



Innsbrook C. C. Recap: August 4, 2014

The MSGA's eighth tournament of the 2014 season was held at Innsbrook C. C. in Merrillville, IN on August 4th. The tournament was the second and final Guest Day of the 2014 season. The event was the MSGA's fifth visit to Innsbrook with the previous being in 2012. The turnout was 100 players, including twelve guests, an excellent turnout for an early August event. The 2012 turnout was 95 players.

The weather was near perfect with temperatures in the 80's, a few high clouds, light winds and low humidity.

As for the golf course, it was in excellent condition. The fairways were in great shape and provided very nice lies. The rough was not particularly difficult and the greens were quite puttable with the overnight rains. Overall, the course played very easy with many players under par on their net scores.

Overall with handicaps, 49 players bested par of 72 while seven others matched par. For the 100 players, the average Gross score was 90.5 with 72.0 as the average Net score, exactly matching par of 72. In total, 56% of the players beat or matched par.

In the Individual Medal competition, Tom Knoll was the overall winner with a fine one over par 73. Tom's round included two birdies and three bogeys. Jerry Giolitto followed closely with 74, while Steven Seward and Dick Butler were three shots back with 76's.

In the Net competition from the Regular tees (Flights A – D), Bob Macmahon was the winner with an excellent net 61. Brian Chalik and Art Yagodnik tied for second with net 62's and guest Ed Fuja was another shot back with a 64.

In the Net competition from the Forward tees (Flight E), Biff Geiss and Bill Hehemann tied for first with net 65's. Biff was the winner based on the tie-breaker rules. Jerry Flanagan, Jim Hutton and Jerry Gerard were two shots back with net 67's. In total, eleven players played in Flight E.

In the Skins competition, there were four multiple winners with guest Ron Brooks recording three and guest Ted Woolever, Bill Vinovich and Jerry Gerard each recording two skins. In total, there were 34 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best shot of the day was recorded by Stan Pytel. Stan's shot finished at 3' 8" on the 105-yard hole number nine.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Tom Knoll with his round of 73 and Bob Macmahon for his excellent net 61. In Flight E, congratulations to Biff Geiss and Bill Hehemann for their fine net 65's. Congratulations are also in order for the seven of twelve guests who won awards. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Dan DeMartinis continues to lead with 1495 points, followed closely by Tom Stefaniak who trails by only 25 points. The race for third place is also tight with Ray Brosseau (1225) and Gil Vayhinger (1205) separated by only 20 points. Mike Robinson (1127) rounds out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.