



Knollwood C. C. Recap - September 21, 2015

The MSGA's 11th and final tournament of 2015, the Robert Brady Challenge, was held at Knollwood C. C. in Granger, IN on September 21st. The turnout was only 91 players, the smallest participation for a final tournament for several years. It was the MSGA's sixth tournament at Knollwood over the years. The Knollwood staff did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf and dinner.

The weather was a beautiful late summer day for golf with plenty of sunshine, light breezes and temperatures in the 70's.

The golf course (East Course) was in great shape, and played relatively easy. The sloping and undulating greens were in wonderful shape, but very quick, especially for downhill or sidehill putts. Playing the Regular tees at only 5777 yards and the Forward tees at 5592 yards (Flight E), the course played very short. Overall with handicaps, 44 players beat par of 72 while seven others matched par. For the 91 players, the average Gross score was 88.8 with 71.8 as the average Net score, 0.2 shots under par of 72. In total, 56% of the players beat or matched par.

For the 2015 season, a separate Flight (E) was used for players whose handicap plus age total 95 and who choose to play from the forward tees. The flight plays for net awards only and had 16 entries.

In the Individual Medal competition, the Overall Low Gross award was a tie between Tom Knoll and Jeff Miller, with Tom winning the tiebreaker on the first handicap hole. Tom's round included four birdies while Jeff posted five birdies. John Hampton and Roger Stevens recorded 76's while Joe Simanski and Jerry Giolitto followed with 77's. Three others finished under 80. Ray Brosseau was first in the Low Net competition, shooting an excellent net 63. Greg Dupont followed with a net 64, while Jeff Miller, Jim Jeselnick, Larry Jackson and Jim Pawlik all recorded net 65's.

In Flight E, Norm Drenten posted a fantastic net 58. Norm's round included one net double eagle (hole #10), six net eagles and five net birdies. Art Branco was next in line with a net 62 followed by Ken Everett (63) and Jim Hutton (64).

Overall, in the six flights, 60 players won prizes in the Individual Medal competition.

In the Skins competition, six players were multiple winners with Norm Drenten and Jim Hutton leading with three skins each. Players with two skins each were Jeff Miller, John Hampton, Bruce Fisher and Steve Raymond. In total, there were 35 skins in the six flights.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Tom Knoll and Jeff Miller for their fine one over par rounds of 73 and Ray Brosseau for his excellent net 63. In Flight E, Norm Drenten with his net 58 and three skins is also worthy of congratulations. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Ed O'Connor finished first with 2280 points, 115 points ahead of Kent Naylor who finished second with 2165 points. Ed will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving a personal engraved replica of the permanent trophy. Jim Pawlik (2055 points), Bruce Neulieb (2005) and Bruce Fisher (1910) rounded out the top five places. The Final 2015 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The Knollwood field of 91 included nine members who played in all eleven 2015 MSGA tournaments. The current MSGA membership stands at 179, of which 108 played five or more events. It was a great finish to a wonderful year.