



## NIMAGA NOTES – OCTOBER 2024

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### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2024 NIMAGA season was a great success! We played a lot of fantastic courses in mostly beautiful weather and had a significant increase in membership and participation. A big thank-you goes out to all you NIMAGA members for making that happen! Without your participation and help in growing our membership, this couldn't have happened. A special thank-you to all the volunteer board members who gave up a lot of their free time to set up and run all the events. Let's keep up the good work in 2025!

We concluded our season with the NPC at Springbrook in Naperville on October 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>. The course played tough with the recently rolled and undulating greens along with strong winds, especially on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day. Congratulations to the Gross Winners, new member John Haffner, who won first with a -1 Gross score and Tom Govern who won 2<sup>nd</sup> Gross. Congratulations to the Net Winner, Jeff Toth, who finished -1 Net for the 2 days. Congrats to the 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> net winners in order, Kirk Blakney, Shawn Pipes, Andrew Whitis, and Tim Quenan.

The season long match play event is still ongoing. Congratulations to John Lemm for winning the Hogan Bracket and to Bob Lake for winning the Jones Bracket. They will play a match to determine the overall champion. The finals for the consolation bracket will be played between Doug McKirahan and myself. Check back on the NIMAGA website or golf genius to find out the winners in the next couple weeks.

After topping off his season with yet another win, at the 2-man, Corey Lamb was awarded NIMAGA Player of the Year. He earned 655 points, finishing over 125 points ahead of the next highest point total. Congrats Corey, well done!

We will have a new and improved way to issue winnings in 2025. Golf Genius will give us the ability to put credit on your account which can be used to enter tournaments. No more waiting on the mail or until the next tournament to get your certificate. You will be able to use that credit as soon as it is issued to pay your entry fee to the next tournament. You will still be able to use your winnings at the various golf retail stores if you choose.

The Course Selection Committee has begun booking courses for 2025. If you have any suggestions of somewhere we haven't played for a while, or connections with a course that may help us get a better rate, please let us know.

If you know anyone interested in joining NIMAGA, have him create a profile in Golf Genius. He will then be included in emails regarding membership, tournaments, fees and deadlines for the 2025 season. Should you have any comments or questions, please email NIMAGA at [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org).

Be sure to read the rest of the NIMAGA Notes to see what's happening. Have a great offseason and be sure to watch out for email updates about the end of the year meeting and the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Sim Open. Hope to see you in 2025!

Tom O'Brien  
President

### **THANKS TO ALL OF OUR MEMBERS**

Thanks again to all of our members in 2024. We had an uptick in both of our membership and tournament entry numbers.

We urge you to keep spreading the word about NIMAGA to all of your golfing buddies.

### **ALL MEMBER YEAR-END MEETING**

We are currently making plans for the 2024 All Member annual meeting. We are looking at dates in early November at White Pines. Be sure to note that on your calendar and we will provide more details once things are finalized.

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

The results are final for the 2024 race to the Player of the Year title.

This year's winner goes to Corey Lamb. Corey (along with partner Stan Hilty) solidified his top finish with a win at the 2 Man Better Ball event. Corey wins a plaque and free membership for the 2025 season.

Congratulations, Corey!

The top 10 finishers are:

Corey Lamb	655 points
Robert Allen	535 points
Terry McGhee	525 points
Einer Steinsson	520 points

Mario Conte	515 points
Dave Dianovsky	505 points
John Gollwitzer	500 points
Dan Montgomery	455 points
George Zdarsky	445 points
Jim Dubay	440 points

Click here to see the 2024 POY Final standings:

Palmer -

[https://www.golfgenius.com/customers/23077/season\\_points/point\\_categories/10135106120444846930/standings](https://www.golfgenius.com/customers/23077/season_points/point_categories/10135106120444846930/standings)

Player -

[https://www.golfgenius.com/customers/23077/season\\_points/point\\_categories/10135106127826821971/standings](https://www.golfgenius.com/customers/23077/season_points/point_categories/10135106127826821971/standings)

Trevino -

[https://www.golfgenius.com/customers/23077/season\\_points/point\\_categories/10135106128665682772/standings](https://www.golfgenius.com/customers/23077/season_points/point_categories/10135106128665682772/standings)

## **REMINDERS FOR THE 2025 SEASON**

The 2025 Membership Registration will open in Golf Genius on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We will be sending out a reminder email sometime in late December.

Pace of Play (PoP) violations will be carried over into the next calendar year. Meaning that, any 2024 PoP violations that exist at the end of the season will be carried over to the start of the 2025 season. You will be notified of your PoP count when you receive your 2025 Registration Welcome email.

As Tom mentioned in his Presidential Message, we will be implementing a new Golf Genius feature called Credit Book for the 2025 season. Credit Book allows users to maintain a virtual balance within Golf Genius. This virtual balance can then be used by players as payment when they register for membership or tournaments. NIMAGA plans to issue tournament winnings directly to Credit Book for member use. We will be sending out instructions on Credit Book as we get closer to the 2025 season.

## **TECHNICAL HOW TO**

Director Shawn Pipes has volunteered to host a ZOOM session explaining the technical side of NIMAGA. Among the topics that we can discuss would be navigating the NIMAGA website, Golf Genius demos and questions that you might have.

If you are interested, please let us know by emailing us at [admin@nimaga.org](mailto:admin@nimaga.org). Based on the responses, we will move forward with scheduling.

## **RULES SECTION**

*The NIMAGA Notes will be running a continuing column explaining various Rules situations. Robert Yedinak is the contributing author of this section.*

### *This month Robert addresses – **Embedded Ball***

As you can probably guess, I am a bit of a Rules of Golf geek and tend to read all the rules articles that come my way. Now that we are all members of the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA), we have access to a lot of CDGA resources regarding the rules. I usually take the rules quiz when we receive the electronic version on the Chicago District Golfer magazine. And I always read the rules article in the hard copy of the magazine that we receive throughout the year. In addition, since Google is always tracking me, I get a lot of rules article suggestions in my daily news feeds.

In the August 2024 version of the CDGA print magazine, the rules article covered embedded balls, “Below Ground Level” (<https://magazine.cdga.org/chicago-district-golfer-article-archive/august-2024-below-ground-level/>).

It’s a well written article and I suggest you give it a read. However, in one paragraph the author left us hanging and didn’t cover the ruling. Personally, I was frustrated that the author did not clarify the ruling.

The paragraph in the article: “Is my ball embedded if another player stepped on my ball or drove their cart over my ball? No, those are not the result of the previous stroke and therefore are not embedded balls.”

So, what is the ruling in this case? In this situation, Rule 9.5 applies.

- Rule 9.5 - Ball Lifted or Moved by Opponent in Match Play
  - 9.5 a. When Lifted or Moved Ball Must Be Replaced - If the opponent lifts or moves the player’s ball at rest, the ball must be replaced on its original spot (which if not known must be estimated) (see Rule 14.2)

So, unless the opponent intentionally moved the ball, no penalties are assessed, and the player gets to replace his ball. Per 9.5.b, “If the opponent lifts or deliberately touches the player’s ball at rest or causes it to move, the opponent gets one penalty stroke”. Rule 14.2 covers in detail how the ball must be replaced.

As I stated in my first paragraph, we all probably see a lot of Rules of Golf information passing our way. And I am wondering if you all find my articles useful? I try to cover situations that come up in our tournaments, but if you all feel you already have enough exposure to rules info, I won’t object to taking this task off my to-do list for next season.

With that in mind, I created an email address to send me your thoughts on continuing these articles (rules.nimaga@gmail.com). And if we decide to continue the articles, feel free to use the email to send me any rules questions or suggestions for future articles.

Enjoy your off season and see you next year.

Salierno, Joe, "Below Ground Level", Chicago District Golfer, August, 2024,  
<https://magazine.cdga.org/chicago-district-golfer-article-archive/august-2024-below-ground-level/>

## **HOLE-IN-ONE POT**

The season ended without a Hole-In-One for 2024

We are now at \$1,465.00 (as of Oct 10th) that will be there when the 2025 season opens up.

Email [HoleInOne@nimaga.org](mailto:HoleInOne@nimaga.org) with any questions that you might have.

## **HOW ARE WE DOING?**

Feel free to drop us an email at any time and let us know what you like about NIMAGA or what we can do better.

The NIMAGA Board appreciates the feedback and are always looking for ways to improve the organization.

Send that email to [web@nimaga.org](mailto:web@nimaga.org) and we will be sure to consider any and all requests.

## **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.

## **2024 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **NIMAGA SIM OPEN – X-GOLF - 01/06/2024**

#### **Low Division – Kapalua Plantation Course**

1 <sup>st</sup> Gross	Chris Close
1 <sup>st</sup> Net	Anthony Volpicelli
2 <sup>nd</sup> Net	Tom Zmuda
3 <sup>rd</sup> Net	Jim Dubay

#### **High Division – Kapalua Plantation Course**

1 <sup>st</sup> Gross	Tim Szczesny
1 <sup>st</sup> Net	Ken Koranda
2 <sup>nd</sup> Net	Jeff Toth
3 <sup>rd</sup> Net	Terry McGhee

### **SPRING THAW - 04/06/2024**

#### **Palmer Division – Cog Hill #2**

Gross	Ron Potocnik
Gross 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Dianovsky
Net	Dennis Joplin

#### **Player Division – Cog Hill #3**

Gross	Corey Lamb
Net	Mike Zdarsky

#### **Trevino Division – Cog Hill #1**

Gross	Ray Pauliks
Net	Jim Wojcik

### **APRIL MIDWEEK – 04/18/2024**

#### **Low Division – Pine Meadow**

Gross	Tom Zmuda
Net	Corey Lamb

#### **High Division – Pine Meadow**

Gross	Stan Mitchell
Net	Joe Lanute

### **MAY MIDWEEK – 05/01/2024**

#### **Low Division – Seven Bridges**

Gross	Mike Lyman
Net	Dick Freund

#### **High Division – Seven Bridges**

Gross	Ken Koranda
Net	John Snow

## **MAY JAMBOREE – 05/19/2024**

### Palmer Division – Randall Oaks GC

Gross	Mike Sutton
Gross 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Brandon Rowatt
Net	Mike Lyman

### Player Division – Bonnie Dundee GC

Gross	Robert Allen
Net	Terry Boksha

### Trevino Division – Bonnie Dundee GC

Gross	Einar Steinsson
Net	Randy Samoska

## **NIMAGA CUP – KLEIN CREEK – 05/29/2024**

Blue Team	11.5 points
Red Team	9.5 points
White Team	6.0 points

Blue Team            Jeff Toth (capt), Mike Lyman, Dan Plens, Jim Wojcik, Tom Govern,  
John Snow, Steve Leiber, Bob Lake, Frank Fiarito, Ray Riemer, Peter  
McGhee, James DeLee

## **SUMMER CLASSIC – 06/08/2024**

### Low Division – Shepherd's Crook GC

Gross	Al Green
Net	Rolando Levya

### High Division – Shepherd's Crook GC

Gross	Greg Doyle
Net	Mayur Patel

## **SUPER SENIOR OPEN (65+) – 06/18/2024**

### Low Division – St. Andrews #1

Gross	Russ Riendeau
Net	Stan Mitchell

### High Division – St. Andrews #1

Gross	John Snow
Net	Jim Wojcik

**JUNE MIDWEEK – 06/24/2024**

Low Division – Aurora CC

Gross	John Gollwitzer
Net	Jeff Crites

High Division – Aurora CC

Gross	Jeff Toth
Net	Dennis Samoska

**FREEDOM OPEN – 07/21/2024**

Palmer – Golf Club of Illinois

Gross	John Gollwitzer
Net	Dave Dianovsky

Player Division – Golf Club of Illinois

Gross	Mark Heinsohn
Net	Robert Allen

Trevino Division – Golf Club of Illinois

Gross	Dan Montgomery
Net	George Zdarsky

**JULY MIDWEEK – 07/31/2024**

Low Division – Foxford Hills

Gross	John Gollwitzer
Net	Bob Lake

High Division – Foxford Hills

Gross	Dan Montgomery
Net	William Schultz

**NIMAGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – 08/10 & 08/11/2024**

Low Division – Highlands of Elgin & White Pines East

Gross	Tom Govern
Net	Jim Dubay

High Division – White Pines East & Highlands of Elgin

Gross	Mario Conte
Net	Sal Lombardi, Sr.



## **SENIOR OPEN (50+) - 08/23/2024**

### Low Division – Glendale Lakes GC

Gross	John Haffner
Net	Mike Lyman

### High Division – Glendale Lakes GC

Gross	Mario Conte
Net	Mike Sramek

## **AUGUST MIDWEEK – 08/29/2024**

### Low Division – Blackberry Oaks GC

Gross	Shomari Moss
Net	Dave Sloan

### High Division – Blackberry Oaks GC

Gross	Einar Steinsson
Net	Dave Martinek

## **PATRIOT’S DAY CLASSIC – 09/07/2024**

### Low Division – Cinder Ridge GC

Gross	Ron Potocnik
Net	Jim Dubay

### High Division – Cinder Ridge GC

Gross	Ray Riemer
Net	Randy Samoska

## **MILWAUKEE CHALLENGE – 09/21/2024**

### Oak Grove GC

MCPLA	60 ½ points
NIMAGA	35 ½ points

2024 NIMAGA Team Tom O’Brien (capt), George Zdarsky, Robert Allen, Mike Daly, Dave Martinek, Jeff Lyman, Mike Lyman, Dan Dorr, Declan Butler, Jake Dianovsky, Dick Freund, Doug McKirahan, Jonathon Redding, Jack Setnan, Jack Daly, Jim Tobin, John Snow, Ken Larsen, Ken Koranda, Larry Zakosek, Mark Heinsohn, Mike Sramek, Mike Macpherson, Mike Somora, Chris Becker, Tim Quenan, Roy Robbins, Ray Pauliks, Shailen Borkar, Stan Hilty, Steve Stone, Terry Boksha

## **SEPTEMBER MIDWEEK – 09/26/2024**

### Low Division – Traditions at Chevy Chase

Gross	John Gollwitzer
Net	Kirk Blakney

### High Division – Traditions at Chevy Chase

Gross	Mario Conte
Net	George Zdarsky

## **TWO MAN BETTER BALL – 09/29/2024**

### Low Division – Countryside Prairie course

Gross	Dave Minor & Brandon Rowatt
Net	Stan Hilty & Corey Lamb

### High Division – Countryside Traditional course

Gross	Jonathon Redding & Jim Tobin
Net	Steve Barnaby & Robert Yedinak

## **C&G MATCH PLAY**

### Championship Bracket

John Lemm v Bob Lake	for Championship Bracket winner
Tim Quenan	Semi Finalist
John Francel	Semi Finalist

### Consolation Bracket

Tom O'Brien v Doug McKirahan	for Consolation Bracket winner
Dick Freund	Semi Finalist
Jim Kotula	Semi Finalist

## **NIMAGA PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP – 10/05 & 10/06/2024**

### One Division – Springbrook GC

John Haffner	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Gross
Tom Govern	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Gross

Jeff Toth	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Net
Kirk Blakney	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Net
Shawn Pipes	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Net
Andrew Whitis	4 <sup>th</sup> Place Net
Tim Quenan	5 <sup>th</sup> Place Net