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Sandy Pines G.C. – DeMotte, IN

May 6, 2026

The MSGA's first tournament of the 2026 season was played at Sandy Pines GC in DeMotte, IN on May 6th.

Opening day had a total of 77 players with one guest. Thirteen new members played in their first MSGA tournament, with several winning awards. Players choose the tee of their choice; 30 played the Gold tees, 30 played the Blue and 17 chose the Green.

The weather was cool with temperatures in the low 60's but with sunshine and gentle breezes. The golf course was in good condition with nice fairways, playable rough and large greens for an early season venue.

Overall, the course played more difficult than normal vs. par with handicaps, as only four players bested Net par of 72 while no one matched. For the 77 players, the average Gross score was 92.1 with 80.2 as the average Net score, 8.2 shots over par, which was higher than the normal 3 to 5 over par.

In the Individual Medal competition for Gross scores by flight, new member Billy Davis shot an even-par 72 in A Flight followed by Jerry Giolitto with 73 in C Flight and Cory Dennie with 78 in A Flight.

In the Individual Medal competition for Net by flight, Billy Davis (A) and Jerry Giolitto led with Net 68's followed by Cory Dennie (A) and new member Chris Freeze (D) with 71's and Dan Molchan (A) and Mike Conley (F) with 73's. Players are allowed only one award each, so those with Gross and Net awards were limited to one award to allow for more award winners.

In the Skins competition, Billy Davis, Jerry Giolitto, Jeff Hazel, Woody Woodiwiss, Chris Freeze and Mike Balunda posted two each. In total there were 39 skins in the six flights.

In the Closest-to-the-Pin contests, John Chamberlin (Blue tees) recorded the closest with a 2' 9" shot on hole number 8 playing from 154 yards.

Congratulations to award winners and especially to Billy Davis with his excellent even par 72 and Jerry Giolitto with his one over par 73. Also, congrats to all the new members and particularly those who won awards.

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