



Whittaker Woods G. C. Recap: May 13, 2013

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2013 season, the John Pavlos Classic, was held at Whittaker Woods G. C. in New Buffalo, MI on May 13th.

The turnout was an excellent 120 players for the first event of the season, very comparable to the turnouts for prior opening days. Seventeen new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with several winning awards. Four returning members also played.

The weather was near perfect with plenty of sunshine and gentle breezes. The only issue were the cool temperatures around 60 degrees. For the early season, the golf course was in great condition with the fairways very nice and the rough very lush and consistent. The large greens were consistent and especially difficult for the many downhill puts.

Overall with handicaps, 16 players bested par of 72 while 14 others matched par. For the 120 players, the average Gross score was 94.1 with 76.8 as the average Net score, 4.8 shots over par of 72.

In the Individual Medal competition, Jeff Miller led the field with an excellent one over par 73 that included five birdies. Jeff was followed by Jerry Giolitto with a 78, the only players to finish in the 70's. Four others were next with 80's.

In the Net competition, Glenn Hartman and Terry Jones tied for overall low net with seven under par net 65's with Glenn winning the tie-breaker. Dan DeMartinis and Jeff Miller were one shot back with net 66's followed by Fred Evans with 68 and Mike Miles with 69. Four other players shot net 70.

In the Skins competition, Jeff Miller, Glenn Hartmann and Bryant Murphy were multiple winners with two skins each. In total, there were 27 skins in the four flights. In the Closest-to-the-Pin contest, Bob Hart's shot on the 120 yard Hole #8 finished one foot six inches from the hole.

Congratulations to award winners in all the flights and especially to Jeff Miller for his fine round. The complete list of winners can be found on the Tournament Results tab.

In the season long Brady Cup competition, Jeff Starr has the early lead with 440 points. Dave Pendergast is a close second with 425 points with Don Todd, Bob McFadden and Ed O'Conor filling out the top five places. The Top-25 standings are shown on the Brady Cup tab.