



NIMAGA NOTES – FEBRUARY 2020

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome NIMAGA Members to 2020!

We have a great schedule with a few first time courses, some classics and favorites along with our first event under the lights.

We are asking all of our members if you know anyone who enjoys golf to give us a try. The new member rate is \$25 (and you get a \$10 referral certificate). That is a great deal - handicap service and the opportunity to experience quality competitive golf tournaments. Please bring them to our Dome Night so we can help share our stories.

We are still working through the schedule the NPC course has not been finalized and as you probably saw Joliet Country Club maybe closing. We are identifying back up courses and dates for that event if the village of Joliet approves the zoning change in the upcoming weeks.

I hope to see you all on Monday, February 24!

Frank R. Fiarito – NIMAGA President

NIMAGA GOLF DOME NIGHT

Be sure to mark your calendars for our season opening event for 2020. NIMAGA will be hosting a dome night at Addison Links & Tees on Monday, February 24th starting at 6:30 pm. You will be able to hit balls and re-connect with your fellow NIMAGA members.

NIMAGA will provide pizza and hitting bays for everyone for the low-low price of \$0.00. That's right, it is not a typo.

NIMAGA will be picking up the tab on this one, so let's have a good turn-out and get 2020 underway.

Make it a point of joining us and get ready for the upcoming season.

NIMAGA MENTORING PROGRAM

NIMAGA is establishing a mentor program for both new and second year members. Those who are new but were previously in NIMAGA will receive follow ups from a board member but if a mentor is deemed necessary we will add them to the program.

Here are the details:

The committee will recruit mentor candidates from board and regular members the committee selects. The committee will reach out to the candidates. The committee will match up mentors with new members based as close as possible on handicap.

The first step in the process is to have the mentor reach out to the new member preferably by phone or if possible in person prior to the first event. The second step is to pair the mentor and new member together in the first event. If the mentor is not playing we will assign the new member in a foursome that has a committee or board member. The expectation is that we introduce new members to both board and other members after their first round. The mentor should be following up with the new member throughout the season.

We will have a small group discussion with new members and the committee at Dome Night regarding the program.

The committee is made up of chair George Zdarsky, second year members Steve Callen and Tim McNamara, board members Bob Lake, Tom O'Brien and Frank Fiarito.

NIMAGA REGISTRATION IS OFF AND RUNNING

NIMAGA member registration for the 2020 season is now available.

Please visit the NIMAGA website - <http://www.nimaga.org/join/>

2020 Fees

Membership Type	Membership Fee	Due Date
Package Membership * includes entry fees to 6 regular events	\$390.00	postmarked by February 22, 2020
Package Membership * includes entry fees to 6 regular events	\$400.00	after February 22, 2020
Returning Membership	\$45.00	postmarked by February 22, 2020
Returning Membership	\$55.00	after February 22, 2020

New Regular Membership	\$25.00	Must be New to NIMAGA and Not a Returning Member
College Age Membership	\$25.00	must be between the age of 19 and 22

The Regular Membership includes the membership fee and the handicap service.
Tournament entrance fees for 2020 are:

Month	Entry Fee
April	\$ 65
May	\$ 56
June	\$ 62
July (2 Day Event)	\$ 117
August	\$ 75
October	\$ 74
Total:	\$ 449

Make all membership checks payable to NIMAGA. Mail To:

NIMAGA
P.O. Box 7798
Romeoville, IL 60446

IMPORTANT: In order to be eligible for the first tournament you must be accepted as a member as of March 20, 2020. Applications for membership in 2020 will be accepted throughout the year. There is no longer a deadline date to join.

All members must not be actively enrolled in any high school program and be 19 years of age (or older) no later than by the last tournament which is the end of the official NIMAGA season.

Divisions

All weekend NIMAGA tournaments will be played in the following three divisions:

Palmer (Low) Division
Player (Mid) Division
Trevino (High) Division

To determine the participants in each division in a given tournament, the entire field for the tournament will be divided by handicap index into three approximately equal groups. If the number of entries for a weekend tournament is less than 69 participants (excluding Two Man

Better Ball and/or Four Man Scramble tournaments), it will be a two division tournament, Low and High.

All midweek NIMAGA tournaments will be two division tournaments Low and High. If the number of entries for a midweek tournament is less than 46 participants, it will be a one division tournament.

All NIMAGA members are required to play in their respective divisions. Pairings and starting times will be assigned on a random basis with no preference being given to members' requests for specific playing partners or foursomes. Every effort will be made to place those traveling together for tournaments in close groups. Please let us know when completing your tournament entry application.

The Tournament Entry Applications will be available in February. The Tournament Entry Applications are used to register for tournaments you want to play in. Tournament Entry Applications received after the tournament deadline registration date may be rejected.

C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

Entries are now being accepted for the 2020 C&GMPT. You can find information (rules and entry forms) on the NIMAGA website. We will also have entry forms available at the NIMAGA Dome Night.

Please visit the C&GMPT webpage for more details: <http://www.nimaga.org/matchplay/>

We hope that you consider entering this event in 2020.

NIMAGA COMMUNICATION

Effective communication is getting more and more important these days and especially so with NIMAGA. We have been trending towards a greater use of emails and text to let our members know the latest news.

So, we want to notify everyone to insure that NIMAGA has your most recent email address and cell phone number in our files. Also, please be sure to check your email spam and junk folders to make sure that you allow emails from different NIMAGA members so that you don't miss a communication that might help you during an event or a later starting time due to bad weather.

CALL TO ALL MEMBERS

Just because the 2019 NIMAGA season is over, 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.

GOLF EVENTS IN THE CHICAGOLAND AREA

There are 3 upcoming golf events in the Chicagoland area that might help get you in the mood for the season:

Tinley Park Golf Show	Feb 7 – Feb 9 @ Tinley Park Convention Center
Addison Links & Tees Dome Open House	Feb 13 from 10:00 – 1:00
Chicago Golf Show	Feb 28 – Mar 1 @ Donald Stephens Conv Center

2020 SCHEDULE

2020 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE			
Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course
April - September		Match Play	Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course and time. Must be a member for 2+ years.
Apr. 4	Sat.	Spring Thaw	Cog Hill #1 (Palmer)
			Cog Hill #2 (Player)
			Cog Hill #3 (Trevino)

Apr. 22	Wed.	April Midweek	Maple Meadows
May 2	Sat.	May Jamboree	Bloomington (Player & Trevino)
			St. Andrews Lakewood (Palmer)
May 17	Sun.	NIMAGA Cup (Qualify)	George Dunne National
May 28	Thu.	May Midweek	Bowes Creek
June 7	Sun.	Summer Classic	Shepherd's Crook (Palmer & Player)
			Bittersweet (Trevino)
June 16	Tue.	June Midweek	Wedgewood
June 26	Fri.	Par 3 Event	Golf Center of Des Plaines
July 9	Thu.	July Midweek	Schaumburg
Jul. 18	Sat.	NIMAGA Club Championship	Prairie Isle (Low)
			Hughes Creek (High)
Jul. 19	Sun.		Hughes Creek (Low)
			Prairie Isle (High)
Aug. 4	Tue.	Senior Open (Age 50+)	Glendale Lakes
Aug. 9	Sun.	August Classic	Hilldale
Aug xx	xxx	August Midweek	TBD

Sep. 12	Sat.	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	TBA
Sep. 13	Sun.		
Sep. 19	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Bristol Oaks
Sep. 23	Wed.	September Midweek	Thunderhawk
Oct. 3	Sat.	Two-Man Better Ball	Seven Bridges