



NIMAGA NOTES MARCH 2015

Getting Close...

It's getting close to our golf season, and we would like to extend a hearty "Welcome Back!" to our returning members, and "Welcome!" to our new members. We have an excellent line up of courses again this year, and we should see some excellent play!!

Presidential Press

Thanks to all our members who volunteered to help us at the Chicago Golf Show in Rosemont, the Golf Show at Tinley Park, and the 2 Demo Days at the PGA Superstores in Downers Grove and Schaumburg. For those of you who attended the Golf Show this "David" organization had a booth that rivaled the BIGS thanks to Dan Plens and Sal Lombardi. Had numerous compliments on our set up. We hope to carry on the tradition and continue to grow our organization.

To all our members, if you know a dome, driving range, golf shop, or golf course that would be willing to allow us to display our flyers please let me know. We will get you flyers.

I hope everyone is joining this nice streak of warm weather. Many of you may have dusted off the clubs and joined us at Links and Tees in Addison, or might have actually got a round in. Please don't forget to post those scores through the NIMAGA website starting April 1st. We are not linked to the CDGA for those who might have used that handicapping service in the past.

The deadline is fast approaching for our first event the Spring Thaw at Countryside and Brae Loch, which is normally one of our biggest fields. The deadline is April 1st and you can register on-line via Paypal (includes a small fee) or mail it in but please do it sooner rather than waiting and not having a spot.

If you have a friend that would like to join we will be giving a \$10 certificate to anyone who refers a new member.

We are on Facebook and I plan on doing a lot of updating so if you use Social Media PLEASE friend us.

Frank R. Fiarito- NIMAGA President

2015 MATCH PLAY

The deadline to register for the 2015 NIMAGA Match Play Tournament is March 31st. This tournament is open to all second year plus members. You can register, or download the registration form, at www.nimaga.org.

- A one-time **\$25** entry fee will provide the following minimum incentives for a field of 64:
 - * The four quarter-finalists from each division will qualify for the NIMAGA Players Championship.
 - * **\$25** NIMAGA Certificate to all 2nd round winners (not including “play-in” round).
 - * Additional **\$30** NIMAGA Certificate to all quarter-final winners.
 - * Additional **\$35** NIMAGA Certificates to all semi-final winners.
 - * **Gratis** Golf and Cart for the final two playing their final match in each division.
 - * Additional **\$50** NIMAGA Certificate & Plaque to the two Match Play Champions.

Note: NIMAGA Certificate values will be reduced with a field less than 64

This is an exciting event that is not to be missed, so get your registration in ASAP!!!

HOLE-IN-ONE

NIMAGA member Jim Murrow had a hole-in-one on the 150-yard 13th hole at the Aldeen Golf Club last September 25th. Jim used a smooth 7-iron to hole out.

Congrats, Jim!!!

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 USGA Handicap and a NIMAGA Tournament handicap which will be calculated from participated NIMAGA Tournaments “Only”. The NIMAGA Tournament Handicap will be based solely on golf scores that are recorded in regular NIMAGA Tournaments, including Mid-Week Tournaments, the Seniors Tournament and the NIMAGA Players Championship. The tournament handicap is calculated at 96% and takes the best 3 scores of 6 tournament rounds 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 and is identified with the letter “t” next to the member’s handicap in the Tournament Pairings Sheet (i.e. 16t).

Rules Corner

Q: After splashing my tee ball into a pond, I teed up another ball, and hit my next shot. As I walked around the water hazard, I found my original ball on the far side. The guy I was playing with said that because I did not declare the second ball I hit a “provisional”, I had to play the second ball.
Is he right?

A: No and yes: A provisional is **only** used for balls thought to be lost “outside a water hazard or out of bounds”, according to Rule 27-2. Since you thought your first shot had entered the water hazard, you could not play a provisional. When you dropped and hit your third shot, you deemed your first ball lost-meaning it is no longer in play- so yes, he’s right that you had to play the second ball.

Q: I hit a drive that landed near a water hazard. Heavy rains had swelled the pond, so although my ball was outside the red stakes and red line, it was under the water. I took relief under the “casual water” rule. Was I right?

A: The stakes and/or line themselves define the boundaries of the course’s water hazards, not the actual wet stuff. Even though the ball was submerged, your ball was resting outside of those stakes, meaning it was outside of the hazard and in “temporary” water. Yes, you correctly identified it as casual water.

It is nevertheless a game of considerable passion, either of the explosive type, or that which burns inwardly and sears the soul.

- Bobby Jones

How did I make a twelve on a par five hole? It's simple. I missed a four-foot putt for an eleven.

- Arnold Palmer

I'm hitting the woods just great, but I'm having a terrible time getting out of them. ~Harry
Toscano