



## **Sandy Pines G. C. Recap: June 1, 2022**

The MSGA's second tournament of the 2022 season (first played with Klinger Lake cancellation) was held at Sandy Pines G. C. in DeMotte, IN on June 1st.

The Tournament was the sixth time the MSGA has played at the course over the years. Sandy Pines is a challenging layout with a mix of several difficult and a few less difficult holes. The many hazards are mostly in the form of sand bunkers, water hazards and deep heather around the course. Several holes have been enhanced since we last played there in 2014.

The weather was not good with drizzle for most of the day and temps in the 60's. The rain was usually light and didn't stop play although it did make for a long day.

The turnout was a field with 100 players. The players played in three regular tee flights and two forward tee flights.

The golf course was in wonderful condition except for the rain. The greens were generally slow the result of the conditions. The rough was difficult on some holes and with trees lining several holes, keeping the ball in the fairway was a big advantage.

The course played difficult with only 14 players besting par with their net scores while two others matched par of 72 (16% of players). For the 100 players, the average Gross score was 92.0 with 78.1 as the average Net score that was 6.1 shots over par of 72. Normal average net scores are usually in the range of two to four over par. Much of the difficulty was caused by the wet conditions.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from Regular tees), Brad Parkhurst won the overall low gross with a two over par 74. Tim Holmes followed with 77 with Bryan Boettger and Bill Ball posting 78's.

In the Net competition for Regular tee players, Tim Holmes and Brad Parkhurst tied with net 66's with Tim winning the award as Brad was the low gross winner. Next in line were Paul Martindale with 67 and Randy Kerns and Cory Dennie with net 69's.

In Individual Medal competition (flights playing the Forward tees), Bill Murray and Steve Foli tied with one over par 73's with Bill winning the tiebreaker. Don Herakovich was next with a 78.

In the Net competition for Forward tee players, Don Herakovich won with a net 70 followed by Chuck Zimmerman and Bill Murray with net 71's. Jim Jeselnick, Steve Foli, and Joe Trippel posted net pars of 72.

In the Skins competition, Paul Martindale recorded three skins while Chuck Blair, Fred Mitchell, Bill Murray, Mike Balunda and Bob Henrikson all posted two skins each. In total there were 30 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Randy Kerns recorded the closest with a 1' 9" shot on hole number 13 in the Regular tee flights and Fred Mitchell was closest with 4' 0" on hole number 17 playing in the Forward tee flights.

In the season long Brady Cup competition (one tournament), Bill Murray has the early lead with 250 points followed by Jeff Starr with 220 points. Four others are tied for third place with 200 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.