



Maplecrest C. C. Recap: May 16, 2018

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2018 season, the John Pavlos Classic, was held at Maplecrest C. C. in Goshen, IN on May 16th.

Opening day 2018 was a great success with a total of 114 players participating. Fifteen new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with several winning awards. Four returning members 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 many wet areas, especially in the rough. The course had received seven inches of rain over the previous five days and the course superintendent did a terrific job getting the course ready. The rough was very thick and difficult. The large greens were relatively slow, but in very good condition. Speed was difficult to read for the many downhill and sidehill putts. Local knowledge was useful on some holes with hidden sand traps and water hazards.

The course played difficult as overall with handicaps, 18 players bested par of 71 while five others matched par. For the 114 players, the average Gross score was 92.2 with 76.2 as the average Net score, 5.2 shots over par of 71.

In the Individual Medal competition, Tony Fallucca led the field with a one over par 72. Tony's round included two birdies and three bogies. He was followed by Tim Swallers (74), rookie Jim Champer (75), Steven Seward (76) and John Hampton (77). Six others broke 80.

In the Net competition, Bob Henrikson led the field with a fine net 64, followed closely by Tony Fallucca and Steven Seward with net 65's. Next were Al Marquardt (67) and rookie Jeff Hartin and Dave Pendergast with net 68's. Thirteen others bested par of 71. In Flight E (played from the forward tees), John Behee with 67 and Bob McFadden with 68 led the field of 18 players.

In the Skins competition, five players recorded two skins each; those players were Jim Champer, Bill Gustin, Peter MacEntee, Bob Henrikson and John Behee. In total, there were 30 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Dave Dunn's shot on the 140-yard Hole #6 that finished 2" 2" from the hole was the best of the day.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Tony Fallucca for his solid round on an excellent golf course and Bob Henrikson for his fine net 64. The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

For the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone has the early lead with 525 points.