



Sand Creek C. C. Recap: August 8, 2016

The MSGA's seventh tournament of the 2016 season was held at Sand Creek C. C. in Chesterton, IN on August 8th.

The turnout was good with 99 players. It was a nice field for an early August tournament.

The day's weather was perfect with temperatures in the mid-80's and nice breezes. As for the golf course, it was also in perfect condition. The fairways were in great condition with the rough manageable and fair. The greens had been aeriated and rolled, but were still very fast and putted true. With the overall condition of the course and nice weather, there were many good scores.

Overall with handicaps, 31 players (31%) bested par of 72 while 8 others (8%) matched par. For the 99 players, the average Gross score was 95.5 with 75.5 as the average Net score, 3.5 shots over par.

In the Individual Medal competition, Jerry Giolitto finished with a two over par 74 that included three birdies, three bogies and a double bogey. Tom Knoll followed closely with a 75. Other players who broke 80 were Joe Simanski (77), Bryan Boettger (78) and John Hampton (79).

In the Net competition for Flights A-D, Ed Surdzial and Art Yagodnik tied with net 64's with Ed winning the tie-breaker. They were followed by Joe Simanski with a net 66 and Jay Harrison, Greg Dupont, George Blackburne, Max Borden and Bob McFadden all with net 67's.

In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Wayne Slabach, Bill Root and John Smith all tied with solid net 65's with Wayne winning the tie-breaker. Fourteen players played in Flight E (players whose age plus handicap equals 95).

In the Skins competition, there were five multiple winners with Bruce Ruge, Dale Pflughaupt, Tom Mackrola, Wayne Slabach and Bill Hehemann recording two skins each. In total, there were 30 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best of the day was Terry Brownell's shot that finished two feet eight inches away on the 122 yard Hole #4 (Creek course).

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jerry Giolitto for winning the Low Gross award and Ed Surdzial and Art Yagodnik for their excellent rounds in tying for the Low Net award. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Bill Gustin (1125 points) held on to first place over Bob McFadden (1085) who holds a very small lead over Bob Henrikson (1065) for second place. Art Yagodnik (1050) holds fourth place while Greg Dupont and Jim Pawlik are tied for fifth with 1025 points each. Several others are still in the race for the top five positions. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.