

MPSGA announces Player of the Year awards for 2014

The Michigan Publinx Seniors Golf Association recognized their 2014 gross and net player's of the year at their annual meeting & awards banquet at the Fox Hills/Golden Fox complex in Plymouth.

The 2014 *Gross Player of the Year* award went to **Billy Green**, proud owner of "Greenskeeper Golf" - a specialty landscape & artificial putting green installation business here in Michigan. Billy narrowly edged out former major league baseball player, Cincinnati Reds third baseman **Mike Grace** in both the *MPSGA State Tournament* at Shanty Creek and in the final Player of the Year standings.

The *Super-Senior of the Year* award (age 65 & up) went to **Dave McTear** who wound up just ahead of **Mike Phillips**. Dave finished third in the Super-Senior division of the 2014 *GAM Senior Amateur* at Grosse Ile CC and was low gross among the Super-Seniors in 5 of the 13 single-day tournaments. Mike, a former Birmingham CC senior champion also had an outstanding year, winning the Super-Senior division of the 2014 *GAM Senior Match-Play* tournament at Western GC as well as the MPSGA Super-Senior competition at Shanty Creek.

In the *Legend of the Year* (age 70 & up) standings, **Tom Pilon**, a former Evans Scholar from Michigan State came out the winner. Tom was low gross among the Legends in 5 of the single-day tournaments and finished third to 1962 Michigan Class A high school & GAM junior champion **Dennis Ahern** (Chapel Hill, NC) and four-time GAM Senior champion **Claud Johnston** (Ann Arbor) in the tournament at Shanty Creek. This is Pilon's second *Legend of the Year* award. He has also won two *Briegel Cup* competitions.

The *Grand Master of the Year* (age 75 & up) award went to **Jerry Fenby**, an Orchard Lake CC member who beat out **Jim Briegel** (Ann Arbor/Univ. of Michigan) for season ending honors in the MPSGA's inaugural Grand Master competition. The 88-year-old Briegel continued to amaze, beating his age by more than 10 shots in several of the tournaments. The younger 75-year-old Fenby was low gross in 8 of the single day tournaments.

Ray Maidment, a former club champion at Travis Pointe CC and past USGA Senior Amateur qualifier won his second *Briegel Cup* award (low gross relative to age) while shooting his age several times during the season-long competition.

In the net category, **John Pratt** edged out **Everett Winters**, **Mark Iovan**, **Harry Hicks Morris DeFever** and the 2014 *MPSGA Tournament of Net Champions* winner, **Dave Baldwin** for the 2014 *Net Player of the Year* award.

A special acknowledgment also to **Jim Mlynarczyk** who finished as runner-up (in 3 hole playoff) in the 2014 *GAM Net Amateur* championship at Polo Fields - Washtenaw.