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NIMAGA Notes – March 2010

*Celebrating Over 50 Years
Serving Amateur Golf in the Chicago Land Area*

WELCOME FROM PRESIDENT JOHN BRDECKA

We are most excited about the upcoming year and hope that you find our new schedule suitable to yours and with some added courses that NIMAGA has not played before. We are also excited to report that we have many new members! It would be wrong for me not to send out a warm welcome back to our many veteran members who have been a stable force through our years. These members have helped shape our organization and have seen NIMAGA become the organization it is today. We thank them for their support and commitment!

On behalf of the entire board I would like to wish everyone a successful and challenging year and we hope that our tournament series meets all of your expectations and through your journey you find rewarding friendship and competition! Best of luck!

PREPARING FOR THE FIRST EVENT

As we get ready for our first event in just a few days we would like to remind all members that when you prepare for the event keep these items in mind on the day of the event:

- Arrive at least 15-20 minutes before the scheduled Tee time. These are posted on our website about ten days before the event.
- When you arrive you should check in with the NIMAGA starter on the tee. If you cannot find him please check with the course starter. Checking in at the pro shop does not meet this requirement.
- On the first Tee you should check for any course rules for the day that will be posted.
- When your round is completed you should report immediately to the clubhouse to verify your score, fill out a NIMAGA scorecard and turn in your signed card.
- Pace of play- NIMAGA has worked to maintain a reasonable time limit at our events. This only happens by all of us monitoring our position on the golf course. Do your part in helping improve our tournament pace of play.

NIMAGA MEMBER GUEST CHANGED

As you look through the new schedule you may notice that our annual Member –Guest event is absent. This was not an oversight but rather an intentional change. Years ago when we initiated the event we had hopes that the Member Guest event would be an avenue for us to recruit more members. Through the years this has not materialized and we have only had a couple members join after playing gin this event. Through our discussions we did feel that adding two midweek events, one in April and May, could have interest among our members. In addition we have added two locations for these events that are both quality courses.

REPORT ADJUSTED SCORES TIMELY

Each year the NIMAGA Board of directors reminds players that turning in adjusted scores in a timely manner is essential for us to run equitable and fair tournaments. Each year we continue to run into situations where a member has not done so. Please note that the NIMAGA Board has on occasion placed players on a watch list and in extreme cases suspended players who have not turned in scores. Please know that we regret to take any disciplinary action against any member but we also know that having a creditable handicapping system is vital to the success of our tournaments.

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL DOME NIGHT

On Monday March 8th we once again had wonderful participation at the White Pines Golf Dome where nearly forty members gathered to hit balls, eat pizza and share their favorite stories. It was a nice reunion after our winter hibernation for many of our veteran members. Before the night began we had a 30-minute orientation with about a dozen of our new members. This was a great opportunity for us to share information, allow them to ask questions and for them to meet some of regular members at the dome event following the meeting. If you were unable to attend the dome night please plan on coming next year!

GOLF -TEC PARTNERS WITH NIMAGA

This year we will once again be partnering with NIMAGA at each regular event by awarding winners with Golf –Tec certificates. These certificates are valid for:

- Overall swing evaluation
- Driver performance
- Club fitting specific to Drivers or Irons

PRIZE CERTIFICATES

NIMAGA has a reciprocal agreement with various vendors Golf Galaxy, Golfsmith, and Dick's Sporting Goods along with various golf courses throughout the Chicagoland area. Please e-mail fiarito98@comcast.net if you find a vendor that will not take the prize certificate or other issues arise. We have found in most cases where a problem occurred it was related to poor training or communication on/to the front line staff

KNOW THE RULES CONSULT THE USGA

A number of the NIMAGA tournament directors are updating their Rules knowledge this week in preparation for the 2010 season. Everyone can also update their knowledge of the Rules by going to the USGA web site and then checking the Rules area. In the lower right area of the Rules page the USGA has a section with a test for all levels. Make it a regular practice to visit this site to improve your rules knowledge.

NIMAGA MATCH PLAY CONTINUES

Once again we will be conducting our Match Play event and sign up began on March 8th, 2010 and will continue until the field is full. If you are interested please consult the website for more information and an application. We would like to thank two members, George Zadarsky and Carl Movrich for their work on organizing this wonderful event!

MIDWEEK MADNESS

March madness is drawing to a close but NIMAGA's Midweek Madness begins April 21st at Village Links in Glen Ellyn. One of the finest courses in the Western suburbs that also hosts to the regional US Open qualifying. This year NIMAGA offers five midweek's at three brand new courses along with two we have not played in many years. The five courses include the Village Links, Traditions at Chevy Chase, Hilldale, Ravisloe Country Club and Cog Hill.

We will have closest to the pin contests at each event for both divisions along with a sleeve of NIMAGA golf balls for each player. The May event at Chevy Chase will have a 10AM shot gun start, real time scoreboards on each cart for both the high and low division, lunch at the turn and a \$10 Golfsmith cash card for each participant. We hope you can find time in your personal schedules to play these events and please feel free to bring a guest so we can show them all that NIMAGA has to offer.

TRAFFIC ALERT ON 290 EXTENSION

For our many NIMAGA friends that have to travel from the north to get to tournament we wanted you to be aware of some road construction that is set to begin on the 290 extension. This construction could impact traffic flow for those who travel South on I-355 and I-290 starting at Thorndale and heading east towards the city. At heavy traffic times this could impact someone traveling South on I-355.