NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Just a friendly reminder please post your outside scores we don’t enjoy telling our members your great round is only worthy of minimum prize. If you have any questions please reach out to us.

We still have many great events left starting with the inaugural Par 3 event on Sunday July 28 starting at 8:00. Two hour round so back in time for lunch or dinner with the family. $36 entry fee.

I don’t like having to repeat messages but this one I will always enjoy. Thanks to all our members for their ongoing help. Reading scores, handling the scoreboard or skin envelope and countless other tasks that make our events run smoothly. We could not do it without all of you!

If you have a special request early or late tee time, playing partner, etc please, please, please let us know ahead of time. Makes it easier than shifting around when tee sheet has already been created.

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.

** As Frank Fiarito mentioned in his presidential message, please be sure to post all of your non-NIMAGA scores to this handicapping service. This will insure that you are qualified to meet the minimum prize eligibility standards as described in the section
PRIZES AND PRIZE ELIGIBILITY

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 distributes 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 determines by the number of entrants in the tournament. In addition to the prize certificates, the winners of each division receives 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 Handicomps.

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

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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.
HANDICAP INDEX VERSUS COURSE HANDICAP

Some questions have been raised to the NIMAGA board as to the maximum handicap that is allowable in our stroke and match play events. In order to answer this question, we first need to define some terms.

So what is a handicap index and what is a course handicap?

A Handicap Index is a number that indicates a player’s skill as kept and calculated by some official handicapping service (in our case – the GolfHandicapNetwork) based on the scores that are reported. But this number is only starting piece of the equation. You never actually use this Handicap Index while playing; rather, you must first convert it to the slope of the specific set of tees you are playing in order to get a Course Handicap. This will create a whole number, and is what makes your Handicap Index portable from course to course. You might need fewer strokes on an easier course and more strokes on a harder course – so, it’s imperative that you take this step!

A quick way to see how this impacts your personal handicap index is to go to the USGA Course Handicap calculator and plug in your handicap index and the rating of the course that you are going to play and see what your course handicap is. The calculator link is www.usga.org/course-handicap-calculator.html

So, back to the question – does NIMAGA have a maximum handicap?

For the last several years, NIMAGA has capped the handicap index at 30 (refer to the tournament handicap rules at http://www.nimaga.org/rules/rules-tournament.php). But, as we know from the definition above, this is just a starting number when determining course handicap. After factoring in the slope of the course being played, the course handicap can be adjusted up or down and could legitimately exceed 30.

C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

The C&GMPT Match Play tournament is well into second round play after a very slow start due to the miserable spring that we had. 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.

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 putted 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

SPRING THAW – 04/06/2019

Palmer Division - Cog #2
Gross  Mike Henry
Net    Paul Bozek

Player Division - Cog #3
Gross  Steve Barnaby
Net    Charlie Kuhn

Trevino Division - Cog #1
Gross  Rick Leiber
Net    Robert Westburg

APRIL MIDWEEK – 04/23/2019

Low Division – Pine Meadow
Gross  Ron Potocnik
Net    Rolando Levya

High Division – Pine Meadow
Gross  Mario Conte
Net    Dan Montgomery

MAY JAMBOREE – 05/04/2019

Palmer Division - Randall Oaks
Gross  Dave Minor
Net    David Bradley

Player Division - Whisper Creek
Gross  Frank Fiarito
Net    Pete Angelokas

Trevino Division – Randall Oaks
Gross  Patrick Porter
Net    Dan Montgomery
MAY MIDWEEK – 05/14/2019

Low Division – Village Links
Gross  Jim Murrow
Net    Tim Jordan

High Division – Village Links
Gross  Frank Fiarito
Net    Ken Larson

SUMMER CLASSIC – 06/02/2019 & 6/23/2019

Palmer Division – Springbrook on 6/23/19
Gross  Dave Minor
Net    Dave Dianovsky

Player Division - Springbrook on 6/23/19
Gross  John Francel
Net    Patrick Porter

Trevino Division – Links At Carillon on 6/2/19
Gross  Shailen Borkar
Net    Rick Leiber

JUNE MIDWEEK – 06/17/2019

Low Division – Bowes Creek
Gross  Kirk Blakney
Net    Bob Lake

High Division – Bowes Creek
Gross  Neil Meltzer
Net    Roy Robbins

SENIOR OPEN – 06/27/2019

Low Division – St Andrews
Gross  Steve Schumm
Net    Robert Yedinak

High Division – St Andrews
Gross  Mario Conte
Net    Eric Leaner

NIMAGA CUP – 07/07/2019

On July 7th, the NIMAGA Cup was held at Bonnie Brook golf course in Waukegan

Congratulations to Dan Montgomery and is Red Team on a well-played victory.
The full results list can be found at - http://www.nimaga.org/images/2019_Cup.png
**JULY MIDWEEK – 07/09/2019**

**Low Division – Steeplechase**  
Gross  Tim Jordan  
Net  Perry Variano  

**High Division – Steeplechase**  
Gross  Mario Conte  
Net  Sal Lombardi, Sr

### 2019 SCHEDULE

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