



NIMAGA NOTES SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2015

ANOTHER SEASON IN THE BOOKS...

The regular season has ended and yet another year of great shots, good scores, and the enjoyment of playing tournament golf with other like-minded people.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

End of the year Open Member's meeting is Monday, October 26th, at White Pines Golf Course-Club 37. Appetizers start at 6:15 pm. Meeting time is 7 pm.
Come and join us, as we value your opinion.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Two-Man Better Ball

Low Division

Gross- Jeff Lyman, Mike Lyman

Net- Greg Vitel, Mike Zicha

High Division

Gross- Al Leitschuh, Neil Meltzer

Net- Patrick Perriter, George Zdarsky

Patriot's Day Classic

South- Old Oak- One Division

Gross- Michael Harmon

Net- Jonathan Tran

North- Randall Oaks- Low Division

Gross- Steve Buerk

Net- Jack Jourdan

North- Randall Oaks- High Division

Gross- Robert Yedinak

Net- Rolando Leyva

NIMAGA Players Championship

1st Gross- Michael Henry

2nd Gross- Kirk Blakney

1st Net- Matthew Bagley*

2nd Net- Dick Freund

3rd Net- Jonathan Tran

4th Net- Frank Fiarito*

5th Net- Patrick Ferriter

*- Won in a 3-hole playoff

Congratulations to all of the winners!!

Special Thanks to John Serola for player announcements at the event!!

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE MATCH

On September 19th, 32 members of NIMAGA met 32 members of the MCPLA for the annual challenge match play tournament at the Evergreen Golf Club in Elkhorn, WI. Cold, gray skies for the shotgun start gave way to a beautiful, sun-filled day after a few holes. The match was hotly contested the whole way around, and after several re-counts, it ended up a tied, 48 to 48!!

MCPLA, as current Cup holder, retain the cup until next year.

After the golf was over, both teams sat down to a steak dinner and a few cold beverages.

The score was announced and the trophy was handed out.



A great time was had by all!!

HOLE-IN ONE!!!!

Jonathan Tran aced hole #4 while playing a round with Bob Lake at Klein Creek Golf Club.
Congrats Jonathan!!!

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NIMAGA Members,

Thanks to all of you who helped us in some small or big way. Your efforts greatly contribute to our organization's success. Please continue to assist where possible. We are never short like a three foot putt when it comes to needing help.

A BIG THANK YOU to Jim Cuny and John Johnston who captained our NIMAGA squad against Milwaukee. WE came up short of taking back the Cup by ending in the kiss your cousin tie, but it was the usual a FUN event. Sportsmanship at it's finest, unlike the Europeans at the Solheim Cup.

To those playing in the NPC at Boone Creek, congratulations on earning a spot in this year's most prestigious event. We have revisited the cut format, so play well on Saturday to get to Sunday, where almost every year finds someone from outside the last two groups making a run. The NPC glasses, which you each earned, can be picked up after your round. Please make sure and take one as it is very difficult to make other arrangements. For those who are eligible and could not play, we will have some at the member's meeting and I will do my best to make other arrangements to get you your glass.

We are working on the 2016 schedule, some of you have seen a preliminary look. Many of the courses and formats are a direct reflection of your input. The Patriot's Day events being on two different days, and two different sites (South and North was a member suggestion), we had a 25% field increase over the average of the last 5 years.. Tim Jordan came up with the NIMAGA Cup changes which was very well received. Please continue to let us know what you like and what you don't, how we can do better, or how great a job we are doing. Input is always a measure of success or a vehicle for improvement. Silence can cause assumptions and you know how that works. I gave us a solid "B" this year considering some unforeseen obstacles. How do you think we did - send me a note fiarito98@comcast.net.

Look for the member meeting date and location sometime in the next few weeks.

Frank R. Fiarito

****HANDICAP REPORTING****

As a member of NIMAGA, it is imperative that you report all of your scores, independent of all the NIMAGA regular tournaments, timely and accurately to the Interstate Handicap system. This includes any of the rounds from the year-long Match Play tournament. This helps to insure that the handicaps are as current as possible, and the field is level for all players.

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

Getting to be that time of year-

"Winter rules" (also called "preferred lies") is a condition that exists by local rule only and under which golfers are, on certain parts of a golf course, allowed to improve the lie of their golf ball without penalty.

"Winter rules" is not codified in any of the 34 rules that make up the Rules of Golf; it exists only in an appendix to the rules, where there is a sample local rule for use by courses, clubs or committees.

Generally, winter rules are put into place during, of course, the winter, when adverse weather conditions can impact the golf course itself. Or winter rules - a.k.a, preferred lies - might be put into place at any time of year on a course that is suffering damage; for example, if extreme drought kills large swathes of fairway.

Here's how it works: You show up a golf course and are told (or read via signage) that "winter rules are in effect today." You tee off No. 1 and hit the fairway. But when you reach your ball, you discover it sits on bare hardpan despite being in the fairway. Under the most common traditions for preferred lies, you have the right to move that ball up to six inches in any direction to improve the lie, without penalty (picking it up and placing it).

Important: You can only apply "winter rules" if the course or competition has invoked the local rule. You cannot simply take it upon yourself to start improving your lies because the fairways are thin. (That's called cheating.)

If winter rules are in effect, the course or committee should spell out exactly what that means and inform all golfers. If you carry a handicap, rounds played under winter rules *must* be reported for handicap purposes. But if winter rules are in effect, you are not required to abide by them; you can choose to play it as it lies.

For NIMAGA, reporting scores only applies in season, which is April through October.

Golf is like taxes. You drive hard to make the green and then end up in the hole.

A nun is sitting with her Mother Superior chatting.

"I used some horrible language this week and feel absolutely terrible about it."

"When did you use this awful language?" asks the elder.

"Well, I was golfing and hit an incredible drive that looked like it was going to go over 280 yards, but it struck a phone line that was hanging over the fairway and fell straight down to the ground after going only about 100 yards."

"Is that when you swore?"

"No, Mother," says the nun. "After that, a squirrel ran out of the bushes and grabbed my ball in its mouth and began to run away."

"Is THAT when you swore?" asks the Mother Superior again.

"Well, no. says the nun. You see, as the squirrel was running, an eagle came down out of the sky, grabbed the squirrel in his talons and began to fly away!"

"Is THAT when you swore?" asks the amazed elder nun.

"No, not yet. As the eagle carried the squirrel away in its claws", it flew near the green and the squirrel dropped my ball."

"Did you swear THEN?" asked Mother Superior, becoming impatient.

"No, because the ball fell on a big rock, bounced over the sandtrap, rolled onto the green, and stopped about six inches from the hole."

The two nuns were silent for a moment.

Then Mother Superior sighed and said, "You missed the f---ing putt, didn't you?"