



Warren Course at Notre Dame Recap: June 30, 2014

The MSGA's fifth tournament of the 2014 season was held at the Warren Course at Notre Dame in Notre Dame, IN (South Bend) on June 30th. This was the MSGA's fifth tournament at Notre Dame over the years. Again the event was a great success. The turnout was an excellent 112 players, the second highest turnout of the year.

The weather was threatening for most of the morning after early showers throughout the Michiana area. Skies were overcast for the start of the tournament, but soon the sun appeared and the day turned out to be very nice for golf, except for the high humidity with the mid 80's temperatures.

As for the golf course, it was in excellent condition. The fairways were in very good condition and provided plenty of good lies. The rough was not deep, but very thick, which put a premium on staying in the fairways. The large undulating greens were very consistent, but quick, especially difficult for the many long downhill putts. Overall, the course was playable for players staying in the fairways and out of the rough and heather. For others, it proved very difficult.

Overall with handicaps, 14 players bested par of 71 while five others matched par. For the 112 players, the average Gross score was 94.9 with 76.4 as the average Net score, 5.4 shots over par of 71.

Beginning in 2014, a separate Flight (E) has been created for players with higher handicaps to play from the Forward tees for net awards. Flight E had 14 entrants.

In the Individual Medal competition, Tom Knoll led the field with an excellent even par 71 that included two birdies, two bogeys and 14 pars. Tom was followed by Kent Naylor with 77 and Jerry Giolitto with 79, the only other players to break 80. Only twelve other players were able to shoot 85 or better.

In the Net competition from the Regular tees (Flights A – D), Bruce Neulieb and Ahmad Kashani tied with net 65's with Bruce winning the tie breaker. One shot back and next in line were Greg Dupont, Ed O'Connor and Buzz Cotton with net 66's. Nine other players were able to beat par of 71.

In Flight E, Ken Everett was the winner with a fine net 68, followed by Jim Hutton with a net 69. Bruce Wargo, Bill Root and Jerry Stayton trailed with net 71's.

In the Skins competition, there were seven multiple winners with two skins each. Walt Kroll, Doug Chapman, Gary Drutis, Greg Dupont, Gil Vayhinger, Jerry Stayton and Norm Drenten were the multiple winners. In total, there were 31 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best shot of the day was Pete Rumely's that ended at 2' 6" on the 129 yard #4 hole.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Tom Knoll with his even par round of 71 and Bruce Neulieb and Ahmad Kashani with their fine net 65's. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Tom Stefaniak continues his solid lead with 1070 points over second place Dan DeMartinis with 890 points. Mike Robinson, Gil Vayhinger and Ray Brousseau round out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.