man who *did* show after four days of OC carnage, losing nine balls and his dignity, was Editor-in-Chief Jim Bones Jr. He responded by firing a smooth, low-gross 77.

New member "Who?"—plucked off the Saturday public tee sheet by Bones himself, Brian Foley, posted a 79, losing a few strokes to the greens.

Despite the OC fatigue, Bones Jr. still handled the Saturday night team assignments. Naturally, some players didn't show, forcing him to scrap everything and call for an individual game (which he then swept). His 3 a.m. impulse purchase, a portable printer, finally paid off as he handed fresh tee sheets to Group One like a man running a Fortune 500 company.

INDIVIDUAL QUOTA RESULTS

- **Overall Winner:** Fareri Jr. (+3)
- **2nd:** Vin DiCrescento (+1)
- **3rd:** Mark Grunlund (E)
- **T-4th:** Kevin Gallagher & Goodfella, Anthony Rossi (-1)

Front Nine: Fareri Jr. (+3), Grunlund (+2), DiCrescento (+1)

Back Nine: Three-way tie — Fareri Jr., DiCrescento, and old-time newcomer Joey Pallotta Jr. (E)

DALLAS NET MATCH PLAY

- **Grunlund def. Sal Arena, 3 & 2** Acorns reported the Slasher was "a machine."
- **John Pirrone def. Tom Lally, 6 & 5** after Lally battled injury and the shanks, tragically on-brand given the article title. Lally also was a man and played following the 4 day OC trip.

Bottom bracket tees it up next Sunday, which also marks **Round 1 of the Spring Championship**.

NOTABLE CARDS & CONTESTS

- **Johnny Scag:** 82 (net 72)
- **Grunlund:** 85 (net 73)
- **Par 3 & 5 Contest:** Kevin Gallagher with 14 points
- **Net Scats:** Rossi grabbed four… but didn't pay the club vig. Tough scene. He may be sent for.