



Beechwood G. C. Recap: June 3, 2020

The MSGA's second tournament of the 2020 season (first one actually played as Maplecrest C. C. on May 20, 2020 was cancelled) was held at Beechwood G. C. in LaPorte, IN on June 3rd.

The Tournament was the second time the MSGA has played at the course. Beechwood is a great public golf course with a variety of difficult holes. Many holes are lined with large trees providing a beautiful setting for a golf course.

The weather was overcast with storms predicted for the afternoon, but the storms passed by and the day was near perfect with some sunshine, temperatures in the mid 70's and gentle breezes.

The turnout was lower than normal because of the COVID-19 pandemic, but a nice number with 85 players playing in three regular tee flights and two forward tee flights.

The golf course was in genuinely nice condition with perfect greens. The large greens were extremely fast, especially for putts from above the holes. The rough was exceedingly difficult and required many shots just to get the ball back to the fairways.

The course played somewhat difficult with 18 players besting par with their net scores and four others matching par with handicaps (26% of players). For the 85 players, the average Gross score was 92.1 with 76.5 as the average Net score, 4.5 shots over par of 72. The 4.5 net shots over par is about a point over the average of MSGA events.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), Steve Cramer and Bruce Brankle tied for low gross with five over par 77's with Steve winning the tie-breaker on the first handicap hole. They were followed closely by Kevin Shidler with 78 and Kent Naylor and Tim Swallers with 79's.

In the Net competition, Paul Sittig led the field with an excellent net 65. He was followed closely by Dale Cramer with net 66, Steve Cramer with net 67, John Hulewicz with net 68 and Greg Sheetz and Dale Pflughaupt with net 69's.

In Individual Medal competition for flights playing the forward tees, Ray Ginsburg led the field with an excellent 78 followed by Bill Gustin with 87.

In the Net competition, Ray also led with a 10 under par net 62 followed by Jerry Stayton and Bob McFadden with net 71's and Marty Reitz with a net 72.

In the Skins competition, Ray Ginsburg posted three skins and Dale Pflughaupt two as the only players with multiple skins. In total, there were 27 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Chuck Blair and Ray Ginsburg tied at 10 inches with Chuck's recorded on the 188-yard hole #8 and Ray's on the 125-yard hole #15.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Dale Cramer has the early lead with 250 points followed by Chuck Blair with 215 points.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of award winners can be found on the [Tournament Results](#) page.