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NIMAGA Notes – August 2010

*Celebrating Over 50 Years
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CONGRATULATIONS JULY WINNERS!

JULY MIDWEEK AT RAVISLOE C. C.

Low Division-

Mike Kruegar - Low Gross Winner
Ralph Rieser - Low Net Winner

High Division-

Tom Gearhart - Low Gross Winner
George Zdarsky - Low Net Winner

Golf Galaxy closest to the pin winners: Dick Freund & Robert Yedinak

This year's Midweek event was played at the beautiful, once private, Ravisloe Country Club and the course was everything we had hoped. We received many positive comments on the courses layout and condition. If you did not get a chance to play in this year's event you should place this course on your "worth the visit" list.

JULY TWO DAY AT TANNA FARMS AND HUGHES CREEK

Palmer Division

Mike Krueger - Low Gross Winner
Jim Murrow - Low Net Winner

Player Division

*Jim Neceda -Low Gross Winner
**Frank Fiarito- Low Net Winner

*Jim won a playoff with Alan Rehm
**Frank won a playoff with Alan Rehm

Trevino Division

Michael Cholewa – Low Gross Winner
Dan Montgomery – Low Net Winner

Golf galaxy closest to the pin Winners for the two-day:

John Snow, Alan Rehm & Sal Lombardi Sr.

Just when you thought you heard it all.....

During the play of this tournament at Hughes Creek our very own Trevino player Mr. John Serola was playing the 10th hole when his ball ended up on the edge of a flowerbed. Electing not to take relief, because he is a committed purist and wanted to play the ball 'as it lies" John took his stance and began his swing. Because he had an awkward stance John topped the ball, imparting spin, which caused the ball to pop straight up. As the ball came down it not only struck John, but also entered his shirt through his collar and came to rest, you guessed it, in his shirt. Ruling, Ball in motion deflected by player and incurred the appropriate stroke penalty. In addition, the ball had to be dropped in as near as it can where is lied in his shirt. NIMAGA would like to thank John for sharing this interesting story and for the good laugh and education it gives all of us. Next time John, take the drop! Ha!

2010 MATCH PLAY LOOKS TO THE FINISH LINE

The 2010 NIMAGA match play event is quickly drawing to a close and if you have not checked on the results please do so by looking on the Website for the latest results. As the Hogan and Jones divisions continue to narrow the field we must recognize those players that have made it to the Semi- finals. We congratulate the semi-finalist as of July 27th:

Hogan Division

John Serola
Tim Prentiss
Tom Gearhart
Mark Heinsohn

Jones Division

Tom Niketopoulos
John Snow

NIMAGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP CHANGES FORMAT

Based on feedback from over 40 members and in response to what the Board felt was a decline in participation we have altered the format of the NIMAGA Players Championship to reflect the changes requested from our membership. We anticipate that approximately 80 or 90 members will qualify for this prestigious event and it is our hope that almost all of those who qualified will elect to participate on September 18th & 19th. The following changes will be implemented for this event:

1. We will have two divisions LOW and HIGH handicap. In addition we will award trophies to the NET and GROSS winner of each division.
2. The cut line will be expanded to include 66% and ties of the field in each division for the second day. This is a change from years past when the field was cut to 50%.
3. We will have prize certificate payouts to the GROSS winner in each division and the top four NET winners in each division.

If you have qualified for this event you will receive a letter of invitation. If you are interested in reviewing the qualification requirements please refer to last months notes or look on the NIMAGA website for more information.

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE MATCH SET FOR SEPTEMBER 25th

Have you ever watched the Ryder Cup matches and think to yourself that it would be cool to try a large match team event? Well, our NIMAGA vs. Milwaukee Challenge match is nothing like the Ryder Cup but it is an exciting event that features forty players from each team in head to head match play competition. This year the event will be held at the Evergreen Golf club in Wisconsin and is located in Southern Wisconsin and is about one hour and forty-five minute ride near Lake Geneva. The features a day of competition followed by a steak fry and the annual awarding of the Cup to the winning

team. NIMAGA does lead the historical event by a slight margin. Please consider applying to play in this event and look for an application and eligibility requirements posted on our Website in the next three weeks. Mark your calendar for Saturday September 23rd. It is an 8:00am Shot-gun start and players are usually on the road by 3:00 pm. please consider playing and representing NIMAGA!

Q & A

ABOUT REPORTING HANDICAP SCORES...

INCLUDING MATCH PLAY

Each year the USGA office receives countless inquiries regarding the USGA Handicap System™. At NIMAGA we also receive questions about when someone should report their scores. At times we have been asked if someone should report a score if it is played under a match Play format. Under the conditions below the answer is yes. We hope this clears up some of the confusion but if in doubt, look it up!

Q: A fellow golfer told me that if we are in a match play tournament, or in a better ball event where you pick-up when out of a hole, we don't have to post the scores. Is that correct?

A: No, that is not correct. The USGA Handicap System Manual; in Section 5-1/f, lists the eight circumstances in which scores are not to be posted. They are:

- (i) When fewer than seven holes are played;
- (ii) When made on a golf course in an area in which an inactive season established by the authorized golf association is in effect.
- (iii) When a majority of the holes are not played in accordance with the principles of the Rules of Golf (except for preferred lies).
- (iv) When the length of the course is less than 3000 yards for 18 holes (or less than 1500 yards for 9 holes).
- (v) When, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs.
- (vi) When scores are made on a course with no USGA Course or Slope Rating
- (vii) When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming golf balls or tees.
- (viii) With respect to Rule 14-3 (Rules of Golf), when an artificial device or piece of unusual equipment is used during the execution of a stroke or when equipment is used in an unusual manner during the execution of a stroke (See Decisions 5-1f/2 for an exception)
- (ix)
- (x) These are the only situations in which scores are not to be posted.

Q: Referring to point (i) above, what do we do if we play more than seven

holes?

A: If you complete seven holes but not more than 13 you post a nine-hole score. If you complete at least 13 holes you will post an 18 hole score. For example, if you finish 15 holes but are not able to complete the round, on holes 16, 17, and 18 your score is par plus any handicap strokes you would have received.

YOU GET ONE CHANCE TO MAKE A FIRST IMPRESSION

I always speak to my kids about the importance of making a first impression and each day I reminded of its truth. During this past weekend we had a special guest visit from England who played in our two-day event. During these days our guest was exposed to several players and left with a very favorable impression! He went out of his way to send the note below thanking NIMAGA and specifically the Player division for their hospitality and making his visit to the states memorable. A special thank you should go out to Carl Movrich, Mark Massoth, Jeff Toth, Robert Yedinak, Jim Neceda and Frank Fiarito for their special effort in making a wonderful "first impression" on our guest!

Per Stuart "you yanks run a good tournament". He is looking for the 2011 schedule in November so he can plan next year's business trip around 1 or 2 NIMAGA events. He also said if anyone is coming to the UK look him up for a round of golf.

Read our guests comments below!

Gentlemen

Just quick notes to say thank you for your hospitality over the weekend.

A terrific two days of competition that I'm sure you could tell I thoroughly enjoyed. It goes without saying that if you or any of your members are in the UK and are looking for 18 holes, let me know and I will happily organize something. . As one member put it NIMAGA truly has gone international.

Stuart Ball

Marketing Manager

System Sensor Europe

GET WELL WISHES COME TRUE

Back in June we sent out some get well wished to our long time NIMAGA friends Roger Scott and Bob Crom. If you have not heard they are both back playing golf and getting ready to return to tournament play. This is great news and we are happy to have our long time members back in action. In addition another long time member Dan Plens also continues to recover from heart surgery and is also starting to play again! Best of luck to all three and we hope your good recovery continues!

CHECK OUT THE NEW CHICAGO AREA GOLF PUBLICATION

If have not seen or read the latest news on Chicago's Golf then please checkout Val Russell's latest publication of "Chicago Area Golf." Val Russell of NIMAGA has recently been working as the chief publisher and photographer of this publication and has many interesting articles, stories and advertisements regarding Chicago's golf events and news items including some information about our organization. If you would like to contact Val or have any special information you would like to share you can contact Val and the Publication at val@chicagogolffonline.com or by calling 847-683-4770. We wish Val and the publication good luck as his efforts work to promote golf throughout the area. Check it out!

UPCOMING EVENTS

August Midweek- August 26th Deadline is August 15th

Patriot Day Classic- September 11th Deadline is August 27th

NIMAGA Players Championship – Sept. 18th & 19th Qualifying Event

Milwaukee Challenge Match – Saturday September 25th- Invitational

