

Pottawattomie C. C. Recap: 9-26-2011

The MSGA's tenth and final tournament of 2011, The Robert Brady Challenge, was held at Pottawattomie C. C. in Michigan City, Indiana on September 26th. The turnout was excellent with 113 players participating in the Individual Medal event. It was the MSGA's second tournament at Pottawattomie. The Pottawattomie staff did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf and dinner for our final event of the season.

After threatening storms during the morning, the weather was a nearly perfect fall day with plenty of sunshine and a few clouds. Late in the day, the skies became overcast, but without any precipitation. Temperatures were in the low to mid 60's throughout the day with mild winds.

The golf course was in great shape, but played extremely difficult. The soft fairways kept drives from rolling normally. The undulating greens were in wonderful shape, but very quick, especially for the many downhill putts. The difficult and sloping greens lead to plenty of three putts. The fairways and rough were also in excellent shape with very little damage from the hot and humid summer. Overall with handicaps, only two players bested par of 72 while one other matched par.

In the Individual Medal competition, the overall Low Gross winner was X. Gartland with a six over par 78, which included three birdies and an unfortunate triple bogey. Jerry Giolitto was second with an 82 followed by Fred Mitchell (84), Roger Stevens (85) and Harry Pakish, John Brindley and Scott Dolfman with 86's. Scott Dolfman was the overall Low Net winner with an excellent three under par 69. X. Gartland actually had a net of 67, but already had won the Low Gross award. Bob Dixon was next with a net 72, followed by Ken Everett, Jimmie Jackson and Rich Schmitt with net 73's.

In the Skins competition, multiple winners were X. Gartland with three skins and Clyde Compton and Kelly Donohoe with two each. In total, there were 29 skins in the six flights. In the Closest to the Pin contest, Al Marquardt had the closest shot of the day on the 135 yard 13th hole when his ball stopped within eleven inches of the cup. Congratulations to prize winners in all the flights, a list of which can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Bruce Fisher unseated Mike Gilpin, the winner of the first two Brady Cup competitions. Bruce finished with 2115 points. Carl Dywan finished second with 1975 points followed closely by Mike Gilpin with 1940 points. Tom Upton and Maynard Weimer rounded out the top five places by tying for fourth with 1800 points. The Final 2011 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The star of the day was X. Gartland with a gross 78, net 67 and three skins on a very difficult golf course. Congratulations!

The field of 113 included 13 members who played in all ten MSGA tournaments for 2011. The current MSGA membership stands at 189, of which 137 played four or more events.