



Klinger Lake C. C. Recap: July 23, 2014

The MSGA's seventh tournament of the 2014 season was held at Klinger Lake C. C. in Sturgis, MI on July 23rd. The event was the MSGA's second visit to Klinger Lake with the first being in 2010. Again the event was very successful. The turnout was 98 players, an excellent turnout for a late July event. The 2010 turnout was 78 players.

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

As for the golf course, it was in great condition. The fairways were in excellent condition and provided very good lies. The rough was quite thick and tough resulting in plenty of difficult shots. The greens were very fast and difficult for downhill putts. The course seemed to play longer than the scorecard yardages. Overall, the course was a very good test of golf, especially for those who strayed off the fairways.

Overall with handicaps, 17 players bested par of 72 while three others matched par. For the 98 players, the average Gross score was 95.9 with 77.1 as the average Net score, 5.1 shots over par of 72. In total, only 20% of the players beat or matched par.

Beginning in 2014, a separate Flight (E) was created for players whose handicap and age total 95 or more and choose to play from the forward tees. The flight plays for net awards only. Flight E had 16 entries.

In the Individual Medal competition, Fred Mitchell was the overall winner with a solid four over par 76. Fred's round included one birdie and five bogeys. Jerry Giolitto followed with 78, while Jeff Miller and Tom Knoll were another shot back with 79's. No one else was able to shoot better than 83.

In the Net competition from the Regular tees (Flights A – D), John Kaylor was the winner with a very fine net 63. Tom Stefaniak, Taylor Seward, John Behee and Fred Mitchell were four shots back with net 67's. Bruce Neulieb was next with a net 68, followed by Gil Vayhinger, George Blackburne and Tom Workman with 69's.

In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bill Scully was the winner with a fine net 63, followed by Jim Hutton (70) and Norm Drenten (71).

In the Skins competition, there were two multiple winners with Mike Robinson and Rich Stalbrink each recording two skins. In total, there were 27 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best shot of the day belonged to Dick Bolesky. Dick's shot stopped at 1' 10" on the 138-yard hole number 18.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Fred Mitchell with his round of 76 and John Kaylor for his excellent net 63. In Flight E, Bill Scully with his excellent net 63 is also worthy of congratulations. 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 1395 points, but Tom Stefaniak has closed the gap and trails by only 25 points. The race for third place has also tightened with Mike Robinson (1127), Gil Vayhinger (1105) and Ray Brousseau (1065) rounding out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.