



Klinger Lake C. C. Recap: June 27, 2018

The MSGA's fourth tournament of the 2018 season was held at Klinger Lake C. C. in Sturgis, MI on June 27th.

The Tournament was the fourth time the MSGA had played at Klinger Lake C. C. Klinger Lake is a beautiful golf course opened in 1920 and was a good test for the players.

The weather was raining during the morning thru registration and lunch, but the rain stopped before start time and the skies were overcast for the rest of the day, but without more rain. The golf course had received rain in the previous days, causing some areas to be very wet. The course superintendent did a good job getting the course ready for play.

The golf course was in nice condition except for the wet conditions in a few places. The greens were in great shape and putted very true. The rough had been mowed so was very playable.

The turnout was pretty normal with 88 players entered. This was the lowest turnout of the year, but also the longest drive for many members.

The course played fair but reasonably easy as overall with handicaps, 35 players bested par of 72 while three others matched par (43% of players). For the 88 players, the average Gross score was 91.4 with 73.9 as the average Net score, only 1.9 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, rookies Dave Hochstetler and Butch Markel and Jerry Giolitto all shot three over 75's with Dave winning the tie-breakers. They were followed by Louie Slabach, Tom Knoll, John Hampton and Tom Edwards with 78's. Three others had 79's.

In the Net competition, Rich Stalbrink led the field with a fine net 66. He was followed closely by Jeff Starr, Bill SanGiacomo and Paul Martindale with net 67's. Thirty-one others beat par of 72. In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bill Hehemann with excellent net 60 led and was followed by Norm Drenten with net 67.

In the Skins competition, Rich Stalbrink and Clyde Compton each recorded three skins while Tom Edwards, Mike O'Malley and Roy Shepard posted two each. In total, there were 37 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Mike O'Malley's shot on the 131-yard Hole #4 that finished 2" 5" from the hole was the best of the day.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Jon Huffman continues in first place with 870 points, followed closely by Steve Stone with 860 points. Brian Chalik (755), Jerry Giolitto (750) and Buzz Cotton (705) round out the top five positions.