



NIMAGA NOTES – JUNE 2022

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Thank goodness, we finally are having good weather for tournaments. Let's hope this string continues. Congratulations to all the winners in the May Jamboree, May Midweek, Summer Classic and to the Blue Team in the NIMAGA Cup, which was captained by Dave Martinek. The following members of the Blue Team won 3 points in their matches: Dave Sloan/Shomari Moss, Mark Heinsohn/Robert Westberg, and Tom Govern/Tom Zmuda. Also, with this win the Blue Team members are now eligible to participate in the NIMAGA Players Championship (NPC) in October.

We plan on sending a small survey within the next week to all of you. Your feedback is very important to us, so please respond. Also, if you have a question that is not answered in the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) on the NIMAGA website, send us an email at admin@nimaga.org with your question.

A long time NIMAGA member, former board member and a good friend to many has retired and moved to Tennessee. Tom Gearhart played well this season winning net in the Spring Thaw and placing 4th in both the May Jamboree and May Midweek tournaments. Tom assured us that he plans on being up here for the NPC. One thing is for sure, it will be quieter on the course. We wish Tom nothing but the best (pictured below left to right – Mark Heinsohn & Tom Gearhart).



Be safe and stay well. Good luck to all playing in the early rounds of the C&G MPT and June Midweek.

Brian Alberts
President

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

CHOOSE YOUR TEES

Since our first 'Choose Your Tee' experiment at the April Midweek at Mistwood went so well, we will be doing more of these going forward.

Our next 'Choose Your Tee' experiment will be at the June Midweek which will be held at the McHenry Country Club on Monday, June 20th. You should have received an email in the last day or two outlining the tee choices for this tournament.

Registration for the June Midweek closes on Saturday, June 11th at 11:00 pm. Be sure to get your registration completed for this event.

PLAY READY GOLF !!

Slow pace of play is an issue that NIMAGA always struggles with, but it is the responsibility of every member of the foursome to maintain contact with the group ahead of you. Here is a reprint of an article from a prior NIMAGA Notes detailing some pace of play tips that was provided by our own Mayur Patel. And remember, these tips apply to our guests, as well.

PACE OF PLAY TIPS

- Always keep up with the group ahead of you.
- Without interfering with the others in your group, do as much of your preparation as possible before it is your turn to play.
- Be ready to play when it is your turn. Limit practice swings. From the time you select your club until you hit your shot, you should take no more than 20 seconds.
- Shorten that pre-shot routine.
- If you aren't ready to play when it is your turn, encourage one of your fellow players to play.
- Limit your time searching for lost balls. The rules allow you 3 minutes, only.
- Carry a spare ball(s) in your pocket so that you do not have to go back to your bag when you need to hit a provisional ball.
- Take more than one club to your next shot if you are going to leave your bag.
- When in doubt, hit a provisional ball. Eliminate the need to go back to where you hit your last shot.
- If your next shot is with your pitching wedge or sand wedge, automatically take your putter with you.
- Leave golf carts at a point beside the green that is in route to the next tee (usually behind the green).
- On the green, begin lining up your putt and reading the break as soon as you reach the green. When it's your turn to putt, be prepared to step right up and take the stroke.
- Don't bother marking lag putts - go ahead and putt out if it's short enough.
- If you are the first in the cup, pick up the flagstick so that you can replace it after the last person has putted out.
- All players in the group should be aware of clubs that are left around the green. Be sure to alert your foursome to pick up clubs.

- Mark your scorecard at the beginning of the next hole, not on the green.
- Never hold up play because you're in the middle of a conversation. Put the conversation on hold, take your stroke then, continue the conversation.
- Watch your playing partner's ball so that you can help him find it, in case he didn't see it during the hit.
- Wave up groups on par 3s when appropriate.
- If you are riding in a cart, hold onto the club and return to your seat in the cart. Then, put that club back when they go to pull the club(s) for their next shot. It even works when leaving a green - take the putter with you and put it away on the next tee.

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 events 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

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. Email questions to HoleInOne@nimaga.org

RULES SECTION

*The NIMAGA Notes will be running a continuing column explaining various Rules situations. Robert Yedinak will be the contributing author of this section. This month Robert addresses **Course Boundaries**.*

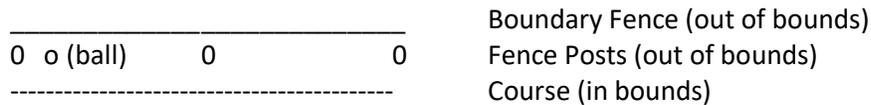
In most situations, it's obvious when your ball is out of bounds. You bomb your drive right over the boundary fence and watch it bounce down the road. Hoping it doesn't hit an oncoming car. Or you yank your shot hard left and watch it heading for the housing development, waiting for the sound of breaking glass. In those cases, you know you are taking a penalty and hitting from where you started. But what about the situations where your ball ends up right near the course boundary? Following are some clarifications to ensure you are playing by the rules and not playing a ball that should be out of play.

The first definition to consider is if any part of the ball is still on one of the five areas of the course, it is still in play. The five areas of the course:

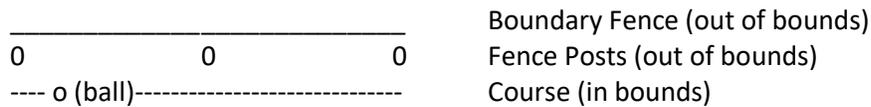
1. The general area, which covers the entire course except for the four specific areas.
2. The teeing area of the hole you are playing (Rule 6.2),
3. All penalty areas (Rule 17),
4. All bunkers (Rule 12), and
5. The putting green of the hole you are playing (Rule 13).

The course boundary edge should be defined by boundary objects or lines. A boundary object is a stake or a fence. The course boundary is defined as the “course-side points of the stakes or fence posts at ground level (excluding angled supports), and those stakes or fence posts are out of bounds”. A common course boundary is a chain link fence with the fence posts on the course side of the fence. So, what is the situation when your ball is very near or almost touching the fence? How do you determine if the ball is in bounds or out? As defined above, the course boundary is the inside edge of the fence. The diagrams below show what is in bounds and what is out of bounds.

Out of Bounds



In Bounds



The same situation applies if the course boundary is defined by stakes. The course-side edge of the stake is the boundary, so the ball needs to be touching the course at some point on the imaginary line between the inside edge of the two boundary stakes.

If the course edge is “defined by a painted line on the ground, the boundary edge is the course-side edge of the line, and the line itself is out of bounds”.

Additionally, “Boundary objects are treated as immovable even if they are movable or any part of them is movable (see Rule 8.1a)”. So, if your ball is in bounds but a boundary object (such as a stake or fence post) interferes with your swing, you cannot move the boundary object to take your swing. This differs from penalty area stakes as those are considered movable objects and can be moved and replaced to take your shot.

And a final reminder, for the speed of play, always take a provisional shot if you think your shot may be close to the boundary lines. It’s a long walk back if you find your ball just outside the course boundary.

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

2022 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course
April thru September		C&G Match Play	Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course & time. Must be a member for 2+ years.
June 5	Sun.	Summer Classic 	George Dunne National
June 20	Mon.	June Midweek	McHenry CC
Jul. 10	Sun.	Freedom Open	Fox Run GC
July 19	Tue.	July Midweek 	Chalet Hills GC
Aug. 1	Mon.	Super Senior Open (Age 65+)	Arlington Lakes GC
Aug. 13	Sat.	NIMAGA Club Championship	St. Andrews #1 (Low)
			White Pines (High)
Aug. 14	Sun.		White Pines (Low)
			St. Andrews #1 (High)
Aug. 17	Wed.	Senior Open (Age 50+)	Phillips Park GC

Aug. 30	Tue.	August Midweek	Maple Meadows GC
Sep. 10	Sat.	Patriot's Day Classic	Green Garden CC
Sep. 17	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Fox Lake CC
Sep. 21	Wed.	September Midweek	Deerfield GC
Oct. 2	Sun.	Two-Man Scramble	Randall Oaks GC (Low)
			Bonnie Dundee GC (High)
Oct. 8 & 9	Sat & Sun	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	Broken Arrow GC