



## **MSG A 2023 Championship Recap: August 14-15, 2023**

The 21st annual MSGA Championship was held at Swan Lake Resort G. C. in Plymouth, IN on August 14th & 15th. The event was also the eighth event of the MSGA's 2023 season. The turnout was a field of 48 players for the Two-man Best-Ball event including seven guests. Four flights were required to accommodate the 24 teams.

This was the tenth consecutive year playing the MSGA Championship at Swan Lake, although the MSGA has also played the course for regular tournaments. The staff at Swan Lake, led by Director of Golf Chad Hutsell, did a great job in preparing the course and hosting the championship that included two continental breakfasts and lunches. Prior to the start, several players stayed overnight at the resort. Chad helped MSGA Director of Golf Tom Spartz with managing the tournament and scoring and Head Golf Pro Ryan Steele managed the shoot-out activities.

The weather was overcast with temperatures in the low 70's with some drizzle and light rain to finish the third match-play round on Monday. Temperatures were again around 70 on Tuesday for the final two match-play rounds and the Championship Shoot-out. Tuesday started with a light drizzle, but the two matches and the shootout finished in overcast or sunny skies.

For the 2023 MSGA Championship, the winners were Fred Hillis and Kevin Shidler who qualified by winning the Albatross Flight (A) by a half point over Keith Bope and Jack Kary. Second place for the Championship went to Bob Henrikson and Dick Weiss who placed first in the Drive Flight (D). Other flight winners were Tim Swallers and Ken Hall in the Birdie Flight (B) and Rick Griffin and Phil Krause in the Chip Flight (C). Roy Andrysiak and Chuck Blair tied for first in Flight (C) but lost the tie breaker on the head-to-head match.

In the shoot-out Griffin and Krause were eliminate on the first hole with a bogey. Swallers and Hall were eliminated in a chip off with Henrikson and Weiss on the second hole.

On the final hole (par 5 18<sup>th</sup>), Shidler made the green in 2 but missed the eagle putt. Hillis and Shidler were then conceded short putts for birdie net 4's to win the Championship.

Congratulations to the flight winners and runner ups and especially to Champions Fred Hillis and Kevin Shidler who will have their names added to the permanent John J. Pavlos Memorial Championship trophy as winners of the 2023 MSGA Championship. They will also be awarded individual trophies. All results of the Championship tournament are shown on the Tournament Results tab. Pictures of the Flight winners and scoresheets for the Flight results will be added to the MSGA Championship tab.