



Morris Park C. C. Recap - September 19, 2016

The MSGA's 10th and final tournament of 2016, the Robert Brady Challenge, was held at Morris Park C. C. in South Bend, IN on September 19th. The turnout was 94 players of which 93 finished. It was the MSGA's eighth tournament at Morris Park over the years. As always, the Morris Park staff did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf and the awards dinner.

The weather was a beautiful late summer day for golf with plenty of sunshine, light breezes and temperatures in the low 80's.

The golf course was in wonderful shape and played very fair. The sloping greens were in terrific shape and putted very true. At par 70, the course played somewhat difficult, especially the long par four holes. Overall with handicaps, 29 players beat par of 70 while 12 others matched par. For the 93 players, the average Gross score was 88.6 with 71.5 as the average Net score, 1.5 shots over par of 70. In total, 44% of the players beat or matched par.

A separate Flight (E) was used for players whose handicap index plus age total 95 and who choose to play from the forward tees. The flight plays for net awards only and had 10 entries.

In the Individual Medal competition, the Overall Low Gross award was won by Jerry Giolitto with a one under par 69. Jerry's round included three birdies and two bogies. Doug Chapman and Tom Knoll were next with 73's followed by Joe Simanski and Rich Wallace with 75's. Seven others were able to break 80. John Spensley was first in the Low Net competition, shooting an excellent net 61. Rich Wallace followed with a net 63, while Mike Lake and Art Yagodnik recorded net 64's and Jimmie Jackson posted net 65.

In Flight E, Bill Hehemann and Jerry Gerard tied with net 65's with Bill winning the tie-breaker.

In the Skins competition, Mike Shikany, Brian Chalik, Jerry Gerard and Jerry Stayton recorded two skins each. In total, there were 35 skins in the six flights.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jerry Giolitto with his solid one under par 69, and John Spensley with his nine under par net 61. In Flight E, Bill Hehemann and Jerry Gerard are also worthy of congratulations. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Bill Gustin finished first with 1940 points, only 35 points ahead of John Spensley who finished second with 1905 points. Bill will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving a replica of the permanent trophy. Bob Henrikson (1810), Bruce Fisher (1740) and Max Borden (1725) rounded out the top five places. The Final 2016 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The Morris Park field of 93 included nine members who played in all ten 2016 MSGA tournaments. The current MSGA membership stands at 174, of which 116 played five or more events. It was a great finish to a wonderful year.