



Maplecrest C. C. Recap: May 14, 2014

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2014 season, the John Pavlos Classic, was held at Maplecrest C. C. in Goshen, IN on May 14th.

The turnout was an excellent 114 players for the first event of the season, very comparable to the turnouts for prior opening days. Twelve new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with several winning awards. Two returning members also played.

The weather was very wet with drizzle or rain throughout the day with temperatures only near 50 degrees. Unfortunately, only 98 of the 114 players entered completed their rounds. As for the golf course, it was in near perfect condition with only a few low spots quite wet by the end of the day. The fairways and greens were in excellent condition considering the long winter. The rough was thick and tough, so shots to the fairways were a must. The large greens were consistent and very quick, especially difficult for the many downhill or sidehill putts.

Overall with handicaps, only seven players bested par of 71 while four others matched par. For the 98 players who finished, the average Gross score was 94.5 with 78.2 as the average Net score, 7.2 shots over par of 71. Obviously, the weather played a large part in the high scores.

Beginning in 2014, a separate Flight (E) has been created for the 20% of the entrants with the highest handicaps to play from the Forward tees for net awards.

In the Individual Medal competition, Eldon Miller led the field with an excellent six over par 77 that included two birdies. Eldon was followed by Fred Mitchell with a 78 and rookie Walt Kroll with a 79. Doug Chapman was next with an 80.

In the Net competition from the Regular tees, Eldon Miller was also the winner with a net 67. Next were Don Christensen and Harvey King with two under par net 69's with Don winning the tie-breaker and the overall low net award. Dave Pendergast was the only other to break par with a net 70. Four other players shot matched par with 71's.

In Flight E, rookie Ray Brosseau was the overall low gross winner with a 90 and the low net winner with a fine net 66. Bill Scully finished with a net 69 to take the low net award. Jim Hutton was the only other player to best or match par with a net 70.

In the Skins competition, there were eight multiple winners with Ray Brosseau leading with four, followed by Walt Kroll with three skins. Larry Jackson, Don Christensen, Harvey King, Bruce Fisher, Tom Stefaniak and Bill Scully each had two skins. In total, there were 33 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Walt Ailes and Rob Hocevar tied with shots within 3' 10" on holes #6 and #17.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Eldon Miller and Ray Brosseau for their fine rounds. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Tom Stefaniak has the early lead with 430 points. Dan DeMartinis and Mike Robinson follow with 335 and 330 points respectively. Five other are tied for fourth with 300 points each. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.