

Beeches G. C. Recap: July 22, 2013

The MSGA's 5th tournament of the 2013 season was held at Beeches G. C. in South Haven, MI on July 22nd.

The turnout was a solid number for a mid-July tournament with 90 players participating on a fine golf course.

The weather was near perfect with temperatures in the 80's and plenty of sunshine and light breezes. The golf course was in good condition with well-kept fairways and greens. There were some wet areas from the overnight rains, but this allowed shots to hold the greens. Overall, the course played relatively easy with over half the field shooting net par or better.

Overall with handicaps, 38 players bested par of 72 while 10 others were able to match par. For the 90 players, the average Gross score was 90.6 with 73.0 as the average Net score, just 1.0 shot over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Fred Mitchell posted a terrific two over par 74 and beat the field by four shots. Fred's round was extremely consistent with 16 pars and two bogies. X. Gartland was next with 78 followed by Don Todd and Doug Chapman with 79's and Bruce Nuelieb with 80.

In the Net competition, Bruce Nuelieb was the overall winner with an outstanding 59, the low round of the year for the MSGA tournaments. Bruce completed his round with ten pars and eight bogies. Don Rogers was next with a net 62, followed closely by Rich Dobis and Mike Lake with 63's, George Blackburne and Paul Watterson with 64's and Fred Mitchell with a 65. Thirty-one other players posted scored net scores from 66 to 71.

In the Skins competition, Chuck Ellison, George Blackburne, Jim Pawlik and Paul Watterson were multiple winners with two skins each. Jim Pawlik's skins were both net 1's on holes #7 and 15. In total, there were 27 skins in the four flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Bill Carlisle and Don Todd were able to hit shots within three feet on holes #7 and 15.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Fred Mitchell (low gross) and Bruce Nuelieb (low net) for their outstanding rounds. Both players were able to shoot terrific scores making only pars and bogies. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Dave Pendergast continues to lead with 955 points. Ed O'Conor and Dan DeMartinis remain second and third with 900 and 855 points respectively. X. Gartland and Don Todd moved into fourth and fifth places with 845 and 83 points. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.