



South Bend C. C. Recap - September 13, 2021

The MSGA's 10th and final tournament of 2021, the Robert Brady Challenge, was held at South Bend C. C. in South Bend, IN on September 13th. The turnout was excellent with 115 players participating. It was the MSGA's sixth tournament at South Bend C. C. over the years. As always, the staff did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf, and the awards dinner. All players received door prizes before play started.

The weather was warm with temperatures in the mid-80's with plenty of sunshine and high clouds but very light breezes.

The golf course was in great shape but played relatively easy. The rough was playable in most areas and allowed successful chipping to save pars. The greens putted true but were not overly quick. Only putts from the wrong areas above the holes were particularly difficult. The speed of the greens was slower than normal. There were lots of low scores for both the regular and forward tee players. Those players who stayed on or near fairways and away from the sand and water hazards were rewarded with nice rounds.

Overall, with handicaps, 57 players beat or matched par of 71 (50%). For the 115 players, the average Gross score was 88.4 with 71.4 as the average Net score, only 0.4 shots over par of 71.

The highlight of the day was Chuck Zimmerman making a Hole-in-One on Hole #17 playing from 159 yards. It was Chuck's first ever Hole-in-One and he said he wondered if he would ever get one. He was presented with Hole-in-One Award and the official scorecard.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), John Anderson won the overall gross award with a five under par 66. His super round included an eagle, 6 birdies and 3 bogies. He was followed by Steve Stone with a 71 and John Hampton, Ed Meyer, John Chamberlin and Jerry Giolitto with 74's. Twelve others posted scores in the 70's.

In the Net competition for regular tee players, Ron Gross was low with a great net 59, followed by Steve Stone and Tony Gensel with net 61's. Ten others recorded net 66's or better.

In Individual Medal competition (flights playing from forward tees), Jim Jeselnick and Louie Slabach tied with 77's with Jim winning the tie-breaker. Next in line were Tim Mallon with 81 and Ray Ginsburg with 82.

In the Net competition for forward tee players, Joe Trippel was low with a net 61 followed closely by Tim Mallon (62) and Jim Jeselnick (63). Five others shot net 66 or better.

In the Skins competition, Tony Gensel and Mike Shikany each recorded two skins each. In total, there were 32 skins in the five flights.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to John Anderson with his Gross score of five under 66 and to Ron Gross for his net 59 in the regular tee flights and Jim Jeselnick and Louie Slabach for their low gross scores of 77 and Joe Trippel for his low net score of 61 in the forward tee flights. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Ray Ginsburg finished in first place with 2085 points with second going to Mike Hoffman (1830 points) and third to John Martin (1750). Bob Stachowiak and Bruce Fisher rounded out the top five places. Ray will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving an engraved replica of the permanent trophy. The Final 2021 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The South Bend field of 115 included nine members who played in all ten 2021 MSGA tournaments. The current MSGA membership stands at 193, up 13% from last year's ending membership of 171.

For 2021, 126 members played five or more events (65%) and 171 played in at least 2 events (89%). For the 2021 season, the average number of players was 109 (56% of members) as compared to the average number of players for 2020 of 97 (57% of members).

It was a nice finish to a great year in spite of the continuing pandemic issues. The Board of Directors thanks all the members for their patience and participation this year.