



BEECHWOOD GC Recap: May 7, 2025

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2025 season was at Beechwood GC in LaPorte, IN on May 7th.

Opening day had a total of 80 players participating. Eight new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with five winning awards. For 2025 the MSGA continued using three sets of tees, which are Back (Gold tees), Middle (Blue tees) and Front (Green tees). Flights A & B play from the Gold tees, Flights C & D play from the Blue tees and Flights E & F play from the Green tees.

Players choose the tee of their choice; 32 played the Gold tees, 29 played the Blue and 19 chose the Green. Only limitation is to play Green tees, a player's age plus Handicap Index must be 85+.

The weather was perfect for golf early with sunshine, nice breezes, and temperatures in the mid 70's. About an hour before completion of the round a front came through and temps dropped into the mid 60's but still very nice for spring golf. The golf course was in great condition with nice fairways, playable rough and excellent large greens for an early season venue.

Overall, the course played pretty normal vs. par with handicaps, as ten players bested Net par of 72 while one other matched par. For the 80 players, the average Gross score was 91.5 with 78.3 as the average Net score, 6.3 shots over par, which was a little higher than the normal 3 to 5 over par.

In the Individual Medal competition for Gross scores by flight newcomer Jack Kinney shot an even-par 72 in C Flight followed by new member Tom Wells with 76 in A Flight and Tom Spartz with 77 (A Flight) and Brian Gensel with 79 (C Flight).

In the Individual Medal competition for Net by flight, Jack Kinney (C) led with a Net 62 followed by Mike Conley (F) with 67, Dave DeBoer (E) with 68, Bruce Fisher (F) with 69 and Brian Gensel (C) with 70. Tom Wells, Tom Spartz, Tom Webb, Brian Mikel and Bob Henrickson each had Net 71's. Bill Dekker matched par with 72. Players are allowed only one award each, so those with Gross and Net awards were limited to one award to allow for more award winners.

In the Skins competition, Dave DeBoer posted four Skins and Fred Hillis, Mike Conley and Jerry Stayton had three each in the various flights. Five others had two each. In total there were 41 skins for the six flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Dave Corner (Blue tees) recorded the closest with a 2' 0" shot on hole number 18 playing from 116 yards.

Congratulations to award winners and especially to Jack Kinney with his excellent gross 72 and net 62 round.

The complete list of award winners can be found on the Tournament Results and Brady Cup pages.