

Sandy Pines Recap: 09-14-2011

The MSGA's ninth event of 2011 was held at Sandy Pines G. C. in DeMotte, IN on September 14th.

The turnout was an excellent 91 players. Unfortunately, the weather was not. The weather was cool and overcast for the noon shot-gun start and was fine for the first six or seven holes until it began to drizzle. The light rain continued for the balance of the afternoon. In the end, forty players left the course after playing 10 to 12 holes because of the constant rain. Congratulations are in order for those 51 players who played through the rain and cold to complete their rounds.

The course fairways were in great shape, but the greens were very slow and difficult to putt because of the recent aeration. With the greens slow and bumpy, only a few outstanding scores were posted. Overall with handicaps, only four players bested par of 72 and three others matched par.

In the Individual Medal competition, the overall low gross winner was Steve Kahn with a nine over par 81. Roger Stevens and Paul Surowiec were one shot back with 82's. Only nine others were able to shoot scores in the 80's.

In the low net competition, Taylor Seward was the overall low net winner with an excellent seven under par net 65. Paul Surowiec was three shots back with a fine net 68. Norm Drenten and Vern Sieb were the only others under par with net 70 and 71 respectively.

In the Skins competition, Paul Surowiec, Norm Drenten and Bill Scully were multiple winners with two skins each. In total, there were 16 skins in the four flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Taylor Seward's shot on the 148 yard 8th hole was the closest at three feet, three inches.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Bruce Fisher has a solid lead with 1715 points and only one event remaining on the schedule. Mike Gilpin has retained second with 1540 points followed by Carl Dywan (1510), Dave St. Clair (1415) and Tom Upton (1400). The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.