

## Pretty Lake G. C. Recap: June 10, 2019

The MSGA's third tournament of the 2019 season was held at Pretty Lake G. C. (formerly Plymouth C. C.) in Plymouth, IN on June 10th.

The Tournament was the first of two Guest Days for the season and was also the 14th time the MSGA had played at the course. Pretty Lake is a beautiful old golf course next to Pretty Lake and includes many holes with elevated tees and greens and was a very tough test for the players.

The weather was overcast early in the afternoon but changed to sunshine with windy conditions later in the day. 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 nice condition except for the wet conditions which caused limited roll on many shots. The greens were very fast, but true for early in the season. The rough was very thick and tough to get out of, so fairway lies were a big advantage.

The turnout was excellent with 116 players entered including nine guests. Three guests played without handicaps, so only 113 players are included in the results. Pretty Lake continued the excellent participation for 2019.

The course played extremely difficult as overall with handicaps, only eight players bested par of 72 while five others matched par (12% of players). For the 113 players, the average Gross score was 97.8 with 79.8 as the average Net score, 7.8 shots over par of 72. The 7.8 net shots over par was more than double the average (3.7) of events over the last six years.

In the Individual Medal competition, Steve Stone led the field with an excellent one over par 73. The next gross scores were well back as Jerry Giolitto, Kevin Shidler and John Hampton recorded 81's and were followed by rookie Greg Raklovits (82) and Joe Simanski (83). In total only, 27 players broke 90.

In the Net competition, Steve Stone led the field with a fine net 66, but the low net was awarded to Greg Raklovits with a net 67 as awards are limited to one per player. They were followed closely by Rich Stalbrink (68) and Chuck Blair and Bruce Fisher with net 69's and Bob Henrikson with a 70. In Flight E (played from the forward tees), Bill Scully led with a very nice net 66 followed by Wayne Slabach and Dave Pera with net 72's. Twenty-four players played in the Flight.

In the Skins competition, John Farron and Roy Shepard recorded two skins each. In total, there were 23 skins in the five flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Rich Wallace's shot on the 138-yard Hole #15 that finished 1' 11" from the hole was the best of the day.

n the season long Brady Cup competition, Steve Stone has taken over first place with 645 points, followed Mike Shikany (600 points), Chuck Blair (580) and Bill Scully with 510. The current standings can be found on the Brady Cup tab.								nts,
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