



Briar Ridge C. C. Recap: July 22, 2019

The MSGA's sixth tournament of the 2019 season was held at Briar Ridge C. C. in Schererville, IN on July 22nd.

The Tournament was the second of two Guest Days for the season and was also the 2nd time the MSGA had played at the course. Briar Ridge is a great golf course set in a large residential area with many beautiful homes set way back from playing areas. The course includes 27 holes; the tournament was played on the Red and Blue nines. The course includes wide fairways and large greens. Many holes include water hazards, some of which require blind shots.

The weather was perfect with sunshine all day, temperatures in the mid 70's and low humidity and gentle breezes. The golf course had received an inch of rain the previous night, but the course superintendent and his staff did an excellent job getting the course ready for play.

The golf course was in wonderful condition with perfect fairways and greens. The large greens held approach shots well and were fast. The rough was very playable and allowed recovery shots .

The turnout was excellent with 123 players entered including ten guests. One guest played without a handicap, so only 122 players are included in the results. Briar Ridge continued the excellent participation for the 2019 season.

The course was very playable with 24 players besting par with their net scores and eight others matching par with handicaps (26% of players). For the 122 players, the average Gross score was 94.6 with 76.1 as the average Net score, 4.1 shots over par of 72. The 4.1 net shots over par was just over the average of MSGA events.

In the Individual Medal competition, Greg Raklovits and Doug Schnick tied for low gross with four over par 76's with Greg winning the tie-breaker on the first handicap hole. They were followed closely by Bryan Boettger with 77 and Tim Swallers and Jerry Giolitto with 78's and Jeff Nicol with 79. In total 35 players broke 90.

In the Net competition, Greg Raklovits led the field with a terrific net 62, but the low net was awarded to Gary Drutis with a net 64 as awards are limited to one per player. They were followed by Mike Balunda with net 65, Terry Bronowski with net 67 and Fred Hillis and Dale Pflughaupt with net 68's.

In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Dave Dunn and Tom Mackrola tied with fine net 63's with Dave winning the tie-breaker. Bob Henrikson was the only other player to break 70 with a net 69. Twenty-two players played in the Flight.

In the Skins competition, Kevin Shidler, Tony Gensel and Mike Balunda recorded two skins each. In total, there were 33 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Bruce Brankle's shot on the 137-yard Hole #3 (Red nine) that finished six inches from the hole was the best of the day.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone continues in first place with 1000 points, followed Dave Dunn (935 points), Mike Shikany (855) and Greg Raklovits and Kevin Shidler with 840 each. 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.