



## NIMAGA NOTES – AUGUST 2019

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### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are closing in on the last few events of the 2019 season. As a reminder if you have a special request for your tee time - early, late or paired with or near someone we need to know that before the deadline. It is very difficult to reset tee times when guys tell us after the tee sheet is posted they need to go first or last. Please even if it is a possibility tell us up front.

If you qualified for the NIMAGA Players Championship and are eligible but did not receive an invitation please email the board [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org). Eligibility is 2 tournaments and 10 scores for returning members. 4 tournaments and 10 scores for new members.

We are working on the 2020 schedule we will have a few returning courses but many more new ones. If you have any suggestions on courses to play or avoid please let us know ASAP. If you have a contact at any course please share that with us as well [fiarito98@comcast.net](mailto:fiarito98@comcast.net).

Frank R. Fiarito – NIMAGA President

### GHN HANDICAPPING SERVICE

As you already know, NIMAGA has selected the **Golf Handicap Network** run by **Handicomp, Inc.** as our handicap service provider for 2019. When you join or rejoin **NIMAGA** you will receive your **Golf Handicap Network** login credentials in an email message.

The **Golf Handicap Network (GHN)** is a more robust application as you can readily see from the numerous screen shots at <http://www.nimaga.org/handicomp/>. Also included is the **Golf Mobile Network (GMN)** that supports score entry and lookup from any **Apple** or **Android** mobile device.

Check out the new information on the NIMAGA website and if you have any questions please contact the **Handicaps Chairman** via email at [handicaps@nimaga.org](mailto:handicaps@nimaga.org).

## **PRIZES AND PRIZE ELIGABILITY**

Prizes in NIMAGA tournaments consist of prize certificates which are redeemable at many pro shops and sporting goods stores throughout the Chicago area. The prize certificates are distributed at or mailed out after each tournament. Generally, about the top 30% of the entrants in each division will receive prizes. The number and amount of prize certificates awarded in each tournament is determined by the number of entrants in the tournament. In addition to the prize certificates, the winners of each division receive a plaque commemorating his achievement.

The NIMAGA board strongly recommends that each NIMAGA member report all accumulated scores every two weeks excluding tournament scores which will be reported by the Tournament Director. NIMAGA Tournament Directors will report all regular and midweek scores to Handicoms.

In order to be fully eligible to win prizes in a NIMAGA tournament, a member must have recorded on the Handicoms handicap revision sheets, the following number of scores:

<u>Event/Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Min Scores</u>	<u>Entry date</u>	<u>GHN Rev Date</u>
Pats Day Classic (9/7)	Sept	at least 9	8/29	9/1
NIMAGA Plyr Chp (9/14-15)	Sept	at least 9	9/1	9/1
2 Man Better Ball (10/6)	Oct	at least 10	9/27	10/1

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

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

Please check the NIMAGA website for all of the details.

## **MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE**

The Milwaukee Challenge is again approaching. For the second straight year, the event will be held at Bristol Oaks Golf Club in Bristol Oaks Wisconsin. This is a long standing event that pits NIMAGA against the Milwaukee County Public Links Association (MCPLA). This is the 44<sup>th</sup> year of this match play style competition. The series is currently tied at 20-20 (with 3 ties).

There is selection criteria for the event:

- Have been a NIMAGA member in good standing for 2019. We encourage new members to try it out.
- Entry must be received by Sept 7, 2019

There are a few spots that remain, so please consider this event and sign up soon. The entry fee is \$65.00 which includes green fees, cart, range balls and a dinner following the competition.

You can contact Tom O'Brien for more details/questions at [tjobrien13@hotmail.com](mailto:tjobrien13@hotmail.com) or you can go to <http://www.nimaga.org/schedule/> and locate the Milwaukee Challenge for sign up information.

## **C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT**

The C&GMPT Match Play tournament is well into the third round play with a lot of new names still in the mix. You can check out the specifics of this tournament as well as the current tournament bracket at - <http://www.nimaga.org/matchplay/>

If you have never entered this tournament before, please consider doing so in 2020.

## **SPECIAL TEE TIME REQUESTS**

As mentioned in Frank's remarks above, as an organization we try to honor player's requests for special tee times, but we need to know about them in advance. If you need a special tee time for an event, please include a note when submitting your tournament registration.

Ideally, you should back up your registration note with a reminder by sending an email to [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org) with your request. This will insure that the right set of eyes will see your request for tee times before the tee sheet is finalized.

## **LET'S SPEED IT UP**

Slow pace of play is an issue that NIMAGA struggles with but it is the responsibility of every member of the foursome to maintain contact with the group ahead of you. Here are some tips to keep up the pace.

### **PACE OF PLAY TIPS**

- Always keep up with the group ahead of you.
- Turn off those cell phones.
- Without interfering with the others in your group, do as much of your preparation as possible before it is your turn to play.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn. Limit practice swings. From the time you select your club until you actually hit your shot, you should take no more than 20 seconds.
- Shorten that pre-shot routine.
- If you aren't ready to play when it is your turn, encourage one of your fellow players to play.
- Limit your time searching for lost balls. The rules allow you 3 minutes in 2019.
- Carry a spare ball(s) in your pocket so that you do not have to go back to your bag when you need to hit a provisional ball.
- Take more than one club to your next shot if you are going to leave your bag.

- When in doubt, hit a provisional ball. Eliminate the need to go back to where you hit your last shot.
- If your next shot is with your pitching wedge or sand wedge, automatically take your putter with you.
- Leave golf carts at a point beside the green that is in route to the next tee (usually behind the green).
- On the green, begin lining up your putt and reading the break as soon as you reach the green. When it's your turn to putt, be prepared to step right up and take the stroke.
- Don't bother marking lag putts - go ahead and putt out if it's short enough.
- If you are the first in the cup, pick up the flagstick so that you can replace it after the last person has puttied out.
- All players in the group should be aware of clubs that are left around the green. Be sure to alert your foursome to pick up clubs.
- Mark your scorecard at the beginning of the next hole, not on the green.
- Never hold up play because you're in the middle of a conversation. Put the conversation on hold, take your stroke then, continue the conversation.
- Watch your playing partner's ball so that you can help him find it, in case he didn't see it during the hit.
- Wave up groups on par 3s when appropriate.
- If you are riding in a cart, hold onto the club and return to your seat in the cart. Then, put that club back when they go to pull the club(s) for their next shot. It even works when leaving a green - take the putter with you and put it away on the next tee.

## **CALL TO ALL MEMBERS**

Just because we are well into the 2019 season, 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.

## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **NIMAGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – 07/20 & 7/21/19**

#### **Low Division – Bartlett Hills / Sanctuary**

Gross Brandon Rowatt

Net David Bradley

#### **High Division – Palatine Hills / Bartlett Hills**

Gross Patrick Porter

Net Neil Meltzer

**PAR 3 EVENT – 07/28/2019**

One Division – Lake Park

Gross Dave Dianovsky

Net Joe McCas

**AUGUST CLASSIC – 08/04/2019**

Low Division – Heritage Bluffs

Gross Bill Powers

Net Dave Sloan

High Division – Heritage Bluffs

Gross John Snow

Net Mark Larsen

**AUGUST MIDWEEK – 08/19/2019**

Low Division – Turnberry CC

Gross Stan Hilty

Net Rolando Levya

High Division – Turnberry CC

Gross Mayur Patel

Net Wayne Richards

**2019 SCHEDULE**

2019 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE			
Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course
Sep. 7	Sat.	Patriots Day Classic	Whisper Creek (Palmer & Trevino)
			Phillips Park (Player)
Sep. 14	Sat.	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	Pinecrest
Sep. 15	Sun.		
Sep. 21	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Bristol Oaks GC
Oct. 6	Sun.	Two-Man Better Ball	Broken Arrow (High)
			Prairie Landing (Low)