



## **Woodlands Course Whittaker Recap: May 10, 2023**

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2023 season was held at The Woodlands Course at Whittaker in New Buffalo, MI on May 10th.

Opening day had a total of 74 players participating. Five new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with three winning awards. This was the first MSGA event in which three tees were used. The tees were Back (Black-MSG A), Middle (Blue-MSG A) and Front (Green-MSG A). Flights A & B played from the Black tees, Flights C & D played from the Blue tees and Flights E & F played from the Green tees.

Players were allowed to play the tee of their choice; 25 chose the Back tees, 29 chose the Middle and 20 chose the Front. To play Green tees, a player's age plus Handicap Index must be 85+.

The weather was good for golf with mostly overcast with some late sunshine, nice breezes, and temperatures around 75 degrees. The golf course was in good condition considering rain had made the course soggy in many areas. The large greens were quick but sometimes inconsistent from hole to hole.

The course played very difficult as overall with handicaps, only 4 players bested Net par of 72 while two others matched par. For the 74 players, the average Gross score was 93.4 with 79.4 as the average Net score, 7.4 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition for Gross by flight only Darren Stevens was able to break 80 with a 79 in A Flight. Next were Tom Spartz with 82 (A) and Tim Swallers (A), Cory Dennie (A), Mike McNear (C), Jeff Starr (C), Jerry Giolitto (C) and Steve Foli (E) with 83's.

In the Individual Medal competition for Net by flight Roy Andrysiak (F) led with a Net 68 followed by Bill Scully (F) with 69. Eric Morris (B) was next with 70 and Larry Hackett (F) had 71. Two others matched par of 72.

In the Skins competition, Bill Dekker, Chuck Zimmerman, Roy Andrysiak, Bill Scully, and Larry Hackett recorded two skins each. In total there were 30 skins for the six flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Steve Foli (Green tees) recorded the closest with a 4' 5" shot on hole number 15 playing from 111 yards,

Results of the Brady Cup competition will be added at a later date.

The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results page.