



NIMAGA NOTES March 2016

SO CLOSE.....

I saw a Robin the other day.
He told me that I needed to keep my hands quieter when I chip around the green.
Spring must be close.

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

SPRING THAW
Saturday April 9th
Silver Lake CC
Entry Due date is March 30th

APRIL MIDWEEK
Thursday April 21st
Cog Hill GC #2
Entry Due Date is April 11th

MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT
Year-long tournament for 2nd year + Members
Entry Deadline is April 11, 2016

CHICAGOLAND GOLF SHOW

NIMAGA again had a booth at the Chicagoland Golf Show in Rosemont.



Attendance for the show was great, as we saw many existing members, as well as talked to many more that are interested in tournament golf and joining NIMAGA. Thanks to all who helped out at the booth, and a special thanks to Dan Plens for the great visuals in the booth!!

PRESIDENTIAL PRESS

Welcome back everyone! I'm hopeful that this recent streak of warm weather will be a payback for what was an awful start to the 2015 season. I have no desire to play the April Midweek at the Ravines of Cog Hill in snow flurries, as we experienced last season. I think we have a great schedule this season with some new and old favorites.

I would like to thank all current and former members who took the time to stop by our booth at the Chicagoland Golf Show and say hello. It demonstrated what I like about NIMAGA the friendships that many of us have made through the years. One former member told a current board member about the passing of former member Morris Replogle. I barely knew Morris, but listening to the conversation it was clear he was a wonderful man and a friend to many. It really described why NIMAGA is special, because our membership is what makes it so.

My last point is the future of NIMAGA, and the game of golf itself. The question of how to grow the game has no definitive answers, and the same can be said for growing NIMAGA. The board, and many of our members, have spent countless hours discussing the present and the future. We are always looking for more input. We are in need of volunteers to serve on committees to help us with creating a strategy for the future. Please consider lending your voice to help us grow NIMAGA for another 57 years.

I hope to see you all at Silver Lake and Cog Hill, sans the parka and winter hats.

Frank R. Fiarito
NIMAGA President

MEET A MEMBER

This is a new section in the monthly notes where we will introduce a member and share some of their stories. Let us know what you think of it.

Brian Alberts

Age: 59

Joined NIMAGA in 1981

Brian joined NIMAGA with his Father-in-law, Bob Panuncialman, after a co-worker told him about this great golf organization. After a few years, Brian convinced some of his friends and dad< Fred, to join. There were many tournaments that they would all meet at Bob's house, jumped in his van, and "Van-pooled" to the tournaments. Sometimes there were as many as six in the van!!

Brian has won at least ten events though the years. The most memorable was the Tournament of Winners, now known as the NIMAGA Players Championship, at Black Hawk Golf Club in 1999. He was a mudder the second day, playing hard in the rain, and came back from seven strokes down the first day. Other memorable wins include a first place gross at Chalet Hills in 2006, Match Play in 2012, and three tournaments in a row in 2013.

Brian has been in three playoffs and has yet to win one. Two years ago, he lost to Mark Masciola for low gross, and he will never forget the hecklers in the gallery(you know who you are!!). Another playoff moment came at Coyote Run in September 2007, where Brian was tied for low gross until the last group came in, then he had to go out for a low net playoff against longtime friends Bill McGhee and Jim Wojcik. Jim ended up winning. One of these days, Brian, one of these days!!

Some of Brian's favorite memories are his first, and only, hole-in-one, at Bonnie Brook in the Two-Man Better Ball Tournament, being Captain of the winning NIMAGA Cup team in 2003, and having a bet with JJ(John Johnston) in the 80's that if only one of them qualify for the Tournament of Winners, the other has to caddie for him. JJ qualified and told Brian he would give him 10% of his winnings. Brian then finds out from his father-in-law that there are no payouts for that tournament, you get a beautiful trophy and bragging rights. Brian caddied for him anyway!!

The number of great guys that he has met through the years is what keeps him coming back!!



SAD NEWS

Long time NIMAGA member Morris Replogle passed away recently. Morris had been ill the past few years, but still competed in tournaments. His humor and sportsmanship will be missed!!

PLAY IT FORWARD!

The USGA's program to add enjoyment to Golf and speed up play has involved all originations to examine what tees they are using in their events. NIMAGA will identify an event that will use PLAY IT FORWARD TEES and conduct a survey to determine our members thoughts. Look for it this year.

****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.

*****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

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This year, the USGA has changed some of the Handicap and score reporting rules. Please see the below highlights to make sure that you are now reporting scores correctly.

5-1. Acceptability of Scores

Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by a complete *scoring record*. Every player must be responsible for returning all acceptable scores, as defined in this section. For handicap purposes, all Section 4 adjustments, including *Equitable Stroke Control*, must be applied to all scores including *tournament scores*.

■b. Scores on All Courses

Adjusted gross scores from all courses with a **USGA Course Rating** and **Slope Rating** made during an **active season**, both at home and away, must be posted by the player along with the appropriate **USGA Course Rating** and **Slope Rating**. (See Decision **5-1b/1**.)

■c. Scores in All Forms of Competition

Scores in both match play and stroke play must be posted for handicap purposes. This includes scores made in match play, in multi-ball, or in team competitions in which players have not completed one or more holes or in which players are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole. (See Decision **5-1c/1** and Section **4**.)

■d. Disqualification

A player who is disqualified from a competition, but has an acceptable score, must record an **adjusted gross score** for handicap purposes using Section **4-2**.

Example 1: Player fails to hole out under Rule 3-2.

Example 2: Player fails to sign scorecard under Rule 6-6b.

Example 3: Player refuses to apply a Rule in stroke play which affects the rights of another player under Rule 3-4.

However, if the breach is determined to provide an advantage for the player (i.e., Rules 1-2, 1-3, subsequent offenses to Rule 14-3, etc.) the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes (See Section **5-1e (vii)**).

e. Unacceptable Scores

Scores made under the following conditions are not acceptable for handicap purposes and must not be entered in the player's **scoring record**:

(i) When fewer than seven holes are played;

(ii) When made on a golf course in an area in which an **inactive season** established by the **authorized golf association** is in effect;

(iii) When, as a condition of the competition, the maximum number of clubs allowed is less than 14, or types of clubs are limited as, for example, in a competition that allows only iron clubs;

(iv) When scores are made on a course with no *USGA Course Rating* or *Slope Rating*;

(v) When a player uses non-conforming clubs, non-conforming balls, or non-conforming tees; or when a player incurs a second breach of Rule 14-3. (NEW)

(vi) When a player plays alone; (NEW)

(vii) When a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to post an adjusted hole score as required under Section 4-1 and 4-2, or fails to record the appropriate penalty for a breach of rule. For example, if a player anchored the club while making a stroke during a round and did not record a penalty for doing so (See Rule 14-1b), the score would not have been played under the Rules of Golf and therefore would not be acceptable for handicap purposes. (NEW)

19th HOLE

So I jump ship in Hong Kong and make my way over to Tibet, and I get on as a looper at a course over in the Himalayas. A looper, you know, a caddy, a looper, a jock. So, I tell them I'm a pro jock, and who do you think they give me? The Dalai Lama himself. Twelfth son of the Lama. The flowing robes, the grace, bald... striking. So, I'm on the first tee with him. I give him the driver. He hauls off and whacks one—big hitter, the Lama—long, into a ten-thousand foot crevasse, right at the base of this glacier. Do you know what the Lama says? "Gunga galunga... gunga, gunga-galunga." So we finish the 18th, and he's gonna stiff me. And I say, "Hey, Lama, hey, how about a little something, you know, for the effort, you know?" And he says, "Oh, uh, there won't be any money, but when you die, on your deathbed, you will receive total consciousness." So I got that goin' for me, which is nice. – Carl Spangler

Art said he wanted to get more distance. I told him to hit it and run backward. ~Ken Venturi, on Art Rosenbaum

LAKE LAWN LODGE SCRAMBLE

Lake Lawn Lodge is having a Spring Scramble Tournament and BBQ on April 16th.

Info on the following flyer:



Hey NIMAGA golfers.
Anybody interested in playing in Lake Lawns'
Spring Scramble in Delevan Wisconsin, get
your foresome together and
please contact Dan Plens at
Dplens@lakelawnresort.com
or call the golf shop at 262-725-9200

Saturday, April 16, 2016 / 10:00am

4 player scramble

**Cash payouts for 1st, 2nd, 4th
& 8th place**

Entry Fee \$200 per team

**Optional Skins Game and
Closest to the pin contests
\$80 per team**

**Entry fee includes
BBQ luncheon after golf.**

Menu

Creamy Cranberry Walnut Slaw
Red Potato Salad with Ground Mustard
Garden Green Salad
Assortment of Dressings

Char Grilled Hamburgers
Local Wisconsin Bratwurst
Warm Seasoned Sauerkraut
American Swiss and Pepper Jack Cheeses

Traditional Condiments
Lettuce, Tomato, Onion and Pickles
Pickle Relish Diced Onions
Ketchup, Mustard and Brat Sauce

Hamburger Buns
Poppy Seed Buns

Fresh Watermelon Slices
Lake Lawn's Original Pink Lemonade

Fresh Baked Chocolate Chip Cookies
Butterscotch Salted Peanut Bars