



## **NIMAGA NOTES – MARCH 2021**

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### **NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Well, the snow has melted away and the weather is improving. You removed the dust off your bag, cleaned those clubs and finally went outside to hit some balls, so you could be ready for the 2021 golf season. The Spring Thaw is just days away, where you will see your fellow competitors that you have not seen since last season and some new competitors that joined this great organization. Welcome everyone!!!!!!!

NIMAGA was formed in 1960 to give the golfer an opportunity to play tournament golf. These are competitive events, and we follow USGA rules. If you are not sure about a rule, ask your fellow competitor. NIMAGA makes every effort to place an experienced NIMAGA member in each group. For both new and returning members, remember, if you are not playing well, don't be discouraged, competitive golf is tough, there's always that next tournament.

We will be using Golf Genius this season for live scoring in all tournaments. We also transitioned to WHS/CDGA for our handicap service. You can read about these improvements in this month's NIMAGA Notes.

If you have any questions, please refer to the Frequently Asked Questions on the website. If your question is not there, please write us at [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org)

The NIMAGA Board welcomes you and we look forward to seeing you at the Spring Thaw.

Brian Alberts – NIMAGA President

### **HANDICAP UPDATE**

The NIMAGA Board of Directors decided to use the WHS/CDGA Handicap Service and suspended the use of the NIMAGA Tournament Handicap for the 2021 season.

Now that NIMAGA has transitioned to a handicap service that uses the World Handicap System, your handicap index is updated nightly. NIMAGA has established revision dates that NIMAGA will use to identify your current handicap index for the upcoming tournament and the minimum number of scores that must be reported for that tournament.

Reminder to All Members. If a member does not report all of his properly adjusted golf scores (excluding scores that NIMAGA submits) to the handicapping service on a timely basis, he may be subject to penalties. The form of the penalty is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and may consist of expulsion from NIMAGA or loss of privileges to compete in NIMAGA tournaments. Neither NIMAGA nor the CDGA will certify a member's handicap index unless it is based on current scores. Members should periodically review their handicap index posted on the CDGA website to be certain all their scores have been received and properly reported.

Please refer to Handicap Rules on the NIMAGA website for additional information.

## **GOLF GENIUS UPDATE**

As we head into April, we are well into our Golf Genius undertaking. Membership registration is going smoothly as well as tournament registrations. To date, we have over 130 members who have registered with NIMAGA and over 310 players registered into our tournaments all by using this new software. We have had a few minor issues along the way, but you have to break a few eggs to make an omelet. All in all, the process has been widely accepted among the membership and the Board appreciates that.

Another Golf Genius milestone will come with our first tournament, the Spring Thaw on April 10<sup>th</sup> and we will have a few tweaks to our tournaments that you need to be aware of.

- Once the pairings are finalized, the tee sheet will be emailed out to the players. This will occur a week prior to the tournament.
- The tee sheet will contain:
  - o Times & pairings
  - o Golf Genius scoring procedures
  - o Skins collection with Venmo information (but we will take skins at the course).
  - o Pace of play rules
- Prior to the tournament, you all should download the Golf Genius mobile app on your smart phones. Just search your app store for 'Golf Genius' and download (it is a free app).
- On the day of the tournament, you will be given a Golf Genius card prior to your foursome teeing off.
  - o On side of the card will be your Division, Tee Time, and a Golf Genius ID (GGID)
  - o On the Other side of the card will be these instructions:
    - Pick one player in your group to enter scores in the Golf Genius app by logging in with the GGID.**
    - Each player keeps score on their scorecard for the group.**
    - After the round, fill out the whitecard, verify the scores and sign the whitecard.**
    - Turn in the whitecard to the TD (who will verify and/or post scores in Golf Genius).**

We have had several members and board directors use Golf Genius on the golf course and test things out. We are confident that you will find this easy to use and will not impact your pace of play. Additionally, you can see where you stand throughout the round and see the leaderboard when you finish your round.

While these may seem like a lot of changes, it will all become second nature after a few tournaments.

## **THANKS FOR YOUR PATIENCE**

Just another thanks to all of you for your patience and acceptance of our new policies and practices. The Board is confident that these changes will make your NIMAGA Golf experience better.

We have a FAQ section on the NIMAGA website (<http://www.nimaga.org/fag/>) with Golf Genius questions and answers. But if you have questions or need help, send an email to [web@nimaga.org](mailto:web@nimaga.org)

## **GET INTO THE C&G MATCH PLAY**

We have extended the registration deadline for the C&GMPT by a few weeks to April 20<sup>th</sup>. For those of you who are already entered, thank you. For those of you who have not entered yet, I want to take this opportunity to coax you into this tournament.

As you may already know, this is a single-elimination match play format tournament (open to second year and greater members) that runs throughout the 2021 season, provided you keep winning. I'm sure that you have heard other NIMAGA members talking about this unique and challenging event. We are heading into the 14th year of this event, so get in on the fun.

**Please consider getting into this event - we are looking to close the entry process by Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> with play scheduled to begin on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.**

For more information, go to - <http://www.nimaga.org/matchplay/>

## **REMEMBERANCE**

This past December, Ted Barkow a longtime member and former NIMAGA Board Member passed away after a long struggle with Alzheimer's disease. Ted never passed on a Nassau game, whenever he was down, he would always press, and he never gave up. He was one of kind, RIP Ted.

## 2021 NIMAGA SCHEDULE

2021 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE			
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	Bloomingtondale (Player & Trevino)
			Bartlett Hills (Palmer)
May 13	Thu.	NIMAGA Cup (Qualify)	Mistwood
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)	TBD
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.		