



Meadow Valley G. C. Recap: May 27, 2015

The MSGA's second tournament of the 2015 season was held at Meadow Valley G. C. in Middlebury, IN on May 27th. The tournament was the first of two Guest days for 2015. Six guests played in the tournament. We want to thank our guests for their participation and extend invitations to join the MSGA as members.

The turnout was an excellent 103 players, including guests. The total was very comparable to turnouts for prior guest days.

The day's weather started out as overcast, followed by light rain. After playing five or six holes, rains forced a delay which lasted just over an hour. When play resumed, the weather was sunny with light breezes, providing for very nice golfing conditions. Temperatures were in the upper 70's with the light winds. As for the golf course, it was in very good condition. The fairways were in excellent condition providing plenty of good lies. The rough was difficult, but playable. The large greens were consistent, but very quick, especially difficult for the downhill putts. There were very few flat or straight putts. Overall, the course played quite difficult.

Overall with handicaps, only 16 players bested par of 72 while two others matched par. With the weather delay, 12 players elected not to finish their rounds. For the 91 remaining players, the average Gross score was 95.0 with 77.3 as the average Net score, 5.3 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Jerry Giolitto led the field with a four over par 76 that included one birdie and five bogeys. John Hampton and Eldon Miller followed closely with 77's. Tom Knoll with 79 was the only other player to break 80.

In the Net competition, Rob Hocevar and Jimmie Jackson tied with seven under par 65's with Rob winning the tie breaker. Next in line were Bruce Fisher with a net 66 and Eldon Miller with a 67. Kent Naylor, Bill San Giacomo and Dave Pendergast posted net 68's. Seven others beat par of 72.

The low-net winner in Flight E (played from the forward tees) was John Behee with an excellent net 64, followed by Don Giedemann with 69 and Bill Root with 70. Seventeen players played in Flight E (players whose age plus handicap equals 95).

In the Skins competition, there were five multiple winners with Rob Hocevar leading with three, followed by Eldon Miller, Loren Jackemyer, Dave Pendergast and Dick Sierra with two each. In total, there were 32 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best of the day was Dick Sierra's shot that ended at 1' 7" on the 113 yard Hole #11.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jerry Giolitto, Rob Hocevar, Jimmie Jackson and John Behee for their fine rounds. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Kent Naylor has the early lead with 715 points followed by Ed O'Connor with 635 points. Dave Pendergast (480), Bob Henrikson (440) and Rich Stalbrink (435) round out the top five places. Five others follow with more than 400 points. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.