



MSGA 2025 Championship Recap: August 12-13, 2025

The 23rd annual MSGA Championship was held at Swan Lake Resort G. C. in Plymouth, IN on August 12th & 13th. The event was also the eighth of the MSGA's 2025 season. The turnout was a field of 56 players for the Two-Man Best-Ball event including seven guests. Five flights were required to accommodate the 28 teams. Two flights had five teams vs. a normal six teams

This was the 12th consecutive year playing the MSGA Championship at Swan Lake, although the MSGA has also played the course for regular tournaments. The staff at Swan Lake, led by Director of Golf Chad Hutsell, did a great job in preparing the course and hosting the championship that included two continental breakfasts and lunches. Chad helped MSGA Director of Golf Tom Spartz with managing the tournament. Chad also managed the shoot-out activities.

The weather was perfect with temperatures in the mid 80's for both days and few clouds. Both days had gentle breezes for the Two-Man Best-Ball team matches and the four hole Shoot-Out for the Championship.

For the 2025 MSGA Championship, the winners were Keith Bope and Jack Kary who qualified by winning Flight (A) by ten points over Doug Schnick and Phil Collins. Second place for the Championship went to Phil Krause and Rick Griffin who placed first in Flight (E) by two points over Mike Christoph and Dale Pflughaupt who won the tiebreaker for second place over Bob Henrikson and Rex Johnson. Other flight winners were Kevin Shidler and Fred Hillis in Flight (B) by half-point over Tim Swallers and Ken Hall and one point over Dan Molchan and Peter Weiland. Phil Droege and Dave Pendergast won Flight (C) over Tom Webb and JD Devaney by 3.5 points. Flight (D) was also close with Chuck Blair and Roy Andrysiak winning by a half-point over 2024 champions Bill Dekker and Dan Tarpley and one point over Bruce Ruge and Mike Hoffman.

The five flight champions participated in the Shoot-Out to determine the 2025 Champions. On the first shootout hole (#10 par 4), Keith Bope and Jack Kary advanced by winning a chip off over Chuck Blair and Roy Andrysiak. On the second shootout hole (#11 par 4), Phil Droege and Dave Pendergast were eliminated in another chip off by Phil Krause and Rick Griffin. On the third shootout hole (#17 par 3) Keith Bope and Jack Kary advanced over Kevin Shidler and Fred Hillis when Keith recorded a par 3.

On the final hole (#18 par 5) Keith Bope and Jack Kary both parred the hole and when Phil Krause and Rick Griffin were unable to make either of their tying putts, the 2025 MSGA Champions were Keith Bope and Jack Kary.

Congratulations to the flight winners and runners-up and especially to Champions Keith Bope and Jack Kary who will have their names added to the permanent John J. Pavlos Memorial Championship trophy as winners of the 2025 MSGA Championship. They will also be awarded individual trophies. All results of the Championship tournament are shown on the Tournament Results tab. Pictures of the Flight winners and scoresheets for the Flight results are on the MSGA Championship tab.