



NIMAGA NOTES – MAY 2018

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hopefully we have put most of the bad weather behind us. Gleneagles was a very unfortunate situation. We tried several days prior to negotiate a date change based on the horrible forecast we were confronted with (and it turned out to be worse). The Club Pro refused to offer alternatives and we were stuck playing rather than losing a hefty deposit. Ray Riemer and I talked to the Manager that day and he suggested we should not have played but could not explain why the club pro would not listen to changing the date. Needless to say we will not be returning there next year for our opening event.

We have a great schedule this year and we hope you take advantage of new courses to NIMAGA or those we have not played in a long time. We will be sending out reminders and we have seen a pattern of late entries that can really throw off our processes. If you have mailed it late or forgot please e-mail us right away at web@nimaga.org. This will help us with providing the course preliminary numbers and setting the field. If your plans change and you have the opportunity to play please e-mail us right away. We had withdrawals so far at all but Seven Bridges and have fit several members into events (one as late as 10:00 the night before Hughes Creek). We want to remain flexible but we need your respectful considerations as well.

If you have any questions or issues, please reach out to me at - fiarito98@comcast.net

WELCOME, WELCOME, WELCOME

The NIMAGA Board would like to say welcome to all new 2018 members to the NIMAGA organization. Hopefully, you have had a chance to participate in a tournament that we have already held. We truly hope your experience has been a positive one. Please feel free to reach out to any board member with any thoughts/comments/issues that you might have and we will address them, as best as we can. Good luck in your rookie year!

Paul Bozek	Chris Chance	Dennis Costello	Michael Hansen
Sean Harling	Nicholas Keay	Frankie Kocimski	Michael Mark
Bruce Miller	Christopher Ramirez	Bob Reitz, Jr	Jack Sayles
Matthew Schlarb	Todd Schott	Jack Setnan	Richard Tezak
Gregg Whitis	Tom Zmuda		

NIMAGA DOME NIGHT

The 2018 NIMAGA Dome Night was held this past February 26 at the Addison Links and Tees indoor golf facility. Approximately 30 NIMAGA members came out to enjoy the pizza, pop and camaraderie that night. Oh yeah, they hit a few golf balls, as well. Two raffles were also held for those who attended.

Thanks to all those who attended this annual event.

Winners of Dome Night Raffle Prizes

Shawn Pipes - Summer Classic entry

Rick Soja - Match Play entry

NIMAGA CUP DRAFT PARTY NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

The Annual NIMAGA Cup is Wednesday, May 23rd at Bowes Creek in Elgin. The draft party is Wednesday, May 16th at White Pines in Bensenville starting at 6:15. If you are not eligible to play but would like to watch the crazy draft please e-mail me at fiarito98@comcast.net. It is a lot of fun except for those who sit in the green room until the 30 something pick. This year's captains are first timers Kirk Blakney, Robert Yedinak and Dennis Samoska. The big question is whether Dennis will pick his brother Randy or will he be matched up against him. Brotherly Love with a possible twist.

SHOUT-OUTS

I want to take this opportunity to recognize a couple of our NIMAGA members who won their divisions while playing in their local club championships in the fall of 2017.

Pottawatomie Golf Club - Greg Vittel

Woodruff Golf Course - Paul Susner (senior mens)

Their names and the entire list of area club champions can be found on the CDGA website (<https://www.cdga.org/> under the Magazine section for November 2017).

This is quite an accomplishment, Greg and Paul! Congratulations from all of the NIMAGA members on a job well done.

C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

The entry period for the C&G MPT (standing for **Carl & George Match Play Tournament**) is now closed. The match play committee has set the bracket pairings and all participants have been notified. The bracket has been posted to the website and all players can proceed with their matches. A few matches have already been completed. Good luck to all participants.

WHAT DO THOSE ASTERISKS MEAN ON THE TEE SHEET?

Starting in May (and throughout the year), the NIMAGA Board receives a lot of questions about the meaning of the single and/or double asterisks next to their name on the tee sheet.

These asterisks (** = new member and * = insufficient scores) indicate that NIMAGA has a minimum scoring requirement when determining the prize money for a player at any given event.

2018 PRIZE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

<u>Event Name/Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Min Scores</u>	<u>Entry Due Date</u>	<u>Interstate's Revision Date</u>
Spring Thaw (4/14)	April	no require	April 3rd	April 1st
April Midweek (4/30)	April	no require	April 19th	April 15th
May Jamboree (5/5)	May	at least 1	April 23rd	May 1st
May Midweek (5/9)	May	at least 1	April 28th	May 1st
NIMAGA Cup (5/22)	May	at least 2	May 11th	May 15th
Summer Classic (6/3)	June	at least 2	May 24th	May 15th
June Midweek (6/12)	June	at least 3	June 2nd	June 1st
Senior Open (6/25)	June	at least 4	June 14th	June 15th
Club Chmp (7/14&15)	July	at least 5	July 3rd	July 1st
July Midweek (7/26)	July	at least 6	July 16th	July 15th
August Classic (8/12)	Aug	at least 7	Aug 1st	August 1st
August Midweek (8/15)	Aug	at least 7	Aug 4th	August 1st
Patriots Day Classic (9/8)	Sept	at least 9	Aug 29th	Sept 1st
Players Champ (9/15&16)	Sept	at least 10	Sept 1st	Sept 1st
2-Man (10/7)	Oct	at least 10	Sept 24th	Oct 1st

Any member who does not meet the foregoing requirements for a tournament will be eligible in that tournament to win no more than a \$15 minimum prize.

New Members - A new member is not eligible to win not more than a \$15 prize in any NIMAGA tournament until his handicap being used for the event reflects at least five scores made as a member during the current year and has completed a NIMAGA tournament for his NIMAGA handicap.

So – the bottom line to maintaining your full eligibility, you need to keep up in posting those NON-NIMAGA scores to the Interstate Handicap service.

See the webpage for more details - <http://www.nimaga.org/rules/rules-prizes.php>

CALL TO ALL MEMBERS

Just because the 2018 NIMAGA season has started, that is no reason to stop recruiting your family and friends to join this organization. We all need to be advocates for NIMAGA and promote it whenever possible. 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.

IT'S A STRETCH

Golf flexibility is essential and it has many benefits. It helps prevent injury, improves golfing performance and flexibility stretches are vital when recovering from injuries. Golf swings make use of a variety of muscles, and flexibility ensures that your muscles and joints move without affecting your swing. The shoulders, lower back and hamstrings are often areas where golfers lack flexibility. It's important to learn proper stretching techniques so you do not injure yourself while stretching. So, check out the link below for some stretches that might apply to you.

<https://www.fitnessblender.com/articles/improve-your-golf-swing-with-flexibility-golf-stretching-exercises>

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SPRING THAW – 04/14/2018

Even though the weather was not fit for golf, a large number of hearty participants braved the conditions for the first event on the NIMAGA calendar. With light rain, winds gusting to 25 MPH and temperatures hovering in the low 40s, the players from the three NIMAGA divisions are now able to say that they survived the Spring Thaw of 2018. Even though there have been tough weather conditions in past Spring Thaw events, this one has to rank right up there. On behalf of the NIMAGA board, I want to thank everyone for their perseverance (or should I say stupidity) in combating the elements. Thanks also to everyone who volunteered taking skins and your patience in adjusting the teetime pairings.

You guys truly define what it means to be a dedicated NIMAGA member and a Chicago area golfer.

Palmer Division

Gross Mike Henry

Net David Bradley

Player Division

Gross Steve Barnaby

Net Dan Plens (won in a scorecard playoff)

Trevino Division

Gross Steven Minokovic (won in 1st hole playoff)

Net Larry Zakosek

APRIL MID-WEEK – 04/30/2018

Everyone knows the old saying around Chicago this time of year – “if you don’t like the weather, wait a week and it will change”. Well, it actually took a couple of weeks from the Spring Thaw event, but nice weather finally made it to Chicago. We had some wind and a tough course to contend with, but it was a great start for our mid-week schedule to begin. Thanks to everyone who volunteered taking skins and pitching in to make the event run smoothly.

Low Division

Gross Kirk Blakney

Net Mike Doyle

High Division

Gross Dennis Samoska

Net Dan Montgomery

Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course
May 9	Wed.	May Midweek	Arrowhead GC
May 22	Tue.	NIMAGA Cup (Qualify)	Bowes Creek GC
June 3	Sun.	Summer Classic	Inwood GC
June 12	Tue.	June Midweek	Chalet Hills GC
June 25	Mon.	Senior Open (Age 50+)	St. Andrews Golf and CC
Jul. 14	Sat.	NIMAGA Club Championship	Blackberry Oaks GC
Jul. 15	Sun.		Golf Club of Illinois
July 26	Thu.	July Midweek	Orchard Valley GC
Aug. 12	Sun.	August Classic	Old Orchard CC
Aug. 15	Wed.	August Midweek	Village Greens of Woodridge
Sep. 8	Sat.	Patriots Day Classic	Prairie Bluff GC
Sep. 15	Sat.	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	Naperbrook
Sep. 16	Sun.		
Sep. 22	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Bristol Oaks GC
Oct. 7	Sun.	Two-Man Better Ball	Steeple Chase GC

2018 Schedule

Entry fees are due
2 weeks before
each event date