

## **Morris Park C. C. Recap: September 24, 2012**

The MSGA's tenth and final tournament of 2012, The Robert Brady Challenge, was held at Morris Park C. C. in South Bend, Indiana on September 24th. The turnout was excellent with 113 players participating in the Individual Medal event. It was the MSGA's sixth tournament at Morris Park over the years. The Morris Park staff did a great job, as always, for our final tournament of the season with excellent service for lunch, golf and dinner.

The weather was a beautiful fall day for golf with plenty of sunshine and temperatures in the low 60's, but with strong winds sometimes in the 20-25 mph range.

The golf course was in great shape, but played extremely difficult. The soft fairways and winds kept drives from getting significant roll on the many long par 4's. The undulating greens were in wonderful shape, but very fast, especially for the downhill putts. The difficult and sloping greens lead to plenty of three putts. The fairways and rough were also in excellent shape with very little damage from the hot and dry summer. Overall with handicaps, only three players bested par of 70 while one other player matched par. The average net score for all 113 players was a very high 78.8 net strokes, 8.8 strokes over par.

In the Individual Medal competition, the overall Low Gross winner was Jerry Giolitto with a very steady four over par 74, which included two birdies and six bogeys. Fred Mitchell with 76 was second and the only other player to break 80. His round also included two birdies. Eldon Miller and Mark Timm were next with 81's followed by X. Gartland and Bob Hart with 83's. Greg Dupont and Mark Timm tied for the overall low net with net 68's with Greg winning the tie-breaker. Fred Mitchell was third with a net 69, followed by Robert Rogers with an even par 70. Chuck Bridegroom, Martin Reitz, Jerry Giolitto, Joe Juday and Ed O'Connor all finished with net 71's.

In the Skins competition, multiple winners were Fred Mitchell, Al Marquardt, and Harvey King with two each. In total, there were 28 skins in the six flights. In the Closest to the Pin contest, Fred Kepler had the closest shot of the day on the 133 yard 4<sup>th</sup> hole when his ball stopped within five inches of the cup. Congratulations to prize winners in all the flights, a list of which can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Mike Robinson and Bruce Fisher ended the season tied for first, each with 1970 points. Both will have their names added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to both receiving a personal engraved replica of the permanent trophy. Dave Pendergast was a close third in the competition with 1940 points. Mike Conway (1890) and Gil Vayhinger (1785) rounded out the top five places. The Final 2012 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The stars of the day on an extremely tough golf course, were Jerry Giolitto with 74 (net 71) and Fred Mitchell with a 76 (net 69) and Greg Dupont and Mark Timm with net 68's.

The field of 113 included 12 members who played in all ten 2012 MSGA tournaments. The current MSGA membership stands at 180, of which 130 played four or more events.