



## **Whittaker Woods G. C. Recap: May 31, 2017**

The MSGA's second tournament of the 2017 season was held at Whittaker Woods G. C. in New Buffalo, MI on May 31st. The tournament was the first of two Guest days for 2017. Twelve guests played in the tournament. We want to thank our guests for their participation and extend invitations to join the MSGA as members.

The turnout was an excellent 101 players, including guests. The total was comparable to turnouts for prior guest days.

The day's weather was perfect for golf with temperatures in the mid 70's, sunshine throughout the day and gentle breezes. As for the golf course, it was in excellent condition. The fairways were in perfect condition providing plenty of good lies. The rough was thick, but quite playable. The large undulating greens proved quite tricky, especially with some of the large breaks. Overall, the course proved to be very playable, yielding many good scores.

Overall with handicaps, 33 players bested par of 72 while five others matched par. For the 101 players, the average Gross score was 92.9 with 75.1 as the average Net score, only 3.1 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, guest Jeff Carmien led the field with an excellent one over par 73 that included four birdies and five bogies. Tom Smith (75) and Bryan Boettger (77) followed. Jerry Giolitto, Tom Knoll and Phil Weybright all recorded 78's. Guest Steve Stone with a 79 was the only other player to break 80.

In the Net competition, Phil Weybright won the overall low-net for Flights A-D with an excellent net 63. Phil's net score included one eagle, nine birdies and two bogies. Next in line were Dave Pendergast and Gil Vayhinger with net 64's, followed by Ray Ginsburg and Rich Stalbrink with net 66's. Tom Smith, Jeff Carmine and Bill Vinovich all posted net 67's.

The low-net winner in Flight E (played from the forward tees) was Bill Hehemann led with a net 66 followed by Bill Root with a 68. Eight players played in Flight E (players whose age plus handicap equals 95).

In the Skins competition, there were eight multiple winners with Bill Hehemann leading with three, followed by Mike O'Malley, Dave Pendergast, Steve Raymond, Mike Lake, Dave Dunn, Jerry Stayton and Bill Root with two each. In total, there were 33 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best of the day was Tom Workman's shot that ended two feet three inches away on the 112-yard Hole #4.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jeff Carmien and Tom Smith for their fine rounds and Phil Weybright for his excellent net 63. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Gil Vayhinger has the early lead with 510 points followed by Kent Naylor with 500 points. Rich Stalbrink (480), Abe Ismail (455), Jim Jeselnick (435) and John Kaylor (435) fill out the top six places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.