



NIMAGA NOTES – JULY 2022

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We are well into the 2022 season and have the following tournament remaining: Club Championship (two day, 36 holes), Senior Open (50+), August Midweek, Patriot's Day Classic, Milwaukee Challenge, September Midweek, Two Man Scramble and NIMAGA Players Championship (NPC). Registration opens Monday, August 1st for the Milwaukee Challenge. We need 32 members to retain the trophy. Looking ahead to October is the Two Man Scramble, NIMAGA will be happy to match up member's that do not have a playing partner. As for the NPC, the course we selected is having some maintenance issues, so we are looking at other courses. You can get additional information about all these tournaments in Golf Genius via the NIMAGA website.

There are important items that should be read in this month's edition of NIMAGA Notes:

- The NIMAGA board approved to ban music from being played on any members and/or guest's device during all NIMAGA tournaments effective August 1st
- Some Android users are experiencing issues when using the Golf Genius app to post scores during a tournament.
- Doug McKirahan, Handicap Chairman recommends that all NIMAGA members be familiar with the World Handicap System (WHS).

If there are any issues that you would like to bring to our attention, please email us at admin@nimaga.org.

Good luck to all playing in the August tournaments

Brian Alberts
President

MUSIC ON THE COURSE

The situation of playing music during our NIMAGA tournaments was brought up to the Board in early July by one of our players. The description outlined that playing music would be detrimental to the fairness and competitiveness of our golf events.

After a discussion at the July Board meeting, it was unanimously decided to ban music from being played during our tournaments by both players and their guests, beginning August 1st.

ANDROID PHONE USERS & GOLF GENIUS

Over the last couple of tournaments, a few players have raised issues with the real-time Golf Genius scoring while on the golf course. Various error messages have been popping up as well as players getting kicked out of the mobile app.

This issue was presented to the Golf Genius technical support, and they confirmed that there is currently an issue (in rare cases) with Golf Genius online scoring and Android phones. They are tracking down if something in Golf Genius is incompatible with certain versions of the Android operating system.

If you ever encounter an issue like this, Golf Genius recommends that you un-install the app and re-install it on your Android phones. This will resolve the issue. Golf Genius has assured me that they are working on a permanent fix.

Thanks for your patience on this matter.

WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

This article is being provided by our Handicap Committee chairman, Doug McKirahan. Please contact Doug if you have any further questions thru email at Doug@mckirahan.com

As a NIMAGA member it is your responsibility to be familiar with and apply the World Handicap System (WHS). Especially how to calculate your course handicap and to post a timely and accurate adjusted score for each round you play.

The following link provides information about the World Handicap System: <https://nimaga.org/WHS/>

Below is a list of the topics covered.

- * What is the World Handicap System?
- * How Will My Course Handicap Be Calculated Under The WHS?
- * What Is Net Double Bogey?
- * Under The WHS, Your Handicap Will Be Updated Daily.
- * If You Play, You Post.

- * What Is A Playing Conditions Calculation?
- * What Is An Acceptable Score For Handicap Purposes?
- * What Is An Exceptional Score?
- * Capping Excessive Increases
- * Maximum Handicap Index
- * Handicap Committee Review

Below is a checklist to follow for each round you play.

1. Handicap Index (<http://nimaga.org/handicaps/>)

Click the above link then click on TODAY then click OK to find your USGA handicap index.

2. Course Data (<https://cdga.org/ratings.asp>)

Visit the above link to access "Member Club Course Ratings & Slope" to find the Rating, Slope, and Par for the tees you will be using.

Do not use the scorecard from the golf course as their information as it may not be accurate!

3. Course Handicap (<https://www.usga.org/course-handicap-calculator.html>)

Visit the above link then enter the "Handicap Index", "Course Rating", "Slope Rating", and "Par" to calculate your Course Handicap.

4. Submit Score (<https://cdga.org/>)

Login to "My CDGA Caddie" then click "Post Score" and use "Hole-By-Hole Score" to submit your adjusted score.

If every member follows these steps for every round (except NIMAGA tournaments) we will be in compliance with the WHS.

PERPETUAL PLAQUES

Running out of space on the wall for your NIMAGA Tournament Plaques? Or maybe you're new to NIMAGA and wondering where you're going to put all the plaques you plan on winning in your NIMAGA career? We have the answer to both of those dilemmas called a "Perpetual Plaque". Instead of getting a nice hardwood plaque for every tournament you win, "go green" and purchase a single personally customized 12, 18, or 24+ plate hardwood plaque of your choice of color, type, and design. You would then have an individual plate engraved for each of your previous and future NIMAGA victories and golf accomplishments (e.g., hole-in-one). The total one-time cost starts at \$130, and you would be reimbursed by NIMAGA a minimum of \$100 up to half of the total cost of your Perpetual Plaque with a NIMAGA Certificate (\$200 maximum reimbursement). You would then get an engraved plate for each of your future NIMAGA victories at no cost to you.

For more information or to start the conversion process, contact admin@nimaga.org. (Additionally, you will be asked for your choice of plaque after your next victory if you haven't been asked previously.)

CHOOSE YOUR TEES

Since our first 'Choose Your Tee' experiment at the April Midweek at Mistwood went so well, we will be doing more of these going forward.

Since that time, we have held Choose Your Tee events at the June Midweek, July Midweek, and the new Super Senior tournament. We plan on having more of them with our remaining schedule if it is logical to do so.

As always, you can let us know your thoughts on this by sending an email to admin@nimaga.org

PLAY READY GOLF !!

Slow pace of play is an issue that NIMAGA always struggles with, but it is the responsibility of every member of the foursome to maintain contact with the group ahead of you. Here is a reprint of an article from a prior NIMAGA Notes detailing some pace of play tips that was provided by our own Mayur Patel. And remember, these tips apply to our guests, as well.

PACE OF PLAY TIPS

- Always keep up with the group ahead of you.
- Without interfering with the others in your group, do as much of your preparation as possible before it is your turn to play.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn. Limit practice swings. From the time you select your club until you hit your shot, you should take no more than 20 seconds.
- Shorten that pre-shot routine.
- If you aren't ready to play when it is your turn, encourage one of your fellow players to play.
- Limit your time searching for lost balls. The rules allow you 3 minutes, only.
- Carry a spare ball(s) in your pocket so that you do not have to go back to your bag when you need to hit a provisional ball.
- Take more than one club to your next shot if you are going to leave your bag.
- When in doubt, hit a provisional ball. Eliminate the need to go back to where you hit your last shot.
- If your next shot is with your pitching wedge or sand wedge, automatically take your putter with you.
- Leave golf carts at a point beside the green that is in route to the next tee (usually behind the green).
- On the green, begin lining up your putt and reading the break as soon as you reach the green. When it's your turn to putt, be prepared to step right up and take the stroke.
- Don't bother marking lag putts - go ahead and putt out if it's short enough.

- If you are the first in the cup, pick up the flagstick so that you can replace it after the last person has putted out.
- All players in the group should be aware of clubs that are left around the green. Be sure to alert your foursome to pick up clubs.
- Mark your scorecard at the beginning of the next hole, not on the green.
- Never hold up play because you're in the middle of a conversation. Put the conversation on hold, take your stroke then, continue the conversation.
- Watch your playing partner's ball so that you can help him find it, in case he didn't see it during the hit.
- Wave up groups on par 3s when appropriate.
- If you are riding in a cart, hold onto the club and return to your seat in the cart. Then, put that club back when they go to pull the club(s) for their next shot. It even works when leaving a green - take the putter with you and put it away on the next tee.

NIMAGA HOLE-IN-ONE JACKPOT

The NIMAGA Hole-In-One is a cash pot that is collected from participating NIMAGA members (\$1 per entry) at each NIMAGA sanctioned event. If a NIMAGA member gets a hole-in-one in any sanctioned NIMAGA events and has paid into the Hole-In-One Pot for that event, prior to teeing off on the first hole, he will be paid a portion of the pot.

Entry into the Hole-in-One Pot is voluntary. You may enter early and can enter for any events that you plan to participate in.

How to Get into the Hole-In-One Pot:

1. Must be a NIMAGA Member
2. Must be a NIMAGA Sanctioned Tournament (Match Play & Milwaukee Challenge are Excluded)
3. All entries are part of the same Pot, no matter which division or course the member is playing
4. Must Pay \$1 to the Hole-In-One Pot prior to teeing off on your first hole of each event

Pay at the event or Venmo in your entry to @Shawn_Pipes (Last four 0164) and indicate which event you are entering for the jackpot. Email questions to HoleInOne@nimaga.org

RULES SECTION

*The NIMAGA Notes will be running a continuing column explaining various Rules situations. Robert Yedinak will be the contributing author of this section. This month Robert addresses **Deflected Balls**.*

Deflected Balls

I recently played in a CDGA 2-man scramble tournament and two rules came up regarding deflected balls, and the correct way to handle the situations. One issue happened in our

foursome during play that day. The second issue came up in our discussion about moving balls because it happened during a round at my partner's club.

On a side note, humble brag, my partner, and I won the low net for our flight at Deerpath GC and will be advancing to the CDGA Kemper Sports Two-Person Scramble Championship played at Harborside International GC in September.

So, getting back to the rules, the first issue came up when my team's ball was at rest in the fairway near the green and the shot from one of our opponents hit our ball and knocked it about 20 yards forward onto the green. Our opponents, and my partner, all thought that my team's ball could be played from the new position, and we would be able to putt our next stroke instead of having to chip first. I was certain that our ball should be replaced at its original spot in the fairway. And our opponents would need to play their ball from where it came to rest, with no penalty.

And reviewing the rules after I returned home confirmed my interpretation, as clarified in the rules below. However, as you may already know, if both balls were on the putting green when they collided, the player who made the stroke would still play his ball from the position where it came to rest but would incur the general penalty (two strokes). The player, whose ball was at rest and was moved, would still replace their ball with no penalty.

9.6 Ball Lifted or Moved by Outside Influence

If it is known or virtually certain that an outside influence (including another player in stroke play or *another ball*) lifted or moved *a player's ball*:

There is no penalty, and

The ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2).

11.1 Ball in Motion Accidentally Hits Person or Outside Influence

a. No Penalty to Any Player

If a player's ball in motion accidentally hits any person or outside influence:

There is no penalty to any player.

This is true even if the ball hits the player, the opponent, or any other player or any of their caddies or equipment.

Exception – Ball Played on Putting Green in Stroke Play: If the player's ball in motion hits another ball at rest on the putting green and both balls were on the putting green before the stroke, the player gets the general penalty (two penalty strokes).

b. Ball Must Be Played as It Lies

If a player's ball in motion accidentally hits any person or outside influence, the ball must be played as it lies...

The second issue occurred at my partner's club during one of his rounds. One of the members of his foursome was hitting his drive. His ball was on the tee and during his stroke, a gust of wind knocked his ball off the tee. The player completed his stroke and just clipped the ball moving it slightly forward. All the members in the foursome thought the stroke should not count and the player could re-tee his ball, still hitting his first shot from the tee. They later conferred with the club pro and the pro agreed with their decision.

However, this issue is specifically addressed in rule 6.2.B, and the player should have counted the stroke and played the next stroke from where the ball came to rest. Unfortunately, the club pro made the wrong interpretation, so this is also a good illustration that we all should do our own review of the rules to make sure we are making a correct decision.

6.2.B Teeing Area Rules

(5) Ball Is Not in Play Until Stroke Is Made. Whether the ball is teed or on the ground, when starting a hole or playing again from the teeing area under a Rule:
The ball is not in play until the player makes a stroke at it, and

The ball may be lifted or moved without penalty before the stroke is made.

If a teed ball falls off the tee or is knocked off the tee by the player before the player has made a stroke at it, it may be re-teed anywhere in the teeing area without penalty.

But if the player makes a stroke at that ball while it is falling or after it has fallen off, there is no penalty, the stroke counts, and the ball is in play.

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.

2022 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

SPRING THAW - 04/09/2022

Palmer Division – Cog Hill #1

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| Gross | Kirk Blakney |
| Gross 2 nd | Tom O'Brien |
| Net | Jeff Lyman |

Player Division – Cog Hill #2

Gross Jonathon Tran

Net Robert Allen

Trevino Division – Cog Hill #3

Gross Nick Orlando

Net Tom Gearhart

APRIL MIDWEEK - 04/25/2022

Low Division – Mistwood

Gross Rick Soja

Net Shawn Pipes

High Division – Mistwood

Gross Jonathon Tran

Net Jeff Toth

MAY JAMBOREE - 05/07/2022

Palmer Division – Pinecrest

Gross Rick Soja

Net Shawn Pipes

Player Division – Buffalo Grove

Gross Colin O'Brien

Net Steve Barnaby

Trevino Division – Buffalo Grove

Gross Robert Allen

Net Ken Koranda

MAY MIDWEEK - 05/17/2022

Low Division – Klein Creek

Gross Kirk Blakney

Net Joe Nagy

High Division – Klein Creek

Gross John Widzisz

Net Dan Montgomery

NIMAGA CUP - 05/24/2022

The 2022 edition on the NIMAGA Cup was held at Heritage Oaks in Northbrook. We had great weather for this event although the rough and penalty areas were especially brutal. This year's competition featured 3 teams headed up by Jonathon Tran (Red Team), David Bradley (White Team) and Dave Martinek (Blue team).

Early on, the matches were neck and neck, but the Blue Team kept up the pressure and went on to a victory. The final point totals were – Blue 14 points, Red 6 ½ and White 6 ½.

Thanks to all players as well as Tom O'Brien for organizing the NIMAGA Cup Draft party and Frank Fiarito for booking this tournament at a great course.



Pictured – Robert Westberg, Wes Stinich, Stan Mitchell, Mark Heinsohn, Capt Dave Martinek, Doug Peters, Tom Zmuda, Robert Yedinak, Dave Sloan. Shomari Moss, Patrick Meyer and Tom Govern

SUMMER CLASSIC - 06/05/2022

Low Division – George Dunne National

Gross Brandon Rowatt

Net Dave Minor

High Division – George Dunne National

Gross Bill Silver

Net Doug McKirahan

JUNE MIDWEEK - 06/20/2022

Low Division – McHenry CC

Gross John Gollwitzer

Net Shawn Pipes

High Division – McHenry CC

Gross John Widzisz

Net Peter McGhee

FREEDOM OPEN - 07/10/2022

Palmer Division – Fox Run GC

Gross Cody Varga

2nd Gross John Gollwitzer

Net Perry Variano

Player Division – Fox Run GC

Gross Dick Freund

Net Chris Becker

JULY MIDWEEK - 07/19/2022

Low Division – Chalet Hills GC

Gross Rick Soja

Net Robert Yedinak

High Division – Chalet Hills GC

Gross Mike Zdarsky

Net Doug McKirahan

2022 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

| 2022 TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE | | | | |
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| Date | Day | Tournament Name | Golf Course | |
| April thru September | | C&G Match Play | Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course & time. Must be a member for 2+ years. | |
| Aug. 1 | Mon. | Super Senior Open (Age 65+) | Arlington Lakes GC | |
| Aug. 13 | Sat. | NIMAGA Club Championship | St. Andrews #1 (Low) | |
| | | | White Pines (High) | |
| Aug. 14 | Sun. | | White Pines (Low) | |
| | | | St. Andrews #1 (High) | |
| Aug. 17 | Wed. | Senior Open (Age 50+) | Phillips Park GC | |

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| Aug. 30 | Tue. | August Midweek | Maple Meadows GC |
| Sep. 10 | Sat. | Patriot's Day Classic | Green Garden CC |
| Sep. 17 | Sat. | Milwaukee Challenge (Limited) | Fox Lake CC |
| Sep. 21 | Wed. | September Midweek | Deerfield GC |
| Oct. 2 | Sun. | Two-Man Scramble | Randall Oaks GC (Low) |
| | | | Bonnie Dundee GC (High) |
| Oct. 8 & 9 | Sat & Sun | NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify) | Broken Arrow GC |