

Elcona C. C. Recap: June 28, 2021

The MSGA's fourth tournament of the 2021 season was held at Elcona C. C. in Bristol, IN on June 28th.

The Tournament was the second time the MSGA has played at the course. Elcona is a wonderful country club course with many challenging holes and was a good test of players skills.

The weather was overcast with showers in the forecast. Temps were in the low 80's, but with very muggy conditions. Sprinkles started after 13 or 14 holes and it rained for 15-20 minutes, but without stoppage of play. After the brief rain, skies cleared with sunshine.

The turnout was a full field with 100 players. The players played in three regular tee flights and two forward tee flights.

The golf course was in perfect condition, especially with the course receiving several inches of rainfall in the previous week. The greens were in great condition and extremely quick and proved the most difficult part of play.

Overall, net scores were just above normal with 18 players besting par with their net scores while six others matched par of 72 (24% of players). For the 100 players, the average Gross score was 93.0 with 75.6 as the average Net score that was 3.6 shots over par of 72. Normal average net scores are usually in the range of 2-4 over par.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), John Hampton, Jon Phillips and Bill Ketcham tied for the overall low gross award with four over par 76's with John winning the tiebreaker. Kevin Shidler followed with 78 and Ed Meyer with 79.

In the Net competition for regular tee players, Bill Ketcham won with an outstanding net 61 followed by Doug Bley and Bob Lappin with 66's and Dan Kaleth with 67.

In Individual Medal competition for (flights playing the forward tees), Louie Slabach was low with 83 followed by Ray Ginsburg with 87 and Bob Stachowiak with 88.

In the Net competition for forward tee players, Marty Reitz won with a net 68 and was closely followed by Bob Stachowiak, Ray Ginsburg, Taylor Seward, and Brian Chalik with 69's.

In the Skins competition, Ray Ginsburg and Roy Andrysiak recorded two skins each. In total there were 30 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Bob Lappin recorded the closest with a 1'8" shot on the 145yard hole number 13 in the Regular tee flights and Louie Slabach was closest with 10' 2" on hole number 11 playing from 145 yards in the Forward tee flights. In the season long Brady Cup competition, Ray Ginsburg (850 points) took the lead from Chuck Blair (755). Tim Holmes (710), Dave Pendergast (700) and Mark Dowson (695) round out the top five 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.