



NIMAGA NOTES MAY 2012

FROM PRESIDENT STEVE MUELLER

Wow what a start this spring and it seems we are in full swing and it is not even June! The weather has been awesome and I am happy to report that our membership has grown as we move fully into the 2012 season. At our most recent report we have approximately 220 members and this represents about a 10% increase over last year. Your commitment to NIMAGA and positive promotion has served as the catalyst for this increase. We will continue to listen to the feedback we receive from many of you and appreciate the spirit in which it is delivered. The NIMAGA board will work towards continuous improvement and to maintain affordability of our events. On behalf of the entire NIMAGA board I wish you the best of luck as we move into the summer season and I look forward to seeing many of you around the links!

HOLE IN ONE AT SILVER LAKE G.C.

During our April event there were two exciting events that occurred at the Silver Lake G.C. The first exciting event featured a hole in one by Mr. Thomas Joy. Tom hit a seven iron on the par three twelfth hole to record an ace! Yes, Tom did receive a skin for his efforts and NIMAGA will be providing Tom with a special plaque for his accomplishment. Tom, on behalf of the entire NIMAGA board of directors, congratulations!

THORNTON'S RECORD SETTING ROUND

The second wonderful accomplishment was a record setting round by Mr. Jeff Thornton. At the April event Jeff shot a record setting 66. His five under par round is the lowest score ever recorded in any NIMAGA event. Jeff's score made him the easy winner of the low gross award and serves as a great example of how our organization continues to attract quality players! Congratulations Jeff for a fine round and the entire Nimaga board is excited to have you represent us as our April champion!

PLEASE NOTE TOURNAMNET DEADLINES

Members, it may seem like a small thing, sending in an application or sending a last minute email to enter an event. But please consider the time the NIMAGA tournament directors spend in chasing down information, checks and revising the tee sheet. Not to mention the time they spend at a tournament or the night after tabulating results and ensuring that our information is correct. By making sure you sign up on time can help make the NIMAGA Board members lives much smoother. So please, honor the due dates and please get your sign up's in before the date!

RULES AND TIDBITS AT TOURNAMENTS!

At our recent April Midweek event at Itasca C.C, fellow board member, Mr. Doug McKirahan was approaching his ball on the 18th fairway. As he approached the front of the green, a dog ran up and grabbed his ball. The dog then darted off towards some bushes and off the fairway. Doug then went over in an attempt to retrieve his ball at the point where the dog had dropped it. Doug was then chased away by the very small barking dog and was unable to retrieve the ball in play. So provided this information, how should Doug have proceeded? Well, if you cited rule 18-1 you would be correct, Doug's ball was moved by an outside agency and because it could not be retrieved he is entitled to drop a new ball in the last know spot without penalty. In this case Doug did proceed correctly and finished the hole with his dropped ball. Oh, we must add that Doug did provide a few laughs and some well deserved teasing. After all, the dog was not very big! Doug has not had his rabies shots and could not take a chance. Thanks for playing by the rules and for allowing us to share this story!

Rules-Sometimes we get it wrong but we try and make it right!

At our recent May Mid-Week event at Schaumburg G.C. one of our members had an unfortunate thing occur on the first hole. As he played his second shot to the par four green, he hit a poor shot that screamed towards the green and appeared to go over the green. After unsuccessfully searching for his ball for the allotted time he was forced to drop a new ball and he proceeded to complete the hole. In completing the hole, he then discovered that his original ball was actually in the hole. At the conclusion of play the tournament directors checked on the ruling with the pro-shop staff and looked through the rules of golf in an effort to determine the correct action. At the time it was determined that when the second ball was put into play he was then committed to proceed with that ball. After forty-eight hours and after the final results were posted it was then discovered that our ruling was incorrect. The ball should have been deemed holed and he would have recorded an eagle on the par four.

As the NIMAGA board discussed this over the next day we elected to do two things in order to make the situation right. 1) Since the results were officially posted we cannot and should change them so the final results remain unchanged. 2) We did contact the member and paid him for both the NIMAGA earnings he would have received has we counted the eagle. He also received the earnings from the skin's game that he deserved.

Please know that we take our jobs of running successful events very seriously and will always work to correct errors when possible. Because we were unable to do that in this case we will then work to make the situation correct with the player. We believe this is operating within the spirit of the game by "doing what is fair".

The NIMAGA Board

TREVINO CAPTURES THE NIMAGA CUP AT ORCHARD VALLEY

The Trevino Division is the 2012 NIMAGA Cup winner. Trevino scored 11-1/2; Player 9, and Palmer 6-1/2. After three years where the Palmer division held the Cup the Trevino division comes through with a spirited victory to capture the 2012 “NIMAGA CUP”.

In the Trevino Division John Johnston and Brian Alberts took all three points, Nick DiCosola and Cliff Levy scored 2-1/2 points. In the Player Division, Dan Dorr and Bob Eckert, Jeff Toth and William Walsh took all three points. In the Palmer Division Jason Snart and Kyle Matkaitis took all three points.

Congratulations to Trevino Team Captain John Johnston and the rest of the Trevino team members: Brian Alberts, Nick DiCosola, Ken Koranda, Mike Cholewa, Mark Heinsohn, Doug McKirahan, Roy Robbins, Sal Lombardi Sr., Tom Gearhart, Cliff Levy, Roger Scott, Below we have listed the results from individual matches.

MATCH	PALMER	PLAYER	TREVINO			
1			3.0	Palmer	vs.	Trevino
2	3.0			Palmer	vs.	Player
3		1.0	2.0	Player	vs.	Trevino
4		3.0		Player	vs.	Palmer
5	1.0		2.0	Trevino	vs.	Palmer
6		3.0		Trevino	vs.	Player
7		0.5	2.5	Player	vs.	Trevino
8	1.5	1.5		Palmer	vs.	Player
9	1.0		2.0	Trevino	vs.	Palmer
TOTAL	6.5	9.0	11.5			

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Upcoming Events:

June Classic- Sunday June 3rd - **Deadline is May 25th**

June Midweek- Tuesday June 19th- **Deadline is June 8th**