



Beechwood G. C. Recap: May 30, 2018

The MSGA's second tournament of the 2018 season was held at Beechwood G. C. in LaPorte, IN on May 30th.

The Tournament was the first Guest Day of the season and was also the first time the MSGA had played at Beechwood G. C. With the updated watering system installed last year, a beautiful new pavilion and current clubhouse renovations, Beechwood proved to be an excellent golf course for the MSGA.

The weather started out as quite warm and sunny with thunderstorms in the forecast for the afternoon. Unfortunately, the storms arrived at about 2:30 pm after players had completed approximately eleven holes. After waiting and observing the radar, the balance of the day was cancelled.

The golf course was in great condition with the greens very fast but true. The course superintendent did a terrific job getting the course ready. The rough was thick in places but was very playable. The fairways were also in great shape.

The turnout was excellent with 124 players entered. Several players skipped the tournament because of the weather forecast. Included in the 124 players were nine guests. In total 116 players played until the weather forced cancellation.

Unfortunately, the MSGA's scoring software does not handle partial results. So, for scoring purposes, players were given double bogies for each hole not completed. The MSGA thought this would be the fairest option even though players had all completed different holes. The players who played the best on the holes they played ended up winning awards.

All results including Low Gross, Low Net, Skins and Closest to the Pin contests are shown in the Tournament Results tab. The actual scores shown are irrelevant except for comparison to other players scores.

In the Skins competition, there was a total of 31 skins in the five flights. Two players recorded two skins each; those players were Kevin Shidler and Norm Drenten. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Tom Knoll's shot on the 147-yard Hole #15 that finished 3' 8" from the hole was the best of the day.

For the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone continues to lead with 625 points. Jon Huffman moved to second with 580 points while Jerry Giolitto, Brian Chalik and Buzz Cotton round out the top five places.