



Pottawattomie C. C. Recap: May 15, 2017

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2017 season, the John Pavlos Classic, was held at Pottawattomie C. C. in Michigan City, IN on May 15th.

Opening day 2017 was a great success with a total of 113 players participating (112 finishing). Fourteen new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with several winning awards. One returning member also played.

The weather was perfect for golf with sunshine all day, gentle breezes and temperatures around 80 degrees. The golf course was in wonderful condition with a few wet spots. The rough was very thick and difficult. The large greens were quite fast, but putted true. Downhill and sidehill putts required very soft touches. Local knowledge was useful on a few holes with hidden sand traps.

The course played fairly difficult as overall with handicaps, only 11 players bested par of 72 while five others matched par. For the 112 players, the average Gross score was 95.6 with 77.9 as the average Net score, 5.9 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Mike Price led the field with a three over par 75. Mike's round included three birdies, three bogies and a triple bogey on 18. He was followed by rookie Stu Holaway with a 78 and John Hampton, Bryan Boettger, Jerry Giolitto and Jeff Miller, all with 79's.

In the Net competition, Gil Vayhinger and Bruce Neulieb tied for overall low-net with solid five under par net 67's. Gil won the tie-breaker on the first handicap hole. Peter MacEntee followed with a net 68, while Mike Price (69) and Abe Ismail (70) were next in line. Bill Scully and Bill Root tied for low-net in Flight E (played from the forward tees) with two over par net 74's.

In the Skins competition, Jerry Stayton was the only multiple winner with two skins in Flight E. In total, there were 27 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Mike Price's shot on the 147 yard Hole #15 that finished 2" 2" from the hole was the best of the day.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Mike Price for his solid round on a tough golf course and Gil Vayhinger and Bruce Neulieb for their excellent net 67's. The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

For the season long Brady Cup competition, the results will be posted after the second event of the year at Whittaker Woods in New Buffalo, MI.