



NIMAGA NOTES – Mid-September 2017

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I would like to start by wishing our team Good Luck against Milwaukee. The competition is fun on a nice course against a good group of guys BUT we really need to get the trophy back to Illinois.

Bring it home NIMAGA!

We have long-time members who are leaving the state and I want to wish both all the BEST! Greg Vitel (Krank Golf) I had the pleasure of playing with at many NIMAGA events. He was always gracious whether he played good or bad. A great guy and I hope he returns next summer from Minnesota to be our guest at an event.

Alan Rehm who I partnered with my first time at the aforementioned Milwaukee event is also relocating to Florida. Alan a quiet man by nature never was at a loss for words when is expressing his gratitude toward the NIMAGA leadership after events. I hope he too returns for an event or maybe an invitation to play in the Sunshine State.
Best to both these guys!

ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING

Our annual year-end meeting is Thursday, October 19th starting at 6:30 pm at White Pines Golf Course in Bensenville. Appetizers will be served and we will have plenty of raffle prizes. We hope you can join us as we will have an open Member discussion and roll out the 2018 schedule.

SPECIAL THANKS

NIMAGA would like to thank all of those members who participate on tournaments days in any way they can. Whether it is collecting for skins, helping out with scoring or just lending pitching in wherever needed – we thank you.

CALL TO 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.

ASK A MEMBER – 5 QUESTIONS



SYED HUSAIN

Year Joined: 2014

1. What is your favorite golf course to play?

Village Links, Cog Hill #2

2. What part of your game do you practice the most?

Mid irons

3. Any holes-in-one or other memorable golf shots?

3 holes in one thus far

4. Any hobbies?

Traveling

5. Favorite vacation destination?

Lahore, Paris, Hawaii



LARRY MAYERHOFER

Year Joined: 2001

1. What is your favorite golf course to play?

Pinecroft in Beulah, MI (near Traverse City). This was a former Christmas tree plantation and is high above Crystal Lake. Think of it as a mini Augusta National with great views. It's a lot of fun to play and reasonably priced.

2. What part of your game do you practice the most?

Irons, but my whole game needs work.

3. Any holes-in-one or other memorable golf shots?

No holes in one, but a couple of eagles on hole-outs from the fairway. Many years ago my wife and I were playing the Peninsula State Park Golf Course in Door County. While teeing off on the first hole, I hit a big slice and took out the windshield of a Ford station wagon coming up the access road on the right.

4. Any hobbies?

Racquetball in the winter. Gardening in the summer (mostly tomatoes and hot peppers for my homemade salsa), and of course Golf. Reading on my Metra commute - I'm a big fan of Lee Child, Michael Connelly, and Vince Flynn novels.

5. Favorite vacation destination?

My spring golf trip group had our third visit to the Mesquite, NV / St. George, UT area. The weather was perfect, the courses beautiful, and the scenery is magnificent. And if you have the time, you can visit Zion or Bryce Nat'l Parks in the afternoon after golf. I'm hoping to make it to Scotland next fall with a small group of friends.



RYAN YOST

Year Joined: 2017

1. What is your favorite golf course to play?

Tree Tops in Gaylord Michigan - the par 3 course. Three Tops is unbelievable and very enjoyable to play.

2. What part of your game do you practice the most?

I don't practice a lot but when I do it's probably at the range working on my full swing.

3. Any holes-in-one or other memorable golf shots?

No hole in ones however I did witness one at Whitehawk in Crown Point, IN. That was pretty cool. My most memorable golf shot was hitting driver off the deck on my second shot of a long par five. I needed 250 yards to get it on the green and somehow I connected, landed it on the green and putted in for eagle. That was probably around 20 years ago when drivers weren't as huge. I don't think I would try that with my driver today.

4. Any hobbies?

Golf, fantasy football, fantasy golf, and Cubs fan.

5. Favorite vacation destination?

I've been to Hawaii a few times and would say this is an all-time favorite of mine.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NIMAGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP – 8/26 & 8/27/2017

1 st Gross	Michael Henry
2 nd Gross	Jeff Korkus
1 st Net	Mike Zdarsky
2 nd Net	William Schultz
3 rd Net	Nick DiCosola
4 th Net	Wayne Kencharek
5 th Net	John Widzsiz

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1 st Gross	Brandon Rowatt	Dave Minor
1 st Net	Jeff Lyman	Mike Lyman
2 nd Net (t)	Dick Freund	Rolando Leyva
2 nd Net (t)	Mike Doyle	James Dubay
2 nd Net (t)	Ben Wieck	Blind Partner (P. Susner)
5 th Net (t)	Pete Angelakos	Dave Sloan
5 th Net (t)	Mike Zicha	Greg Vital
5 th Net (t)	Larry Goldberg	Carl Janas

NIMAGA MATCH PLAY IS ALIVE & WELL AFTER 10 YEAR MILESTONE

2017 marks the 10 year anniversary of the **Match Play** Tournament for NIMAGA Members. The idea for the **MPT** was first conceived by two NIMAGA members - George Zdarsky and Carl Movrich. They felt that a Match Play event would further the comradery of its members and add another dimension of competition to experience under tournament conditions. Match Play competition vs. the Medal stroke play format of our regular tournaments is an entirely different experience. You watch your competitor's every stroke and calculate your game specifically to beat this single opponent (vs. the field) on a hole by hole basis vs. total score for 18 holes.

Their goal was to provide a friendly and challenging competition that would run smoothly throughout the entire NIMAGA season. The secret was writing a set of rules that would cover any situation that might arise. Over the last 10 years there was not one situation that the rules they wrote didn't cover any situations that were not resolved fairly. The other reason why the rules worked is because all of the NIMAGA members who participated over the years showed great sportsmanship - this is truly a testament to NIMAGA since over 600 matches were played over the 10 years.

George and Carl's role for the past ten years has been overseeing and running the Match Play Tournament for NIMAGA Members. The challenging job was always getting everyone signed up by the deadline to get the initial 32 matches set and assigning the pairing brackets (Quote from George and Carl: "This is way harder than picking the NCAA March Madness pairings"). Things they had to consider in pairing up the matches were geographical as for where members lived, handicap differences, whether they had played each other in previous years, etc. Selection night was always a long one with many beers. When done properly though, and it usually was, everything ran "like clockwork" for the rest of the way out.

George and Carl have decided to retire after 10 years as the MPT Directors. The Match Play Tournament for NIMAGA Members will continue in 2018 and beyond with new faces heading up the event.

The previous Match Play Champions are:

2008 - **Mark Cummings** (Cantigny)

2009 - Hogan Division: **Tim Prentiss**

Jones Division: **Dave Clay** (Cog Hill #4)

2010 - Hogan Division: **Mark Heinsohn**

Jones Division: **Amardeep Sangha** (Cog Hill #4)

2011 - Hogan Division: **Michael Cholewa**

Jones Division: **John Lemm** (Cog Hill #4)

2012 - Hogan Division: **Brian Alberts**

Jones Division: **Tom Jenks** (Glen Club)

2013 - Hogan Division: **Larry Goldberg**
(Harborside-SB)

Jones Division: **Amardeep Sangha**

2014 - Hogan Division: **Dan Dorr**
(Harborside-Port)

Jones Division: **Dave Dianovsky**

2015 - Hogan Division: **John Snow**

Jones Division: **John Lemm** (Mistwood)

2016 - Hogan Division: **Stephen Minakovic**

Jones Division: **Dan Dorr** (Mistwood)

2017 - Hogan Division: **TBD**

Jones Division: **TBD** (Calumet CC)

The Final Championship for 2017 will be played on September 24 at the Calumet Country Club with 2 matches: John Snow vs. Dan Plens and Larry Zakosek vs. Dennis Samoska.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE - 9/23/2017
Evergreen Golf Club

ANNUAL YEAR-END MEETING – 10/19/2017 6:30 pm
White Pines Golf Course

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.

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 30th, we used the June 15th revision date to see if you reported at a minimum four scores. For the Club Championship, the tournament entry due date is July 27th, NIMAGA will use the July 15th revision date, and your minimum number of score requirement is six scores. REMEMBER ALWAYS REPORT YOUR NON-TOURNAMENT 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).