



NIMAGA NOTES – DECEMBER 2021

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank you for being a member of NIMAGA, participating in tournaments and providing your feedback this past year. A special thanks to Ray Riemer for doing a tremendous job in getting Golf Genius up and running and to all of the NIMAGA Board Members administering the tournaments. This was a great season and I really appreciate everyone's commitment to NIMAGA.

The season concluded on October 9 and 10 with 58 golfers competing in the NIMAGA Players Championship. Seven trophies were awarded, with Tom Govern winning first place gross and Robert Allen first place net. Congratulations to all that participated and to the members that made the cut to play on Sunday.

Congratulations to the top NIMAGA point winners Mike Sramek - Trevino Division, Jonathan Tran - Player Division and David Bradley - Palmer Division from each division who will be the team captains in the 2022 NIMAGA Cup. The top twelve point earners from each division are listed below in the NIMAGA notes.

We have yet to finalize the 2022 schedule and hope to have it completed soon. The NIMAGA Board added the Super Seniors Tournament for all members 65 and older. Also, we increased the prize fund payouts 10% for the 2022 season. Additional information can be found in NIMAGA notes below.

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season, we hope to see you next year at the Spring Thaw on April 9, 2022, at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club.

Be safe and stay well.

Brian Alberts
President

NIMAGA MEMBERSHIP PRICE ADJUSTMENT

One of the things that has prospered in the pandemic has been golf. Consequently, the price for greens fees and handicapping services started to tick up in 2020 and continued to rise throughout 2021. This is good for the game (because it is growing) but tough on golf clubs and organizations.

In 2020, NIMAGA paid \$10 per member for our handicap service. In 2022, CDGA will be charging us \$40 per man, that's a 400% increase. These CDGA costs are NIMAGA's single biggest expense to our budget. As many of you know, NIMAGA is a not-for-profit association and in order for us to maintain that, we have been forced to increase our 2022 membership dues to keep pace with this increase.

The new membership rates for 2022 are:

\$60.00 for new and returning members (Early Bird rate ending March 1, 2022)

\$70.00 for new and returning members (after March 1, 2022)

All new members will receive a \$20.00 PGA Superstore gift card

All new members that have been referred by existing members will receive:

- A \$20.00 PGA Superstore gift card to the new member
- A \$20.00 PGA Superstore gift card to the referring existing member

Package Membership rates are yet to be determined but they are coming soon.

Please keep in mind that this is the first price increase in the last 12 years. We hope that the enhancements that we have introduced to our organization (namely CDGA & Golf Genius) make this news a bit easier to swallow.

Thanks for your understanding on this.

2022 PRIZE FUND INCREASE

As mentioned in the Presidential Message, the NIMAGA board has voted to increase the Prize Fund payouts for 2022 by 10% throughout all places. This will take effect in the Spring Thaw and continue throughout the 2022 season.

HANDICAP SERVICE

NIMAGA will keep your use of the CDGA handicap service active during the offseason. However, if you do not have your NIMAGA membership renewed and paid for by March 31, 2022, your CDGA/WHS number associated with NIMAGA will be deactivated.

IN MEMORIAM

Long-time NIMAGA member Richard 'Dick' Zavala passed away recently. Dick was a great guy who was a regular at our tournaments. He also invited many NIMAGA members to participate at his own golf outing at the old Playboy Club in Geneva, WI. RIP Dick.

2022 NIMAGA BOARD

One of the procedural tasks that occurs at the final 2021 NIMAGA Board meeting is to name and approve directors for the next calendar year. This meeting was held on Dec 6th and your 2022 NIMAGA Board will be:

Brian Alberts – President Tom O'Brien – Vice President
Jeff Toth – Treasurer Ray Riemer – Secretary

Frank Fiarito John Johnston Shawn Pipes Dan Plens
Doug McKirahan Bob Lake George Zdarsky

Honorary Directors

Roger Scott Dan Dorr Mark Heinsohn

Dan Montgomery will not be returning as a Board member in 2022. Dan will still be a NIMAGA member in 2022, and we will draw on him for any help that we might need. The NIMAGA Board wants to thank Dan for his service.

Dan also wants to extend his thanks to everyone for their support.

Finally, we will look to replace Dan in early 2022.

KEEP THAT SWING IN SHAPE

Once the cold sets in and the snow starts to fly, you might need to find someplace to keep your game sharp. Here are a few suggestions that were provided to me by Mark Power.
Thanks Mark!

Indoor Golf Choices

Typical indoor golf average playing times.

1 guy/1hr/18holes,
4 guys/4hrs/18holes

Indoor Golf Links of America

16356 104th Ave, Orland Park.
(708) 403-4040
15 Bays, 100 Courses.

Full bar and bar food onsite.

No Golf Shoes allowed.

Use your own ball, no markings.

Rates:

Mon-Fri 8am-3pm - \$30/hr/bay

Mon-Fri 3pm-11pm - \$35/hr/bay

Weekends, 8am-close - \$40/hr/bay

Seniors (60+), M-F, 8am-3pm - \$25/hr/bay

No online reservations, call only.

Large Parking Lot

Comments: Well laid out, clean, plenty of seating around bay and at bar if waiting.

Older equipment, 10' wide bay.

Legends Indoor Golf

2091 63rd Street, Downers Grove.

(630) 409-1220

9 Bays, 60 Courses.

Cans of Beer and Soda, Pizza can be ordered.

Soft spike golf shoes allowed.

Use your own ball, no markings.

Rates:

Mon-Fri 9am-11pm - \$35/hr/bay

Weekends, 7am-11pm - \$39/hr/bay

Seniors, M-F, 9am-2pm - \$25/hr/bay

No online reservations, call only.

Comments: Ok, older equipment, nothing fancy, 10' wide bays, free putting green.

Mistwood Golf Dome

730 N. Bolingbrook Drive, Bolingbrook

(630) 206-3669

30 Bays, Toptracer range with lots of courses.

Full bar and restaurant onsite.

Soft spike golf shoes allowed.

Range balls used.

Rates:

Mon-Thu - \$35/hr/bay

Fri-Sun - \$40/hr/bay

Seniors/Mon-Fri/open-noon - \$25/hr/bay

Online reservations allowed.

Comments: Brand new dome skin, better heating, putting/chipping area, couches.

X-Golf

1310 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove

(630) 541-3857

8 Bays, 45 Courses.

Full bar and bar food

Soft spike golf shoes allowed.

XGolf uses their own proprietary golf ball

Rates:

Mon-Thu 10am-3pm - \$45/hr/bay

Mon-Thu 3pm-9pm - \$55/hr/bay

Fri 10am-3pm - \$55/hr/bay

Fri 3pm-11pm - \$65/hr/bay

Weekends, 8am-11pm - \$65/hr/bay

Online reservations allowed.

Large Parking Lot

Comments: Brand new franchise in several Chicago locations, huge bays, great gfx, sports bar atmosphere, that's why it's more expensive.

Halfway House Indoor Golf

555 South York Road, Elmhurst

(331) 642-8050

4 Bays, 90 Courses.

Full bar and restaurant onsite (HB Jones)

No golf shoes allowed.

Use your own ball, no markings.

Rates:

Mondays - \$25/hr/bay

Tue-Wed Open-6pm - \$35/hr/bay

Wed-Sun - \$45/hr/bay

Online reservations allowed.

Large Parking Lot

Comments: Small place, attached to bar/restaurant, older equipment, 10' bays, small group (12-20) can take over the place.

Score18

1466 Chicago Ave, Naperville

(630) 848-7200

5 Bays, 150k Courses

Cans/Bottles of Beer and food delivered.

Soft spikes allowed. No balls needed.

Rates:

Adult - \$46/hr/bay

Senior (60+) - \$40/hr/bay

No online reservations, call only.

Comments: Didn't get to it yet.

Game Of Irons (coming soon)

3020 Butterfield Road, Oak Brook

2 floors in strip mall, gonna be expensive!

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. This is Robert's second contribution on Immovable Obstructions.

We've all probably heard before that knowing the rules can sometimes save you strokes instead of costing you strokes. Fully understanding the definition and the rule applications regarding *Immovable Obstructions* is one such case.

The definitions explaining *Immovable Obstructions* are as follows:

Obstruction - Any artificial object **except** for *integral objects* (An artificial object defined by the Committee as part of the challenge of playing the *course* from which free relief is not allowed.) and *boundary objects*.

Examples of *obstructions*:

- Artificially surfaced roads and paths, including their artificial borders.
- Buildings and vehicles.
- Sprinkler heads, drains and irrigation or control boxes.
- Player *equipment, flagsticks* and rakes.

Immovable Obstruction - Any *obstruction* that cannot be moved without unreasonable effort or without damaging the *obstruction* or the *course*, and otherwise does not meet the definition of a *movable obstruction*.

We are all familiar with taking relief from cart paths, but you may not have known that you can get relief from other *Immovable Obstructions* during your round. Also included in the examples of *Immovable Obstructions* would be internal fences, stairs (such as up to a tee box), permanently mounted ball washers, etc. Basically, any man-made object within the boundaries of the course that is not defined as an *integral object*.

Now that we know what defines an Immovable Obstruction, how do the rules apply when an Immovable Obstruction interferes with your shot? Section VI - Free Relief and Rule 16 - Relief from Abnormal Course Conditions explain the application of the rules and your relief options.

When Relief Is Allowed

Interference exists when any one of these is true:

- Your ball touches or is in or on an *abnormal course condition*,
- An *abnormal course condition* physically interferes with your area of intended *stance* or area of intended swing

You do not get free relief if the *Immovable Obstruction* interferes with the flight of your ball.

Note that "There is no free relief from an *abnormal course condition* when the *abnormal course condition* is *out of bounds* or your ball is in a *penalty area*". So since the internal edge of a

boundary fence defines the out of bounds, you do not get free relief if a boundary fence interferes with your stance or swing.

And there is no relief:

- When playing your ball as it lies is clearly unreasonable because of something other than an *abnormal course condition* (such as, when you are standing on an *immovable obstruction* but you are unable to make a *stroke* because of where your ball lies in a bush), or
- When interference exists only because you choose a club, type of *stance* or swing or direction of play that is clearly unreasonable under the circumstances.

Taking relief:

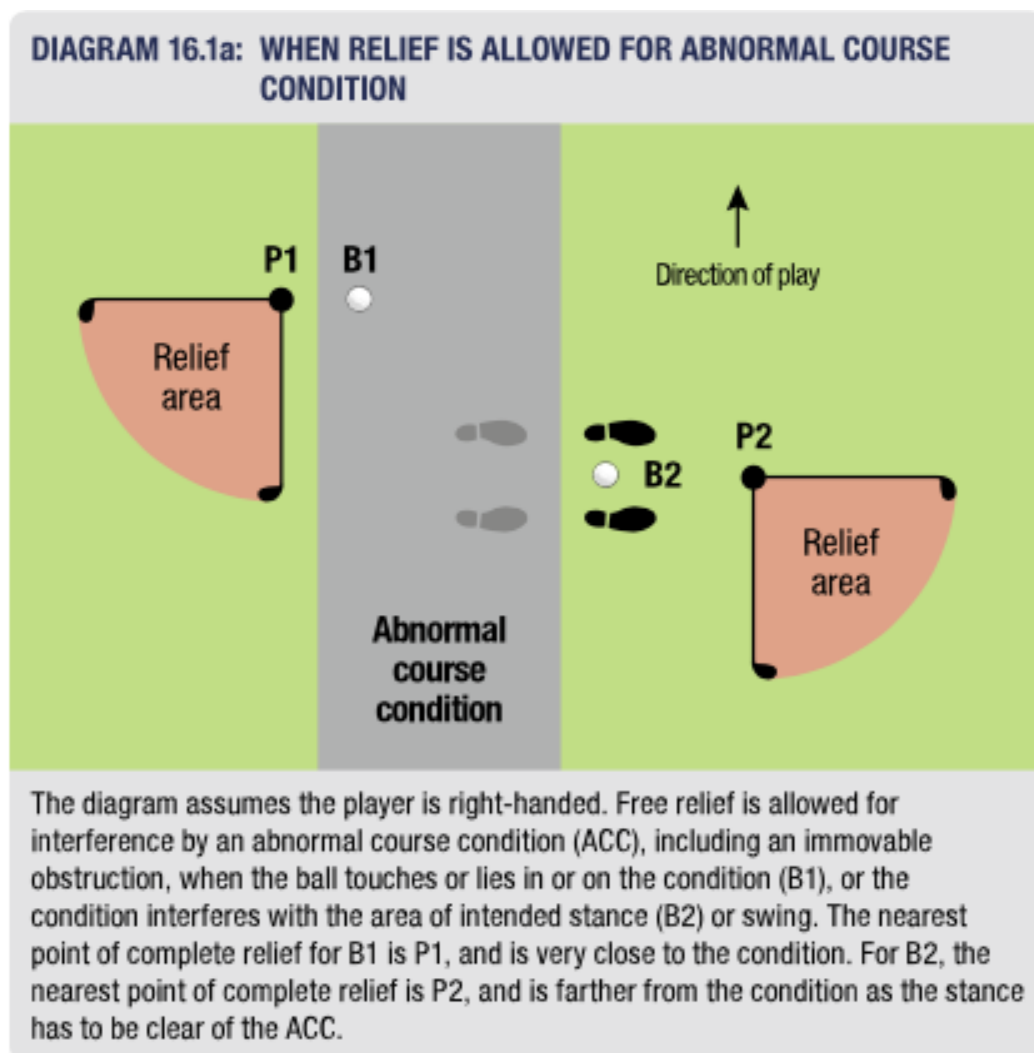
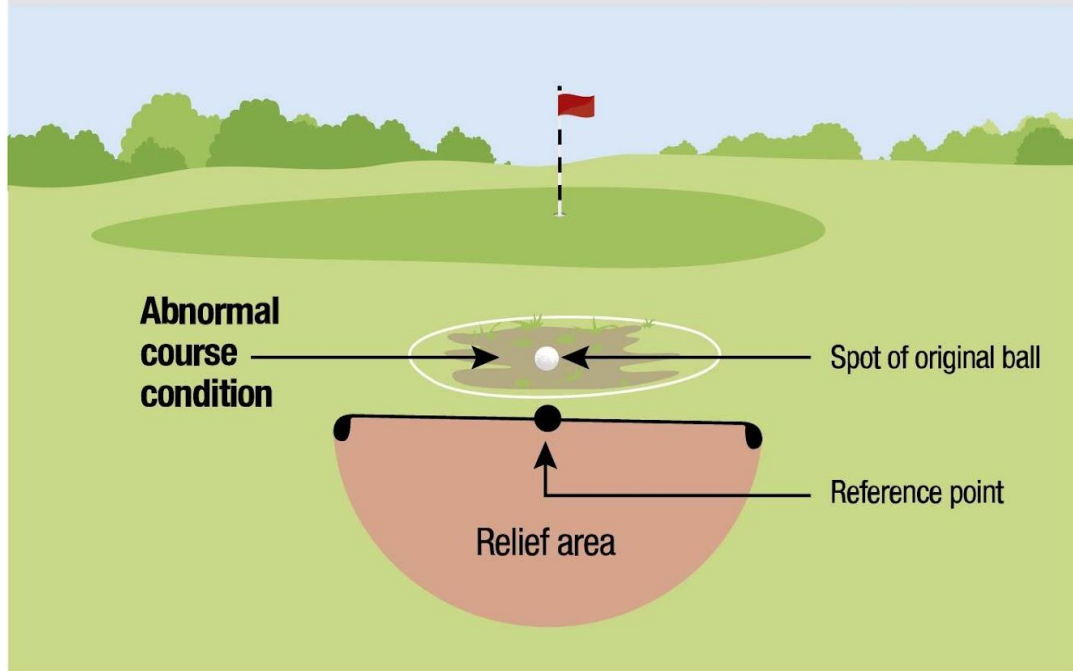



DIAGRAM 16.1b: FREE RELIEF FROM ABNORMAL COURSE CONDITION IN GENERAL AREA



Free relief is allowed when the ball is in the general area and there is interference by an abnormal course condition. The nearest point of complete relief should be identified and a ball must be dropped in and come to rest in the relief area.

Reference Point	Size of Relief Area	Limits on Relief Area
The nearest point of complete relief	One club-length from the reference point 	The relief area: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must not be nearer the hole than the reference point, and • Must be in the general area

Player Notes:

When taking relief, you must take complete relief from all interference by the abnormal course condition.

Section VI. Free Relief (Rules 15-16) fully covers all of the situations where you can get free relief during the course of play. But for this note we just wanted to point out the options when confronted with an *Immovable Obstruction*.

FAQs

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

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE - 09/18/2021

On Saturday, Sept 18th at Fox Lake CC, in Fox Lake, IL, 32 players from NIMAGA took on MCPLA in the annual Milwaukee Challenge. This was the 46th playing of the Milwaukee Challenge. It was the first time in many years that the match was held on the Illinois side of the border. With the sun shining, and great weather all day, NIMAGA defeated MCPLA 52 ½ to 43 ½. It was the first time in 10 years that NIMAGA brought home the trophy! The NIMAGA members who won 2 ½ - 3 points of 3 possible in their matches are below.

3 Points

Tom O'Brien
Rick Soja
Dick Freund
Corey Lamb
Mark Power
Roy Robbins
Doug McKirahan

2 ½ Points

Jeff Lyman
Chris Becker
John Widzisz
Robert Yedinak
Dan Plens
Wayne Richards
George Zdarsky
Sal Lombardi, Sr.

Thanks to all who participated. Make sure you are on the team next year to help defend the Milwaukee Challenge Cup once again at Fox Lake CC. We need to win the next couple of years to even out the series. Let's do it!

SEPTEMBER MIDWEEK - 09/27/2021

Low Division – Thunderhawk GC

Gross John Gollwitzer
Net Kirk Blakney

High Division – Thunderhawk GC

Gross Terry Boksha
Net Nick DiCosola

2 MAN BETTER BALL - 09/27/2021

Low Flight – Coyote Run GC

Gross Dave Minor & Brandon Rowatt

Net Shawn Pipes & Shomari Moss

High Flight – Silver Lakes GC

Gross Bryan Kersten & John Snow

Net John Serola & Kevin Stough

NIMAGA PLAYER CHAMPIONSHIP – 10/09 & 10/10/2021

Highlands of Elgin GC

1st Place Gross Tom Govern

2nd Place Gross Dave Minor

1st Place Net Robert Allen

2nd Place Net John Francel

3rd Place Net Ryan McKay

4th Place Net Michael Breitzman

5th Place Net Tim Szczesny



Pictured (left to right): Jon Francel, Tim Szczesny, Michael Breitzman, Robert Allen, Ryan McKay, Dave Minor, Tom Govern

2021 FINAL NIMAGA CUP POINTS LEADERS (TOP 12)

PALMER DIVISION	PLAYER DIVISION	TREVINO DIVISION
Bradley, David	Tran, Jonathan	Sramek, Mike
Dianovsky, Dave	Widzisz, John	DiCosola, Nick
Blakney, Kirk	Power, Mark	Martinek, Dave
Freund, Dick	Peters, Doug	Heinsohn, Mark
Rowatt, Brandon	Leiber, Steve	Serola, John
Fiarito, Frank	Robbins, Roy	DeLee, James
Minor, Dave	Yedinak, Robert	Westberg, Robert
O'Brien, Tom	Conte, Mario	Stough, Kevin
Becker, Christopher	Mitchell, Stan	Schultz, William
Placek, Jim	Snow, John	Alberts, Brian
Soja, Rick	Toth, Jeff	Samoska, Dennis
Whitis, Andrew	Boksha, Terry	McKirahan, Doug

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	

2022 NIMAGA SCHEDULE (Subject to Change)

Date	Event	Course(s)
REGULAR TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE		
Saturday, April 9, 2022	Spring Thaw	Cog Hill Golf & CC
Saturday, May 7, 2022	May Jamboree	Buffalo Grove Golf Course Pinecrest Golf Club
Sunday, June 5, 2022	Summer Classic	George Dunne National Golf Club
Sunday, July 10, 2022	Freedom Open	Fox Run Golf Links
Saturday, August 13, 2022	Club Championship	St. Andrews Golf & CC - 1
Sunday, August 14, 2022		White Pines Golf Club - East
Saturday, August 13, 2022		White Pines Golf Club - West
Sunday, August 14, 2022		St. Andrews Golf & CC - Jemsek
Saturday, September 10, 2022	Patriot's Day Classic	Green Garden Country Club (Gold)
Sunday, October 2, 2022	Two Man	Randall Oaks Golf Club Bonnie Dundee Golf Club

MIDWEEK TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE		
Monday, April 25, 2022	April Midweek	Mistwood Golf Club
Thursday, May 19, 2022	May Midweek	Klein Creek Golf Club
Monday, June 20, 2022	June Midweek	McHenry Country Club
Tuesday, July 19, 2022	July Midweek	Chalet Hills Golf Club
TBD	Super Senior Open (65+)	TBD
Wednesday, August 17, 2022	Senior Open (50+)	Phillips Park Golf Course
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	August Midweek	Maple Meadows Golf Club
Wednesday, September 21, 2022	September Midweek	Deerfield Golf Club
SPECIAL/QUALIFYING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE		
April - October	C&GMPT	season long match play tournament
	must be 2+ year member	members pick date and course
TBD	NIMAGA Cup	TBD
Saturday, September 17, 2022	Milwaukee Challenge	Fox Lake Country Club
Saturday, October 8, 2022	NPC	TBD
Sunday, October 9, 2022		