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**NIMAGA Notes – May 2010**

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

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**APRIL HAPPENINGS:**

**GOLFTEC PARTNERS WITH NIMAGA**

Congratulations to our April winners of the Golftec certificates!

Bob Miles

Bob Westberg

Nick Woods

**CONGRATULATIONS APRIL WINNERS!**

**Spring Thaw Winners at Glen Eagles G.C.**

Palmer Division

Andrew Canfield- Low Gross Winner

Tony Clay- Low Net Winner

Player Division

John Lemm – Low Gross Winner

Terry Boksha- Low Net Winner

Trevino Division

Wesley Stinich- Low Gross Winner

Steven Loconsole- Low Net Winner

**Mid – Week Winners at Village Links G.C.**

## Low Division-

Vic Tyson- Low Gross Winner  
Tim Jordan- Low Net Winner

## High Division-

Mike Zdarsky- Low Gross Winner  
Dick Gerasta- Low Net Winner

## **NIMAGA RULE CHANGE**

Over the years the Championship & Scratch division of NIMAGA, now known as the Palmer division, has often played a tournament rule called "Rake and Place in Bunkers". Several times during past years this rule has been challenged because it is rare that other divisions would play under this rule. The history as to why this rule began was simply because we often play behind weekend play that would result in the bunkers being left in poor condition. Recently the Board of Directors revisited this topic and has decided to terminate its use and ensure that divisions play under similar rules, especially because we frequently play at the same courses. Effective immediately NIMAGA will no longer use this rule in any division.

## **DROP AREAS NOT USED BY NIMAGA**

Each year during the course of our tournament schedule the question of the use of Drop Areas is asked. To clarify, NIMAGA does not use any Drop Area and the play of these holes should be under the USGA guidelines. Only if the NIMAGA committee lists the use of a drop area on the tee rules sheet at the start of an event should a drop area ever be used. If a player used a drop area without this being approved by the committee the player would be disqualified. As a precaution always check with your playing partners and not a course ranger. Many times the course ranger will answer based on the course practice and not USGA rules.

## **GET WELL WISHES TO A LONG TIME MEMBER**

Our NIMAGA thoughts and prayers go out to Dan Plens as he recovers from heart surgery. Dan, please rest up and we look forward to seeing you on the links later this Summer! Our best to you and your family in recovery!

## WHAT'S IN AN INDEX?

Recently we have had questions about NIMAGA and what is the highest handicap index we honor. As a matter of reference NIMAGA only honors a maximum handicap index of 30.0. This is the maximum handicap index and not the maximum handicap. By using a handicap calculator for a specific course this index could translate into a handicap greater than 30. In fact depending on the course, it could be much higher than 30.

## NIMAGA GUEST POLICY, WE WELCOME GUEST AT EVENTS

During this past year we have received some questions from our membership regarding the policy on bringing a guest to play in one our events. As the Board of Directors discussed this issue we came to the conclusion that we need to promote this policy but also explain how a member actually can make this happen when signing up for an event. The goal of this policy is to allow someone to sample a tournament with NIMAGA and get a taste of what playing an event is actually like. If a member would like to bring a guest here are some guidelines:

- 1) The member should email or contact a board member regarding their desire to have a guest.
- 2) The Guest can only play with the member in the respective division if the guest's handicap index falls near their own. If not then the guest would have to play in the appropriate division. We would attempt to pair them with a familiar player if that situation was possible.
- 3) The fee for the guest would be the charge that NIMAGA pays for the course and would not be required to pay for prize money since they are not eligible.
- 4) The guest is not eligible to win the event but could enter skins and is eligible for closest to the pin certificates.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> - NIMAGA CUP (QUALIFYING EVENT)**

**MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> - MIDWEEK @ CHEVY CHASE G.C. DEADLINE IS MAY 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**JUNE 6<sup>TH</sup> - SUMMER CLASSIC- DEADLINE IS MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>**

**JUNE 15<sup>TH</sup> - MIDWEEK @ HILLDALE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1ST**

