



NIMAGA NOTES – FEBRUARY 2025

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome NIMAGA members to 2025! Happy New Year and hope all your holidays were great! A new golf season will be here soon, as the Spring Thaw is just over 2 months away. Before that, we do have the Sim open coming up on the 20th of this month. As I'm writing this, there are just a few spots left. So, sign up quickly if you want to join us. Also, get those membership registrations in, and make sure to get the word out to all your fellow golfers about NIMAGA. We had a great year last year and have steadily grown the organization over the past few years. Let's keep it going and a better 2025 season!

We do have some exciting new things coming this year that are detailed here in the notes. Make sure to read on and see what's happening. The schedule is nearly complete and we have a great slate of courses to play. We are also returning to one of last year's favorites, Aurora CC. That was one of the most well attended tournaments since I have been in NIMAGA. If you missed it last year, don't make the same mistake again, this year. Sign up and experience a great private Chicago Area golf course.

Brian Alberts and Mark Heinsohn have decided to step down from the board after the 2024 season. They both dedicated a great deal of time and effort ensuring the success of NIMAGA throughout the years. Thank you both for everything you have done. NIMAGA wouldn't be the same without your efforts! Hopefully we will see both of them on the course at some point in 2025 and beyond. If you do see Brian or Mark around, please extend your thanks to them as well.

On that note, over the next couple years, the NIMAGA board will be looking to identify and add individuals who can positively contribute to the organization. If you feel that's something you might have an interest in, feel free to talk to one of the current board members to see what it's all about.

Enjoy the rest of your off-season and hope to see you in a couple of weeks at the Sim Open or in April at the Spring Thaw!

Tom O'Brien
President

2025 NIMAGA MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION

As of Jan 1st, the NIMAGA membership registration is open through Golf Genius. We are happy to announce that there will be no price increase for the NIMAGA Membership fees in the 2025 season.

Simply go to the NIMAGA.org website and click on the orange Golf Genius banner on the top of the screen.

We have the following membership options available:

Jan 1 – Feb 28	Regular Membership (Early Bird)	\$70
Mar 1 – Sep 1	Regular Membership	\$80
TBD	Package Membership	TBD

As a refresher, Regular Memberships will provide you with a CDGA handicap throughout the 2025 calendar year. The Package Membership will provide a CDGA handicap as well as paid entry into the 7 regular events.

The Package Membership price is still being determined and should be available soon. An email will be sent once the Package Membership rates have been finalized. We can also make accommodations if you have already paid for membership and would like to switch to a Package Membership once the price is finalized.

NIMAGA SIM OPEN

NIMAGA will have the 3rd SIM Open on Thursday, February 20th 2025, at X-Golf in Downers Grove.

We have 3 spots remaining out of a maximum field of 32. We will be competing on the famed Spyglass Hill course in Pebble Beach, California. Be sure to enter today through Golf Genius to hold your spot.

BOARD MEMBER CHANGES FOR 2025

As Tom mentioned in his opening message, we have a few things to report on board members.

Brian Alberts will be stepping down from the NIMAGA Board in the 2025 season. Brian joined NIMAGA in 1981. Brian started his service on the board in 2001. He has been on numerous NIMAGA Committees and has performed many roles. Most recently, Brian was an Executive Committee member starting on 2001 and has been Tournament Chairman, Secretary, Vice President and President.

Mark Heinsohn will also be leaving the board in 2025. Mark has been a board member for a long time serving under a total of 5 NIMAGA presidents. Mark has performed numerous jobs and worked on many committees while on the board. Among those past positions are Secretary (Exec Committee), Tournament Chairman (Exec Committee), Membership, Handicap, Communication and Golf Genius understudy.

Both Brian and Mark have been named as Honorary Board Members and will be on hand to lend their expertise whenever needed.

On behalf of the Board, we want to thank Brian and Mark for their years of service to NIMAGA.

If you are interested in serving on the NIMAGA Board, please reach out to one of the directors.

3 CHANGES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

PACE OF PLAY (PoP)

PoP violations from the 2024 season will be carried over to start the 2025 season. You will see your pace of play count in the Welcome email that you will receive when you register for membership for the 2025 season.

NIMAGA CUP POINTS

Starting with the 2025 season, NIMAGA Cup Points will be displayed in Golf Genius under one heading (NIMAGA Player of the Year points). Points totals will no longer be displayed under playing divisions as in prior years.

The NIMAGA Board will be adjusting the method of choosing the NIMAGA Cup teams for the 2026 season. The rules for the 2026 NIMAGA Cup tournament will be communicated prior to the 2026 NIMAGA Cup tournament.

The NIMAGA Cup teams for the 2025 tournament are already determined based on last year's NIMAGA Cup points finishing totals. You will receive an invitation for that tournament if you finished in the top 12 of your playing division.

GOLF GENIUS – CREDIT BOOK

Probably the most significant change for 2025 will be the use of a new feature in Golf Genius called Credit Book. Credit Book allows players to keep a virtual balance within Golf Genius for their use. However, we are waiting on Golf Genius to issue the software needed to implement this feature. So, hold tight. More to come on this topic, real soon.

A FEW RECOGNITIONS

Three of our NIMAGA members were identified as Club Champions in the November 2024 edition of the 'Chicago District Golfer' magazine that is put out by the CDGA.

John Haffner	winner of the Men's division at Old Wayne Golf Club
John Gollwitzer	winner of the Men's division at Randall Oaks Golf Club
Ron Potocnik	winner of the Senior Men's division at Wilmette Golf Club

Congratulations gentlemen and keep up the fine play.

FAQs & QUESTIONS

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.

2025 SCHEDULE

The Course Selection team is working diligently to complete the 2025 schedule.

Here is what we have to date. We will provide details as courses are booked as well as the prices for each of these tournaments. We are scheduled to open registration for these tournaments on March 1, 2025.

Thanks for your patience.

Date	Event	Course(s)	Division	Start Time
April - October	C&GMPT		Hogan / Jones	N/A
Sat, Apr 05, 2025	Spring Thaw*	Cog Hill - #1	Palmer	10:00 AM
		Cog Hill - #2	Player	10:00 AM
		Cog Hill - #3	Trevino	10:00 AM
Thur, Apr 17, 2025	April Midweek	Pine Meadow GC	Low / High	10:30 AM
Mon, Apr 28, 2025	NIMAGA Cup	Seven Bridges GC	Invitational	9:00 AM
Sun, May 04, 2025	May Jamboree*	Countryside - Traditional	Palmer / Player	8:00 AM
		Countryside - Prairie	Trevino	7:30 AM
Tue, May 20, 2025	May Midweek	Old Orchard CC	Low / High	11:30 AM

Mon, June 02, 2025	Senior Open (50+)	Fox Bend GC	Low / High	10:00 AM
Sat, June 14, 2025	Summer Classic*	TBD	Pa / Pl / Tr	TBD
Mon, June 30, 2025	June Midweek	Aurora CC	Low / High	TBD
Sun, July 13, 2025	Freedom Open*	Pinecrest GC	Pa / Pl / Tr	10:00 AM
Tue, July 22, 2025	July Midweek	Thunderhawk GC	Low / High	11:00 AM
Tue, July 29, 2025	Super Senior Open (65+)	Hughes Creek GC	Low / High	10:00 AM
Sat, Aug 09, 2025	Club Championship*	TBD	Low / High	TBD
Sun, Aug 10, 2025		Heritage Bluffs GC	High / Low	TBD
Tue, Aug 19, 2025	August Midweek	Ravisloe CC	Low / High	11:00 AM
Sat, Sept 06, 2025	Patriot's Day Classic*	TBD	Pa / Pl / Tr	TBD
Tue, Sept 16, 2025	September Midweek	Bartlett Hills GC	Low / High	10:00 AM
Sat, Sept 20, 2025	Milwaukee Challenge	TBD	Limited	TBD
Sun, Sept 28, 2025	Two-Man Best Ball*	TBD	Low High	TBD
Sat, Oct 04, 2025 Sun, Oct 05, 2025	NIMAGA Players Championship	TBD	Invitational: One Division	TBD