



NIMAGA NOTES – JANUARY 2023

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is having a happy and healthy winter and looking forward to the 2023 season.

Everyone that was a member last season can pay for their Regular Membership right now. If you are having issues logging in to Golf Genius to pay for your membership, please let us know by writing us at admin@nimaga.org. NIMAGA continues to recruit new members. All new members that pay for their 2023 membership will receive a \$20 PGA Tour Superstore gift card. Also, if a paid 2023 member refers a friend, and the friend pays for their 2023 membership, the member receives a gift card as well. Remind your friend that he should provide your name on the New Member Information form he completes after he registers in Golf Genius.

For those of you wondering why the Package Membership is not available, it's because we have not finalized some of the courses on the schedule. We will have the Package Membership rate available on February 15th, as well as the cost of each tournament.

A new Pace of Play policy has been approved by the NIMAGA board and the first ever 2023 SIM Open is scheduled for January 26. Registration closes on Monday for this tournament. Please read this month's edition of NIMAGA Notes that address this new policy, the Sim Open as well as some other topics.

Take care, be safe and stay well.

Brian Alberts
President

2023 NIMAGA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

As of Jan 1st, the NIMAGA membership registration is open through Golf Genius. Simply go to the NIMAGA.org website and click on the orange Golf Genius banner on the top of the screen.

We have the following membership options available:

Jan 1 – Feb 28	Regular Membership (Early Bird)	\$60
Mar 1 – Sep 1	Regular Membership	\$70
Feb 15 – Mar 15	Package Membership	\$ TBD

As a refresher, Regular Memberships will provide you with a CDGA handicap throughout the 2023 calendar year. The Package Membership will provide a CDGA handicap as well as paid entry into the 7 regular events.

The Package Membership price is still being determined and should be available by Feb 15th, if not earlier. An email will be sent once the Package Membership rates have been finalized.

NIMAGA SIM OPEN

NIMAGA will hold it's first ever indoor golf simulation tournament. The NIMAGA SIM Open will be held on Thursday, Jan 26th at X-Golf in Downers Grove. Players can arrive starting at 5:00 pm with the tee off set at 6:00 pm. The cost is \$35 for members and \$25 for guests.

There is little time remaining to register for this unique event. Golf Genius registration closes on Monday, Jan 16th at 11:00 pm. So, don't delay. Come be a part of NIMAGA history.

Check out the registration portal on Golf Genius or reach out to Tom O'Brien (tjobrien13@hotmail.com), if you have questions.

PACE OF PLAY (PoP) POLICY

Every amateur golf association struggles with administering slow play and NIMAGA is no exception. Slow Play has been part of NIMAGA culture for a very long time. The NIMAGA Board has worked hard throughout the holiday season to come up with a new set of Pace of Play policies that will be used in 2023.

In summary, a player will be assessed slow-play penalty strokes after 3 PoP violations. PoP violation(s) will occur when players fall behind the prior groups. The key change is that you will need 3 PoP violations before a penalty stroke is assessed. By using prior PoP violations, NIMAGA is using a player's playing history in doling out penalty strokes versus that one bad (slow) tournament.

You will hear a lot more about this topic throughout the year and it may be refined over time. As always, feel free to provide your questions or any feedback to web@nimaga.org

The bullet points that follow are the ways that a PoP violation will be issued to a player and when those PoP violations could result in a slow-play penalty stroke at a tournament.

- A tournament course's pace of play will be established prior to the tournament, based on the course's expectation of PoP. If the expected POP is unreasonable (Slow public play, inclement weather, harsh course conditions, etc.), then the tournament course's pace of play will be adjusted to the finish time of NIMAGA's first group.
- If a group finishes outside the tournament course's established pace of play **AND** finishes 14 or more minutes behind the group in front of them, each member of the group would receive a PoP violation.
- If a group finishes outside the tournament course's established pace of play **AND** finishes 19 minutes or more behind the group in front of them, they will receive 2 PoP violations.
- Allowances will be made for foursomes playing behind threesomes. That foursome will receive a 1 PoP violation if they do not finish within 28 minutes of two groups in front of them or 2 PoP violations if they do not finish within 37 minutes of two groups in front of them AND outside the tournament course's established PoP.
- Upon receiving a 3rd PoP violation, an individual will be issued a one stroke slow play penalty on the day of the violation. That individual will also be issued slow play penalties for any additional violations after the 3rd.
- Playing times are recorded when the last player holes out on the final hole.
- Members will have 1 PoP violation removed from their record for each tournament where he finishes in the allotted time, until he is either back to zero or receives another violation.
- You will not get credit for this if you play in the first group, unless you play under the course PoP, or within our PoP policy behind public play.
- Every effort will be made in not pairing two PoP violators in the same group.
- Starting & finishing times of each group will be tracked and recorded on the Golf Genius Scorecards by the scorer or other designated board member.
 - Violations of the PoP Policy will then be issued whenever warranted.
 - Tournament scorers will determine if a slow-play penalty is to be assessed based on POP violation history and PoP infractions for that tournament.
 - These PoP violations will be recorded onto each player's profile in Golf Genius.
- Members will be notified of how many violations they have prior to each tournament they are playing through Golf Genius emails.
- Violations will not be made public knowledge, though a slow play penalty would be reflected on the final leaderboard.

NIMAGA HOLE-IN-ONE JACKPOT

Returning in 2023, 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 event 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

The current pot starting the 2023 season is at \$480.75 !

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.

Hole-in-One entry information is always present on the tee sheet that is emailed to all tournament players or you can email questions to HoleInOne@nimaga.org

\$10 SKINS

Another 2022 season feature that will continue in 2023 is the Skins entry being \$10.00. This change was implemented at the start of the 2022 season based on member feedback from the 2021 Annual Members Meeting.

Skins entry information is always present on the tee sheet that is emailed to all tournament players.

CHOOSE YOUR TEES

For several tournaments In 2022, NIMAGA started allowing players to 'Choose Your Tees'. For 2023, we will be having Choose Your Tees for all NIMAGA tournaments (except the C&G MPT, NIMAGA Cup, Milwaukee Challenge and possibly the NPC tournaments). By allowing members to pick the tees that they want to play, this enhances your golf experience.

But remember, you can only win the gross prize if you play from the longest tee option for your division. If at least 5 players do not wish to play from the longest option, it will be eliminated, and everyone will play from the shorter tees.

Choose Your Tee information (with tee options per division) will be available on the 2023 Golf Genius tournament portals when you sign up for an event.

SOCIAL MEDIA

NIMAGA is planning on expanding our Social Media presence in 2023. We want to market and advertise NIMAGA to attract potential new members as well as publicize our tournament results.

The good news is that all of you can help us with that. Social Media grows by word of mouth and our exposure is greater when more of you participate.

So, please follow us on our 2 social media platforms.

Facebook - Northern Illinois Men's Amateur Golf Association
nimaga_golf on Instagram (we are growing this one. So not much information here, yet)

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.

Additionally, you will be asked for your choice of plaque after your next victory if you haven't been asked previously.

For more information or to start the conversion process, contact admin@nimaga.org.

THE BIG 5 0

I want to take a moment to recognize Roger Scott as 2023 marks his 50th year with NIMAGA. Roger has served many different roles with NIMAGA over that time, and we are a better organization because of him. Roger currently sits on the Board of Directors as our Director Emeritus and trusted advisor.

So, if you see Roger at a tournament, be sure to take a moment and say hello.

Congrats and thanks, Roger.

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.

2023 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course	
Jan 26	Thu	NIMAGA SIM Open	X-Golf (Downers Grove)	
April thru September		C&G Match Play	Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course & time. Must be a member for 2+ years.	
Apr 8	Sat	Spring Thaw	Cog Hill	
Apr 25	Tues	April Midweek	Bridges of Poplar Creek	
May 7	Sun	May Jamboree	Palatine Hills	
May 23	Tues	May Midweek	Hilldale GC	
June 4	Sun	Summer Classic	Village Greens of Woodridge (tentative)	
June 8	Thu	Super Senior Open (65+)	Woodruff GC	
June X	XXX	NIMAGA Cup (invitation)	TBD	
June 21	Wed	June Midweek	Bowes Creek	
July 9	Sun	Freedom Open	Highland Woods GC	
July 24	Mon	July Midweek	Ruffled Feathers GC	

Aug. 3	Thu	Senior Open (50+)	Steeple Chase GC
Aug. 12	Sat	NIMAGA Club Championship	Boone Creek GC
Aug 13	Sun		Broken Arrow CG
Aug. 29	Tue	August Midweek	Orchard Valley (tentative)
Sep 9	Sat	Patriot's Day Classic	Arboretum Club (tentative)
Sep. 16	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited field)	Fox Lake CC
Sep. 25 or 26	XXX	September Midweek	Carillion (date and course is tentative)
Oct. 1	Sun.	Two Man Best Ball	Naperbrook GC
			SpringBrook GC
Oct. 7 & 8	Sat & Sun	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	TBD