

Whittaker Woods Recap: 05-09-2011

The MSGA's first event of 2011, the John Pavlos Classic, was held at Whittaker Woods G.C. in New Buffalo, MI on May 9th.

The turnout was 129 players, the largest opening day attendance in several years. Thirteen new members played in their first MSGA tournament. The weather was perfect with sunshine and a few high clouds and temperatures in the low 70's. The golf course was in great condition with the fairways very lush. The large greens were very fast for early in the season. Overall with handicaps, eleven players bested par of 72 and seven others matched par.

In the Individual Medal competition, overall low gross winner was Louie Slabach with a three over par 75, an excellent score on a tough course in windy conditions. Jerry Giolitto was next; four shots back with a 79. Fred Mitchell and Doug Chapman were another shot back with 80's. Scott Dolfman was the overall low net winner with a six under par net 66. Don Christensen was a shot back with a net 67, while Don Herakovich and Louie Slabach carded net 68's

In the Skins competition, multiple winners were Ross Lawrence with three skins and Fred Mitchell, Vern Seib and Jim Jeselnick with two skins each. In total, there were 28 skins in the four flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Jack Niland's shot stopped 1" from the hole on the par three 15th hole.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Bob Brady has the early lead with 700 points. Bruce Fisher is second with 440 points and Art Bartholomew third with 425 points. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.