



Sand Creek C. C. Recap: July 8, 2019

The MSGA's fifth tournament of the 2019 season was held at Sand Creek C. C. in Chesterton, IN on July 8th.

The Tournament was the 5th time the MSGA had played at the course. Sand Creek is a beautiful 27-hole layout originally built by Bethlehem Steel and opened in 1976. For the tournament, we played the Creek and Marsh nines which feature many large greens, plenty of water and lots of sand traps.

The weather was perfect for summer golf with temperatures around 80, light breezes and sunshine all afternoon.

The golf course was in wonderful condition from tees to greens. The fairways were very dry allowing for longer tee shots. The large undulating greens were hard, difficult to hold and very fast. The fairways were generous on most holes but required accuracy to stay out of water and wetland areas. The rough was mowed relatively short and didn't cause serious problems.

The turnout was a record for MSGA tournaments with 135 players entered. Sand Creek continued the excellent participation for 2019.

With the wide fairways, the course played quite easy as overall with handicaps, 44 players bested par of 72 while seven others matched par (38% of players). For the 135 players, the average Gross score was 94.7 with 75.1 as the average Net score, 3.1 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Bryan Boettger led the field with an excellent one over par 73. He was followed by Tim Swallers with a 76 and Kevin Shidler with a 77. Jerry Giolitto and Mike Hoffman each posted 79's. Forty-two others posted scores in the 80's.

In the Net competition, Greg Raklovits, Gil Vayhinger, Dan Kaminski, Bruce Fisher and Rich Stalbrink tied with excellent net 64's with Gil winning the tie-breaker on the second handicap hole. Mike Babcock and Phil Weybright followed with net 65's. Mike Martin, Ken Dowdy, Jack Enright, Ray Ginsburg, Ned Schimizzi and Gary Drutis all posted net 67's.

In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bob Henrikson led with a very nice net 65 followed closely by Dave Dunn with 66 and Clyde Compton and Bill Root with 67's. Twenty-three players played in the Flight with seven posting net scores under par of 72.

In the Skins competition, Jim Vance, Ned Schimizzi, Clyde Compton and Bob Donaldson recorded two skins each. In total, there were only 24 skins in the five flights with only two each in Flights A and B. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Bob Hart's shot on the 148-yard Hole #2 on the Marsh course (hole #11 on the scorecard) that finished 1' 5" from the hole was the best of the day.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone remains in first place with 900 points, followed by Chuck Blair (795 points), Dave Dunn (765), Bill Scully (725 points) and Mike Shikany with 720 points. The current standings can be found on the Brady Cup tab.

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