



## **Orchard Hills C. C. Recap: June 15, 2020**

The MSGA's third tournament of the 2020 season was held at Orchard Hills C. C. in Buchanan, MI on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Tournament was the third time the MSGA has played at the course. Orchard Hills is a great private country club course with a variety of difficult holes. Many holes are lined with large trees providing a beautiful setting for a golf course along with two holes along the St. Joseph river.

The weather was perfect with temperatures in the mid 80's, some high clouds and gentle breezes.

The turnout was a solid number, probably affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, but a nice number with 98 players playing in three regular tee flights and two forward tee flights.

The golf course was in great condition with perfect greens. The large greens were extremely fast, especially for putts from above the holes. The rough was not particularly long, but difficult to recover to the fairways. Plenty of large trees, wetlands and tough greens made the course play exceedingly difficult.

The course played extremely difficult with only four players besting par with their net scores while no others matched par of 71 (4% of players). For the 98 players, the average Gross score was 95.1 with 80.6 as the average Net score that was 9.6 shots over par of 71. The 9.6 net shots over par is likely the highest ever for an MSGA tournament.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), Jerry Giolitto posted the overall low gross with five over par 76. He was followed by John Hampton and John Hulewicz with 80's and Brad Parkhurst and Kent Naylor with 81's.

In the Net competition, John Hulewicz led the field with a three under par net 68, but the award went to Kent Naylor with a net 70 as awards are limited to one per player. Dale Cramer also had a net 70 but lost the tiebreaker to Kent. They were followed by Steve Cramer and Dave Pendergast with net 72's.

In Individual Medal competition for flights playing the forward tees, Fred Hillis won the overall low gross award with an 80 followed by Jim Jeselnick with 81 and Mike Grubb with 87.

In the Net competition, Jim also lead with a two over par net 73 and was followed by Max Borden and Mike Grubb with net 74's with the tiebreaking award going to Max. They were followed by Fred Hillis, John Graft and Bob Henrikson with net 76's.

In the Skins competition, Doug Schnick, Dale Pflughaupt, Mark Joseph, Mike Grubb, and John Graft all posted multiple skins with two skins each. In total, there were 30 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Ray Ginsburg recorded the closest with a one foot, two inch shot on the 86 yard hole number 11 in the Forward tee flights and Steve Cramer was closest with four feet, six inches on hole number 11 playing from 107 yards in the Regular tee flights.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Dale Cramer continued his early season lead with 385 points followed by Ray Ginsburg with 340 points and Chuck Blair with 335 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.