



Klinger Lake C. C. Recap: August 5, 2020

The MSGA's seventh tournament of the 2020 season was held at Klinger Lake C. C. in Sturgis, MI on August 5th.

The Tournament was the fifth time the MSGA has played at the course over the years. Klinger Lake is a great old private golf course celebrating its 100th season. It has a variety of holes including several holes traversing a small creek and many holes with significant level changes including up or down from tee to green and with many blind shots.

The weather was perfect with temperatures in the upper 70's, sunshine and low humidity.

The turnout was the smallest of the year with 73 players entered. Two players did not finish their rounds. Fifty played in three regular tee flights and 21 in two forward tee flights.

The golf course was in very good condition with excellent greens. There were only a few areas that had suffered from the previously hot temperatures. The undulating greens were quite fast, especially for the many downhill putts. The rough was tough and the greens difficult to hold.

The best net score was an excellent 63 (9 under par), but only six other players were able to beat par with two matching par (13%). For the 71 players who finished, the average Gross score was 92.0 with 78.7 as the average Net score that was 6.7 shots over par of 72. The 6.7 net shots over par is well above the normal score of three to five over par and indicates the course played extremely tough.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), Mike McNear won the overall gross award with a one over par 73. He was followed by John Hulewicz with 75 and Tim Holmes, Ton Knoll and Rich Wallace all posting 80.

In the Net competition for regular tee players, Mike McNear was also low with a net 63, but the award went to Jay Wilson with a net 66 as awards are limited to one per player. John Hulewicz posted a net 67, as the only other player to post a net score in the 60's. Only six others beat or matched par of 72.

In Individual Medal competition for (flights playing the forward tees), Fred Hillis and John Behee lead the group with 83's with Fred winning the award on the tie-breaker.

In the Net competition for forward tee players, John Behee and Greg Dupont tied with 74's with John winning the tie-breaker.

In the Skins competition, Tim Holmes posted four skins with Rich Wallace posting three. Steve Cramer and Bill Hehemann posted two skins each. In total there were 35 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Dennis Weaver recorded the closest with a 1' 2" shot on the 146-yard hole number 10 in the Regular tee flights. The closest shot in the Forward tee flights was by Taylor Seward who was at 7' 2" on the 138-yard hole number 4.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, John Hulewicz extended his lead to 90 points with 925 followed by Jim Galt and Ray Ginsburg with 835 points. Fred Hillis and Mark Joseph are tied for fourth place with 810 points.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results and Brady Cup pages.