



## NIMAGA NOTES – MAY 2024

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### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 2024 Tournament season has gotten off to a great start. We already have two repeat winners this year in Corey Lamb and Mike Lyman. At the last two events, the May Jamboree at Randall Oaks / Bonnie Dundee, and the May Midweek at Seven Bridges, we had gorgeous weather for this time of year.

Our participation has also been excellent so far, but no reason it can't be better! If you haven't played an event yet, what are you waiting for? Don't wait until the last minute to register either, as we have been filling up the number of foursomes most of the courses allotted us. Fortunately, we were able to add more, but that is not always the case.

For those who qualified, the NIMAGA Cup will be played next Wednesday at Klein Creek. We had an in-person draft at White Pines last week. The three Captains; Tom Zmuda (Palmer), Jeff Toth (Player), Dan Montgomery (Trevino), all made a concerted effort to draft the winning team. Who do you think will take the Cup home? We also have 3 great events coming up in June. The always well participated Super Senior is at St. Andrews. It's the one chance a year for those 65+ to compete only against their own age bracket. We are also playing 2 premium courses in June. The Summer Classic is at Shepard's Crook and the June Midweek is at Aurora CC. You don't want to miss that one.

We have a good number of new members this year. Keep up spreading the word, in person and/or online to help us keep growing. Be sure to introduce yourself to any of the new guys you haven't met.

Just a friendly reminder, we are playing tournament golf. We do follow USGA Rules unless otherwise noted on the rule sheet. We also DO NOT play local rules, unless noted on the rule sheet. If you don't know a rule, no big deal. Look it up, ask someone, or play 2 balls if you are unsure on how to proceed. And while we are competitors, there is no reason we can't be cordial to one another and show sportsmanship. Let's enjoy ourselves out there while trying to best one another.

Get out there, play some golf, and don't forget to record those non-Nimaga rounds.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!

Tom O'Brien  
President

## **2024 NIMAGA CUP**

As Tom mentioned in his Presidential Message above, this year's NIMAGA Cup is in full swing.

For our newer members, the MINAGA Cup is a team concept based on the format of the Ryder Cup series. Qualifications for your division's team are based on points earned each year. The top twelve point winners will receive an invitation to compete. The top point winner from each division will be the team captain. The captains select from the players left in the pool until they have reached the limit of 4 players from anyone division. Each team will have 2 pairs from each division, and they will play against a pair from one of the other teams that are in the same division.

Our captains for this year are Tom Zmuda (Red Team), Jeff Toth (Blue Team) and Dan Montgomery (White Team).

The NIMAGA Cup draft party was held this past Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at the White Pines clubhouse.

This year's teams are:

### White Team

Dan Montgomery (Capt)  
Jim Dubay  
Roy Robbins  
Mayur Patel  
Mark Heinsohn  
Corey Lamb  
Rolando Leyva  
Terry Boksha  
Wes Stinich  
Dave Martinek  
Mike Sramek  
Chris Becker

### Red Team

Tom Zmuda (Capt)  
Chris Close  
Stan Mitchell  
Kevin Stough  
Stan Hilty  
Jonathon Redding  
Dick Freund  
George Zdarsky  
Robert Yedinak  
Eric Lang  
John Canary  
Larry Zakosek

### Blue Team

Jeff Toth (Capt)  
Mike Lyman  
Dan Plens  
Jim Wojcik  
Tom Govern  
John Snow  
Steve Leiber  
Bob Lake  
Frank Fiarito  
Peter McGhee  
James DeLee  
James Kotula

The matches will be held at Klein Creek on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Good Luck to all of the players.

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

Now in its second year, NIMAGA continues to offer 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 2024 calendar year.

The award will be a trophy and paid membership for the 2025 season.

Current Leaders (through the May Jamboree):

Corey Lamb	250 points
Mike Lyman	250 points
Stan Mitchell	245 points
Robert Allen	225 points
Einar Steinsson	205 points
Dick Freund	175 points
Dave Dianovsky	170 points
Roy Robbins	170 points
Kevin Stough	170 points
Ron Potocnik	160 Points

## **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 on 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.

## **OTHER REMINDERS**

As Tom mentioned earlier, we have enjoyed great participation in our tournaments in 2024, so thanks to all of you for that. But remember to register as early as you can. At the beginning of the year, our Course Selection Committee reserved courses and had to provide player estimates. When we reach those estimates, we must contact the golf courses to see if more times are available. This may or may not happen. Your best insurance for getting into a tournament is to register early.

As Tom also mentioned, we have a lot of great courses coming up on the schedule, so be sure to enter.

Thanks to everyone for their Golf Genius participation. Our tournaments are running smoother and final results are being tallied much quicker because of all of you entering scores during your tournament play. Keep up the great job.

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

The Hole-In-One pot continues to grow.

We are now at \$1,067.00 (as of May 15<sup>th</sup>).

The NIMAGA Hole-In-One is a cash pot that is collected from participating NIMAGA members (\$1 per entry) at each NIMAGA sanctioned event (excluding the C&GMPT and Milwaukee Challenge). 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.

Hole-in-One entry information is always present on the tee sheet that is sent to all tournament players.

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

## **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 - 01/06/2024**

#### **X-GOLF – DOWNERS GROVE**

##### **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

## 2024 NIMAGA TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

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	Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course
	April thru September		<a href="#">C&amp;G Match Play</a>	Season long tournament in which opponents arrange course & time. New members may be eligible. 
	May 29	Wed	NIMAGA Cup	Klein Creek
	June 8	Sat.	<a href="#">Summer Classic</a>	Shepherd's Crook GC
	June 18	Tue.	<a href="#">Super Senior Open</a> (Age 65+)	St. Andrews #1
	June 24	Mon.	<a href="#">June Midweek</a>	Aurora CC
	July 14	Sun.	<a href="#">Freedom Open</a>	Golf Club of Illinois
	July 31	Wed.	<a href="#">July Midweek</a>	Foxford Hills GC
	Aug. 10	Sat.	<a href="#">NIMAGA Club Championship</a>	Highlands of Elgin & White Pines - East
	Aug. 11	Sun.		White Pines – West & Highlands of Elgin

Aug. 23	Fri.	<a href="#">Senior Open (Age 50+)</a>	Glendale Lakes GC
Aug. 29	Thu.	<a href="#">August Midweek</a>	Blackberry Oaks GC
Sep. 7	Sat.	<a href="#">Patriot's Day Classic</a>	Cinder Ridge GC
Sep. 14	Sat.	<a href="#">Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)</a>	Fox Lake CC
Sep. 26	Thu.	<a href="#">September Midweek</a>	Traditions at Chevy Chase
Sep. 29	Sun.	<a href="#">Two-Man Better Ball</a>	Countryside - Prairie (Low)
			Countryside - Traditional (High)
Oct. 5,6	Sat. Sun	<a href="#">NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)</a>	Springbrook