



Island Hills G. C. Recap: June 24, 2019

The MSGA's fourth tournament of the 2019 season was held at Island Hills G. C. in Centreville, MI on June 24th.

The Tournament was the 4th time the MSGA had played at the course. Island Hills is a beautiful golf course next to Lake Templene and includes several holes with elevated tees and greens and was a good test for the players.

The weather was overcast for most of the afternoon until the rains came around 4:30. The significant heavy rain caused puddling in some fairways and on greens. Several groups quit after approximately 14 holes but had completed the minimum number of holes to post an official score. After waiting about 30-40 minutes most players were able to finish their rounds.

The golf course was in excellent condition except for the conditions after the rain. The large greens were very good and held approach shots well. The fairways were very generous on most holes, but the rough was very heavy and caused problems for those players who found it.

The turnout was excellent with 100 players entered. Island Hills continued the excellent participation for 2019.

With the wide fairways and soft greens, the course played quite easy as overall with handicaps, 38 players bested par of 72 while two others matched par (40% of players). For the 100 players, the average Gross score was 94.4 with 75.8 as the average Net score, 3.8 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Steve Stone led the field with an excellent one over par 73. He was followed by John Hulewicz with a 75 and Jeff Carmien with a 77. Tom Knoll and Tom Smith each posted 78's while Kevin Shidler and Louie Slabach posted 79's. Twenty-nine others posted scores in the 80's.

In the Net competition, Dale Cramer and Greg Raklovits tied with net 64's with Dale winning the tie-breaker. Steve Stone and Tom Smith followed closely with 65's while Jeff Hartin and Rich Stalbrink shot net 66's. John Hulewicz, Mike Hoffman and Bruce Ruge followed with 67's. Thirteen others posted net scores in the 60's. In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Dave Dunn led with a very nice net 65 followed closely by John Behee with 66 and Art Bartholomew with net 67. Twenty players played in the Flight.

In the Skins competition, Randy Kerns, Mike Hoffman, Dale Cramer and Dan Kaminski recorded two skins each. In total, there were 34 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Greg Raklovits's shot on the 122-yard Hole #12 that finished 3' 1" from the hole was the best of the day.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone remains in first place with 800 points, followed by Chuck Blair (695 points), Bill Scully (625 points) and Dave Dunn and Dave Pendergast with 610 points 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.