



NIMAGA NOTES JUNE 2014

Off and Running!

Although the weather has not been ideal, the season is off to a great start!! The May Jamboree at Oak Grove proved a stern test, and the May Midweek at Harborside was a picture perfect day on one of the finest golf courses the area has to offer.

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 May Winners-

May Jamboree at Oak Grove

Gross Winners

Low Division- Tony Clay

High Division- Larry Goldberg

Net Winners

Low Division- Dick Freund

High Division- Brian Alberts

May Midweek at Harborside

Gross Winners

Low Division- Amardeep Sangha

High Division- Jim Neceda

Net Winners

Low Division- Tom O'Brien

High Division- Robert Westberg

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

I would like to complement our membership on improving the pace of play at many of our events. Countryside for Palmer and Player averaged 4:20 for 16 groups. Harborside also had a great pace of play considering it was cart path only, the course was very wet and most of the field was not familiar with the courses. We've had very few slow play penalties which is a good sign our membership has placed a tremendous focus on pace of play - THANK YOU!

We have some great courses coming up in June starting with Fox Lake Country Club which is a 10:00 shotgun start. The course will also have rangers to help with pace of play as they have leagues starting immediately following our event. The Senior Open is at Tanna Farms for our members who are over the age of 50. This is another fine course that has hosted previous NIMAGA events. Please sign-up to play.

We are not in the business of promoting late sign-ups but if you missed the deadline by a day please let us know your interest right away via e-mail or phone. JJ and Tim Jordan do a great job with putting together the field and they are willing to accommodate when you are a day late but please don't make it a habit. We are also willing to place folks on waiting list when fields are full rarely does an event happen without a withdrawal or last minute cancellation. Most courses charge us for the tee sheet not who play so having a spot filled helps us with the cost we bear.

2014 NIMAGA Cup

The 2014 NIMAGA Cup was held on May 8th at The Village Links of Glen Ellyn this year, and, as always, it was a tremendous event. The Trevino team prevailed on a beautiful day, and the Captains comments say it all:

Doug McKirahan (Trevino Captain) -- It was a beautiful day with a beautiful outcome!
Congratulations to all who qualified and played!
I'd like to thank all who made this year's NIMAGA Cup possible; especially Brian and Tim. It was an honor to serve as captain and a pleasure having these guys as my teammates: Brian Alberts, Shailen Borkar, Nick DiCosola, John (JJ) Johnston, Ken Koranda, Cliff Levy, Sal Lombardi Sr, Dave Martinek, Dan Montgomery, Roy Robbins, and Jim Wojcik. Perhaps we can all agree that: "A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck."... --Capt. Doug

Tim Jordan(Palmer Captain)- " Congrats to the winners. Well Played!!!"

Frank Fiarito(Player Captain) - "I want to thank Tim Jordan and Brian Alberts for the course and event set-up. I thoroughly enjoyed the day even though the Player team could not end it streak of 7 straight years without the Cup. The champion's dinner was fun sitting and talking with our opponents as well as others who played. I hope we continue this tradition for future years. Congratulations to Doug McKirahan and his team on their well-earned victory. A big thank you

to my team Jack Jourdan, Bob Arendt, Sal Lombardi Jr., Jeff Toth, Mario Conte, Robert Yedinak, Neil Meltzer, John Snow, Pete Vercillo, Carl Movrich and Robert Westberg."

Results of all the matches:

- Match 1- Jeff Korkus(PA) def John Johnston(TR)- 2up
Brian Alberts(TR) def Dave Sloan(PA)- 1up
Trevino won the team match- 1up
- Match 2- Frank Fiarito(PL) def Tom Jenks(PA)- 1up
Jack Jourdan(PL) def Tom O'Brien(PA)- 3 & 2
Player won the team match- 3 & 2
- Match 3- Ken Koranda(TR) def Bob Arendt(PL)- 1up
Dan Montgomery(TR) def Sal Lombardi, Jr(PL)- 7 & 6
Trevino won the team match- 4 & 3
- Match 4- Mike Sutton(PA) and Carl Movrich(PL) halved
Tim Jordan(PA) def Robert Westberg(PL)- 2up
Palmer won the team match- 2 & 1
- Match 5- Dave Martinek(TR) def David Bradley(PA)- 3 & 2
Cliff Levy(TR) def Craig Hornberg(PA)- 2up
Trevino won the team match- 4 & 2
- Match 6- Jim Wojcik(TR) def Neil Meltzer(PL)- 3 & 2
Robert Yedinak(PL) and Sal Lombardi, Sr halved
Trevino won the team match- 2 & 1
- Match 7- Mike Doyle(PA) def Nick DiCosola(TR)- 7 & 5
Michael Cholewa(PA) def Shalien Borkar(TR)- 6 & 4
Palmer won the team match- 6 & 5
- Match 8- Mario Conte(PL) def Amardeep Sangha(PA)- 3 & 2
Jeff Toth(PL) def Alistair Brown(PA)- 2 & 1
Player won the team match- 2 & 1
- Match 9- Roy Robbins(TR) def Peter Vercillo(PL)- 1 up
John Snow(PL) def Doug McKirahan(TR)- 3 & 2
The teams halved the match.
- Final Totals- Trevino Division 12 points
Player Division 8.5 points
Palmer Division 6.5 points

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

Remember these rules before declaring a ball lost:

Say you hit a lousy tee shot on a par 3 that soars into the trees. Thinking it might be gone for good, you hit a provisional that comes to rest five feet from the cup.

I bet I know what you're thinking. Do you have to look for your first ball, or can you just say, "It's lost," and play the provisional? And what happens if you declare it lost, but someone finds it before you play your next shot? The first thing to remember is that you don't need to search for your original ball. But it's not considered lost if anyone finds it before you play the next shot with your provisional ball, from a spot nearer the hole—and the five-minute search period hasn't expired (**Decision 27-2b/1**). In the par-3 scenario described earlier, if you want to abandon your poor tee shot, play the provisional before the first ball can be found within the five-minute window. At five feet, it's closer to the hole than the original. You'd be lying 3.

OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER

→ As much as you'd like to abandon a bad shot, you can't refuse to identify your ball when someone finds it and presents it to you (**Decision 27/13**). If you try to refuse identifying it in a tournament, you could be disqualified.

→ If you're virtually certain your ball is in a water hazard, you must abandon it once you've hit another ball from its previous position. (There's no such thing as a provisional under these circumstances.) The ball you last hit is in play and comes with a one-stroke penalty (**Decision 27-2a/2**).

→ If you hole out with a provisional shot, your original ball is not considered lost until you pick the provisional ball out of the hole. If it's found before—in bounds and within five minutes after beginning to search—the provisional ball must be abandoned (**Decision 27-2b/2**). A word from the wise: Walk quickly or run.

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.

GET WELL!!

Please join us in wishing a speedy recovery to Dan Plens and John Johnston.

Hope to see you on the course soon!!

"Golf is a fascinating game. It has taken me nearly 40 years to discover that I can't play it." – Ted Ray

"The more I practice, the luckier I get." – Gary Player

"I'm about five inches from being an outstanding golfer. That's the distance my left ear is from my right." - Ben Crenshaw