



Island Hills G. C. Recap: June 26, 2017

The MSGA's fourth tournament of the 2017 season was held at Island Hills G. C. in Centreville, MI on June 26st. The tournament was the second and final of two Guest days for 2017. Eight 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 very good with 94 players, including guests. The total was comparable to turnouts for prior guest days.

The day's weather was great for golf with temperatures around 70, partial sunshine throughout the day and cool breezes. As for the golf course, it was in excellent condition. The fairways were in perfect condition providing plenty of good lies. The rough was thick, but quite playable. If you strayed from the fairways, you ended up in lots of heather. Although most balls were found, exiting the heather was difficult. The large undulating greens proved very fast, especially with downhill putts, some with large breaks. Overall, the course proved to be very difficult, yielding few low scores.

Overall with handicaps, only 12 players bested net par of 72 while five others matched par. For the 94 players, the average Gross score was 94.3 with 76.7 as the average Net score, 4.7 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Doug Chapman led the field with a six over par 78 that included three birdies, three bogies and three double bogies. Five other players tied for second with 81's; John Hulewicz, Tom Smith, John Hampton, guest Mark Lindever and Bryan Boettger.

In the Net competition, Roy Shepard won the overall low-net for Flights A-D with an excellent net 66. Roy's net score included three eagles, five birdies, three bogies and one double bogey. Next in line were Dave Dunn and Bruce Neulieb with net 67's, followed by John Ruppert (68) and Bob Dunn (69).

The low-net winner in Flight E (played from the forward tees) John Behee led with a net 71 followed by Ken Everett with a 73. Fourteen players played in Flight E (players whose age plus handicap equals 95).

In the Skins competition, there were three multiple winners with Rick Ogle leading with three, followed by guest Steve Boland and Roy Shepard with two each. In total, there were 34 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, the best of the day was Doug Chapman's shot that ended only seven inches away on the 128-yard Hole #5.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Doug Chapman and Roy Shepard for their fine rounds and Rick Ogle for his three skins in Flight B. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Gil Vayhinger retained the early lead with 750 points followed by Abe Ismail with 695 points. Rich Stalbrink (690), Roy Shepard (680) and Jay Harrison (675) fill out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.