THE HEAT IS ON...
Halfway through the season and some spectacular golf has been played!! More great venues are on the schedule, so get those entries in.

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

MAY MIDWEEK
Low Division
Gross- Michael Henry
Net- Dan Plens
High Division
Gross- Ray Riemer
Net- Roger Scott

SUMMER CLASSIC
Palmer
Gross- Brandon Rowatt
Net- Jeff Korkus
Player
Gross- John Snow
Net- John Widzisz
Trevino
Gross- Dennis Samoska
Net- Josh Miller

JUNE MIDWEEK
Low Division
Gross- Kirk Blaknet
Net- Mario Conte
**High Division**
Gross- William Walsh
Net- Doug McKirahan

**SENIOR OPEN**
**Low Division**
Gross- Mike Sutton
Net- John Snow

**High Division**
Gross- Robert Westberg
Net- Dennis Samoska

*Won in a Playoff*

On the Tee Sheet I have an asterisk (*) next to my name, WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? That means you did not meet the minimum number of scores reported requirement for that tournament, so you will win no more than a $15 minimum prize. NIMAGA uses the revision date prior to the tournament entry due date. So for example the tournament entry due date for the Freedom Open was June 30\textsuperscript{th}, we used the June 15\textsuperscript{th} revision date to see if you reported at a minimum four scores. For the Club Championship, the tournament entry due date is July 27\textsuperscript{th}, NIMAGA will use the July 15\textsuperscript{th} revision date, and your minimum number of score requirement is six scores. REMEMBER ALWAYS REPORT YOUR NON-TOURNAMENT SCORES.

*****UPCOMING EVENTS*****

NIMAGA Club Championship
August 6\textsuperscript{th} & 7\textsuperscript{th} at Midlane CC and Glendale Lakes GC
Deadline to Enter is July 27\textsuperscript{th}

The NIMAGA Club Championship is open to all members. This is a two day event, August 6 and 7 at Glendale Lakes GC and Midlane GC. The Low Division will play at Midlane CC and the High Division at Glendale Lakes GC on Saturday, on Sunday Low will move to Glendale Lakes GC and High to Midlane GC.

We want as many members to participate, so NIMAGA has decided to increase the prize fund $285 - $410 in each division, depending on the size of the field. Also, NIMAGA will payout 35% of the field instead of the customary 30%. The deadline is Wednesday, July 27\textsuperscript{th}, so we hope you will be able to play in this two day tournament.

August Midweek
August 15\textsuperscript{th} at Eagle Brook CC
Deadline to enter is August 6\textsuperscript{th}
Two-Man Better Ball  
August 28th at Old Orchard CC  
Deadline to enter is August 16th

DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION  
When NIMAGA sets up the schedule for the year, we try to establish a fair deadline for entry into each tournament. Please take the extra time to enter the tournament either online using PayPal, or by US Mail. Too many times we have people trying to enter by sending us an email and asking to bring the payment to the event, or handing in the payment and form for the next event at an event. With all of the other things that must be taken care of on the day of the tournament, we cannot accept entries that day. There is too much of an opportunity that it will get misplaced.  
We try to make it as convenient as possible for all of the members. If you miss a deadline, please email one of the Tournament Chairmen and we will try and accommodate you.  
Thanks for your help and understanding!!

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS  
A few reminders and information for our new members.  

If you are in the last group, please bring in the closest to the pin marker.  

If you don't see or get solicited for skins, and want to participate, please declare on the first tee to your foursome and tell the tournament director along with providing payment after your round.  

Please lend a hand where possible. We have been short-handed this year with directors at events and any help is greatly appreciated.  

Please be respectful of course staff. There were allegations at Blackstone (that was not exactly corroborated) that led to unnecessary interruptions during event play. If you have an issue, please report to a tournament director.  

Some deviations from normal events are on the docket for August and September. The Club Championship is a two-day event with a larger payout than most event. The two-man event is a lot of fun. If you don't have a partner reach out and ask a fellow member. If you can't find one we will set you up with one.  

Lastly, please don't forget to post your outside scores we are not linked to other handicap services (CDGA). So go to our website and post the score. We don't enjoy having members ineligible for full prize money when playing in a event.

MEET A MEMBER
Sal Lombardi Sr
Age: 73
Joined NIMAGA in 2000

Sal Lombardi, Sr joined NIMAGA after his son played a year and asked him to sign up the following year.

Sal has a total of 10 wins in NIMAGA, seven at weekend tournaments, and three Midweek events. His first win can at Carillon in 2000, where he edged out his son (Thanks, Dad!!) by one stroke for the win. He also won the 2009 August Two-Day championship at White Pines, and his latest win at the 2015 Summer Classic at Highland Woods.

Some of Sal’s favorite memories include qualifying for the NIMAGA Cup team almost every year, especially the last five consecutively, and the many new friendships he has made in the organization, especially Dave Sieger, who passed away a few years ago.

Thanks for sharing Sal!!!

Bidding a Fond Adieu!!

Long time member Alistair Brown has returned to his birthland after many years on American soil. His cheery demeanor and good-natured attitude will be missed.
Good Luck in all of your future endeavors, Alistair!!

**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.

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

Longtime NIMAGA member Brian Alberts had an interesting situation occur:
Q. A player’s ball is lodged in a tree. The player deems the ball unplayable. May the player proceed under option c of Rule 28 which permits him to drop a ball within two club-lengths of where his ball lay unplayable?

A. Yes. The player would be entitled to drop a ball within two club-lengths of the point on the ground immediately below the place where the ball lay in the tree. In some instances this may allow the player to drop a ball on a putting green.

Rule 28 states: The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course, except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable.

If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke:

a. Proceed under the stroke and distance provision of Rule 27-1 by playing a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or

b. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or

c. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.
If the unplayable ball is in a **bunker**, the player may proceed under Clause a, b or c. If he elects to proceed under Clause b or c, a ball must be dropped in the **bunker**.

When proceeding under this Rule, the player may lift and clean his ball or **substitute** a ball.

### 19th HOLE

A U.S. citizen is vacationing on his own in Ireland. He decides to play a round of golf and is paired with three local gents.

He takes a few practice swings, steps up to the first tee, and proceeds to hook the ball out of bounds. He shakes his head, reaches in his pocket, and re-tees another ball. He tells his playing partners that he is taking a Mulligan. He pounds one down the center of the fairway about 280 yards out.

With a big smile, he asks the others "In the U.S., we call that a Mulligan; was wondering what you called it here in Ireland."

After a moment of silence, one of the locals replies, "Hitting three."