



Pottawattomie C. C. Recap: August 31, 2015

The MSGA's ninth tournament of the 2015 season was held at Pottawattomie C. C. in Michigan City, IN on August 31st. This event was the third time the MSGA played at Pottawattomie, the first since 2011 and the course proved to be an excellent challenge for the players.

The turnout was 105 players, a very solid turnout for a premium country club event.

The day's weather was nearly perfect for golf with temperatures in the mid 80's, light winds and bright sunny skies. The golf course was in wonderful shape from tees to greens. The fairways provided excellent lies everywhere with short rough that was very playable. The greens were soft and perfect with very few ball marks. The large sloping greens were quite fast, but consistent. Overall, the course played difficult but fair for the players.

Overall with handicaps, only 12 players bested par of 72 while ten others matched par. The average Gross score was 93.5 with 75.9 as the average Net score, 3.9 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Jerry Giolitto and Tom Knoll tied for first with 77's with Jerry winning the tie-breaker with a par on the first handicap hole. Next in line was Mike Price with 80 followed by Doug Chapman, Joe Simanski, Kent Naylor and Fred Mitchell with 81's. Five others posted 82's.

In the Net competition, Mike Lake was the overall winner with a solid seven under par net 65. Gary Drutis was second with a net 68, followed by Jim Jeselnick, Bob Henrickson, Steve Raymond and Mike Grubb, all with net 69's. Flight A players recorded a rare occurrence with nine players tying for third. Tie-breaker positions were determined after four handicap holes.

In the low-net competition for Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bob Brady posted a solid two under par 70, while Norm Drenten (72) and Bruce Wargo (74) followed. Sixteen players played in Flight E (players whose age plus handicap equals 95).

In the Skins competition, Jack Niland led the field with three skins, while Mike Lake and Art Yagodnik each recorded two. In total, there were 29 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the closest of the day was Don Rogers' shot that finished within one foot, one inch on the 113 yard Hole #13.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jerry Giolitto and Tom Knoll with their 77's, Mike Lake with his excellent net 65 and Bob Brady with his net 70 in Flight E. The complete list of winners can be found on the [Tournament Results page](#).

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Ed O'Connor continues to lead with 1755 points followed by Kent Naylor with 1665 points. Jim Pawlik (1510), Bruce Neulieb (1485) and Bob McFadden (1465) are in a close battle for third and round out the top five positions. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.