



## **Sandy Pines G. C. Recap: July 9, 2014**

The MSGA's sixth tournament of the 2014 season was held at Sandy Pines G. C. in Demotte, IN on July 9th. This was the MSGA's fifth tournament at Sandy Pines over the years. Again the event was very successful. The turnout was 83 players, a nice turnout for a middle of July event.

The weather was perfect with temperatures in the mid 70's with a few high clouds, light winds and low humidity. The highlight of the day was Dan DeMartinis' Hole-in-One on hole #3 that played at 102 yards. Congratulations to Dan on his big shot.

As for the golf course, it was in terrific condition. The wide fairways were in excellent condition and provided plenty of good lies. The rough was relative short, but some areas were quite thick. The large undulating greens were very consistent, but quick, especially difficult for the many long downhill putts. Overall, the course was very playable for players staying in the fairways and out of the sand and water.

Overall with handicaps, 25 players bested par of 72 while four others matched par. For the 83 players, the average Gross score was 95.5 with 75.5 as the average Net score, 3.5 shots over par of 72. In total, 35% of the players beat or matched par.

Beginning in 2014, a separate Flight (E) has been 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 14 entrants.

In the Individual Medal competition, Tom Knoll led the field with a fine four over par 76. Tom's round included 14 pars and four bogeys. John Brindley and Jeff Miller followed closely with 77's. Don Herakovich carded a 78 and Dan DeMartinis an 80.

In the Net competition from the Regular tees (Flights A – D), Jim Pawlik and Dan DeMartinis tied with net 65's with Jim winning the tie breaker. Next in line and two shots back were John Brindley, Don Herakovich, and Tom Workman with net 67's. Don Christensen, Gil Vayhinger and John Ruppert followed with net 68's.

In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Jerry Stayton was the winner with a excellent net 60, followed by Robert Rogers with a net 62 and Clyde Compton with net 68.

In the Skins competition, there were five multiple winners with Jerry Stayton leading everyone with four skins. Dave St. Clair, Harvey King, Jim Wilson and Ron Olson had two skins each. In total, there were 31 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the obvious best shot of the day was Dan DeMartinis' Hole-in-One on hole #3 that played from 102 yards.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Tom Knoll with his round of 76 and Jim Pawlik and Dan DeMartinis with their fine net 65's. In Flight E, Jerry Stayton with his excellent net 60 and four skins and Robert Rogers' net 62 are 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 has overtaken Tom Stefaniak with his big day of points earned highlighted by his Hole-in-One. Dan now leads with 1,265 points followed by Tom with 1,210. Gil Vayhinger (975), Mike Robinson (937) and Ray Brousseau (935) round out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.