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Sand Creek Country Club Chesterton, IN September 14th, 2026

The MSGA's tenth and final tournament of the 2026 season was played at Sand Creek Country Club in Chesterton, IN on September 14th. A special thank you to Amy Cushway and the Sand Creek staff for their hospitality and setting up the tournament. Also, a special thank you to Kevin Shidler and Brian Gensel for setting up the MSGA tee markers.

The tournament had a total of 84 players: 28 played from the Gold tees, 36 played from the Blue tees, and 20 played from the Green tees.

The lunch and dinner were buffet style in the clubhouse with the dinner entrees of Tuscan grilled chicken and marinated sliced steak. The mixed fruit cobbler desert was especially popular. The weather was mostly cloudy in the low to mid 70's with a brisk wind.

The course was in reasonable shape considering the amount of damage from previous storms that swept through the area in recent weeks. The greens were fast with some very challenging pin positions as evidenced by the scores as no player bested the Net par of 71 and only two players matched Net par of 71. For the 84 players, the average Gross score was 93.0 and the average Net score was 79.8 which is higher than the normal range 3 to 5 over par for Net.

In the Individual Medal competition for Gross scores by flight: John Loupee in flight A led with a score of 77 followed by Tom Knoll (C) with 81 and Dennis Rogala (E) with 85.

In the Individual Medal competition for Net scores by flight: Shawn Reed (B) led the way with a Net 68, Dan Schuman (A) and Rick Griffin (D) both scored a Net par 71, Tony Gensel (D) and Mike Lyons (F) both scored 72. Players are allowed only one award, so those with Gross and Net awards are limited to one award each.

In the Skins competition, Ed Hupp (B) won 3 skins, Kevin Shidler (A), Jeff Stangel (B), Andy Dosmann (D), Dennis Rogala (E), John Farron (E), Stan Pytel (E), Mike Kinsey (F) and Dan Ripley (F) won two skins each. There was a total of 39 skins in the six flights with flight C having the fewest at 4 and flight B having the most at 9.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, Don Rapley (Green tees) couldn't get any closer because he had a Hole-in-One on #11 from 123 yards. Paul Martindale (Gold tees) recorded a shot of 2' 2" on hole #4 playing from 150 yards followed by Kent Naylor (Gold tees) at 2' 9" on hole #7 from 143 yards and Robert Dragani (Gold tees) at 2' 11" on hole #17 from 131 yards. Mike Lyons (Green tees) won 2 CTP on holes #4 and #7. A special congratulations to Mike Kinsey (Green tees) who was closest at 70' 3" on hole #17 from 116 yards.

The Brady Cup was very close as Mike Lyons overtook Brian Gensel on the final outing mainly due to his 2 Closest to the Pin awards. John Hampton finished in 3rd place.

Congratulations to award winners and especially to Don Rapley with his Hole-in-One and to Shawn Reed with his excellent Net score of 68. Congrats to the new 2026 members and particularly those who won awards.

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