



Stonehenge G. C. Recap: August 31, 2020

The MSGA's ninth tournament of the 2020 season was held at Stonehenge G. C. in Winona Lake, IN on August 31st.

The Tournament was the second time the MSGA has played the course, first time since 2012. Stonehenge is a genuinely nice golf course with lots of different options including playing thru trees and several open holes with heather lined fairways. The variety of holes includes many holes with water directly in play.

The weather was near perfect with temperatures in the lower 80's and lots of sunshine, but with humidity higher than normal.

The turnout was a solid number for a late August date with 96 players entered. The Regular tee Flights had 63 players and 33 in two forward tee flights.

The golf course had many fairway areas that were dry and brown from the hot and dry August in Northern Indiana. The large undulating greens were excellent. Many greens were two level, and some had mounds separating sections of each green. The greens were extremely fast, especially for the many downhill putts. The fairways and rough were very dry and the greens difficult to hold.

The best net score was an excellent 64 (8 under par) and 16 other players were able to beat par of 71 and three matching par (21%). For the 96 players, the average Gross score was 89.9 with 76.3 as the average Net score that was 5.3 shots over par of 71. The 5.3 net shots over par is just above the normal score of three to five over par and indicates the course played relatively tough most likely from the fast greens.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), Tom Knoll won the overall gross award with a two over par 73. He was followed by John Chamberlin with 74 and Rich Wallace with 76. Kevin Shidler and Ted Chittum posted 77's.

In the Net competition for regular tee players, John Chamberlin was low with a net 64, followed by Eric Morris, Rich Wallace and Shawn Reed with 66's.

In Individual Medal competition for (forward tees), Fred Hillis won with an 82 followed by Ray Ginsburg and John Behee with 84's and Jim Jeselnick and Bob Henrikson with 85's.

In the Net competition for forward tee players, Bob Henrikson was low with net 68 followed by Harvey King with net 70.

In the Skins competition, Ted Chittum, John Chamberlin, Ray Ginsburg, and Dave Dunn posted two skins each. In total there were 30 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Doug Schnick recorded the closest with a 1' 8" shot on the 133-yard hole number 17 in the Regular tee flights. The closest shot in the Forward tee flights was by Jack Enright who was at 2' 0" on the 132-yard hole number 3.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, John Hulewicz continues to lead with 1395 points followed by Jay Wilson with 1370 with only the final tournament at Morris Park on the schedule. Ray Ginsburg (1225 points) and Mark Joseph (1185) hold down third and fourth places.

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.