



## NIMAGA NOTES – JUNE 2018

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### NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we are well into the 2018 golf season, a quick message covering a few topics.

1. Posting scores - we are not linked to CDGA so please post all outside eligible scores to the IGH handicapping (which can be done through a link on the NIMAGA website). This plays a factor in whether you are eligible for maximum prize. The information is under rules and details the number of posted scores needed to be fully eligible at each event. We have too many members who are often short (but we do understand work, family and health may prevent playing) and we don't enjoy placing the asterisks on the scoreboard.
2. Late registration - this can be a real pain to our tournament directors John Johnston and Mark Heinsohn who do the pairings. Most events the course requires numbers 7-10 days in advance. My suggestion if work or personal situations are a possible obstacle, let JJ and Mark know you have interest if there is an opening. Some courses will hold a foursome for us for late entrants but we have to know ahead of time.
3. Special Requests can be granted but again it has to be communicated to Mark, JJ, and Brian. Early or late tee time requests and new this year a one time request to have a friend in your foursome. I get to play with Greg Vitel in one of his last NIMAGA events before he relocates because I requested it to Mark.
4. 2019 Schedule - yes we are thinking about it already. Are there any courses from this year we should not consider? Please tell us why? Any courses we should consider for next year. Please send to me, the earlier the better.

Still have a lot of great events left see you soon!

If you have any questions or issues, please reach out to me at - [fiarito98@comcast.net](mailto:fiarito98@comcast.net)

## **NIMAGA CUP RESULTS**

On May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the annual NIMAGA Cup competition was held at Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin with the Blue team emerging victorious.

Congrats to Team Blue and Captain Tim Jordan for winning the 2018 NIMAGA Cup.

It was close through Match 7, with the Red Team leading with 8 points, the Blue Team with 7, and the White Team with 6. The Blue Team took 3 points in each of the final two matches for the win. Tim Jordan/Joe Nagy, Randy Samoska/Rick Leiber, and Mark Heinsohn/Wayne Kencharek took all 3 points in each of their matches for the Blue Team.

The Red Team had Steve Schumm/Carl Movrich and Jonathan Tran/Jeff Toth take all 3 points in their match.

The White Team had John Johnston/William Schultz take all three points in their match.

Thanks to all for participating.



Team Members (Orders Has Nothing to do with Picture): Tim Jordan, Joe Nagy, Paul Susner, Tom O'Brien, Roy Robbins, Ken Koranda, John Widzisz, Steve Barnaby, Randy Samoska, Rick Leiber, Mark Heinsohn and Wayne Kencharek.

## **C&G MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT**

The C&G MPT (standing for **Carl & George Match Play Tournament**) is well underway as we approach middle June. To all of those participating, please make every effort to get those matches completed under the deadlines for each round.

Good luck to all remaining participants.

## **TRAVELOGUE**

As contributed by Larry Mayerhofer – 05/06/2018

Larry had the opportunity to golf the Robert Trent Jones golf trail in Alabama and wanted to share his experiences with NIMAGA Notes. Thanks Larry !

The Robert Trent Jones Trail in Alabama has several locations - our Chi-Town Hackers group of 20 guys played the Ross Bridge/Oxmoor courses in Birmingham last weekend. Eight of us drove down from Chicago (660 miles from the south suburbs), while the rest flew into Atlanta and drove 2 1/2 hours to Birmingham (just note that Atlanta is in the eastern time zone, while Alabama is central). We stayed at the Marriott Ross Bridge resort which is an impressive complex - definitely one of the more upscale places we've stayed at. It has a nice pool w/hot tub, two decks with a fire pit, a sports bar and a restaurant. From a distance it resembles a German castle set in the Bavarian hills.

RTJ Oxmoor is only two miles away and has 2 championship courses along with an impressive 18 hole par 3 course. On Thursday afternoon we played a warm up round on the par 3 course. This is no pitch and putt course (all these courses have lots of hills and sloped greens). Friday morning we played the Oxmoor Ridge course. Bacon, egg & cheese sandwiches in the clubhouse are the best bet for breakfast. This is a challenging course from the white tees and very hilly with lots of trees. That afternoon half the group stayed for a 9 hole scramble (\$36 replay rate w/cart), while the others hit the pool.

On Saturday we played the Oxmoor Valley course - not a hilly, but lots of water hazards and another good test.

Sunday morning we played the Ross Bridge course which is the crown jewel of the RTJ network. It can stretch to 8,200 yards from the back tees and would be unplayable for all but the pros. We played the white tees and enjoyed it immensely - it should be on anyone's bucket list. This is a beautiful course with lots of elevation changes, water hazards, and some very attractive features (like the water wheel building), but it's a fair test and not tricked up. We dealt directly with Marriott for the rooms and with RTJ for the golf. The rooms are normally \$289/night double occupancy, but we got a deal at \$209 since Marriott screwed up our reservations when we were at their Prattville resort 2 years ago.

Total cost including taxes for 4 rounds and 3 nights lodging was \$630 each and well worth it. The weather was perfect - upper 70's to mid 80's with none of the rain that hit the rest of the country that weekend. I'd highly recommend this package.

## **WHAT DO THOSE ASTERISKS MEAN ON THE TEE SHEET?**

Starting in May (and throughout the year), the NIMAGA Board receives a lot of questions about the meaning of the single and/or double asterisks next to their name on the tee sheet.

These asterisks (\*\* = new member and \* = insufficient scores) indicate that NIMAGA has a minimum scoring requirement when determining the prize money for a player at any given event.

### 2018 PRIZE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENT

<u>Event Name/Date</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>Min Scores</u>	<u>Entry Due Date</u>	<u>Interstate's Revision Date</u>
Spring Thaw (4/14)	April	no require	April 3rd	April 1st
April Midweek (4/30)	April	no require	April 19th	April 15th
May Jamboree (5/5)	May	at least 1	April 23rd	May 1st
May Midweek (5/9)	May	at least 1	April 28th	May 1st
NIMAGA Cup (5/22)	May	at least 2	May 11th	May 15th
Summer Classic (6/3)	June	at least 2	May 24th	May 15th
June Midweek (6/12)	June	at least 3	June 2nd	June 1st
Senior Open (6/25)	June	at least 4	June 14th	June 15th
Club Chmp (7/14&15)	July	at least 5	July 3rd	July 1st
July Midweek (7/26)	July	at least 6	July 16th	July 15th
August Classic (8/12)	Aug	at least 7	Aug 1st	August 1st
August Midweek (8/15)	Aug	at least 7	Aug 4th	August 1st
Patriots Day Classic (9/8)	Sept	at least 9	Aug 29th	Sept 1st
Players Champ (9/15&16)	Sept	at least 10	Sept 1st	Sept 1st
2-Man (10/7)	Oct	at least 10	Sept 24th	Oct 1st

Any member who does not meet the foregoing requirements for a tournament will be eligible in that tournament to win no more than a \$15 minimum prize.

New Members - A new member is not eligible to win not more than a \$15 prize in any NIMAGA tournament until his handicap being used for the event reflects at least five scores made as a member during the current year and has completed a NIMAGA tournament for his NIMAGA handicap.

So – the bottom line to maintaining your full eligibility, you need to keep up in posting those NON-NIMAGA scores to the Interstate Handicap service.

See the webpage for more details - <http://www.nimaga.org/rules/rules-prizes.php>

## **CALL TO ALL MEMBERS**

Just because the 2018 NIMAGA season has started, that is no reason to stop recruiting your family and friends to join this organization. We all need to be advocates for NIMAGA and promote it whenever possible. 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.

## **TOURNAMENT RESULTS**

### **MAY JAMBOREE – 05/05/2018**

HUGHES CREEK Palmer & Player divisions  
BLOOMINGDALE CC Trevino division

#### **Palmer Division**

Gross Jeff Korkus

Net Paul Susner (won in a playoff)

#### **Player Division**

Gross Kevin Stough (won in 1<sup>st</sup> hole playoff)

Net Doug McKirahan

#### **Trevino Division**

Gross Ken Koranda

Net George Zdarsky

### **MAY MID-WEEK – 05/09/2018**

ARROWHEAD GC

#### **Low Division**

Gross David Bradley

Net Jonathon Tran

#### **High Division**

Gross Stan Mitchell

Net William Schultz (won in 1<sup>st</sup> playoff hole)

## **NIMAGA CUP – 05/23/2018**

### **BOWES CREEK**

#### Blue Team – 13 points

Tim Jordan – Captain	Joe Nagy	Paul Susner	Tom O’Brien
Roy Robbins	Ken Koranda	John Widzisz	Steve Barnaby
Randy Samoska	Rich Leiber	Mark Heinsohn	Wayne Kencharek

#### Red Team – 8 points

Dennis Samoska – Captain	Nick DiCosola	Doug McKirahan	Shawn Pipes
Steve Schumm	Carl Movrich	Jeff Korkus	Dick Freund
Jonathan Tran	Jeff Toth	Robert Westberg	John Snow

#### White Team – 6 points

Robert Yedinak – Captain	John Johnston	William Schultz	Mike Henry
Jim Murrow	Mike Doyle	Rolando Leyva	Al Leitschuh
Ken Larsen	Nick Orlando	Jeff Gilman	Neil Meltzer

## **SUMMER CLASSIC – 06/03/2018**

### **INWOOD GC**

#### Palmer Division

Gross Mike Henry  
Net Ralph Reiser

#### Player Division

Gross Robert Yedinak  
Net Mario Conte

#### Trevino Division

Gross Stephen Minakovic  
Net Jim Wojcik (won on 1<sup>st</sup> playoff hole)

## **JUNE MID-WEEK – 06/12/2018**

### **CHALET HILLS**

#### Low Division

Gross Michael Harmon  
Net Dave Dianovsky

#### High Division

Gross Mayur Patel  
Net Dan Montgomery

Date	Day	Tournament Name	Golf Course
June 25	Mon.	Senior Open (Age 50+)	St. Andrews Golf and CC
Jul. 14	Sat.	NIMAGA Club Championship	Blackberry Oaks GC
Jul. 15	Sun.		Golf Club of Illinois
July 26	Thu.	July Midweek	Orchard Valley GC
Aug. 12	Sun.	August Classic	Old Orchard CC
Aug. 15	Wed.	August Midweek	Village Greens of Woodridge
Sep. 8	Sat.	Patriots Day Classic	Prairie Bluff GC
Sep. 15	Sat.	NIMAGA Players Championship (Qualify)	Naperbrook
Sep. 16	Sun.		
Sep. 22	Sat.	Milwaukee Challenge (Limited)	Bristol Oaks GC
Oct. 7	Sun.	Two-Man Better Ball	Steeple Chase GC

## **2018 Schedule**

Entry fees are due  
2 weeks before  
each event date