



NIMAGA MID WINTER NOTES 2010

NIMAGA will begin its 51st year on Saturday April 3rd 2010

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Become a Member before February 16th and save!

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From NIMAGA President John Brdecka

On behalf of myself and the entire NIMAGA Board of Directors, Happy New Year! During the winter months many of you are dreaming of your next round but the NIMAGA board is busy planning next year's schedule and discussing ways to improve our organization. One topic that is always at the top of our list is increasing our membership. Like many organizations, NIMAGA has experienced a slight decline in our membership during these tough economic times. This situation makes marketing a high priority as we look to find ways to promote tournament golf. As many of our members already know the best promotion takes place when our members discuss their NIMAGA experiences with their friends. If you have enjoyed your time with NIMAGA please consider recruiting a friend. If every other member brought one new member our numbers would increase greatly! If you feel you had a good experience please tell a friend and bring him as a guest to a tournament. In the meantime, we look forward to another fine year and hope that you find some of our new tournaments and a new schedule suitable to your schedule and a refreshing change from your normal course selections. The board has worked hard to ensure we maintain affordable prices. I hope 2010 is healthy and happy for you and your family and I look forward to seeing all you on the links!

NIMAGA Welcomes Two New Board Members

Mr. Jeff Toth-

Jeff joins the board after being in the organization for six years. Jeff has been very familiar with NIMAGA. For years, his late father, a longtime member, introduced him to the organization in the 80's. Jeff had a positive experience from his first Tournament when he won skin money and the minimum prize money. Jeff resides in Schaumburg and is married, has three children ages 9, 7 and 6. Jeff admits that having three young children limits his golf but does provide the needed excuse when he plays poorly. With Jeff's long time exposure to NIMAGA we are very excited about his involvement and the new energy he brings to his new role. Welcome aboard Jeff!

Mr. Rich Sigerich-

Rich also joins the NIMAGA board with an extensive history with the organization as well. Rich has been involved for over 35 years and played in NIMAGA as a younger junior back in the 70's when it ran a junior division. Rich resides in Woodridge and is fortunate enough to overlook the first tee of Seven Bridges Golf Course. Now that his kids are grown his passion for the game is matched with having more time. One of Rich greatest memories will be that he has won the Freedom Open twice. First in 1990 and then again in 2008, just a short eighteen years apart. He hopes that his involvement with board will shorten his time between wins! We look forward to having Rich on the board and look forward to his leadership! Welcome Rich!

Membership Prices for 2010 Join Now!

In 2010 the Board of directors has once again worked to keep the membership price affordable. Please review the membership application listed on the Website. This pricing reflects a \$55.00 charge for a regular membership and \$495.00 for the seven event package membership. We will still offer a \$10.00 discount to anyone who signs up with a new member. We will offer this \$10.00 off offer for up to three new guests. In addition the new member will also get a \$10.00 reduction.

The NIMAGA Board has strived to keep our costs down and will continue to work to maintain affordable tournament golf.

Membership costs go up after February 16. So send in your [application](#)

New Member Orientation and White Pines Dome Night

Members and guests, mark your calendars up for Monday March 8th, 2010 from 6:30- 8:00. NIMAGA will be at the White Pines Dome in Bensenville. We will have a special member's night where you can hit balls, meet up with friends and have pizza. All for \$10. Please mark your calendars! We will provide some special materials for new members at this orientation that will assist you with stating the year!

Anytime NIMAGA member uses the White Pines Dome can mention NIMAGA and receive \$1.00 off a bucket of balls. In addition, if you are looking for equipment ask for Mike Munro

Long Time NIMAGA Friend Passes

Merritt Cook Sr, a former Honorary NIMAGA board member died in late December at age 96. For more than fifteen years he ran the Northern Amateur which was a very important event in Chicagoland Golf. In addition to his interest in Golf Merritt was an avid skier. He was a member of the Norge Ski Jumping club for 75 years. Mr. Cook was clearly a friend to amateur golf and his service should be recognized. NIMAGA will keep Mr. Cooks family in our thoughts and prayers!

NIMAGA works to promote itself with help from area vendors

Each year NIMAGA works during the off season to promote our organization by asking local golf and sporting vendors to assist with posting our information for golfers to see throughout Northern Illinois. This is just one way we can keep the NIMAGA name associated with amateur golf. NIMAGA would like to thank the following vendors for their support and cooperation:

Addison Golf Dome, Golf Tec of Naperville, Dick's Sporting Goods in Geneva and Schaumburg, Green Valley Driving Range in Roselle, Greengrass Clubfitting in Winfield, Flagg Creek Golf Course, White Pines Golf Dome in Bensenville, local Golf Galaxy's and Golfsmith.

Members if you know a golf outlet or vendor that would assist by allowing NIMAGA flyers to be displayed please consider asking them to assist us with promoting NIMAGA!