

The final matches of the **2018 C&GMPT** were played on Friday, Sept 28th at The Preserve at Oak Meadows in Addison. The four finalists earned their way to the Finals this day by winning their previous four matches, and the right to compete for their respective Division's Championship on this beautiful and demanding golf course. This was a stiff test of golf with the Hogan going off of the blue tees (134 slope) while the Jones division played from a black/blue hybrid tees (136 slope). To further add to the difficulty, the weather turned on us with frequent light rain and temperatures hovering in the low 50s.

In the Hogan Division, **Sal Lombardi, Sr.**, playing in his first MPT Finals, beat **Ray Riemer** (also in his first final match) to the tune of 5&4. Sal went 2 up in the first 4 holes and Ray never recovered as the weather worsened. Sal was relentless and played great throughout, stretching the lead on the back nine and finishing off Ray with a 22 foot putt on the 14<sup>th</sup> hole to seal the deal. Ray knew it would be a test based on the handicap differential but in the end, it was Sal's consistent play that was the determining factor. **Terry Boksha** was the playing marshal for this group. Many thanks to Terry for enduring the wet and cold conditions.

The Jones Division match was a much tighter affair, with **Ron Potocnik** battling **Mayur Patel** to extra holes before winning in 19 holes. The match seesawed throughout with each man holding hole advantages yet battling back to force it to 19 holes. Mayur was down 2 after 15, yet managed to win 16 & 17 to draw the match to even. But Ron prevailed on the first extra hole to take the title. This was Ron and Mayur's first time participating in Match Play and they took it to the limit. Mayur even overcame a defeat in round 1 but re-entered and made it to the finals. **Tim Jordan** was their playing marshal. Thanks, Tim!

One last thanks to the handful of NIMAGA reps who accompanied the final event.

Congratulations to **Sal Lombardi, Sr.** and **Ron Potocnik** for an outstanding tournament! They will each be rewarded with a \$172 NIMAGA Certificate, Championship plaque, and received the gratis round of golf at Oak Meadows, and a qualification for the NPC. For finishing in second place, **Ray Riemer** and **Mayur Patel** each will receive a \$112 NIMAGA Certificate, and also an NPC qualification.

The C&GMPT prize payouts were:

Mike Lyman	Jones Division	Q finals	\$28.00
Jonathon Tran	Jones Division	Q finals	\$28.00
Frank Fiarito	Jones Division	Q finals	\$28.00
James Dubay	Jones Division	Q finals	\$28.00
Mario Conte	Jones Division	Semi finals	\$65.00
Stan Hilty	Jones Division	Semi finals	\$65.00
Mayur Patel	Jones Division	Runner-up	\$112.00
Ron Potocnik	Jones Division	Champion	\$172.00
Ken Koranda	Hogan Division	Q finals	\$28.00
George Zdarsky	Hogan Division	Q finals	\$28.00
Micheal Wolfe	Hogan Division	Q finals	\$28.00
Dave Martinek	Hogan Division	Q finals	\$28.00
Dennis Samoska	Hogan Division	Semi finals	\$65.00
Jim Kotula	Hogan Division	Semi finals	\$65.00
Ray Riemer	Hogan Division	Runner-up	\$112.00
Sal Lombardi, Sr	Hogan Division	Champion	\$172.00

As most of you know, this is the first year that this tournament is under new management. I want to thank George Zdarsky and Carl Movrich for trusting me with their tournament that they started in 2008. To that end, the tournament was renamed to withhold that legacy. I hope that myself and the new governing body has done them proud.

We encourage you to attend the NIMAGA Members Meeting on Wednesday, October 17th at 6:30 PM at White Pines. We will be handing out trophies, participant poker chips and prize payouts (don't worry - we will mail them, if you can't make it).

Thanks to all who participated in this year's event and we hope you will enroll for next year.

Ray Riemer  
Tim Jordan  
Terry Boksha