



## **NIMAGA NOTES – MAY 2023**

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### **NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

The C&G Match Play Tournament bracket is expected to be released on June 4th and who is going to win this year's NIMAGA Cup? We finally received commitments from 36 members that will be participating in this year's NIMAGA Cup at Bittersweet Golf Club. Good luck to team captains Rick Soja's Red Team, Doug McKirahan's White Team, and Mayur Patel's Blue Team. Additional information regarding the NIMAGA Cup can be found on the NIMAGA website.

Some of you have yet to participate in a tournament this season, what's keeping you away? I hope to see you out on the course soon.

A couple of housekeeping notes, when you register for a tournament and select the Skip Payment option, please mail the registration payment prior to the tournament. Also, if your schedule changes remember to cancel your tournament registration. If the registration closing date has passed, send us an email to [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org). Conversely, should your schedule change, and you can now participate in a tournament, don't text/call a Tournament Director, please send your request to [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org), you will be added to the waiting list.

If you have any questions that are not answered in FAQ section of the website, please send an email to [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org).

Read the rest of NIMAGA Notes to find out what is happening.

Take care and good luck in your next tournament.

Brian Alberts  
President

### **C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT**

As Brian mentioned, the Match Play brackets are expected to be finalized on June 4<sup>th</sup>. So, keep an eye out for them.

For your information, the C&GMPT is starting its 16<sup>th</sup> year. This unique event will match players in a head-to-head match play format. Players have the complete flexibility to choose the

course and the date that fits into their schedule. You then report back the results, and the winners move on.

This a great way to meet other NIMAGA members and hopefully pick up some prizes and trophies along the way.

This event is open to all second year (and above) NIMAGA members.

## **NIMAGA CUP**

The field is set, and the captains have been named for this year's NIMAGA Cup to be held at the Bittersweet Golf Club in Gurnee on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a qualifying event based on the NIMAGA Cup points earned from the 2022 season. The 36 qualifying players are split into 3 teams (based on a draft). This is a match-play style event.

Be sure to check out the results in next month's NIMAGA notes.

## **THE WAITING IS THE HARDEST PART**

Now that the NIMAGA season is in full swing, the Board wanted to provide information regarding tournament registration and wait lists.

Once the golf season ends, our course selection committee begins the process to contact and book courses for the next golf year. The courses that we play require NIMAGA to declare a minimum and maximum number of players that will be playing. These player numbers are generally based off of the previous year's participation rate for a given tournament. These numbers are then written into the contracts that we sign with the golf courses.

Once the golf course contract is signed, these minimum and maximum numbers are then entered into Golf Genius and tournament registration can begin for all of our members.

For every tournament, once the maximum number is reached in Golf Genius through registration, all members wishing to play are then put on a wait list.

There are 2 ways that a member can be moved off of the waitlist:

- if a registered member withdraws from the tournament or
- if NIMAGA can get more tee times from the golf course.

As you can see, it is important for members to register for tournaments as early as possible to avoid being put on a waitlist. Early registration also provides enough time for NIMAGA Golf Genius administrators to finalize the tee sheet.

But inevitably, players do cancel after the tee sheet is published. So, we do need to promote others from the waitlist and move players around on the tee sheet resulting in a tee sheet revision. We do appreciate your patience and flexibility when these tee sheet revisions become necessary.

## **PACE OF PLAY (PoP) POLICY**

Our new Pace of Play policy is going well as we reach our fifth event of the year. Please read the specific bullet points below to refresh your memory. Feel free to provide your questions or any feedback to [web@nimaga.org](mailto:web@nimaga.org)

In summary, a player will be assessed 1 slow-play penalty stroke 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.

- 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 BUSINESS CARDS**

The NIMAGA Business Cards (NBC) are up and running on the NIMAGA.org website. NBC allows current members to promote their business or service on the NIMAGA website.

The NBC process begins when a member enters their business or service information on a template (pictured below)

Please note that your information will be on a publicly accessible website and could be viewed by anyone (members and non-members alike).

Visit <https://nimaga.org/cards> and follow the instructions.

<b>{Business}</b>	<b>{Category}</b>
{Full_Name}	{Cell#}
{Address}	{Home#}
{City}, {State} {ZIP}	{Work#}
{Website}	{Email}
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<b>Description</b>	
{Describe1}	
{Describe2}	
{Describe3}	
{Describe4}	

NIMAGA Business Cards may be discontinued at the board's discretion.

## **RULES SECTION**

*In the next 2 NIMAGA Notes, our Rules Contributor Robert Yedinak is including a two part installment of a rules article that he read online from a UK website. I thought it was a very well written, concise article on many common situations that we all can get wrong. --- Robert Yedinak*

Nine key Rules of Golf you just can't stop getting wrong (Part 1 of 2)

Right these wrongs on the golf course and you'll be well on the way to always playing by the rules by Steve Carroll | April 20, 2023 | Rules of Golf

There are 25 Rules of Golf. The Rule book contains more than 200 pages. If you get as far as the Official Guide, it's closer to 600. There are hundreds of sections and subsections. That's a lot to try and take in. The R&A recently launched a new video aiming to give you the basics – the key things you need to know to successfully negotiate a round of golf and play to the rules. And while there will always be people who try and bend them, the vast majority of us are absolutely committed to playing with honesty and integrity. It's what sets our sport apart. And yet, whether it's by accident or through ignorance, there are still times we all fall foul – because we either don't know or misinterpret what the Rules of Golf say.

I've picked out nine examples that I see all too often out on the course and tell you how to fix them to make sure you don't get an unwitting penalty in your next competition...

The 9 Rules of Golf you keep getting wrong (1 - 4)

### 1. Unplayable Ball

Taking liberties with unplayable ball relief. If you're taking lateral relief for an unplayable ball, your two club lengths start at the spot of your ball. You can't just pick it up, take it away from the bush, the trees – whatever it is – and then start measuring when you're clear.

### 2. Back on the line relief from a penalty area

Splash. Your ball is in the water. But you can't drop wherever you feel like if you decide to take back on the line relief. You've got to keep the estimated point where the ball last crossed the penalty area between the hole and the spot where the ball is dropped. Don't just wander to wherever looks nice and put one down.

### 3. Deciding rules by agreement in stroke play

You're encouraged to help each other apply the rules, but you can't simply decide them among yourselves. If you do, whatever you work out is not binding on any player, a referee, or the competition committee. If you've got a rules issue, don't take the unanimous opinion of your playing partners as gospel. Raise it with the competition organizers before you return your scorecard.

NIMAGA Note: If in doubt, we encourage you to play two balls and ask the Tournament Directors to determine the appropriate outcome at the end of your round

#### 4. Provisional Balls

Saying 'I'm going to reload', or 'I'm going to play another', are not you announcing to the group you're going to put a provisional ball into play. They are, in fact, you playing again under penalty of stroke and distance. If you want to play a provisional, just include the not so magic word 'provisional'. It is true there are other variations you can get away with – 'I'm going to play another just in case' is acceptable. But why take the risk, especially when it is so easy to get it right?

Carroll, Steve, 'Nine key Rules of Golf you just can't stop getting wrong',

NationalClubGolfer.com, April 20, 2023, <https://www.nationalclubgolfer.com/news/nine-rules-of-golf-getting-wrong/>. Accessed: April 22, 2023.

### **NIMAGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

Starting this year, NIMAGA will be offering a Player of the Year award. This prize will be awarded at the end of the year and will be presented to that player who has accumulated the most NIMAGA Cup points throughout the 2023 calendar year.

The award will be a trophy and paid membership for the 2024 season.

Current Leaders (through May 31):

Dave Dianovsky	300 points
Mark Heinsohn	270 points
Nick DiCosola	255 Points
Tom Zmuda	250 points
Jim Wojcik	230 points
Peter McGhee	215 points
Jim Dubay	210 points

### **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](mailto:admin@nimaga.org).

## **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 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

**As of May 31st, the pot stands at \$597.00**

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](mailto: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**

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. Once the tournament registration closes, you will receive an email asking for your tee choice. Please respond timely with your choice. If we do not hear back from you, you will be assigned to the default tees.

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.

## **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)

## **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](mailto:web@nimaga.org) and we will be sure to address it.



## **2023 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **SPRING THAW - 04/08/2023**

#### Palmer Division – Cog Hill #3

Gross Robert DeVogelear

Gross 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Govern

Net Dave Dianovsky

#### Player Division – Cog Hill #1

Gross Jonathon Tran

Net Mark Power

#### Trevino Division – Cog Hill #2

Gross James DeLee

Net George Zdarsky

### **APRIL MIDWEEK - 04/25/2023**

#### Low Division – Bridges of Poplar Creek

Gross Jim Dubay

Net Tom Zmuda

#### High Division – Bridges of Poplar Creek

Gross Steve Barnaby

Net Jim Wojcik

### **MAY JAMBOREE - 05/07/2023**

#### Palmer Division – Palatine Hills

Gross Robert DeVogelear

Gross 2<sup>nd</sup> Tom Govern

Net Dave Dianovsky

#### Player Division – Palatine Hills

Gross Jonathon Tran

Net Mark Power

#### Trevino Division – Palatine Hills

Gross James DeLee

Net George Zdarsky

### **MAY MIDWEEK - 05/23/2023**

#### Low Division – HillDale GC

Gross John Golwitzer

Net Tom Zmuda

#### High Division – HillDale GC

Gross John Canary

Net Peter McGhee

## 2023 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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	Date	Day	Entry Cutoff Date	Tournament Name	Golf Course
	April thru September		Apr 30	<a href="#">C&amp;G Match Play</a>	Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course & time. Must be a member for 2+ years.
	June 4	Sun.	CLOSED	<a href="#">Summer Classic</a>	Village Greens of Woodridge
	Jun. 8	Thu.	CLOSED	<a href="#">Super Senior Open</a> (Age 65+)	Woodruff GC
	June 13	Tue.	QUALIFYING	<a href="#">NIMAGA Cup</a> (Qualify)	Bittersweet GC
	June 21	Wed.	June 11	<a href="#">June Midweek</a>	Bowes Creek CC
	July 9	Sun.	June 30	<a href="#">Freedom Open</a>	Highland Woods GC
	July 24	Mon.	July 14	<a href="#">July Midweek</a>	Ruffled Feathers GC
	Aug. 2	Wed.	July 23	<a href="#">Senior Open</a> (Age 50+)	Steeple Chase GC
	Aug. 12	Sat.	Aug 2	<a href="#">NIMAGA Club Championship</a>	Boone Creek GC
	Aug. 13	Sun.			Broken Arrow GC
	Aug. 29	Tue.	Aug 19	<a href="#">August Midweek</a>	Orchard Valley GC
	Sep. 9	Sat.	Aug 31	<a href="#">Patriot's Day Classic</a>	The Arboretum Club

Sep. 16	Sat.	N/A	<a href="#">Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)</a>	Fox Lake CC
Sep. 26	Tues	Sep 16	<a href="#">September Midweek</a>	Carillon GC
Oct. 1	Sun.	Sep 21	<a href="#">Two-Man Best Ball</a>	Naperbrook GC (High)
				Springbrook GC (Low)
Oct. 7	Sat.	N/A	<a href="#">NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)</a>	Whisper Creek GC
Oct. 8	Sun.			