



## **Orchard Hills C. C. Recap: June 9, 2014**

The MSGA's third tournament of the 2014 season was held at Orchard Hills C. C. in Buchanan, MI on June 9th. This was the MSGA's first trip to Orchard Hills and the course proved to be a difficult challenge for the players.

The turnout was a solid 99 players. The total was very comparable to turnouts for prior first time courses.

The weather was very nice with temperatures in the mid 70's with light winds and lots of sunshine. As for the golf course, it was in quite good condition. The fairways were in good condition and provided plenty of good lies. The rough was thick and difficult. The small greens were somewhat inconsistent, but included plenty of steep slopes and tough reads that proved very tough to negotiate. Overall, the course played extremely difficult.

Overall with handicaps, only five players bested par of 71 while four others matched par. For the 99 players, the average Gross score was 97.5 with 79.1 as the average Net score, a very large 8.1 strokes over par of 71.

Beginning in 2014, a separate Flight (E) has been created for players with higher handicaps to play from the Forward tees for net awards. Thirteen players participated in Flight E.

In the Individual Medal competition, Jerry Giolitto led the field with an eight over par 79. Jerry was followed by Steve Seward with 81, Jeff Starr with 83 and Bill Gustin with 84. In total only seventeen players were able to break 90 on the very difficult course.

In the Net competition from the Regular tees, Steve Seward and Gil Vayhinger tied with net 70's with Steve winning the tie-breaker. Next in line were Bill Gustin, Bob Lappin, Don Christensen and Art Yagodnik with net 71's. Chuck Ellison and Ken Dowdy were a shot back with 72's.

In Flight E, Jerry Flanagan shot 83 to win the low gross award with John Behee a close second with 85. Norm Michaels won the low net award with a fine net 67, followed by John Behee with 69.

In the Skins competition, there were seven multiple winners with Gil Vayhinger leading with three, followed by Bill Gustin, Martin Reitz, Abe Ismail, John Behee, Jerry Slayton and Bill Scully with two each. In total, there were 37 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best of the day was Bill Gustin's shot that stopped at 1' 4" on the 142 yard #8 hole.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jerry Giolitto, Steve Seward and Jerry Flanagan for their fine rounds. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Tom Stefaniak has the early commanding lead with 870 points. Dan DeMartinis (635), Mike Robinson (592), Ray Brosseau (570) and Jerry Giolitto (553) round out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.