



MSGA 2017 Championship Recap: August 21-22, 2017

The 15th annual MSGA Championship was held at Swan Lake Resort G.C. in Plymouth, IN on August 21st & 22nd. The event was also the eighth of the MSGA's 2017 season. The turnout was 62 players for the Two-man Best-Ball event including six guests. Two of the guests joined the MSGA as new members. Six flights were required to accommodate the 31 teams.

For the first day, the weather was very warm with temperatures in the upper 80's and high humidity. There was plenty of sunshine although with some clouds shielding the sun at times. This was the day of the 2017 eclipse in the afternoon. Although it did become somewhat darker, play continued without any delays or issues. The clouds around the time of the eclipse seemed to cause the sunlight to be dissipated and thus the skies were not as dark as might have been expected.

Unfortunately, the tournament's second day was cancelled because of heavy overnight rains that rendered the course unplayable with water ponding in many areas.

This was the fifth consecutive year playing the MSGA Championship at Swan Lake, although the MSGA has played the course other times for regular tournaments. The staff at Swan Lake, led by Head-Pro Chad Hutsell, did a great job in preparing the course and hosting the championship that included a continental breakfast and nice lunch on the first day. Several players stayed overnight at the resort.

With second day of play cancelled, the final results were based on the first day's play which included three of the five scheduled matches. Normal awards were awarded for first and second places in each flight with the prizes at one half normal amounts. The shootout was also cancelled, so there are no overall champions for 2017.

The flight winners were: Flight A – Eldon Miller and Rob Hocevar, Flight B – Mike Hoffman and Abe Ismail, Flight C – Don Abair (guest) and Bob Dunn, Flight D – Mike McCreight and Bob Henrikson, Flight E – A. B. Webb (guest) and John Graft and Flight F – Ed O'Connor and Bob McFadden.

Congratulations to all the flight winners. Results of the championship are shown on the Tournament Results tab and the MSGA Championship tab.

With the Championship, there were lots of changes to the Brady Cup standings. Those players who did not participate in the Championship dropped significantly in the standings. Stu Holaway (1220 points) and Bob Dunn (1175) moved into first and second places. Abe Ismail

(1165), Roy Shepard (1095) and Dave Dunn (1085) filled out the top five places. The current standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.