



Morris Park C. C. Recap - Sept. 12, 2022

The MSGA's 10th and final tournament of 2022, was held at Morris Park C. C. in South Bend, IN on September 12th. The turnout was a little short of normal with 101 players participating. It was the MSGA's eleventh tournament at Morris Park C. C. over the years. As always, Rusty Mason's staff did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf, and the awards dinner. All players received nice golf shirts as door prizes before play started.

The weather was overcast with intermittent drizzle for parts of the afternoon with temperatures in the low 60's, but weather did not require any delays.

The golf course was in great shape but played very difficult. The rough was thick in most areas and required keeping tee shots in the fairways. The course has many fairway sand traps, and many greens are nearly surrounded by traps. The greens were soft and damp at certain times which made judging speed difficult. There were lots of high scores for both the regular and forward tee players. The few players who stayed on fairways and away from the sand were rewarded with nice rounds.

Overall, with handicaps, only 10 players beat (6) or matched (4) par of 70 (10%). For the 101 players, the average gross score was 91.1 with 76.5 as the average net score, 6.5 shots over par of 70.

The highlight of the day was Mike Robinson shooting a gross score of par 70 with a net 59. Mike's 11 under par for his net scores included 12 birdies, 5 pars and 1 bogey. His even par round was outstanding on a course that played very difficult.

In the Individual Medal competition (flights playing from regular tees), Mike Robinson won the overall gross award with an even par 70. His super round included 3 natural birdies and 1 bogey. He was followed by Darren Stevens and Jon Phillips with 74's and Tom Spartz with 75. Next in line were five other who recorded 79's.

In the net competition for regular tee players, Mike Robinson was also low with his net 59, but the award went to Jon Phillips with a net 68 followed by Mike Hoffman and Mark Wojda with 69's. Next were Darren Stevens and Rich Emery with even-par net 70's.

In Individual Medal competition (flights playing from forward tees), Bill Murray led with a gross 79 followed by Dale Cramer with 81 and Kent Kaeppler and Fred Hillis with 82's.

In the net competition for forward tee players, Dan Cuson was low with a net 67 followed closely by Dale Cramer with a net 68 and Bruce Fisher and Bob Henrikson with net 70's.

In the Skins competition, Jeff Albertson, Mark Dobson, Dale Cramer, and Dan Cuson each recorded two skins each. In total, there were 27 skins in the five flights.

In the Closest-to-Pin contests, Rich Emery was closest in the regular tee flights with a shot only 10 inches on hole number four playing at 145 yards. In the forward tee flights, Fred Hillis was closest at 3 feet 3 inches on hole number eleven playing at 139 yards.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Mike Robinson with his great round of a gross score of even par 70 and his net score of 59. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Bob Henrikson finished in first place with 1620 points with second going to Andy Dosmann (1600 points) and third to Larry Hackett (1590). Cory Dennie and Dale Garwood rounded out the top five places. Going into the Morris Park event, five players were within 45 points. Bob will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving an engraved replica of the permanent trophy. The Final 2022 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The South Bend field of 101 included 14 members who played in all nine 2022 MSGA tournaments (Klinger Lake was rained out). Those 14 included first year members Cory Dennie, Dale Garwood, Bob Serafini and Rich Griffin. The current MSGA membership stands at 173, down 10% from last year's ending membership of 193.

For 2022, 103 members played five or more events (60%) and 148 played in at least 2 events (86%). For the 2022 season, the average number of players was 104 (60% of members) as compared to the average number of players for 2021 of 109 (56% of members).

It was a great finish to a great year in spite of the issues with weather encountered at Klinger Lake (rained out), Sandy Pines (played in light rain), Legacy Hills (rained out after 12 holes) and Morris Park (played in intermittent drizzle). The Board of Directors thanks all the members for their patience and participation this year.