

April 2006

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 2006 season of NIMAGA Tournaments. This is our 47th year of conducting tournaments for the public fee golfer. We are pleased to see a number of new members, former members and returning members who make up our total membership. For our new members, don't be discouraged if your first few tournament scores are higher because it takes a few months to get tournament tough. If you have any questions, please bring them to your tournament director.

THANK YOU TO OUR ADVERTISING FRIENDS

The White Pines Golf Dome in Bensenville, Chicago Bills Golf Shop in Roselle, and the Bartlett Hills Golf Club have displayed NIMAGA flyers. Also Chicagoland Golf newspaper and the Daily Herald have been strong NIMAGA supporters. .

RULES TO FOLLOW

There are a number of rules to follow in NIMAGA Tournaments:

- 1 - You must check in with the starter ten minutes prior to your tee time. If you are late and do not make your tee time you are assessed a two stroke penalty. You must tee off with the last group of the tournament to avoid disqualification.
- 2 - There is a Pace of Play Rule in NIMAGA. For 2005 the board has continued with the same policy we have used the past 3 years. The tournament directors have issued only 2 penalties in 2004 so the policy has worked to keep play moving. The Pace of Play Rule is: If a group finishes:

14-18 minutes behind the group in front of them,
AND 26 minutes behind two groups in front of them
– **1 Stroke Penalty**

19 minutes or more behind the group in front of them,
AND 26 minutes behind two groups in front of them
– **2 Stoke Penalty**

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM US!

If you enter the regular tournaments by the deadline date the pairings will be mailed to those who do not have internet access and they will be posted on our web site about one week prior to the event. About one week after the event you should receive a gift certificate if you "cashed" in the event. The winning scores should be on our web site about a week after the event. At the following month's event you should receive the winner's plaque.

MEMBER GUEST EVENT

Hey! Have you been waiting to play an event at a private Country Club? Here is your chance! On Monday May 15th, NIMAGA will host a Member Guest event at the Cress Creek Country Club in Naperville, IL. This event is designed to allow our membership an opportunity to bring guests and have them play a NIMAGA event. The event is open to all NIMAGA members and you can enter even if you don't have a guest. Guests are not required to have a certified handicap. Guests without a handicap will be assigned one. There will be 6 divisions, members' high/low, guests with handicaps high/low and guests without handicaps high/low. The 1:00 PM shot-gun event will permit you to work in the morning and arrive in time for the shotgun start. Payout totals will be determined by the number of entries. The cost of the event is \$125.00 and includes: golf, cart, memento, dinner and prizes. All new and former members should have received an application for this event but if you need one, please pick one up at the April event or call Roger Scott at 630-483-4320.

You can have 3 guests to fill out a foursome but if you would like to have extra guests send your entry in. If you want to entertain a few customers this will provide an excellent opportunity. Sign up ASAP to be sure you are not left out! 17 entries have already been received!

NIMAGA CUP

The team captains will be lining up their players at the April event. If you were a top 9 money winner from last year be sure to see your Captain on April 9th.

The first time in a year a member is in a slow group, the penalty is as written above. The second time in the same year a member is in a slow group, the penalty is twice what is written above. The third time in the same year a member is in a slow group, the penalty is twice what is written above. In addition the board will review his membership. The only time these criteria will not apply is if the group's total playing time is 4 hours or less. Keep up the good pace of play.

3 – You are responsible to keep each others scores and you will fill out a “white card” when finished that will certify the accuracy of each hole played. Take this responsibility seriously and do not rush to turn in your score. If you make an addition error and all holes are reported correctly the Tournament Director will correct your error. If you report a “4” (lower score) on a hole you had “5” on (higher score), you will be disqualified. If you report a “5” (higher score) on a hole you had a “4” on (lower score) you are stuck with that error. If you have a concern about a ruling, ask the Tournament Director “BEFORE” you submit your score. If you are on the course and you and your group are unsure what is the ruling, play a second (alternate) ball. Get the ruling from the Tournament Director!

NIMAGA WEAR

The NIMAGA Hats from last year were quite popular. We will have them at the April event so you can help promote NIMAGA.

Certified Golf

Everyone should have a mailing from Certified Golf. If you joined after 3/24 you may NOT have a mailing from them as yet. If your first revision was an asterisk we have fixed that issue for our new members.

INDIAN LAKES UPDATE

Indian Lakes will host a Hooters Tour event on May 11-May 14. You will never get a better chance to get up close to the pros than at the Indian Lakes event. It's free to watch and you can get up close to the players. Maybe we can all figure out how they hit 8 irons 170 yards.

NIMAGA PROMOTION/ADVERTISING

NIMAGA has a one page flyer that we use to promote our organization. We are unable to cover all the places that might permit us to advertise. If you know of a little golf shop or driving range that you could place our flyer at please let us know.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

The USGA now permits by Local Rule ONLY the use of distance measuring devices. NIMAGA will NOT permit them for most of our events. We will however have a few events that we will permit their use. The events will be the July midweek, and perhaps the June Stableford.

SAD NEWS TO REPORT

Luis Saboya a member for many years was killed by a drunk driver on March 19th. Luis was a well liked member of NIMAGA and he will be missed by his many friends. Also Jack Quedens passed away on December 29, 2005. Jack was a part of NIMAGA from its founding in 1960. He served us all for 46 years.