



WHITEHAWK CC Recap: July 29, 2024

The MSGA's seventh tournament of the 2024 season was held at Whitehawk CC in Crown Point, IN on July 29th.

The weather was warm with temperatures in the upper 80's, high humidity and gentle breezes. Rain in the morning left a few wet spots but the partly overcast skies made golf comfortable. Whitehawk has 36 holes. The Black and Grey nines were played. The course has generous fairways, plenty of sand and undulating greens. The greens were playable even with the undulations on the large greens.

The tournament had a total of 91 players participating with one new member playing in his first MSGA tournament. For 2024, the MSGA continues to use three sets of tees. Flights A & B are played from the Gold (back) tees, Flights C & D played from the Blue (middle) tees and Flights E & F from the Green (forward) tees.

Players choose the tee of their choice; 25 played the Gold tees, 38 played the Blue and 28 chose the Green. Only players whose age plus handicap index equals 85+ may play the Green tees.

Overall, the course played tougher than normal vs. par with handicaps, as only three players bested Net par of 72 while no others matched. For the 91 players, the average Gross score was 93.5 with 79.6 as the average Net score, 7.6 shots over par 72, which was above the normal of 3 to 5 over.

In the Individual Medal Gross competition by flight, new member Ron Dockery led with a his four over par 76 in Flight (A) followed by Jack Kary (A) with 78 and Fred Hillis (E) with 80.

In the Individual Medal Net competition by flight, Dave DeBoer (E) led with a net 69 followed by Kent Kaeppler (C) with 70 and John Chamberlin (B) with 71. Jack Kary (A), Steve Hissong (B), Mike Hoffman (B) and Ken Dowdy (C) posted net 73's.

In the Skins competition, Robert Dragani (B), Stan Pytel (E), Greg DuPont (E), Walt Ailes (E) and Mike Conley (F) recorded two skins each. In total there were 33 skins in the six flights.

In the Closest-to-Pin contests, Eric Morris (Gold tee) hit his shot to 4 feet 2 inches on #B-8 from 185 yards and Ron Dockery's (Gold) shot ended at 4 feet 11 inches on #G-6 playing from 183 yards.

After five tournaments, the Brady Cup competition is led by Brian Gensel with 1235 points followed by Kent Naylor (1195), Kevin Shidler (1178) and Phil Weybright (1147).

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