



NIMAGA NOTES – MARCH 2024

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The golf season is upon us. Our first tournament is this Saturday at Cog Hill. For those of you who haven't taken advantage of some of the milder days we've had this winter to play golf, it's time to get out the sticks, shake off the cobwebs and start hitting some golf balls. For those of you who haven't joined yet or are not playing in the Spring Thaw, what are you waiting for? Let's get the tournament season under way. We have a good slate of courses to play this year, including a private course, Aurora CC. Don't miss out!

We have quite a few new members already signed up this year. Make them feel welcome and help them out if they have any questions. Point out a board member to them if it's something you can't help them with. Quite a few of the new members found out about us online somewhere. Feel free to mention NIMAGA in any Golf Forums you participate in or anywhere else you interact with other golfers. Spread the word and get a PGA Tour Superstore Gift Card!

I'd like to welcome Ken Koranda who is the newest NIMAGA Board member. NIMAGA is run by volunteers, and all the time and effort all the members of the board will put in to make the 2024 NIMAGA Season a success is greatly appreciated!

Read on to find out what new things are in store for both NIMAGA and golf in 2024.

Tom O'Brien
President

WELCOME TO OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

The NIMAGA board is pleased to announce that Ken Koranda has accepted a vacancy on the board, filling Doug McKirahan's position. Doug left the board at the end of the 2023 season. Doug continues to contribute to NIMAGA by supporting and maintaining the NIMAGA website.

Many of you already know Ken. He joined NIMAGA in 2004 and has been a fixture at NIMAGA tournaments since that time. Ken will fit right in on the NIMAGA board.

Thanks to Ken for accepting this position and thanks to Doug for his contributions.

CHANGES FOR THE 2024 NIMAGA SEASON

It is important that you spend an extra minute after completing your round to check those scorecards for accuracy before signing them and turning them in to the tournament scorer. DQs could result from inaccurate scorecards.

Every NIMAGA tournament will be a Choose Your Tees event (excluding the C&G Match Play, NIMAGA Cup and the Milwaukee Challenge).

- New in 2024, if you do not respond (or declare) your tee choice, you will default to the shorter tee. Last year, our default was the longer tees.
- So be aware of that when making your tee choices.

The tee sheet that you will receive prior to the tournament will have a slightly different format. Nothing to be alarmed about. All of the necessary information will be present.

- Refer to both the tee sheet and rules sheet for all of your tournament information.
- As always, these two pieces of information are also available on the Golf Genius tournament portals

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.

GOLF GENIUS MOBILE APP

This item is targeted at our new 2024 members but can be a refresher for all of us.

NIMAGA uses Golf Genius software to do all of our tournament management.

There are two components to Golf Genius.

- The first is the 'online' Member Profile and Tournament portal pages. This is accessed through a browser. You already have used this function to join NIMAGA and enter tournaments.
- The second is the 'mobile app' that is used for tournament day activities. This

Prior to the tournament, you all should download the Golf Genius mobile app on your smart phones. Just search your app store for 'Golf Genius' and download (it is a free app).

On the day of the tournament, you will be given a White Card prior to your foursome teeing off.

- On one side of the card will be your Division, Tee Time, and a Golf Genius ID (GGID) with places to record scores.
 - You will be keeping score for the player identified on the card, but a good practice is to keep score for the entire foursome.
 - This will be used to validate everyone's scores at the end of the round.
- On the other side of the card will be Scorecard Scoring Procedures that you will need to follow through the course of your round.

We have been using Golf Genius since 2021, so all of our existing members are familiar with the use of the mobile app.

When in doubt, just ask a member of your foursome for Golf Genius help.

Remember, the Golf Genius mobile app is only used for tournament day activities.

- Real time scoring
- Live leaderboards
- It cannot be used to enter a future tournament.

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT EMAIL

Earlier this month, you all should have received an email with an attachment titled 'What to Expect on the Day of the Tournament'. This is a valuable guide that should answer the majority of the questions that you might have about NIMAGA tournament.

Please keep that document handy through the course of the 2024 season.

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.

2024 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NIMAGA SIM OPEN - 01/06/2024

X-GOLF – DOWNERS GROVE

Low Division – Kapalua Plantation Course

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

High Division – Kapalua Plantation Course

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

2024 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. New members may be eligible. 
	Apr. 6	Sat.	Spring Thaw	Cog Hill #1 (Trevino)
				Cog Hill #2 (Palmer)
				Cog Hill #3 (Player)
	Apr. 18	Thu.	April Midweek	Pine Meadow GC
	May 1	Wed.	May Midweek	Seven Bridges GC
	May 19	Sun.	May Jamboree	Randall Oaks GC (Palmer)
				Bonnie Dundee GC (Player+Trevino)
	May 29	Wed	NIMAGA Cup	Klein Creek
	June 8	Sat.	Summer Classic	Shepherd's Crook GC
	June 18	Tue.	Super Senior Open (Age 65+)	St. Andrews #1
	June 24	Mon.	June Midweek	Aurora CC
	July 14	Sun.	Freedom Open	Golf Club of Illinois
	July 31	Wed.	July Midweek	Foxford Hills GC

Aug. 10	Sat.	NIMAGA Club Championship	Highlands of Elgin & White Pines - East
Aug. 11	Sun.		White Pines – West & Highlands of Elgin
Aug. 23	Fri.	Senior Open (Age 50+)	Glendale Lakes GC
Aug. 29	Thu.	August Midweek	Blackberry Oaks GC
Sep. 7	Sat.	Patriot's Day Classic	Cinder Ridge GC
Sep. 14	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Fox Lake CC
Sep. 26	Thu.	September Midweek	Traditions at Chevy Chase
Sep. 29	Sun.	Two-Man Better Ball	Countryside - Prairie (Low)
			Countryside - Traditional (High)
Oct. ?	Sat.	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	TBD