



Orchard Hills C. C. Recap: June 11, 2018

The MSGA's third tournament of the 2018 season was held at Orchard Hills C. C. in Buchanan, MI on June 11th.

The Tournament was the second and final Guest Day of the season and was also the second time the MSGA had played at Orchard Hills C. C. Orchard Hills is a beautiful old golf course next to the St. Joseph river and was an excellent test for the players.

The weather was overcast for the whole day, but there was no rain. The golf course had received several inches of rain in the previous days, causing very little roll on all shots. The course superintendent and his staff did an excellent job getting the course ready for play.

The golf course was in nice condition except for the wet conditions. The greens were quite slow even for downhill putts. The rough was thick in places but was playable.

The turnout was excellent with 122 players entered including four guests. This was the highest turnout for an event since opening day in 2011 and continued the excellent participation for 2018.

The course played somewhat difficult but fair as overall with handicaps, 26 players bested par of 71 while one other matched par (22% of players). For the 122 players, the average Gross score was 93.1 with 74.6 as the average Net score, 3.6 shots over par of 71.

In the Individual Medal competition, rookie Jon Huffman led the field with a five over par 76. He was followed by Tom Knoll, Bryan Boettger and Tony Fallucca with 77's and rookie Pete Schmaltz and John Hulewicz with 78's. Five others had 79's.

In the Net competition, Roger Stevens and Jon Huffman led the field with a fine net 65's with Roger winning the Low Net award. They were followed closely by Jeff Starr, rookie Jay Wilson, Mike Dexter and Don Rogers all with net 67's. Thirteen others beat par of 71. In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bob McFadden with net 63 and Roland Pereira with net 64 led the field of 22 players.

In the Skins competition, three players recorded two skins each; those players were Mike Dexter, Jay Wilson and Bob McFadden. In total, there were 25 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Mike O'Malley's shot on the 132-yard Hole #8 that finished 4" 3" 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 has taken over first place with 755 points, followed closely by Steve Stone with 745 points. Jerry Giolitto (630), Brian Chalik (620) and Buzz Cotton (605) round out the top five positions.