



NIMAGA NOTES – JANUARY 2021

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome NIMAGA Members to 2021!

Happy New Year and welcome to another golf season with NIMAGA. I know the past year was not what any of us ever imagined, I just want to say thanks to all of you who participated in NIMAGA tournaments last year.

This is our first edition of NIMAGA Notes being sent to you via Golf Genius (read more about that below). Going forward, you will be receiving all correspondence from NIMAGA through Golf Genius.

I want to thank Frank Fiarito for his leadership these past eight seasons and Tim Jordan for his many years on the NIMAGA board. Frank is still on the board and Tim moved to the sunshine state of Florida. Also, Dan Montgomery was elected to the NIMAGA Board.

If you have not joined yet, get that membership application submitted via Golf Genius as soon as possible.

Brian Alberts – NIMAGA President

NIMAGA BOARD CHANGES

Starting in 2021, Frank Fiarito has announced that he is stepping down as NIMAGA Board President. We all should take a moment and reflect on the fine work that Frank has done during his tenure. Frank has arranged for us to play at some premier courses in the Chicagoland area, he has championed diversity and inclusion causes, and navigated us through a tough 2020 year. Frank will continue to remain a board member. Be sure to catch Frank at one of our events this year and thank him for his service to NIMAGA.

Brian Alberts was voted in as Frank's replacement as President for 2021. Brian has been with the NIMAGA organization since 1981. Brian has served in various board positions with the most recent being the Vice President. Congratulations Brian and we all wish you well in your new position.

Replacing Brian as Vice President will Tom O'Brien. Prior to accepting the role as Vice President, Tom was a board member. Tom has been with NIMAGA since 2012 and always plays a lot of NIMAGA events throughout the year. Tom also has spearheaded our Milwaukee Challenge event and will continue to do so. Good luck, Tom.

Finally, Dan Montgomery has been added to the Board for 2021. Dan has been a NIMAGA member since 2010 and can always be found at our events. Good luck Dan and welcome to the Board.

BIG CHANGES FOR NIMAGA - #1

The first big change for 2021 is that NIMAGA will now be using the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) as our handicapping service. NIMAGA wanted to become compliant with the handicap changes that were implemented in the World Handicap System. By selecting the CDGA, NIMAGA has done that.

Everyone who becomes a NIMAGA member in 2021 will receive a CDGA number and membership into the CDGA. NIMAGA requires its members to report all of their adjusted scores (excluding NIMAGA tournament scores) which are played under conditions which permit the applications under the rules of golf.

You can access the CDGA by going to www.cdga.org and supplying your CDGA number.

The CDGA is the regional governing body for amateur golf in Illinois and parts of three other states. The CDGA services nearly 400 clubs and 80,000 individual golfers. Golfers receive member offers, a USGA Handicap Index and competitive playing opportunities, while clubs receive USGA rating and measuring services, turfgrass diagnostics and educational seminars. Midwest Golf House and its Three-Hole Sunshine Course are home to our Foundation, which annually serves more than 1,000 individuals with special needs and wounded veterans while also bringing playing opportunities to youth golfers. Founded on March 18, 1914, the CDGA is one of the largest and oldest golf associations in the United States.

BIG CHANGES FOR NIMAGA - #2

The second big change for 2021 is that NIMAGA will now be using Golf Genius to manage and run our membership registration and tournaments. Golf Genius is software that is used by thousands of golf leagues and associations throughout the country and overseas. With Golf Genius, we can allow all of our members to register for NIMAGA, select events to play in and accept payments online. Golf Genius will be able to provide us with real-time live scoring and leaderboards through our free mobile app. Golf Genius will also speed up our ability to post tournament results in hours versus days. Finally, Golf Genius connects with the CDGA for accurate and timely handicap index accessibility.

NIMAGA has been working with Golf Genius since the beginning of the year to get things up and running for us. Our first task was to get NIMAGA Membership registration up and running. We are just a few weeks away from rolling it out to all of you. Over the next couple of weeks,

you will be receiving instructions to register with Golf Genius and pay your NIMAGA registration fees (if you have not done so already). Keep in mind that mail-in payments (check or prize certificates) will still be accepted.

But regardless of your membership registration payment plans, all members will need to register with Golf Genius to enter events.

NIMAGA and Golf Genius are currently working to finalizing our event schedule and connecting that to Golf Genius. Once that is done, we will communicate to all Golf Genius registered members that they are now eligible to enroll in tournaments.

THANKS

The NIMAGA Board realized that we need to take these two bold moves to bring us up-to-speed with the times.

The NIMAGA Board appreciates your patience through all of these changes but we are confident it will make for a better organization for all of us, once the dust settles.

2021 NIMAGA SCHEDULE

| 2021 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE | | | |
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| Date | Day | Tournament Name | Golf Course |
| April - September | | C&G Match Play | Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course and time. Must be a member for 2+ years. |
| Apr. 10 | Sat. | Spring Thaw | Cog Hill #1 (Player & Trevino) |
| | | | Cog Hill #3 (Palmer) |
| Apr. 22 | Thu. | April Midweek | Preserve at Oak Meadows |
| May 1 | Sat. | May Jamboree | Bloomington (Player & Trevino) |
| | | | Bartlett Hills (Palmer) |
| May 13 | Thu. | NIMAGA Cup (Qualify) | Mistwood |

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| May 25 | Tue. | May Midweek | Fox Bend |
| June 6 | Sun. | Summer Classic | Old Oak (Palmer & Trevino) |
| | | | Water's Edge (Player) |
| June 17 | Thu. | June Midweek | Randall Oaks |
| June 26 | Sat. | Freedom Open | Prairie Bluff |
| July 18 | Sun. | Northern Open | Brighton Dale Links (WI) |
| July 27 | Tue. | July Midweek | Bridges of Poplar Creek |
| Aug. 4 | Wed. | Senior Open (Age 50+) | Chevy Chase |
| Aug. 15 | Sun. | August Classic | Pinecrest (High) |
| | | | Sanctuary (Low) |
| Aug. 17 | Tue. | August Midweek | Ravisloe |
| Sep. 11 | Sat. | Patriots Day Classic | Foxford Hills (Palmer & Player) |
| | | | RedTail (Trevino) |
| Sep. 18 | Sat. | Milwaukee Challenge (Limited) | Bristol Oaks (WI) |
| Sep. 22 | Wed. | September Midweek | Thunderhawk |
| Oct. 3 | Sun. | Two-Man Better Ball | Coyote Run (Low) |
| | | | Silver Lake (High) |
| Oct. 9 | Sat. | NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify) | Highlands of Elgin |
| Oct. 10 | Sun. | | |