



Morris Park C. C. Recap - Sept. 8, 2025

The MSGA's 10th and final tournament of 2025, was held at Morris Park C. C. in South Bend, IN on September 8th. The turnout was short of the normal final events participation with 84 players playing. It was the MSGA's 13th tournament at Morris Park C. C. over the years. The Morris Park staff led by GM and Head Pro, Rusty Mason, did a great job with excellent service for lunch, golf, and the awards dinner. Prior to start all players received water tumblers at the start of play.

The weather was a perfect late summer day for golf with temperatures in the mid 70's with light breezes.

The golf course was in perfect condition with several new forward tees and upgraded sand traps throughout. The rough was thick but very playable. The course has excellent rebuilt sand traps, and most greens are guarded by multiple traps. The green speeds were pretty normal, but downhill putts were quite fast. The greens had been aerated a week before but had little effect on putting.

Overall, with handicaps, nine players beat net par of 70 and four others matched par (15% of players). For the 84 players, the average gross score was 89.3 with 75.1 as the average net score, 5.1 shots over par of 70. The 5.1 shots over par were within the normal range of 3-6 over net par.

The best score of the day was by Jack Kary with a gross score of 75 (A flight) followed by Bill Spartz (A), Kevin Shidler (A), Kevin Perschke (A), JB Overmyer (C) and Jerry Giolitto (C) all with 77's. Four others shot 78 or 79.

In the net competition for Gold (back) tee players, flight A was led by Kevin Perschke and Bill Spartz with net 69's and flight B was won by Trent Newcomb with a five under par 65 followed by Robert Dragani with 69.

For Blue (middle) tee players, flight C was won by J B Overmyer with a net 65 followed by Rich Wallace with 70. Flight D was won by Brian Mikel with an excellent seven under par 63 followed by Bill Dekker with 65.

For Green (forward) tee players, Chuck Blair won flight E with net 66 and Norm Michaels won flight F with a net 69.

In the Skins competition, Trent Newcomb recorded four skins while Kevin Shidler and Norm Micheals posted three each. Six others had two skins each. In total, there were 45 skins in the six flights.

In the Closest-to-Pin contests, Roy Andrysiak was closest playing the Green tees with a shot that finished 2 feet 10 inches on the very difficult hole #9 playing at 128 yards.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results.

In the season-long Brady Cup competition, Chuck Blair finished in first place with 1788 points followed closely by playing partner Roy Andrysiak with 1768 points. Third place went to Tom Moser with 1715 points. Brian Gensel with 1703 and Brian Mikel with 1650 rounded the top five places. Chuck will have his name added to the permanent Brady Cup trophy in addition to receiving an engraved replica of the permanent trophy. The Final 2025 Brady Cup standings with the top 25 places are shown on the Brady Cup tab.

The Morris Park field of 84 included seven members who played in all ten 2025 MSGA tournaments. The current MSGA membership stands at 133 vs. last year's membership of 134.

For 2025, 100 members played five or more events (75%). In 2024, 101 members played five or more events (also 75%).

For the 2025 season, the average number of member players for the nine individual tournament was 85 (64% of membership) as compared to the average number of players for 2024 of 88 (66% of membership).

It was a nice finish to a good year in spite of several very hot days. Fortunately, there were no cancellations due to weather.

The Board of Directors thanks all the members for their participation this year and hopes to see all members returning for the 2026 season with a few of their golfing friends.