



MSGGA 2020 Championship Recap: August 17-18, 2020

The 18th annual MSGGA Championship was held at Swan Lake Resort G. C. in Plymouth, IN on August 17th & 18th. The event was also the eighth of the MSGGA's 2020 season. The turnout was 60 players for the Two-man Best-Ball event including eight guests. Five flights were required to accommodate the 30 teams.

This was the seventh consecutive year playing the MSGGA Championship at Swan Lake, although the MSGGA has played the course other times for regular tournaments. The staff at Swan Lake, led by Head-Pro Chad Hutsell, did a great job in preparing the course and hosting the championship that included two continental breakfasts and nice lunches. Prior to the start, several players stayed overnight at the resort.

The weather was terrific with temps in the mid 80's gentle breezes on Monday for the three match-play rounds and perfect with light breezes and temps in the mid 70's on Tuesday for the final two match-play rounds and the shoot-out for the overall for the 2020 MSGGA Championship. The shoot-out was exciting in that the elimination of one team after each hole required chip-offs including a five-way chip-off on the first hole.

For the 2020 MSGGA Championship, the winners were Doug Bley and Jay Wilson who qualified by winning Chip Flight (C). Second place went to John Hulewicz and Steve Stone who placed first in Albatross Flight (A). After tying the fourth shoot-out hole, Doug Bley and Jay Wilson won in a chip-off. Other flight winners were John Devaney and Tom Webb in Birdie Flight (B), Rich Wallace and Bruce Ruge in the Drive Flight (D), and Gary Drutis and Mark Joseph in Eagle Flight (E).

Congratulations to the flight winners and runners-ups and especially to Champions Doug Bley and Jay Wilson who will have their names added to the permanent John J. Pavlos Memorial Championship trophy as the winners of the 2020 MSGGA championship. They will also be awarded individual trophies at the final dinner event at Morris Park C. C. All results of the Championship tournament are shown on the Tournament Results tab. Pictures of the Flight winners and scoresheets for the Flight results are shown on the MSGGA Championship tab.

The Championship resulted in changes to the overall Brady Cup standings. John Hulewicz held first place with 1275 points, but his lead was reduced to five points over Jay Wilson. Mark Joseph with 1085 points moved to third and leads Ray Ginsburg who has 1075 points. Fred Hillis and Dave Pendergast are tied for fifth place with 1010 points. The current standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.