



NIMAGA NOTES – SEPTEMBER 2021

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NIMAGA only has two tournaments remaining for those that have yet to qualify for the NIMAGA Players Championship (NPC). The NPC, considered our most prestigious tournament, is a 36-hole tournament, October 9 and 10 at the Highlands of Elgin. There is a cut at 50% of the field, and those within 8 strokes of the gross leader. Trophies are awarded to first and second place gross and first through fifth place net. Refer to the NIMAGA website for additional information.

We are still receiving favorable reviews from the membership regarding Golf Genius. However, we really want those having a smart phone to take a turn at doing the scoring in your next tournament. So, if you have not done the scoring while on the course using the Golf Genius app, please download the app and take your turn at the next tournament. Also, for those members monitoring the leaderboard while you are still competing out on the course and are informing your fellow competitors that if they finish par, par, par, they will easily win the tournament. Well, some of the members that are hearing those comments don't like to hear it and wish you keep that information to yourself. So, if you are one of those guys that monitor the leaderboard, ask your group if they have any issues with you commenting about the leaderboard before you tee off. Another issue we face is that the Tournament Director (TD) is receiving illegible scorecards. Scorers, please write legibly and players please review your scorecard with your scorer before submitting your scorecard to the TD.

Good luck to Captain Tom O'Brien and his team at Fox Lake Golf Course this week. They are participating in The Milwaukee Challenge, which is a one day Ryder Cup style event against golfers from the Milwaukee County Public Links Association (MCPLA). Bring home the trophy!

Brian Alberts – NIMAGA President

GOLF GENIUS ON-LINE SCORING

As Brian Alberts alluded to in the Presidential Message, everyone is encouraged to download the Golf Genius mobile app and give the on-line scoring feature a try. Golf Genius is a software that NIMAGA is planning on using in 2022 and we need everyone on board with sharing the on-line scoring responsibilities. If you have any questions about the mobile app or using it, reach out to Brian Alberts or Ray Riemer for assistance.

GOLF GENIUS LEADERBOARD BROADCASTING

One of the features of Golf Genius is the real-time leaderboard feature that can be seen during course of the round. However, some players are not 'leaderboard watchers' and would prefer not to know their tournament position. So, the best course of action is to discuss this among your foursome prior to the round. Get everyone on the same page about sharing leaderboard info.

SCORECARD CHECKING AND ACCURACY

Lastly, our Tournament Directors (TDs) have seen some discrepancies when finalizing a scorecard and signing off on it. So, here are a couple of things to remember.

- The printed Golf Genius scorecard that you receive prior to the round is still the King. This is what the TDs will use to verify scores. This is what is signed and attested.
- The Golf Genius on-line scoring is a convenience, but it is not the King. It is still the Golf Genius (signed and attested) scorecard that is used to check against the on-line scoring.
- The use of the Golf Genius scorecard and on-line scoring together can allow the TDs to get accurate results much quicker and determine if playoffs need to occur.
- The TDs will approach players when they see a difference between the scorecard and on-line scoring and get that resolved as soon as possible.

So, the bottom line is, take your time and thoroughly check those scorecards. Make sure they are readable and then sign them when you are sure everything is correct. Then, stick around until the scorecards are checked and verified by the TDs. Once those things occur, you can then be assured that you have done the right things when turning in your scorecards.

PERPETUAL PLAQUE UPDATE

When you win a NIMAGA tournament, you will be contacted and asked if you would want a Traditional Plaque or a Perpetual Plaque as recognition for your victory.

A Perpetual Plaque (PP) has individual engraved plates on it to recognize your victories and highlights, totally customized to your liking. The average cost of completed Perpetual Plaques so far has been \$169. Should you decide to go that route after your next NIMAGA victory, you would pay for your PP upon completion and then receive a \$100 NIMAGA gift certificate. The main benefit to you for a PP would be saving wall space at your residence or office by displaying

all of your golfing highlights on one plaque. Contact George Zdarsky at gmzdar@gmail.com, if you have any questions.

2022 PRIZE CERTIFICATES

If you have not received a prize certificate that you are entitled to, please contact Frank Fiarito at fiarito98@comcast.net

RULES SECTION

The NIMAGA Notes will be running a continuing column explaining various Rules situations. Robert Yedniak will be the contributing author of this section. So, you can read Robert's first submission below and send your Rules questions into us and we will address them.

A few rules questions came up during the Patriot's Day Classic related to the tournament rule to treat a lost ball in the fescue or high grass as a lateral hazard.

In the first case, a player hit their second shot to the right of the hole in an area that was more like woods and undergrowth than fescue, but beyond the woods was the course boundary. The group ended up finding the player's ball, but during the search one of the players in the group said the player should be able to take a fescue drop with a one stroke penalty. However, as the area was woods and not fescue, the tournament rule would not apply in this situation and the ball should have been treated as lost or out of bounds.

The second situation involved fescue to the right of the hole with woods and the course boundary (with a fence) behind. The player who hit the tee shot was sure the ball cleared the trees and fence and went out of bounds. He called a provisional and hit again. When the group got to the spot and noticed the fescue, they thought the player should be able to take a lateral and play three from that spot. However, this is not accurate as the shot should have been considered a lost or out of bounds ball, The tournament rule only allowed for fescue. The group would have needed to be certain that the ball ended up in the fescue and they could not determine that.

Finally, there was questions about taking a drop for an unplayable ball. While the group was searching for a player's ball (from the first scenario), one of the group was saying that even if the woods could not be considered fescue, the player could take an unplayable from the edge of the tree line since his ball was in the trees. But the ruling is that you can only take an unplayable if you find and identify your ball. Then the drop is 2 clubs lengths from the ball, stroke and distance or as far back on a line with the flagstick and ball.

We hope this helps in any future situations. As always, if your group cannot agree on the proper rule interpretation, then you should play 2 balls, track the scores and see the tournament director after the round for a ruling.

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

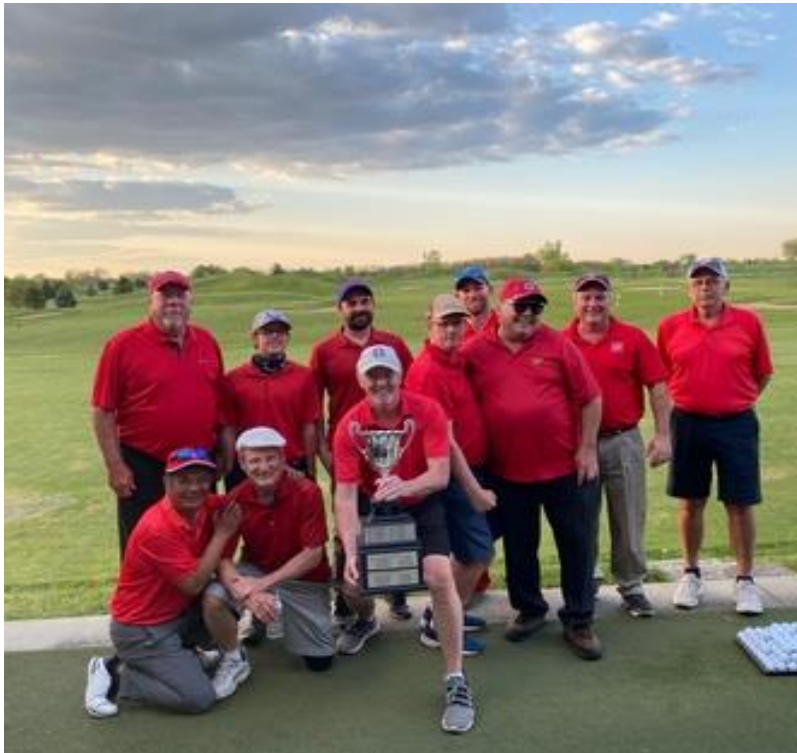
NIMAGA CUP - 05/13/2021

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

NORTHERN OPEN - 07/18/2021

Low Division – Brighton Dale Links

Gross Tom Govern
Net Chris Becker

High Division – Brighton Dale Links

Gross Mario Conte
Net Nick Orlando

JULY MIDWEEK - 07/27/2021

Low Division – Bridges of Poplar Creek

Gross Stan Mitchell
Net Jonathon Tran

High Division – Bridges of Poplar Creek

Gross John Snow
Net Dave Martinek

SENIOR OPEN - 08/04/2021

Low Division – Chevy Chase

Gross Tom Govern
Net Dave Dianovsky

High Division – Chevy Chase

Gross Dan Montgomery
Net Doug McKirahan

AUGUST CLASSIC - 08/15/2021

Low Division – Sanctuary

Gross Tom Govern
Net Dick Freund

High Division – Pinecrest

Gross Steve Leiber
Net Mike Sramek

AUGUST MIDWEEK - 08/17/2021

Low Division – Ravisloe

Gross Kirk Blakney
Net Paul Susner

High Division – Ravisloe

Gross Bill Walsh
Net Doug McKirahan

FREEDOM OPEN - 08/28/2021

Low Division – Prairie Bluff

Gross Dave Minor
Net Rolando Levya

High Division – Prairie Bluff

Gross Mario Conte
Net Nick DiCosola

PATRIOT'S DAY CLASSIC - 09/11/2021

Low Division – Shepherd's Crook

Gross Dave Dianovsky
Net Mark Power

High Division – Redtail

Gross Tim Szczesny
Net William Schultz

2021 MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Dennis Samoska	Hole-in-one at Oak Meadows	04/22/2021
Steve Rudolph	Hole-in-one at Atwood	05/14/2021
Mark Power	Hole-in-one at Randall Oaks	06/17/2021
Jim Placek	Hole-in-one at Bridges of Poplar Creek	07/19/2021
Bob Lake	Old Wayne A flight club champ	

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.
Sep. 18	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Fox Lake CC
Sep. 27	Mon.	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.		