



NIMAGA NOTES JULY/AUGUST 2014

It is Heating Up!!

There has been some outstanding golf played so far this year, with plenty more to come!!

Please keep in mind that NIMAGA is always in need of new members! Tell everyone that you can about NIMAGA and the excitement of playing Tournament Golf!

Congratulations to our June Winners-

Summer Classic

Gross Winners

Palmer- Dave Clay

Player- Michael Cholewa

Trevino- Ken Koranda

Net Winners

Palmer- Vito Favia

Player- John Snow

Trevino- William Schultz

June Midweek at Fox Lake CC

Gross Winners

Low Division- Dave Dianovsky

High Division- Dan Dorr

Net Winners

Low Division- Dave Sloan

High Division- William Schultz

Senior Open at Tanna Farms

Gross Winners

Low Division- Jim Murrow

High Division- Dan Dorr

Net Winners

Low Division- Alistair Brown

High Division- Dennis Samoska

Freedom Open at Cog Hill

Gross Winners

Palmer- Adam Russell

Player- Jonathan Tran

Trevino- John Oh

Net Winners

Palmer- Tom O'Brien

Player- Alan Rehm

Trevino- Mike Zdarsky

July Midweek at Turnberry CC

Gross Winners

Low- Tim Jordan

High- Dennis Samoska

Net Winners

Low- Dan Dorr

High- William Schultz

NIMAGA Club Championship At Prairie Isle and Broken Arrow

Gross Winners

Low- Dave Minor

High- Jim Neceda

Net Winners

Low- Rob Castanares

High- Carl Movrich

As a reminder, please come straight to the scoring table after you have completed your round and check in. At that point, please take your blank scorecards and, as a group, fill in your scores and information on the card, sign it, and have it verified and signed by two other members of the group you played with that day. After all of the cards are signed and verified, please hand them in at the scoring table. This will really help the Tournament Directors get the scoring done in a timely matter. Then stick around and have a cold beverage, congratulate the winners, and see if your skin held up!!

Presidential Press

A BIG THANK YOU to all members who assist us at tournaments and provide constant input on how to make our organization better. The strength of our organization depends on volunteers - none of us board members are paid for our time and effort. So when Larry Mayerhofer plays Tanna Farms and completes a rule sheet for the event it makes it that much easier for us. When the Clay brothers reach out to Harborside or Carl Janas and Larry Goldberg call Turnberry Country Club on our behalf that makes it better for us. When a Dan Dorr, George Zdarsky, Charles Kuhn, Steve Buerk, Tony Zolman, David Ogoli, and a Roy Robbins help us at an event that makes it less hectic for us. So please after a round when you are holding a beer ask yourself what can I do to help maybe it is just reading scores to the director manning the lap top or grabbing the marker to write a score down. Even the small things make

it easier on each of the directors. So THANKS to all who have offered their time - many who I have probably missed.

Don't forget the last chance to qualify for the NIMAGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP is the Two-Man Better Ball at White and the Patriot's Day Classic at Barlett and Palatine Hills.

Frank Fiarito
President - NIMAGA

HANDICAP RULE EXPLANATION

In an effort to establish and maintain parity in NIMAGA Tournaments a handicap policy has been established by the Board of Directors. All members will have a NIMAGA Tournament handicap which will be calculated from participated NIMAGA Tournaments "Only". The NIMAGA Tournament handicap will be posted on the Web-site on the 1st and 15th of every month during the NIMAGA Tournament Season.

In addition to their USGA handicap, members will also carry a NIMAGA Tournament handicap. This Tournament handicap will be based solely on golf scores that are recorded in regular NIMAGA Tournaments including Tournament of Winners, Mid-Week and The Seniors Tournament. The tournament handicap is calculated at 96% and takes the best 3 scores of 6 tournaments played to establish the NIMAGA Tournament handicap. The member will use the lower of the two handicaps (USGA or Tournament) when playing in NIMAGA Tournaments.

RULES CORNER

You've heard these terms before, but what do they *really* mean?

RUB OF THE GREEN

SOUNDS LIKE: That's the way the ball bounces. Sometimes a bad shot turns out good, and other times a good shot turns out bad.

ACTUALLY MEANS: Anytime a ball in motion is deflected or stopped by an outside agency (*see next entry*). In most cases you must play the ball as it lies. See Rule 19-1 for the exceptions.

OUTSIDE AGENCY

SOUNDS LIKE: Anything that affects your round, or ball, that is beyond your control.

ACTUALLY MEANS: Forecaddies, spectators, animals. Things that are *not* outside agencies include: wind, water, you, your partner, your opponent—in match play only—or your caddies, equipment (which includes carts) or golf balls.

THROUGH THE GREEN

SOUNDS LIKE: Any shot that goes over the back of the green.

ACTUALLY MEANS: It's any part of the course excluding the teeing area and putting green of the hole you're playing and any hazard. You might come across this term on a tournament rules sheet. For example, when you're allowed to lift, clean and place your ball in closely mowed areas

CLOSELY MOWED AREA

SOUNDS LIKE: Fairways, the fringe and putting greens.

ACTUALLY MEANS: Any area of the course, including paths in the rough and collection areas by a green, that are cut to fairway height or less—tee boxes included (Decision 25-2/8). You're allowed relief without penalty if your ball embeds in its pitch mark in any closely mowed area through the green.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR

SOUNDS LIKE: An area of the course that is marked and designated for improvements.

ACTUALLY MEANS: Parts of the course marked as damaged; or things that *are not marked*, including grass and branches that have been piled for removal, and holes made by course workers. You're entitled to free relief under the procedure similar to the one for casual water (*see next entry*) when your ball touches the GUR or if the area of the course interferes with your stance or intended swing.

CASUAL WATER

SOUNDS LIKE: Puddles of rain or irrigation water on fairways and greens, and in bunkers.

ACTUALLY MEANS: Any temporary accumulation of water (not in a water hazard) that's visible before or after you take your stance. This includes snow and ice, though you can treat either as a loose impediment and move them out of your way. In most cases, you get a free drop within one club-length of the nearest point where the water doesn't interfere with your ball, stance or swing and isn't closer to the hole. This point can't be in a hazard or on a green. But, if your ball is already on the green and your stance, ball, stroke or line of putt is interfered with, lift the ball and place it at the nearest point of relief. That point might be off the green.

As always, it is good to have an understanding of the Rules of Golf. If you have a question about a ruling during your round, it is encouraged for you to get the opinion of the group you are playing with, so as to confirm the correct play. If no consensus has been reached with the group, if necessary, play two balls for the rest of the hole, and get the ruling from the tournament committee when you finish your round, but before you turn in your scorecard.

HOLE-IN-ONE!!

Please join us in congratulating Bob Miller, a 39-year NIMAGA member, on his hole-in-one. Bob aced the 184 yard fourth hole at Shepard's Crook using a four hybrid.

"Forget your opponents; always play against par." -Sam Snead

One of the most fascinating things about golf is how it reflects the cycle of life. No matter what you shoot — the next day you have to go back to the first tee and begin all over again and make yourself into something. ~Peter Jacobsen