



Klinger Lake C. C. Recap: August 30, 2023

The MSGA's ninth tournament of the 2023 season was held at Klinger Lake C. C. in Sturgis Mi on August 30th.

The Tournament was the seventh time the MSGA has played at the course over the years. Klinger Lake was a challenging course with the large greens and some tough pin placements.

The weather was cool with temps around 70 with a few clouds and some nice breezes.

The turnout was a field with 80 players completing rounds. As with other MSGA tournaments in 2023, three tees were used with two flights in each set of tees.

The golf course was in great condition from tee to green and sand traps were very nice (except for a few stones). The fairways were near perfect but the rough was quite difficult around the greens. The large greens were difficult, especially for putts from downhill or sidehill positions.

For Net scores, nine players bested par of 72 and five others matched par (18% of the 80 players). For all 80 players, the average Gross score was 91.3 with net score of 76.8. The average Net score was 4.8 shots over par of 72. The average vs Par indicated the course played a little more difficult than normal as the normal average net scores are usually in the range of two to four over par.

In the Individual Medal play, Brad Bucher and Dan Lavin shot 4-over par 76's to lead the field followed by Fred Hillis with 79 and Jerry Giolitto with 80. No others bested 80.

In the Net play Dan Lavin lead with a net 66 followed by Jerry Stayton with 67 and Brad Bucher, Brian Mikel and Fred Hillis with 69's. Dale Pflughaupt and Tom Moser recorded 70's while eight others posted net scores of 71 or 72.

In the Skins competition, Dan Lavin recorded three skins while Woody Woodiwiss, Dennis Rogala, Jerry Giolitto, John Martin, Dan Kaleth and Jerry Stayton posted two each. In total there were 35 skins in the six flights. With the many skins, some of the payouts were small.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Charlie Moors recorded the closest with a 4' 11" shot on hole number 18 in the Blue tee flights.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Fred Hillis maintained the lead with 1,511 points followed by Kevin Shidler with 1,473 and Larry Hackett with 1,407.

Congratulations to all award winners and especially to Dan Lavin for his gross 76, net 66 and three skins. The list of winners are on the Tournament Results and Brady Cup pages.