



Len "Sloaner" Sloan 97 & 00 Champ
2016 Result: 272 2nd

With more time on his hands than most of the retired guys, the GPB has had a great off-season visiting exotic locals such as South Kihei and North Puerto Vallarta. He even found enough cash in his cargo shorts to golf a few rounds in Maui where he shot a 74 on an up island short track before wilting under the Batman's pressure at Kapalua Bay. However, the most profound experience Sloaner witnessed was the weekly "Freak Show" at Maui's famous Little beach where there are more bare balls and boobs paying tribute to the setting sun than 10 years of Wreck beach wannabe's. Always known for his "sage" words of advise on the course this is where the GPB delivered an epic diatribe of words to a young, stoned and rather homely nudist on the rocky trail out of LB. "Remember young man, as you wander through your 20's until even beyond your 50's, everything you do will be directly linked to getting laid". That being said, could this be the year "Sloaner" joins "Oli", Hennigar and Batman as 3 time Champs and have the Jacket laid on his ample shoulders?

Odds: 19-1 23rd Consecutive appearance.

Wes "Hennigar" Pederson 99,03,09 Champ
2016 Result: 307 15th

Once back in 1976, Hennigar had a full head of hair and he was anything but lonely? That was also the year a song with the lyrics "**Time keeps on slippin, slippin, slippin into the future**" was released. Ironically a new song with the lyrics "**Soon I'll be sixty years old, will I think the world is cold or will I have a lot of children who can warm me**" is near the top of charts for "Hennigars" last Cosmo before he turns 60. Other than children and grandchildren, Hennigar is warmed by being a 3 time champ and shooting a stellar 76 (that could have been a 71 without 3 very loose tee shots) in front of 2 founders in Quesnel on May 28. This flashback to his hay-birdie-days where his approach shots would fly like an eagle and nestle near the hole could be an omen of these lyrics coming true: "**I only see my goals, I don't believe in failure. Cause I know the smallest voices, they can make it major. I got my boys with me at least those in favor**"

Odds: 58-1 18th Appearance

Jamie "Tender" Stoddard
2016 Result: 283 8th

"**Oh the Humanity**" of whether to bet on "Tender" in the Calcutta or not? After 10-15-20 years of disappointing several of the Cosmo regulars, wouldn't it be a shame to not put your fiver on him and he changes from "Pretender" to "Contender"? The advice from golfers who have witnessed his most recent practice is:

- "Did you ever have the feeling that you wanted to go, and still have the feeling that you wanted to stay?" In other words, if you bet on him before, you might as well bet on him now as he scrambles well, doesn't hit it far enough off the tee to get into that much trouble and nobody gets into his kitchen as well as he does to others!

However, he doesn't score that well south of Kelowna as his 4 finishes in the Desert are 4th, 9th, 7th and 8th. But with a Cosmo-cap of 23 he could very well shoot 3.5 rounds in the 80's which would be pretty hard to beat unless you were a sandbagger of Branko's magnitude?

Odds: 2-1 22nd Consecutive Appearance

Billy "The Kid" Kennedy 2001 Champ
2016 Result, 302, 12th

With the list of players on the injury recovery trail getting longer and obviously, everyone's memory getting shorter, it may be time for "The Kid" to cue the comeback that he appeared to be poised to do last year after the first round. Unfortunately for "The Kid" having the **2nd best low gross and low net score (82/66) on Thursday** was the lone bright spot for the 2001 champ who struggled down the stretch as he averaged a gross **94.666**. Somehow, thanks to his teammates he did get his name on the Founder Team trophy but is still waiting for Rusty to award him his XXL shirt! But enough of the low blows, "The Kid" was injured last year and should be applauded for even coming out, but playing through an injury is obviously not his "Forte"?

Odds: 30-1 18th Appearance



Russ "Rusty" Young
2016 Result: 281, 6th

The defending "Founders Team Champion" is more focused than ever to erase the memories that only a Steven King novel could instill thanks to his 2013 (and to a lesser degree his final round in 2014) visit to the Desert. A 6 stroke lead in the Cosmo is nothing to sneeze at but losing it all on holes 1-4 would make even DJ shake while in Paulina's arms! But there are far too many positives since that stumble for even Bob Kostis to ignore. Rusty has had 3 top 10 finishes since the "Debacle in the Desert" and with 13 in 20 years he trails only "Tender" with the most without winning the Jacket*. However, after almost being engulfed in an inferno that threatened to decimate Cariboo

Player	Top 2's	Top 5's	Top 10's	Jackets
"SLOANER"	7	10	18	2
"TENDER"	3	6	16	0
"BATMAN"	4	8	15	3
"DAN-O"	3	9	14	2
"RUSTY"	1	8	13	0
"THE KID"	2	6	13	1
"HENNIGAR"	4	7	12	3
"OLI"	4	4	5	3

Pulp last week, "Rusty" may have finally seen the light as anything that pulls him off shift is gravy. With inconsistent results heading into June,

look for the wascally rabbit to pull one from the hat very similar to Sergio at the Masters. We all know when Rusty wasn't able to return to Augusta in 2017, Arnie decided it wasn't worth coming back either 😞 *Arnie and the curse are dead, Cinderella story in the desert, yes sir it could happen!*

Odds: 3-2 21st Consecutive Appearance.

Derek "Diggy" Dobrinsky
2016 Result 278, 5th

The only Cosmo veteran other than Triple "D" enjoying such a consistent improvement (12-7-5) in the standings the last 3 years is Batman (15-6-3), but it wouldn't surprise the experts if "Diggy" climbs at least another couple of rungs up the ladder this year. His only appearance in the "Desert" was more of a wingman role to eventual Champ "Denwitch" as this whole Cosmo thing was more myth than reality back in his rookie year. Thanks to his prodigious drives, he did manage to shoot a net 60 on Park Meadows during the "Freaky Friday the 13th" round so he should have a chance to overcome the leaders on Saturday if he's still in contention?

Odds: 16-1 4th Appearance.

Rick "Zulu" Zawada 2005 Champ
2016 Result: 277 4th

Recently "Zulu" has taken a page out of Jason Days visualization book but "Zulufied" it like only he can. The end result will captivate his playing partners as "Zulu" will share a wee story of how he intends to play each and every shot. "A 5 iron to just left of the 3rd cactus will be leaving me another 5 iron to the left center of the emerald green which will be leaving me a left to right up-hill putt for bird."! The power of positive thinking can be a bonus especially when the GPB will be giving Zulu 21 strokes a round which adds up to 73.5 for the tourney! However, Osoyoos isn't Zulu's favourite place as his last 2 AWOL's suspiciously avoided the Desert Sun and when he does manage to attend an 11th & 12th place finish is all he has been able to muster.

Odds: 111-1 15th Appearance

Richard "Doc" Dougherty 2011 Champ
2016 Result 282, 7th

Now that Doc has been retired for 10 months a few of his closest friends have realized that he is very much like his newest dog Sophie. Golden Retrievers are great companions but they can be a little annoying at times with their short memory, inquisitive minds and desire to find their golf ball even if its 50 yards into the bush! But have no fear, Doc's actually toned down his ball hunting as he has an inventory of 476 back at his Snow Peaks condo. The 2011 Champ has had mediocre results in the Desert with a 6th, 10th and 11th place showing his past 3 appearances (AWOL in 2014) which will inevitably lead him to exceed his 101 question quota late in the first or early in the 2nd round.

Odds: 31-1 12th Appearance.