STARTING TO FEEL LIKE SUMMER...

The Weather is threatening to cooperate with our golf game. The season is in full swing and the NIMAGA Cup has been contested. Cubs and Sox are both in first place. Lots of great courses left to play on the NIMAGA schedule.

It’s going to be a great season!!!

ALL MEMBERS

NIMAGA is an organization run by volunteers. We all have a stake in keeping NIMAGA alive and flourishing. If you know someone who may be interested in tournament golf, let them know about your experience in NIMAGA. The more members we have, the more beneficial it is to everyone.

NIMAGA CUP

On Thursday, May 12th, the Captains and players for this year’s NIMAGA Cup met for the draft at the 37 Club at White Pine’s golf course.

All of the captain’s came armed with well-researched lists and secret draft strategies:

The event was hosted by the dapper NIMAGA President, Frank Fiarito:
After 12 grueling rounds of drafting, the teams were set:
On Tuesday, May 17th, the teams met at the beautiful Calumet Country Club, where the rough is thick, the greens are slick, and nerves are shattered. After the smoke cleared, Team Red, captained by Mario Conte, emerged victorious. The results are as follows:

**Match 1**
Tim Jordan(Red) def. Paul Susner(White) 3&1
Rick Soja(Red) tied with Kirk Blakney
Red Team won the team game 2up

**Match 2**
Jim Murrow(Red) def. Brandon Rowatt(Blue) 3&1
Ralph Rieser(Red) def. Dick Freund(Blue) 2&1
Red Team won the team game 5&4

**Match 3**
Robert Yedinak(White) def. John Oh(Blue) 4&2
Jonathan Tran(Blue) def. Frank Fiarito(White) 2&1
White Team won the team game 4&2

**Match 4**
William Schultz(White) def. Rolando Leyva(Red) 4&3
Wayne Kencharek(Red) def. Sal Lombardi, Sr(White) 1up
Red team won the team game 1up

**Match 5**
Ray Riemer(White) def. Tom Gearhart(Blue) 5&4
Steve Leiber(Blue) def. Brian Alberts(White) 2&1
Blue team won the team game 3&1

**Match 6**
David Brandhorst(Red) def. Doug McKirihan(Blue) 7&6
Ken Koranda(Red) def. George Zdarsky(Blue) 4&3
Red team won the team game 4&3

**Match 7**
Dan Plens(White) def. Dan Dorr(Red) 3&2
Doug Peters(White) tied Terry Boksha(Red)
Red team won the team game 2up

**Match 8**
Tom O’Brien(Blue) def. David Ogoli(White) 4&3
Alistair Brown(Blue) def. Greg Vitel(White) 3&2
Blue Team won the team game 3&2

**Match 9**
Mario Conte(Red) def. Al Leitschuh(Blue) 6&5
John Snow(Blue) def. Jack Jourdan(Red) 7&6
Blue team won the team game 2&1

**Final Point Total:**
Red Team- 13
Blue Team- 8
White Team- 6
Congratulations to all the Red Team Members!!

Special Thanks to Bill Walsh for helping to facilitate the use of Calumet Country Club. The venue was spectacular, and hopefully can be used for a future NIMAGA event.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

APRIL MIDWEEK
Low Division
Gross- Michael Henry
Net- Syed Husain

High Division
Gross- Mark Heinsohn
Net- Steve Leiber

MAY JAMBOREE
Palmer
Gross- Mike Sutton
Net- Jim Murrow

Player
Gross- Steve Schumm*
Net- Jeff Toth

Trevino
Gross- Nick DiCosola*
Net- George Zdarsky*

*Won in a Playoff
***UPCOMING EVENTS***

Summer Classic  
June 5\textsuperscript{th}  
Deadline for entry is May 27\textsuperscript{th}

June Midweek  
June 14\textsuperscript{th}  
Deadline for entry is June 4\textsuperscript{th}

**DEADLINES FOR REGISTRATION**

When NIMAGA sets up the schedule for the year, we try to establish a fair deadline for entry into each tournament. Please take the extra time to enter the tournament either online using PayPal, or by US Mail. Too many times we have people trying to enter by sending us an email and asking to bring the payment to the event, or handing in the payment and form for the next event at an event. With all of the other things that must be taken care of on the day of the tournament, we cannot accept entries that day. There is too much of an opportunity that it will get misplaced.

We try to make it as convenient as possible for all of the members. If you miss a deadline, please email one of the Tournament Chairman and we will try and accommodate you.

Thanks for your help and understanding!!

**PRESIDENTIAL PRESS**

The NIMAGA Cup was held on Tuesday, May 17\textsuperscript{th}, in its new format for the second year. Kudos to Tim Jordan for having the vision to create the new format that all divisions could enjoy. I'm not sure what I liked more, the golf or the draft party. A big thank you to Sal Lombardi for setting up the evening at a White Pines(an incredible food buffet), and Dan Plens for his heart and soul effort in making the draft board and event scoreboard. The evening demonstrated why I enjoy NIMAGA. 21 guys sitting around having fun at each other's expense, and truly enjoying the company. A big shout out to Sal Senior who did not complain once about the waiting in the green room comments. You were a great sport and you should have been drafted well before me.

I would be remiss if I did not thank William Walsh, who procured the private course Calumet Country Club for the event. The best description I can give of their greens is Fast and Furious without Vin Diesel. The club pro told me if you can't putt go home, and that is exactly where Jonathan Tran and the Red team sent me.

This year's schedule is one of our best in terms of quality courses. Please join us at one of the many June events. If you have a course suggestion, complaint, comment, or just want to vent, I would love to hear from you. My email is  

fiarito98@comcast.net

Good Luck to all playing Maple Meadows and see you at Coyote Run.

**MEET A MEMBER**
This is a new section in the monthly notes where we will introduce a member and share some of their stories. Let us know what you think of it.

Jim Murrow
Age: 60
Joined NIMAGA in 1993

Jim first heard about NIMAGA from his brother Ken and Jim Neceda. He joined in 1993.

Jim’s first win came at Blackberry Oaks in 1999, and since then, he has won 11 more times. He has won five times in a playoff, only losing one. Nice record!!

Some of Jim’s favorite memories are battling better players with better swings, and coming out victorious with his homemade swing, and making NIMAGA friends who love golf as much as he does, and then going on golf trips with them to great destinations such as Bandon Dunes, Scotland, Ireland, and Northern Michigan.

Jim’s worst memory was his Jordan Spieth-like collapse in the final three holes of the 2012 NIMAGA Player’s Championship at Prairie Bluff. That one still stings!!

Thanks for sharing, Jim!!!

Play It Forward!
Just wanted to let you know that we moved some of the tees up in the High Division in the April MW, and asked the membership "tees were set as 'play it forward' event. 5,900 yards vs. 6,250 (standard white tees), which do you prefer?" 82% 6,250, 14% 5,900, and 4% does not matter.

**HANDICAP REPORTING**
As a member of NIMAGA, it is imperative that you report all of your scores, independent of all the NIMAGA regular tournaments, timely and accurately to the Interstate Handicap system. This includes any of the rounds from the year-long Match Play tournament. This helps to insure that the handicaps are as current as possible, and the field is level for all players.

***NEW FOR 2016- To further support the key System premise of peer review, scores made while playing alone will no longer be acceptable for handicap purposes. This change underscores the importance of providing full and accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability, and the ability of other players to form a reasonable basis for supporting or disputing a posted score.

HANDICAP RULE EXPLANATION
In an effort to establish and maintain parity in NIMAGA Tournaments a handicap policy has been established by the Board of Directors. All members will have a USGA Handicap and a NIMAGA Tournament handicap which will be calculated from participated NIMAGA Tournaments “Only”. The NIMAGA Tournament Handicap will be based solely on golf scores that are recorded in regular NIMAGA Tournaments, including Mid-Week Tournaments, the Seniors Tournament and the NIMAGA Players Championship. The tournament handicap is calculated at 96% and takes the best 3 scores of 6 tournament rounds played to establish the NIMAGA Tournament handicap. The member will use the lower of the two handicaps (USGA or Tournament) when playing in NIMAGA Tournaments and is identified with the letter “t” next to the member’s handicap in the Tournament Pairings Sheet (i.e. 16t).

**Rules Corner**

The courses are still soft, so this may apply-

**25-2. Embedded Ball**

If a player's ball is embedded in any closely-mown area through the green, it may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green.

**Note 1**: A ball is "embedded" when it is in its own pitch-mark and part of the ball is below the level of the ground.

A ball does not necessarily have to touch the soil to be embedded (e.g., grass, loose impediments and the like may intervene between the ball and the soil).

**Note 2**: "Closely-mown area" means any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

**Note 3**: The Committee may adopt the Local Rule as provided for in Appendix I allowing a player relief, without penalty, for a ball embedded anywhere through the green.

For those (like me) that have unfortunately hit it sideways-

**25-3. Wrong Putting Green**

**a. Interference**

Interference by a wrong putting green occurs when a ball is on the wrong putting green.

Interference to a player’s stance or the area of his intended swing is not, of itself, interference under this Rule.

**b. Relief**

If a player’s ball lies on a wrong putting green, he must not play the ball as it lies. He must take relief, without penalty, as follows:

The player must lift the ball and drop it within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than the nearest point of relief. The nearest point of relief must not be in a hazard or on a putting green. When dropping the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, the ball
must first strike a part of the course at a spot that avoids interference by the wrong putting green and is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

The ball may be cleaned when lifted under this Rule.

19th HOLE

Drive for show, Putt for dough, Shank for comic relief.- Anonymous

I think I fail just a bit less than everyone else.- Jack Nicklaus

Guy gets to a long par 3 over water. A voice from above says, "Hit the new Titleist Pro V!"

The guy tees up the Titleist and takes a practice swing.

The Voice comes back, “Never mind, hit a range ball!!”