



NIMAGA NOTES – JULY 2023

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope all of you had an enjoyable July 4th holiday. As we approach the halfway point of the NIMAGA tournament schedule, some of you have yet to participate in a tournament this season. I hope you will get an opportunity in the coming months to join us at a tournament.

The last couple of tournaments we have had to reach out to the course to secure additional tee times because we did not reserve enough, based on the prior year trends. If you decide to register at the last minute, there is a possibility that you will be placed on waiting list, at which time we will reach out to the course to request additional times. Fortunately, we have been able to secure additional tee times. However, when we receive a request for a late entry a few days after the registration closing date, those are difficult to fill, but you still might get an opportunity to play if someone cancels. So, the bottom line, it never hurts to ask.

Congratulations to all the 1st place gross and net winners and those that qualified for the NIMAGA Players Championship (NPC) thus far. A shout out to Mayur Patel, captain of the Blue Team in the NIMAGA Cup that was played at the Bittersweet Golf Club in Gurnee under some tough weather conditions. All members of the winning team qualified for the NPC.

Supposedly, the Golf Genius Android issue has been resolved. Read the rest of NIMAGA Notes to find more.

Remember, if you have any questions about an upcoming tournament, please send an email to admin@nimaga.org

Take care and good luck in your next tournament.

Brian Alberts
President

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.

GOLF GENIUS AND ANDROID DEVICE ISSUES

Over the first half of the 2023 season, we have had members who have had connectivity issues with Golf Genius and Android devices. A support ticket was opened to Golf Genius and they have reported that they have resolved this issue.

Just go to the App Store and download the version of Golf Genius that is available to your Android mobile devices.

SUMMER CONCERT SCHEDULE

For those times when you are not golfing and looking for something to do. There is a Summer Concert schedule available on the NIMAGA website. Simply go to NIMAGA.org and click on the 'Summer Concert' tab on the lower right of the home page.

RULES SECTION

Here is Part 2 to wrap up the article that was started last month --- Robert Yedinak

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

The 9 Rules of Golf you keep getting wrong (5 -9)

5. Nearest, not nicest, point of complete relief

When you take relief from any abnormal course condition, a wrong green, no play zone, even a dangerous animal condition, and some Local Rules, you needed to find the nearest point of complete relief. That is the estimated point where the ball would lie that is: nearest to the ball's original spot, in the required area of the course, not nearer the hole, and where you've got complete relief from the condition. There's a fair few stipulations there but note none of those say that where you drop means you have to get a good lie. If your nearest point of complete relief from a path is in a bush, then the bush is where you drop. Them's the breaks. So think carefully before you start picking your ball up.

6. Temporary Water

Don't stamp about. Don't do a dance trying to find a bit of H₂O. Temporary water isn't just wet ground. It isn't even if water is momentarily visible as you step onto the ground. It needs to be seen before, or after, you take your stance "without pressing down excessively" with your feet.

7. Identifying your ball? Mark it first...

You're in good company if you've done this one. I've had to stop plus handicappers making this mistake in some big competitions. If a ball might be yours, and you need to identify it, you've got to mark it first before lifting it. If you just pick it up, or rotate it, without doing that you're going to get a penalty stroke.

NIMAGA Note: If we are playing the local rule of "lift, clean and place", you also need to mark your ball before lifting it.

8. Sweeping away sand and soil on the course

This catches people out because you're allowed to do it on the green. But if your ball is, for example, in the general area (which includes the fringe) and you start shifting sand or loose soil that's not on the putting surface, you're going to be slapped with a two shot sanction if what you do improves the conditions affecting your stroke.

9. Teeing Area Rules

Don't pinch an inch in the teeing area. If any part of your ball is in the teeing area, it's in. But, and especially if that teeing area is large, we can creep ahead and unintentionally find ourselves outside it altogether. This is a big problem in stroke play because if you don't correct the mistake before teeing off on the next hole, or handing in your card if the round's over, the penalty is disqualification. Even if you do realize your error and fix it, you're still adding two strokes to your score. The bottom line is to stay within the confines of the teeing area or you'll be sorry.

Steve Carroll is a journalist for 23 years, Steve has been immersed in club golf for almost as long. A former captain and committee member, he has passed the Level 3 Rules of Golf exam with distinction having attended the national Tournament Administrators and Referee's Seminar. He has officiated at a host of high-profile tournaments, including Open Regional Qualifying and the PGA Fourball Championship. A member of NCGs Top 100s panel, Steve has a particular love of links golf and is frantically trying to restore his single-figure handicap.

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.

PACE OF PLAY (PoP) POLICY

Our new Pace of Play policy is in full swing. Please read the specific bullets points below to refresh your memory. Feel free to provide your questions or any feedback to 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.

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.

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

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.

Top 10 season points leaders (through July 7th):

Nick DiCosola	415 points
Dave Dianovsky	405 points
Jim Wojcik	315 points
Mario Conte	295 points
Dan Montgomery	290 points
Jeff Toth	285 points
Mark Heinsohn	270 points
Stan Hilty	255 points
Tom Zmuda	250 points
Mayur Patel	240 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.

NIMAGA HOLE-IN-ONE JACKPOT

As of July 5th, the pot stands at \$677.00

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.

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, 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

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 RESULTS

NIMAGA SIM OPEN - 01/26/2023

Low Division - XGolf Downers Grove

Perry Variano

High Division - XGolf Downers Grove

Terry Boksha

SPRING THAW - 04/08/2023

Palmer Division – Cog Hill #3

Gross Robert DeVogelaar

Gross 2nd 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 Cal McKittrick

Gross 2nd Kellen Stanger

Net Jeff Lyman

Player Division – Palatine Hills

Gross Jim Placek

Net Pete Angelakos

Trevino Division – Palatine Hills

Gross Mark Heinsohn

Net Nick DiCosola

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

SUMMER CLASSIC - 06/04/2023

Palmer Division – Village Greens

Gross Shomari Moss

Gross 2nd Tom Govern

Net Stan Hilty

Player Division – Village Greens

Gross Gregg Whitis

Net Mario Conte

Trevino Division – Village Greens

Gross Dan Montgomery

Net Nick DiCosola

SUPER SENIOR CLASSIC - 06/08/2023

One Division – Woodruff GC

Gross	Stan Hilty
Gross 2 nd	Greg Cornwell
Net	Nick DiCosola

NIMAGA CUP - 06/13/2023

Bittersweet GC

Blue Team	11 points
Red Team	9 points
White Team	7 points



Winning Blue Team

1st Row (L to R) - John Serola, Mark Heinsohn, Paul Susner, David Bradley, Dick Freund, James Kotula, John Snow, Tom O'Brien, Dan Montgomery, George Zdarsky, Ken Koranda

2nd Row (standing behind) - Capt. Mayur Patel

JUNE MIDWEEK - 06/21/2023

Low Division – Bowes Creek

Gross Kellen Stanger

Net Emilio Bedon

High Division – Bowes Creek

Gross Jeff Toth

Net Eric Lang

2023 MEMBER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Jeff Toth

Hole-in-one at Schaumburg

06/03/2023



2023 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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	Date	Day	Entry Cutoff Date	Tournament Name	Golf Course
	April thru September		Apr 30	C&G Match Play	Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course & time. Must be a member for 2+ years.
	July 9	Sun.	CLOSED	Freedom Open	Highland Woods GC
	July 24	Mon.	July 14	July Midweek	Ruffled Feathers GC
	Aug. 2	Wed.	July 23	Senior Open (Age 50+)	Steeple Chase GC
	Aug. 12	Sat.	Aug 2	NIMAGA Club Championship	Boone Creek GC
	Aug. 13	Sun.			Broken Arrow GC
	Aug. 29	Tue.	Aug 19	August Midweek	Orchard Valley GC
	Sep. 9	Sat.	Aug 31	Patriot's Day Classic	The Arboretum Club
	Sep. 16	Sat.	N/A	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Fox Lake CC
	Sep. 26	Tues	Sep 16	September Midweek	Carillon GC
	Oct. 1	Sun.	Sep 21	Two-Man Best Ball	Naperbrook GC (High)
					Springbrook GC (Low)

Oct. 7	Sat.	N/A	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	Whisper Creek GC
Oct. 8	Sun.			