



Valparaiso C. C. Recap

July 28, 2025

The MSGA's seventh tournament of the 2025 season was played at Valparaiso Country Club in Valparaiso, IN on July 28th.

The tournament had a total of 88 players finishing rounds and included in the results. For 2025, the MSGA has 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: 31 played the Gold tees, 36 played the Blue and 21 played the Green. The only limitation; a player's age plus Handicap Index must be 85+ to play the Green tees.

The weather was hot and humid with sunshine and not much breeze with temperatures in the upper 80's. The golf course was in excellent condition with well-manicured fairways and receptive greens. The greens were normal for speed, and were some of the smallest greens we've played.

Overall, the course played slightly above normal vs. par with handicaps as eight players bested Net par of 72 and only one player matched Net par. For the 88 players, the average gross score was 91.1 with an average net score of 78.3 (6.3 over par), which was slightly above the normal range of 3-6 over par.

In the Individual Medal competition for gross scores by flight: Tim Swallers posted an excellent one over par 73 in A flight, Robert Dragani posted 77 in B flight and Tom Knoll posted 77 in C flight. Dan Schmelter (D) recorded 86, Fred Hillis (E) had 83 and John Farron (F) posted 95.

In the Individual Medal competition for Net, Robert Dragani posted 67 in B flight followed by Dan Molchan and Kent Naylor with Net 69's also in B flight followed by Kevin Perschke (A) and Dan Schmelter (D) with 70's followed by Tom Knoll (C), Tim Swallers (A) and Chuck Blair (E) with 71's. Brad Parkhurst matched par 72 in A flight.

In the Skins competition, Joe Despoys (B) and Michael Balunda (F) won three skins each while Peter Weiland and Tim Swallers (A), Dave Pendergast (C), Dan Kaleth (E) and Bob Henrikson (F) won two each. In total there were 39 skins.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Jim Clevenger's shot on Hole 17 finished 10" from the hole playing from 143 yards on the Blue tees. Well done Jim!

Congratulations to the award winners. Players pick up awards at the next event they play.

After seven events in the season-long Brady Cup standings, Robert Dragani leads with 1012 points followed closely by Brian Gensel with 1003 points and Tom Moser with 971 points.

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