



## **Elcona C. C. Recap: August 5, 2019**

The MSGA's seventh tournament of the 2019 season was held at Elcona C. C. in Bristol, IN on August 5th.

The Tournament was the first time the MSGA had played at the course. Elcona is a great golf course set on a large track of land on the border of Bristol and Elkhart. Many holes are lined with large oak trees providing a beautiful setting for a golf course.

The weather was near perfect with sunshine, a few high clouds, temperatures in the mid 80's and gentle breezes. The golf course was in wonderful condition with perfect fairways and greens. The large undulating greens were extremely fast, especially for putts from above the holes. The rough was very playable and allowed recovery shots. Many strategically placed sand traps are placed throughout the course.

The turnout was excellent with 124 members playing. Elcona continued the excellent participation for the 2019 season.

The course played somewhat difficult with only 19 players besting par with their net scores and eight others matching par with handicaps (22% of players). For the 123 players, the average Gross score was 94.3 with 76.8 as the average Net score, 4.8 shots over par of 72. The 4.8 net shots over par is about a point over the average of MSGA events.

In the Individual Medal competition, Jeff Carmien and Tim Swallers tied for low gross with two over par 74's with Jeff winning the tie-breaker on the first handicap hole. They were followed closely by Jim Champer with 76, Kevin Shidler with 77, Stu Holaway with 78 and Bryan Boettger with 79.

In the Net competition, Bruce Ruge led the field with a net 67. He was followed closely by Jeff Carmien, Eric Morris and Greg Raklovits with net 68's and Jim Champer, Chuck Zimmerman and Jim Vance with 69's. Kevin Shidler, Stu Holaway, Dale Cramer and Bruce Fisher posted net 70's.

In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bob Henrikson led with an excellent net 63. Next in line were Jim Kilbourne, Jerry Flanagan and Bill Scully with net 71's. Nineteen players played in the Flight.

In the Skins competition, Dale Cramer, Woody Woodiwiss, Gary Wetzel and Mike Shikany recorded two skins each. In total, there were 25 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Bryan Boettger's shot on the 145-yard Hole #11 that finished one foot ten inches from the hole was the best of the day. Bryan also had another C-T-P on Hole #8.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone continues in first place with 1120 points, followed by Mike Shikany (1025), Greg Raklovits (1020) and Kevin Shidler with 980. The current standings can be found on the Brady Cup tab.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.