



NIMAGA NOTES MAY 2015

FULL SWING...

As most of us have shaken off the “winter rust”, the NIMAGA season is in full swing. Although the April midweek was a touch brisk, some very good scores were posted. The May Jamboree turned out to be a very pleasant day on two challenging “point and shoot” courses. Let’s all hope for warmer temperatures, a few less rain drops, and....a hotter putter!!

ALL MEMBERS

NIMAGA is an organization run by volunteers. We all have a stake in keeping NIMAGA alive and flourishing. If you know someone who may be interested in tournament golf, let them know about your experience in NIMAGA. The more members we have, the more beneficial it is to everyone.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

April Midweek

Low Division

Gross Winner- Tim Jordan

Net Winner- Greg Vitel

High Division

Gross Winner- David Brandhorst

Net Winner- Nick DiCosola

May Jamboree

Palmer

Gross- Jim Murrow

Net- Steven Buerk

Player

Gross- Robert Yedinak

Net- Carl Movrich

Trevino

Gross- Ray Reimer

Net- Matthew Bagley

NIMAGA CUP RESULTS

In another hard fought NIMAGA Cup, the Red Team prevailed!!

Final scores were the Red Team with 10.5 points, Blue Team with 9.5 points, and the White Team with 7 points.

Congrats to everyone one Team Red:

Jim Neceda(Captain), Tim Jordan, Dan Dorr, Tom Gearhart, David Bradley, Jonathan Tran, John Johnston(JJ), Michael Woulfe, Wayne Kencharek, David Brandhorst, Mike Doyle, and Greg Vitel.

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

NIMAGA Members,

Congratulations to Team Neceda on their NIMAGA Cup victory at Maple Meadows Wednesday. A big Thank You to Tim Jordan for the format change it was a very fun day and to Jonathan Tran for posting some great pictures on NIMAGA's Facebook page. Prize certificates for the winning team will be mailed today.

The deadline for the May Midweek at Harborside on Wednesday, May 20th is Tuesday if you are mailing payments please do so today and e-mail me so we can include you in the count. The on-line Paypal deadline is NOON on Tuesday we will not extend it beyond that time. The course needs a preliminary count by next Wednesday morning. I hope to see you at the City of Chicago's two best public courses.

Next events - Summer Classic Sunday, June 7th Player and Palmer (Phillips Park) and Trevino (Highland Woods). June Midweek - Monday, June 15th 1:00PM shotgun start at Prairie Landing.

Frank R. Fiarito
NIMAGA President

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

As we get into the season, it is incumbent on all of us to make sure we have a good grasp of the rules of golf. Try to familiarize yourself with at least the basic rules including how to play red and yellow staked hazards, out-of-bounds, and when and how to take relief. These are the rules that you will encounter in almost every round played. It is helpful to have either the rules of golf in your bag for reference, the USGA app on your mobile device, or something like this: <http://www.golfsmith.com/product/30078454/booklegger-men-s-2012-2015-golf-rules-quick-reference-guide>

Here are some interesting rules decisions:

You may spit on your clubface before playing a shot to clean it, but not if you're trying to reduce spin to hit a straighter shot. **DECISION 4-2/4**

Even when they're attached to something, spider webs are considered loose impediments. **DECISION 23/5.5**

A log is considered a loose impediment, but if legs were added to make a bench, it's an obstruction. Wood also becomes an obstruction if it's "manufactured into a charcoal briquette." **DECISION 23/1**

If your shot ends up in the clubhouse, and the clubhouse is not considered out-of-bounds, you may open a window or door and play your next shot without penalty. **DECISION 24-2b/14**

You cannot place a water bottle on a green and use it as a level to determine how a putt will break. **DECISION 14-3/12.5**

If a gust of wind moves your ball, you can play it from its new position. But if artificially propelled air moves your ball, you must replace it without penalty. **DECISION 18-1/2**

If your clubhead falls off during the backswing, and you complete the swing but miss the ball, it doesn't count as a stroke. But if your clubhead falls off during the downswing, and you complete the swing but miss the ball, it counts as a stroke. **DECISIONS 14/2, 14/3**

If your ball is lodged in an orange, you cannot take relief without penalty. **DECISION 23/10**

If I'm on the course and lightning starts, I get inside fast. If God wants to play through, let him.
Bob Hope

Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing.
Ben Hogan