



NIMAGA NOTES – NOVEMBER 2022

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I want to thank all you for being part of NIMAGA in the 2022 season. I also want to thank all the volunteer NIMAGA board members for doing a wonderful job this past season. It takes a dedicated team to run this 60+ year old organization.

The NIMAGA golf season concluded with the NIMAGA Players Championship on October 8 & 9 at Pine Meadow Golf Club in Mundelein. Dave Minor won Low Gross and Perry Variano Low Net. Congratulations to all of those that qualified and to those that made the cut to play the second day.

Also, congratulations are in order for Carl Movrich for winning the C & G Match Play Tournament Hogan Division. What's special about Carl's victory is that he and George Zdarsky started the match play tournament in 2008 so members could compete against each other at a date, time, and course of their choosing. Way to go Carl. Additional information concerning the results of the C & G Match Play Tournament and the final 2022 NIMAGA Cup standings can be found in NIMAGA notes below.

The Course Selection Committee is working on the 2023 schedule, and it should be available soon. The board is also finalizing a new Pace of Play policy that will begin at the Spring Thaw. Additional details of these and any other changes will be updated on the NIMAGA website and in future NIMAGA notes.

Finally, a shout-out to Roger Scott for being a NIMAGA member for 50 years. During that span he won over 20 tournaments and served as President from 1998 to 2006. Thanks for being such a good friend, not only to me, but to NIMAGA.

Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday season, we hope to see you in the 2023 season.

Brian Alberts
President

YEAR-END MEMBERS MEETING

NIMAGA invites you to this year's 2022 All Members meeting.

We will be meeting at White Pines on Monday, November 7th starting at 6:00 pm.

Hot and cold appetizers will be provided. A cash bar is available.

Among the topics that will be presented are:

- the 2023 schedule
- Golf Genius 2023 Membership registration dates and information
- New Pace of Play overview

As usual, there will be plenty of door prizes.

- free 2023 regular Membership
- free Match Play entry
- and much, much more.

So come one, come all for a chance to visit with your fellow members and enjoy some camaraderie.

Hope to see you there.

2023 SCHEDULE

The NIMAGA Scheduling Committee is working on finishing the 2023 schedule. More information will be made available after the Year-End Members Meeting.

Updates will be available through the NIMAGA.org website, NIMAGA Notes and various emails as details become finalized.

2023 MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATON

Just a quick note that we are planning on opening Golf Genius for 2023 Membership starting on January 1st, 2023. An email will be sent out with Registration links, dates, and pricing information as the date approaches.

So, keep an eye out for that.

PACE OF PLAY PROPOSAL

Over the past couple of months, the NIMAGA Board has been working on improvements to our pace of play policy and rules. We are currently finalizing details, but we will have some information available to present at the Year-End Member's Meeting on Nov 7th. Major changes are coming beginning with the Spring Thaw in 2023.

Updates will be available through the NIMAGA.org website, NIMAGA Notes and various emails as details become finalized.

CHOOSE YOUR TEES

Starting in 2023, the NIMAGA Board will allow players to choose their playing tees for all events. Choose Your Tees were used in approximately half of our NIMAGA events in 2022. With all of the positive feedback that we have received, we will continue to use this approach for the 2023 season.

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

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.

NIMAGA HOLE-IN-ONE JACKPOT

We had no winners in our year-long hole-in-one competition in 2022. That means the Pot rolls over into next year with a starting balance of \$480.75

Wouldn't that be a nice way to start the season? Be sure to get your entries in starting with the 2023 Spring Thaw.

More information is available on the NIMAGA.org website or you can email questions to HoleInOne@nimaga.org

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

Gross Kirk Blakney

Gross 2nd 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

SUPER SENIOR OPEN - 08/01/2022

One Division – Arlington Lakes GC

Gross Ralph Rieser

Net Randy Samoska

NIMAGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP - 08/13 & 08/14/2022

Low Division – St. Andrews & White Pines

Gross Tom Govern

Net Andrew Whitis

High Division – White Pines & St. Andrews

Gross Robert Yedinak

Net John Widzisz

SENIOR OPEN - 08/17/2022

Low Division – Philips Park GC

Gross Mike Lyman

Net David Bradley

High Division – Philips Park GC

Gross Ken Koranda

Net Wes Stinich

AUGUST MIDWEEK - 08/30/2022

Low Division – Maple Meadows GC

Gross Dave Sloan

Net Dan Plens

High Division – Maple Meadows GC

Gross Carl Janas

Net Peter McGhee

PATRIOT'S DAY CLASSIC – 09/10/2022

One Division – Green Garden GC

Gross Dave Dianovsky

Net John Snow

MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE – 09/17/2022

On Saturday, Sept 17th at Fox Lake CC, in Fox Lake, IL, 32 players from NIMAGA took on 32 from MCPLA in the annual Milwaukee Challenge. This was the 47th playing. It was the 2nd year in a row that the match was held on the Illinois side of the border. We had great weather all day once again. However, the results were less than great.

MCPLA defeated NIMAGA 65 to 31.

Unfortunately, this meant we had to relinquish the trophy after having it for just one year. We still had a few players who excelled on the day.

Sal Lombardi & Stephen Stone both took all 3 points in their match. Wayne Richards, Doug McKirahan, and John Widzisz took 2 ½ points. Joe Nagy, Tom O'Brien, and Brian Alberts took 2 points.

Thanks to all who participated, and let's regroup and get ready to bring the trophy back in 2023!

SEPTEMBER MIDWEEK - 09/21/2022

Low Division – Deerfield GC

Gross Dave Dianovsky
Net Christopher Becker

High Division – Deerfield GC

Gross Mayur Patel
Net Peter McGhee

2 MAN SCRAMBLE - 10/02/2022

Low Division – Randall Oaks GC

Gross Tom Govern & Kirk Blakney
Net Stan Hilty & Corey Lamb

High Division – Bonnie Dundee GC

Gross John Widzisz & James DeLee
Net Mark Heinsohn & Tom Gearhart

C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT

This year's match play featured some great action and quite a few walkovers.

Stan Hilty defeated Tom O'Brien 2&1 at Whitetail Ridge to win the Jones Division. O'Brien rebounded from an opening round loss to Chris Becker to win three straight matches. Hilty plowed through five opponents (Soja, Tran, Mike Lyman, Becker and O'Brien) at five different courses.

The Hogan division was won by Carl Movrich who is one of the founders of this event (George Zdarsky being the other). He defeated Match Play first timer Eric Bonnetcarre 3&2 at Seven Bridges. Bonnetcarre like O'Brien lost his first match and won three straight matches before losing in the final. His three victories all came down to the final hole. Movrich defeated (Schultz, Rick Johnson, Kotula and Samoska) before his finals victory.

Third place finishers were defending champ Ron Potocnik and Chris Becker in the Jones Division. Dennis Samoska and Sal Lombardi Sr. were third place finishers in the Hogan Division.

We hope that more members sign up for this unique (and flexible) event in 2023.

NIMAGA PLAYER'S CHAMPIONSHIP - 10/08 & 10/09/2022

One Division – Pine Meadow GC

1st Gross Dave Minor

2nd Gross Tom Govern

1st Net Perry Variano

2nd Net John Widzisz

3rd Net Doug McKirahan

4th Net Rick Soja

5th Net Ken Koranda

FINAL NIMAGA CUP POINTS STANDINGS FOR 2022

Congratulations to the top 2022 NIMAGA Cup division winners Dave Dianovsky (Palmer), John Widzisz (Player) and Doug McKirahan (Trevino). These men will be your NIMAGA Cup captains in 2023.

The top twelve-point earners from each of the divisions are listed below.

PALMER

Dianovsky, Dave 765

Blakney, Kirk 720

Soja, Rick 540

Potocnik, Ron 535

Fiarito, Frank 455

Pipes, Shawn 435

O'Brien, Tom 410

Govern, Tom 375

Whitis, Andrew 300

Nagy, Joseph 270

Gollwitzer, John 270

Variano, Perry 270

PLAYER

Widzisz, John 865

Yedinak, Robert 450

Barnaby, Steve 430

Patel, Mayur 415

Tran, Jonathan 395

Becker, Christopher 355

Gearhart, Tom 350

Snow, John 335

Conte, Mario 330

Allen, Robert 325

Lamb, Corey 295

Heinsohn, Mark 280

TREVINO

McKirahan, Doug 510

McGhee, Peter 425

Lanute, Joseph 390

Koranda, Ken 345

Orlando, Nick 340

Montgomery, Dan 320

Zdarsky, George 295

Pauliks, Ray 225

Lombardi, Sr., Sal 190

Serola, John 145

Leaner, Eric 135

Silver, Bill 125

Thanks to all for a successful 2022 season. Have a good holiday season and we hope to see you all at the Spring Thaw in 2023.