



NIMAGA NOTES – JULY 2021

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a great 4th of July weekend!

The second half of the NIMAGA season is upon us. For the most part, we were able to get all of the tournaments in up until the Freedom Open. Due to several days of heavy rain in the Lockport area and a gloomy afternoon weather forecast, the NIMAGA board cancelled the Freedom Open last month and was able to reschedule it for August 28th. Hopefully, you will be able to make it on the new date. If you did not register for the original date, there are openings, so please register.

Please remember to register for a tournament via Golf Genius prior to submitting your payment. Also, if you will not be able to participate in a tournament once registration closes in Golf Genius, please email admin@nimaga.org. We need to know so we can pass the information on to our tournament directors that you are withdrawing from the upcoming tournament.

As the season progresses, this is a reminder to all NIMAGA members that there is a minimum number of scores that need to be reported to CDGA (both tournament and non-tournament) to meet full eligibility requirements for a tournament. Please refer to the Prizes and Prize Eligibility section in the NIMAGA website for additional information. So, when you play that round of golf with your buddies, remember to post your adjusted score with CDGA that evening.

Hope to see you at the upcoming tournaments.

Brian Alberts – NIMAGA President

A TUTORIAL ABOUT INDEXES & HANDICAPS

The Board wanted to take a few moments to clear up some questions that you have had regarding indexes and handicaps in 2021.

Many of you have had questions about our tournaments and how a low flight player can have a higher handicap than a high flight player.

To start things off, we should offer a couple of brief definitions of terms:

- **Index** (AKA – playing index, handicap index) is "a measurement of a player's potential ability on a course of standard playing difficulty," according to the USGA. The golfer uses the handicap index to determine his handicap at a particular course, based on the difficulty of that course.
- **Handicap** (AKA – playing handicap) is the value calculated using a player's **index** against a particular course's slope/rating/par

So, let's take this example.

- Player A has an **index** of 14.5
- Player B has an **index** of 15.1
- The index cut line for splitting up a tournament into a 2 flight event is 14.9. So that means Player A is in the low flight and Player B is in the high flight.
- From this point, we calculate the **handicap** for the course & tees for each flight.
- The Low flight is playing a course from the blue tees that has a slope/rating/par of - 71.0 / 123 par 72
- The High Flight is playing the same course but from the White tees and that slope/rating/par is 69.1 / 119 - (14.9 - 27.8) par 72

We use the USGA calculator (inside of Golf Genius) to get the **handicaps**.

- So, for this example, Player A would have a **handicap** of 15
- While Player B would have a **handicap** of 13

This how a Low Flight player can have a higher playing handicap than a High Flight player. Really boils down to the difficulty of the set of tees that are being played.

Clear as mud, right?

Another question that we have been asked is why does my index change every day?

This is because 2021, NIMAGA began using the World Gold Handicap (WGH) system when we began using the CDGA as our handicapping service.

Here are some critical differences between 2020 (and prior) and 2021:

USGA Handicap System (pre-2020):

- Following the National Revision Schedule, a player's Handicap Index was updated on the 1st and 15th of each month.

Rule Change for 2020 using WGH system: A player's Handicap Index updates daily, provided that the player posted a score the day before. On days where the player does not post a score, no update takes place.

Reasons for Change:

- To provide players with a more responsive and up-to-date Handicap Index.
- Under the previous system, a newly posted score sometimes had to wait up to two weeks before it was factored into the player's Handicap Index calculation.
- To streamline the process of establishing a Handicap Index.
- After a player posts their third acceptable 18-hole score (made up of any combination of 9-hole and 18-hole rounds), they are issued a Handicap Index the next day.
- To encourage players to post scores as soon as practicable, preferably before midnight on the day of play.
- Since the Playing Conditions Calculation uses scores posted at a course each day, it is crucial that scores are posted on the same day of play.

And finally, you may have noticed that NIMAGA is using only the CDGA index for tournaments.

Until this year NIMAGA maintained a Tournament Handicap for each member. The formula was based on the best 3 differentials of your last 5 or 6 tournaments or if you had fewer than five tournament scores then either:
1) the best 2 of your last 4 tournaments or
2) the best 1 of your last 2 tournaments.

The lower of your Tournament Handicap versus your Regular USGA Handicap was used in all NIMAGA tournaments including Match Play.

The board decided to suspend the use of the NIMAGA tournament handicap in the 2021 season. However, NIMAGA continues to maintain the tournament handicap and continues to compare them to regular handicaps. The NIMAGA tournament handicap may be reinstated in the 2022 season.

That's a lot to digest, so thanks for your patience in going through all of this but the Board felt it was important to communicate this information to you.

Feel free to check out the USGA website for FAQs about the World Golf Handicap system at:
<https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/handicapping/world-handicap-system/world-handicap-system-usga-golf-faqs.html>

If you still have any questions on any of this material, you can send an email to admin@nimaga.org.

GOLF GENIUS UPDATE

One change to expect in upcoming tournaments for 2021 will be the use of scorecards that will be printed directly out of Golf Genius. For the first few tournaments of the year, the Board wanted to use up our inventory of 'white cards'.

We have about 1 more event worth of white cards and following that, Golf Genius scorecards will be used. We are in the process of finalizing the details about using these scorecards and once we are set, we will communicate out the process.

Again, thanks for your acceptance of the new system. It is a change, but we are now producing tee sheets and finalizing results in a lot less time than in previous years, so that should be beneficial to all of you.

2022 COURSES

It is never too early for the NIMAGA Board to begin preparing for the next season. An initial step of that process is to identify courses that we would like to play in 2022.

We encourage input from our members, so if you have any courses that you would like NIMAGA to pursue (or avoid) for 2022, please send an email to Frank Fiarito at fiarito98@comcast.net

NIMAGA NOTES ITEMS

If you have any items that you would like to see included in an upcoming edition of the NIMAGA Notes, just drop us an email at admin@nimaga.org.

FAQ

Don't forget, we have a FAQ section on the NIMAGA website (<http://www.nimaga.org/faq/>) with Golf Genius questions as well as other topics. Be sure to check that out and if you have other questions or need help, send an email to web@nimaga.org and we will be sure to address it.

2021 TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SPRING THAW - 04/10/2021

Palmer Division – Cog Hill #3

Gross Dave Minor
Gross 2nd Brandon Rowatt
Net Tom Zmuda

Player Division – Cog Hill #1

Gross Chris Hoffman
Net John Widzisz

Trevino Division – Cog Hill #1

Gross Steve Leiber
Net Nick DiCosola

APRIL MIDWEEK - 04/22/2021

Low Division – Preserve at Oak Meadows

Gross Kirk Blakney
Net David Bradley

High Division – Preserve at Oak Meadows

Gross Dennis Samoska
Net Brian Alberts

Dennis Samoska had a hole-in-one on 8th hole. Congrats Dennis!

MAY JAMBOREE - 05/01/2021

Palmer Division – Bartlett Hills

Gross Mike Henry
Gross 2nd Tom O'Brien
Net David Bradley

Player Division – Bloomingdale CG

Gross John Frederick
Net Jonathon Tran

Trevino Division – Bloomingdale GC

Gross Brian Kelchen
Net Wayne Richards

NIMAGA CUP - 05/13/2021

The Red Team with 12 points was the winner of the event, lead by Captain Mark Power. It was a close match at the beautiful and challenging Mistwood Golf Club in Romeoville.

Thanks to all for participating.

Final Totals:

Red Team	Mark Power, capt	12 points
White Team	Jim Dubay, capt	8 points
Blue Team	Dan Montgomery, capt	7 points



Pictured above is the winning Red Team (Mark Power, Bob Lake, Andrew Whitis, Jonathon Tran, David Bradley, Nick Orlando, Wayne Kencharek, John Widzisz, Jeff Toth, Tom Zmuda, Michael Breitzman Not pictured – Mike Sramek)

MAY MIDWEEK - 05/25/2021

Low Division – Fox Bend GC

Gross Brandon Rowatt
Net David Bradley

High Division – Fox Bend CG

Gross John Widzisz
Net Mike Sramek

SUMMER CLASSIC - 06/26/2021

Palmer Division – Old Oak GC

Gross Brandon Rowatt

Gross 2nd Mike Henry

Net Gregg Whitis

Player Division – Water's Edge

Gross Chris Becker

Net Jeff Toth

Trevino Division – Old Oak GC

Gross John Serola

Net Nick Dicosola

JUNE MIDWEEK - 06/17/2021

Low Division – Randall Oaks GC

Gross Jim Placek

Net Mark Power

Mark Power had a hole-in-one on the 17th hole. Congrats Mark!

High Division – Randall Oaks CG

Gross Roy Robbins

Net Robert Yedinak

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.
			Water's Edge (Player)
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
Aug 28	Sat	Freedom Open (rescheduled)	Prairie Bluff
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.		