



## **NIMAGA NOTES FALL 2016**

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### **HOPE TO SEE YOU NEXT YEAR**

It has been a great year with some great golf!! Congratulations to all the winners this past season. Hope to see you at the ALL MEMBERS MEETING at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at the WHITE PINES GOLF CLUB 500 W. Jefferson St. Bensenville, IL

### **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY**

NIMAGA is an organization run by volunteers and we want your input. Please complete the survey by November 8, 2016 that was emailed to you for a chance to win a \$25 PGA Tour Superstore Gift Card. Two random winners will be announced at the ALL MEMBERS MEETING at the White Pines Golf Club on November 16.

### **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

#### **NIMAGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP**

Low Division

Gross - Raghav Cherala

Net - Robert Yedinak

High Division

Gross - Neil Meltzer

Net - David Brandhorst

#### **AUGUST MIDWEEK**

Low Division

Gross - Perry Variano

Net - Pete Vercillo

High Division

Gross - Doug Peters

Net - Roy Robbins

## **TWO-MAN BETTER BALL**

Low Division

Gross – Dave Minor & Bill Powers

Net – Greg Vitel & Mike Zicha

High Division

Gross-Jeff Toth & Bill Walsh

Net- Sal Lombardi, Sr. & Sal Lombardi, Jr.

**PLEASE NOTE...first time in NIMAGA's history a father and son team won the Two-Man**

## **PATRIOT'S DAY CLASSIC NORTH**

Low Division

Gross – Tim Jordan

Net – Daniel Gulliver\*

High Division

Gross – Rolando Leyva

Net – Rick Ivonavitch

## **PATRIOT'S DAY CLASSIC NORTH**

Low Division

Gross – Dave Minor

Net – Pete Angelakos

High Division

Gross – William Walsh

Net – Randy Samoska\*

**\*Won in a Playoff**

## **MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE**

NIMAGA Fails to Bring the Cup Home in 2016

On Saturday September 24th, 2016 32 NIMAGA players headed north to Evergreen Country Club in hopes to bring home the annual Milwaukee Challenge Cup. This 42 year old competition is played as a match play event where one NIMAGA player is paired against one Milwaukee Challenge player in a three point match. One point for the front, one point for the back and one for the total. During the past four years NIMAGA has failed to beat the tough Wisconsin group and over the 42 years of the match it is nearly dead even. In 2015 the match ended in a tie and the Milwaukee group was able to retain the cup from their win in 2014. This year, the NIMAGA team battled and lost by a narrow 5 point margin by a score of 50 1/2 to 45 1/2. These matches are always filled with a level of competition that is also combined with sportsmanship and matches are friendly. The competitors finish the day with a steak fry and a time to get a chance to discuss the day's competition. For the many NIMAGA players who have return from year to year will often comment on the friends they have made and look forward to returning each year to re-connect and reminisce about previous matches. If you missed this year's event please consider playing next year and plan on helping NIMAGA regain the "CUP"! Congratulations to the NIMAGA members that scores 2-1/2 points or better: Tom O'Brien, Larry Goldberg, Greg Rusteberg, John Serola, Rick Ivonavitch, Dave Martinek, and John Johnston.

## NIMAGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP (NPC)

Sixty-five members were scheduled to participate in the NIMAGA Players Championship on October 1 and 2. It started raining thirty minutes before the first tee time and before you knew it, you could see small rivers forming on the 9<sup>th</sup> green and the surrounding fairways. The NPC was rescheduled for October 8 and 9, which turned out to be two beautiful fall days. Due to the schedule change we lost a few members and were able to add a few, ending up with 57 members competing in the NPC. The temperatures were hovering in the mid 60's on day one and the high 60's on day two.

The gross leader after day one was Bill Powers shooting a 74 and the net leader was Jonathan Tran with a 67, who was also three shots off the lead for gross. The cut was at 78 net, leaving 34 members competing on day two. Bill Powers won first place gross with a two day total of 154 and Michael Henry was second place with a 156.



Pictured (left to right) Michael Henry and Bill Powers

### NET WINNERS

1<sup>st</sup> Place Net Amardeep Sangha 142

2<sup>nd</sup> Place Net Mario Conte 143

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Net John Oh 145

4<sup>th</sup> Place Net Ken Koranda 146

5<sup>th</sup> Place Net Brandon Rowatt 146

What a second day.....Amardeep Sangha improved by ten shots and Mario Conte improved by 13 shots. Ken Koranda beat Brandon Rowatt in a three hole playoff for fourth place.

WHAT A TOURNAMENT!!!!



Pictured (left to right) Mark Heinsohn presenting Amardeep Sangha 1<sup>st</sup> place net trophy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

REMEMBER, the NIMAGA All Members Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16 at 6:00 p.m. at the White Pine Golf Course. Appetizers will be served.

## MEET A MEMBER

**Terry Boksha**

Age: 59

Year Joined: 2009



Terry joined NIMAGA after hearing about how much fun playing tournament golf was from member Jim Wojcik.

Terry's first win was at the 2010 Spring Thaw at the GlenEagles Golf Club. He has won three other tournaments since then.

Terry has been in two playoffs, both of which he won. The first was for his inaugural win at the 2010 Spring Thaw tournament.

One of his favorite memories happened this year when he was part of the winning NIMAGA Cup team that was contested at the beautiful Calumet Country Club. Terry also enjoys the fun and laughter at the "19<sup>th</sup> Hole" after every tournament.

Thanks for sharing Terry!!!

## **\*\*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. In Handicap Reporting Match Play Tournament, the MPT Leadership are posting scores, not the members. The winner is to confirm the scores with his opponent and submit those scores as soon as possible. This helps to insure that the handicaps are as current as possible, and the field is level for all players.

**\*\*\*NEW FOR 2016-** To further support the key System premise of peer review, scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes. This change underscores the importance of providing full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability, and the ability of other players to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a posted score.

Also, should you play golf in the Chicago area November 1 through March 31, 2017; those scores are not to be reported to Interstate, because it is not the active golf season in the area. If you play in the warmer climates during the fall and winter months, you can report those scores.

## **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**

A few rules dealing with relief:

#### **Unplayable Lie**

Option 1 - Take two (2) club lengths relief, no closer to the hole and assess a one-stroke penalty

Option 2 - Replay the shot from the original position, incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 - Take the ball back as far as you want, keeping the point where the ball lays between you and the hole, incurring a one-shot penalty.

#### **Improving Your Swing Path**

You cannot bend, break, or hack anything growing or fixed if it improves your lie, your stance, or your area of intended swing. The penalty for doing so is loss of hole in Match Play or a two-shot penalty in Stroke Play.

#### **Unplayable Lie in a Bunker**

Option 1 - Take a drop of no more than two (2) club lengths no closer to the hole, but still in the bunker, incurring a one-shot penalty

Option 2 - Replay the shot from the original position, incurring a stroke and distance penalty

Option 3 - Go back as far as you like in the bunker and drop, keeping that spot where your ball laid between you and the hole. This incurs a one-shot penalty.

#### **Casual Water**

Find your nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole where neither you or your ball lie in water that can be seen without pressing your feet up and down. You may then drop your ball within one (1) club length from that point, no nearer to the hole at no penalty.

#### **Removing Loose Impediments**

If, in moving loose impediments, you accidentally move your ball, you must return the ball to its original position and penalize yourself one (1) stroke.

#### **Ball on a Cart Path**

You are entitled to free relief. **Step #1** - Determine the "nearest point of relief". This is the

point where the ball would lay affording the player both swing and stance from the cart path.

**Step #2** - you are entitled to one (1) club length relief from the point where the ball would lie once full relief is taken. **Step #3** - After dropping, the ball may roll up to two (2) club lengths no closer to the hole.

### How to Drop the Ball

After determining the nearest point of relief, you may stand outside the drop area, no closer to the hole, and extend your hand to the side dropping the ball from shoulder height. The ball may roll up to two (2) club lengths no closer to the hole. If the ball rolls farther than that, you must re-drop. If, after dropping two times, the ball continues to roll past two (2) club lengths, you must place the ball where it first touched the ground.

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## 19<sup>th</sup> HOLE



A man and his wife walked into a dentist's office.

The man said to the dentist, "Doctor, I'm in one hell of a big hurry! I have two buddies sitting out in my car waiting for us to go play golf. So forget about the anesthetic and just pull the tooth and be done with it. I don't have time to wait for the anesthetic to work!"

The dentist thought to himself, "My goodness, this sure is a very brave man, asking me to pull his tooth without using anything to kill the pain."

So the dentist asked him, "Which tooth is it, sir?"

The man turned to his wife and said, "Open your mouth, Honey, and show the doctor which tooth hurts."