



Morris Park C. C. Recap - September 17, 2018

The MSGA's 10th and final tournament of 2018, the Robert Brady Challenge, was held at Morris Park C. C. in South Bend, IN on September 17th. The turnout was very good with 118 players. It was the MSGA's ninth tournament at Morris Park CC over the years. As expected, the Morris Park 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, but very warm for a late summer day with plenty of sunshine, light breezes and temperatures around 90.

The golf course was in wonderful shape and played pretty tough. The sloping greens were in excellent shape and putted very fast, especially for the many downhill and sidehill putts. There were many low scores, but also many high scores. At par 70, the course played difficult, especially with the tough greens. Overall with handicaps, 25 players beat par of 70 while 13 others matched par. For the 118 players, the average Gross score was 90.6 with 73.6 as the average Net score, 3.6 shots over par of 70. In total, 32% 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 25 entries.

In the Individual Medal competition, the Overall Low Gross award was won by Kevin Shidler with a three over par of 73. Kevin's round included three birdies, four bogies and a double. John Hulewicz and Tim Swallers were next with 74's followed by Tony Fallucca with 75. Eleven other players broke 80.

Greg Sheetz was first in the Low Net competition, shooting an excellent net 64. Steve Reinhart followed closely with a net 65, while John Hulewicz, Verne Sawyer, Jeff Starr and Art Yagodnik recorded net 66's.

In Flight E, John Smith led with an excellent net 62, followed by Ken Everett with 64 and John Behee with 66.

In the Skins competition, Stan Pytel posted three skins while Donnie Perkins, Mike Lyons, Mike Balunda and Bob Donaldson recorded two skins each. In total, there were 41 skins in the six flights.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Kevin Shidler for winning overall low gross and to Greg Sheetz for leading the field with a net 64. In Flight E, John Smith with his net 62 is also worthy of congratulations. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone finished first with 1935 points, well ahead of John Hulewicz. John Spensley, Roger Stevens and Dave Dunn were next in line. Steve will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving a replica of the permanent trophy. The Final 2018 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The Morris Park field of 118 included eight members who played in all ten 2018 MSGA tournaments. The current MSGA membership stands at 181, of which 110 (61%) played five or more events. It was a great finish to a wonderful year.