



South Bend C. C. Recap - September 18, 2017

The MSGA's 10th and final tournament of 2017, the Robert Brady Challenge, was held at South Bend C. C. in South Bend, IN on September 18th. The turnout was very good with 115 players. It was the MSGA's fourth tournament at South Bend CC over the years. As expected, the South Bend staff did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf and the awards dinner. All players received door prizes before play started.

The weather was a beautiful late summer day for golf with plenty of sunshine, light breezes and temperatures in the mid 80's.

The golf course was in terrific shape and played very tough. The sloping greens were in excellent shape and putted very fast, especially for the many downhill putts. At par 71, the course played extremely difficult, especially with the thick rough, tough greens and length of 6,157 yards from the regular tees. Overall with handicaps, only 16 players beat par of 71 while four others matched par. For the 115 players, the average Gross score was 94.2 with 76.3 as the average Net score, 5.3 shots over par of 71. In total, only 17% of the players beat or matched par.

A separate Flight (E) was used for players whose handicap index plus age total 95 and who choose to play from the forward tees. The flight plays for net awards only and had an excellent turnout of 19 entries.

In the Individual Medal competition, the Overall Low Gross award was won by Doug Chapman with a four over par of 75. Doug's round included two birdies, three bogies and a triple. Tom Knoll was next with a 76 followed by John Hampton and Stu Holaway with 77's. Four other players broke 80.

Bob Dunn was first in the Low Net competition, shooting an excellent net 65. Gary Drutis followed with a net 66, while John Hampton, Ray Ginsburg, Greg Dupont and Art Yagodnik recorded net 68's.

In Flight E, Art Bartholomew led with a fine 64, followed by Ken Everett with a 65 and Bill Scully with a 67.

In the Skins competition, John Hampton, Chuck Ellison, Bob Dunn, Biff Geiss, John Behee and Art Bartholomew recorded two skins each. In total, there were 42 skins in the six flights.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Doug Chapman for winning low gross and to Bob Dunn for leading the field with a net 65. In Flight E, Art Bartholomew and Ken Everett 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, Stu Holaway finished first with 1900 points, well ahead of Bob Dunn and Abe Ismail. Dave Dunn and Dave Pendergast finished tied for fourth place. Stu will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving a replica of the permanent trophy. The Final 2017 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The South Bend field of 115 included 13 members who played in all nine 2017 MSGA tournaments (one rainout at Tippecanoe Lake). The current MSGA membership stands at 170, of which 110 (65%) played five or more events. It was a great finish to a wonderful year.