



Blackthorn G. C. Recap: July 27, 2020

The MSGA's sixth tournament of the 2020 season was held at Blackthorn G. C. in South Bend, IN on July 27th.

The Tournament was the seventh time the MSGA has played at the course over the years. Blackthorn is a really nice public golf course with a variety of holes including holes with trees lining the fairways and several open holes with heather lined fairways and plenty of sand traps.

The weather was overcast with threatening clouds and high humidity all day with temperatures around 80.

The turnout was the largest of the year with 113 players. The 67 played in three regular tee flights and 46 in two forward tee flights.

The golf course was in particularly good condition with excellent greens. The large undulating greens were quite fast and especially for the many downhill putts. With plenty of trees and tough rough, keeping the ball in the fairways was a must.

Although the best net score was 68 (4 under par), 24 players bested par and 13 were at par (33%). For the 113 players, the average Gross score was 90.1 with 76.1 as the average Net score that was 4.1 shots over par of 72. The 4.1 net shots over par is right at the normal score of three to five over par.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), Steve Stone won the overall gross award with a three over par 75. He was followed closely by John Hampton with 76 and Jerry Giolitto and Steve Cramer with 77's and Kevin Shidler with 78. Five others shot 79.

In the Net competition for regular tee players, Bill Ketcham led with a four under par 68. Following closely were Steve Cramer, Eric Morris, Dave Pendergast, Stan Pytel and Paul Martindale with net 69's. Ten others had net 70 or 71.

In Individual Medal competition for (flights playing the forward tees), John Behee won with a 79 followed by Ray Ginsburg with 81 and Fred Hillis with 82.

In the Net competition for forward tee players, Tom Mackrola and Rich Stalbrink tied with 69's with Tom winning the tiebreaker. Following were Greg Dupont and Art Bartholomew with 70's and John Behee, Dick Sierra, Ray Ginsburg and Jack Enright with net 71's.

In the Skins competition, Mark Joseph, Rick Commers and Jerry Stayton posted two skins each. In total there were 32 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Steve Stone recorded the closest with a 1' 5" shot on the 145-yard hole number 3 in the Regular tee flights. John Kaylor missed a hole-in-one by one-half inch on the 86-yard hole number 3 playing in the Forward tee flights.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, first place changed again with John Hulewicz taking first with 780 points followed by Ray Ginsburg with 735 points and John Hampton with 700 points.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results and Brady Cup pages.