



NIMAGA APRIL NOTES 2011

A CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Farewell to NIMAGA President John Brdecka

After spending three years serving at the helm of NIMAGA, Mr. John Brdecka steps down as President. During his tenure John was a key ingredient in helping make NIMAGA better by increasing our efficiency in the use of technology, maintaining a state of solvency during financially difficult times and assisted with making NIMAGA more user friendly for the membership. Only those that worked closely with John know the number hours it requires when leading a volunteer based organization but John did it with a gentle heart and a humble spirit. John has been a member of NIMAGA since 1992 and has had significant success by winning three two day events and finished 2nd in the Tournament of Winners and he considers this one of his most memorable experiences. If you ask John what he considers the most important aspect of NIMAGA he will tell you that it consists of a bunch of guys with the same competitive spirit. While John is stepping down from his role as president he will remain a member and looks forward to playing events and finally being able to relax. On behalf of the NIMAGA Board and the entire membership we would like to thank John for his years of service and truly appreciate his leadership during these past years! We look forward to seeing you at events and wish you the best of luck during the 2011 season!

Welcome to Our New President Mr. Steven Mueller

Everyone knows that running a larger machine can be a challenge and a ton of time and energy! When former President John Brdecka decided to step down, our then VP, Mr. Steve Mueller, decided to step up! Step up his leadership that is! Long time member and most notably a member with many NIMAGA trophies and plaques has offered his services to lead our organization. Steve brings a wealth of business leadership to the table and has proven to be both accessible and willing to push others. Wonderful and necessary characteristics when running a volunteer organization! For NIMAGA to keep pace with the changing world of communication it is truly important to have a leader who effectively and efficiently communicates. Steve has a desire and a passion to do both and his positive spirit will be a welcomed asset as the board works to move NIMAGA through continuous improvement. When you see Steve at the next event please extend a congratulations and a thank you for his willingness to take on this new role!

Hey What Ball Are You Playing?

Do you mark your ball? If you don't consider what happened to Jerry Kelly on the PGA tour:

At the third round of the Honda Classic, Jerry Kelly hit a shot that come to rest high up in a palm tree. The ball had to be identified to avoid a lost ball. A high powered telephoto lens provided the proof after a long deliberation that it was his ball. It saved him with only a penalty of an unplayable lie and not loss of distance that a lost ball would have required. If you watched the whole episode on TV it took a very long time. If only he had marked his ball like NIMAGA's Tournament Chairmen John (JJ) Johnston it would have taken just a moment. Ask to see his ball sometime and it will be quite clear. It always pays to mark your ball!

First Tournament Catches Some Good Weather

Our first event was held at Silver Lakes G.C. on Saturday April 2nd. Mother Nature served up some descent temperatures and a course that was in fair shape! NIMAGA opened the year with a nice start with over 114 golfers in its first event!

SPRING THAW RESULTS AT SILVER LAKES

Palmer Division Winner

Low Gross- George Weber

Low Net- Dave Sloan

Player Division Winners

Low Gross- Bob Chantry

Low Net- Dan Dorr

Trevino Division Winners

Low Gross- Nick Woods

Low Net- John Johnston

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SPRING THAW CHAMPIONS!

NIMAGA Welcomes Two New Board Members

Mr. Mike Turza

Mike has been a member of NIMAGA for the past five years and has quickly become an active participant in running events. Mike resides in Downers Grove and is employed by FirstAdvantage Mortgage. He looks forward to helping NIMAGA work towards continuous improvement. If you know Mike please make sure you stop and thank him for his willingness to offer his time and energy to the organization. We look forward to having Mike join our leadership team!

Mr. Mark Heinsohn

We are most excited to have Mark join the NIMAGA board for the 2011 year! He currently plays in the Trevino Division and is one of reigning 2010 Match Play Champion. Mark resides in Rolling Meadows and married with two children. Mark is employed by Interpark in Chicago. He has been a member of NIMAGA since 1996 and has been assisting with running our events for several years. The NIMAGA board is excited to have Mark join our group and know that his energy, knowledge and positive attitude will be a great asset to the board. Thanks Mark for your wiliness to serve and welcome to the NIMAGA board!

Long Time NIMAGA Friend Passes

We received word that long time NIMAGA member Dave Sieger passed away last year. Dave was a top player in the Old C division and our current Trevino division. His presence will be missed. Dave was an active member that was always willing to provide the board feedback on how our organization was performing. He will truly be missed and our thoughts and prayers go out to the Sieger family!

NIMAGA CUP FORMS TEAMS FOR THE MAY 15TH EVENT

This year the NIMAGA Cup event will be played on Sunday May 15th at Seven Bridges Golf Club. Currently the Palmer Division is the defending champion and will be lead by Captain Jim Cuny. The Player division will be lead Rick Sigerich and the Trevino will be captained by Brian Alberts. The twelve man teams are being formed and captains will contact the top nine players who have qualified and then add three captain's picks. This spirited event always provides a great day of competition and sportsmanship! Look for results in late May or early June! In addition, the NIMAGA Cup Points can be tracked on our website. Maybe this year you could be one of the nine players who make next year's team!

Reporting Scores

Each year the Nimaga Board of directors reminds players that turning in scores in a timely manner is essential for us to run equitable and fair tournaments. As we begin the New Year please make a concerted effort to get them recorded in a timely fashion. With our new link on the website reporting scores is easy and efficient when you have your member number. We are requesting that all members heed this urging and ensure that all scores are reported. Failure to do so can put you on a "watch list." Remember, you do not have to report scores from regular events. NIMAGA does that for you after each event.

Tournament day Rules

It seems that each event we are faced with the last group problem of ending up with groups that have odd numbers. The question always comes up; can we play as a twosome? Well if you go to our website you can find the answer under the FAQ's. Soooo, here is the answer...

Q. Can I play in a twosome at a NIMAGA Tournament?

A. No. Every effort should be made to make sure that all groups in a NIMAGA Tournament go out with at least three people in a group. It is the NIMAGA starter's responsibility to manage this based on no-shows etc... This is also why it is important to arrive 15 minutes early for your tee time.

If by chance the last group ends up as a twosome, an effort should be made to have the closest foursome that went out have one person wait for the twosome so that it can be changed to a threesome. Playing as a twosome could result in disqualification. Don't get stuck, know the rules!

2011 MATCH PLAY SET TO BEGIN

The field has finally been set for the Match Play Tournament. NIMAGA members can officially begin to check brackets and start play. Those participating should receive an email regarding rules for participation.

Again this year, there will be two separate divisions, with both division finals being played at **Cog Hill #4-Dubsdread "gratis"** in August or September as close as possible to the BMW Championship to determine the two Match Play Champions.

Since this is **not** a sanctioned NIMAGA event, you must contact Match Play Tournament Headquarters at mptfnm@aol.com (and not NIMAGA) if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday April 26th- April Mid-Week @ Willow Crest G.C.

Saturday May 7- May Jamboree @ PineCrest & Randall Oaks **Deadline is April 22nd**

Tuesday May 24th- May Midweek @ Orchard Valley **Deadlie is May 13th**

Sunday June 5th- Summer Classic @ Glenwoodie & Sanctuary **Deadline is May 20th**