



National Association of Left Handed Golfers of New Zealand (Inc)

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2013

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From THE PRESIDENT

Another successful National Tournament has come and gone. Thanks to John and his team at Remuera for the work they did organizing this function, even if we did have a few hiccups on the prize giving night.

Anybody who can run one of these without something going wrong has not been invented yet.

The Course was in great order and I even got a compliment from my friend Graham Kelly which is unusual for an Australian. Mind you I did have to take the brunt of a few sheep jokes and others regarding our country which is the norm when we meet at these particular occasions.



On the golfing front I have been rather lax in attending Leftie Tournaments but managed a round of 40pts at Rangiora which was fitting as it was the day Sir Edmund Hillary climbed Everest so I came home and said to Jude, "I knocked the bastard off" as the best over the last year was 34 pts.

I have been involved writing the History of the NALG for the World website and reading the old minutes have been entertained and surprised as some names are still around today.

I hope to update the history in NZ, so anybody with information please contact me or John by email so I can collate this for our own site.

With the snow just disappearing from here, and the cold days coming, keep warm!

Happy golfing.

*-Richard Davison
National President*

**2014 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - ASHBURTON
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Oh dear, a number of members have not yet paid their annual subscriptions and we really need your support.

Tournaments are held all around the country and your subscription will help these friendly gatherings to continue.

I have two payments from the Marlborough area that I cannot identify; if you think you have paid, but have received another statement, please contact your Secretary.

Please respond to the account enclosed. Receipts and 2013 labels will follow with the next Bulletin in September.

You may wish to pay direct and the account number is **02 0700 0359727 00**.

Don't forget to put your name with the entry.

Those wishing to purchase Leftie clothing, and we have some new stock, phone or write to your Secretary with your requirements, size colour etc, or check our website, which will be updated following the recent Nationals.

ASHBURTON 2014

**If you are coming to join us next April 7/10 you need to book now!!
*as accommodation could be difficult to find closer to the event.***

**Membership enrolment forms can now be downloaded from our
website www.nalg.co.nz**

ANNUAL MEETINGS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2012/13

Another year has gone past and a number of changes in one's life. We are now firmly settled into Rangiora and a more urban way of living. I have not attended as many tournaments this year that I would have liked, my commitments to Otago and New Zealand Golf clashed with a few of these outings, and travelling from Rangiora did not help. By the time you read this I will have relinquished these jobs, and others which hopefully will free up some of my time.

I did however manage to attend Martinborough again, and only got rained out this time, no snow! Te Marua, Ashburton, Kaikoura, Cromwell, Motueka and Coringa were also on the list and I certainly enjoyed your company at these Tournaments.

Further to these, Jude and I attended the Worlds in Scotland, which was a big wake up call to playing golf, and I am sure that those who attended from Australia and New Zealand that are here tonight will agree with me.

It amazes me the effort that you Lefties put into running these Tournaments and I would like to thank all those involved up and down the country for doing this for us, as it is greatly appreciated. Also to the delegates, a big thank you for doing the job that you do for little reward, because without you things would not tick along as they do.

To our Secretary John, thank you for your endless work and loyalty to the Leftie movement. I know you receive an honorarium for this, but you do go beyond the call of duty in making sure things are going well. You have the extra burden of running the Nationals this year and I am sure it will work out fine, and thank you and Andrea along with your committee in taking this task on.

Finally thank you our members from New Zealand and Australia for being part of the organisation that I can only describe as unique in the way we all band together in a sport that is declining.

I have just attended the NZ Golf AGM, and NZ golf members have stopped that trend, (membership up 2000 in 2012).

In closing I wish you all the best for this Tournament and thank you for supporting the Nationals in Remuera.

*-Richard Davison
National President*

REPORT AND RESULTS NATIONALS REMUERA 8/11TH APRIL

Back in Auckland after a number of years to our Remuera course that played well, with greens that caught many out, particularly if you were looking at a side or downhill putt.

We welcomed many Australians, and players from the far North and far South, and nearly everywhere in between.

The weather for the most part was fine, although late players on Thursday had to put their umbrellas up.

The Remuera Club staff was very sad to see you go, and several remarked that it was "a great and fun week" and want us back again soon.

Our website www.nalg.co.nz has many photos from the week and the final night at the Auckland Racing Club, available to purchase.

It was great to see Martyn Price and Simon Patten back playing at our Nationals, and it was Martyn who starred winning the Open Gross from Robbie Cumming by two shots. The best net was won by one of our Australian visitors, Peter Sheridan.

The Senior Gross was won by Greg Limond by just one shot from a very game Geoff Ingram, after these two and Gordon Wylde fought out a close battle over the last few holes.

Best Senior net went to Stan Mathews. Lisa Herbert as expected won the Ladies Senior Gross from Melissa Shea.

The sole competitor in the Super Seniors was Neville Lucas, and we were very happy to see him play 2 rounds, and I am sure more will join this grade in future, and play for the Life member's trophy, donated by those who have been honoured by the Association.

The best dressed was without doubt Brian Peters of Macquarie Links Club Sydney who was attired each day with different coloured golf shoes to match his colour coordinated wardrobe (he owns 17 pairs of golf shoes). He and his Caddy Mark were very welcome and great company over our Tournament week.

- John B



Three Kings Seniors 3

1st Harold Francis (291), 2nd John Walker (295), 3rd Stuart Huddleston (296), 4th Ian Mackay (299), 5th Tom York (302), 6th Ray Mathews (312), 7th Peter Pinkham (315), 8th Owen Bradley (316), 9th Robert Warrington (316)

North Head Senior 4

1st John Loder (288), 2nd Bill Werry (291), 3rd Paul Croft (292), 4th John Hill (299), 5th Wayne White (299), 6th Harold Johnston (300), 7th Edward Masters (307), 8th Brian Fenwick (309)

TEAMS TROPHIES

SCHWEPPE'S TEAMS EVENT (CLUB CHALLENGE)

Remuera 2 John Barber, Ron Reed, Paul Morrison and John Hill

KAKAPO TEAMS TROPHY (DISTRICT CHALLENGE)

TASMAN Martyn Price, John Price, John Hills, and Ray Hutchinson

NZ V AUSTRALIA Australia - by 16 strokes

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

NORTHERN RIVERS 13-18 OCTOBER 2013

Playing Ballina, Byron Bay, Ocean Shores and Casino
all information: www.nalg-nr.com.au

A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS:

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| Sally Walker | Auckland |
| Peter Robinson | Invercargill |



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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

NORTHERN SWING, Mangawhai/Whangarei, 23-24 March 2013

Good field assembled in Whangarei for the first day of this year's Northern Swing. Visitors were Grenville Burton from Wellington, Don Campbell and Jeff Fahey Cambridge, and Roger and Tui Maxwell from Taranaki.

The weather was good, and Gren Burton played good golf all weekend to win the Gross from Brian Cronin. John (Barney) Jessup a Mangawhai member won the best net, from Paul Sullivan Whangarei.

There will be changes next year, The Whangarei Golf Club will host a day at their Club in March, and Mangawhai will have a Leftie weekend in October/November.

Committees have been formed at both Clubs, and sponsors in place.

-John B

RESULTS Over 2 days

GROSS

Grenville Burton (Royal Wellington) 159 from Brian Cronin (Pukekohe) 161

NETT

1st John Jessup (Mangawhai) 137, 2nd Paul Sullivan (Whangarei) 139, 3rd Don Campbell (Cambridge) 151, 4th Wayne White (Mangawhai) 142, 5th Rodney Dickens (Waipu) 142, 6th Don Mclean (Mangawhai) 154

STABLEFORD

1st Harold Francis (Muriwai) 71, 2nd Ces York (Maramarua) 71, 3rd Peter Jackson (Sherwood Park) 69, 4th Joe Hermon (Whangarei) 69, 5th Jeff Fahey (Cambridge) 69

LADIES

Winner Reina Mellar (Horsham Downs), 2nd Denise Pilbrow (Waipu), 3rd Tui Maxwell (Urenui)

TWOS

Rod Dickens (Waipu) and Paul Sullivan



MANAWATU LEFT-HANDED TOURNAMENT, Rangitikei Golf Club, 25-26 May 2013

A total of 55 golfers played on a cloudy Saturday and a blustery Sunday on a well presented golf course.

It was good to see Sec. John and Andrea from Auckland, Counsellors Annette Purves, Tim Belcher and Ian MacKay, Life Member Norm Behrent plus lefties from Ngatea, Whakatane, Napier, Masterton Wellington and New Plymouth travel to play.

We thank Ashley Short, PGG Wrightson, Sculleys Lavender Farm, NALGNZ, Bridge Motor Lodge, Easybuy and Louise & Danny Scotson for their generous Sponsorship.

RESULTS

MEN

Gross 1st Geoff Ingram 160 c/b, 2nd Ron Harris 160.

Nett 1st Bill Burt 147 c/b, 2nd Mike Kellett 147, 3rd Phillip Tennant 148, 4th Mike Ryan 149, 5th John Stent 150, 6th Wayne Hughes 151.

Stableford 1st Nigel Messenger 65, 2nd Ray Perry 65, Danny Scotson 65, 4th Paul Wapp 63, 5th Wallace Miller 62.

LADIES

Nett Pam Huddleston 151.

Stableford Annette Purves 64.

SUPPORTERS

Nett Andrea Gardner 155,

Stableford Brett Van 60.

Special Prize Men Norm Behrent
Ladies Glyn Robinson

BRIDGE MOTOR LODGE SPECIAL PRIZE

Rod Mischewski

Closest to pins Liz Waddington, Brett Van, Bill Ward, Ivan Jensen.

Two's Cliff Inglis, Phillip Tennant, Barry Hughes, Wallace Miller, Ivan Jensen

TE AROHA

We tried unsuccessfully to get started on the 9th and 16th of June. However, we were defeated by the weather both days.

OBITUARIES

We are very sorry to record the passing of the following valued Leftie members, and express our deepest sympathy to their family and friends.

GRAHAM PATERSON - Auckland

NOEL HERRIES - Auckland

BRIAN SCHINKEL - Cambridge

LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD

These go back a bit, but here goes . . .

"Mr Clark, I have reviewed this case very carefully," the divorce Judge said, "And I have decided to give your wife \$775 a week.

"Way to go your honour," the husband said, "and every now and then I will send her a few bucks myself."



TIP FOR GETTING OUT OF BUNKERS

An octogenarian who was an avid golfer moved to a new town, and joined the local Golf Club. He went to the Club for the first time to play, but was told there wasn't anybody he could play with because they were already out on the course. He repeated several times that he really wanted to play today.

Finally the Assistant Pro. said he would play with him and asked how many strokes he wanted for a bet. The 80 year old said, "I don't need any strokes as I have been playing quite well, the only real problem I have is getting out of bunkers."

He did play well. Coming to the par four 18th, they were even. The Assistant Pro. had a nice drive and was able to reach the green for two and two putt for par. The old man also had a nice drive, but his approach shot landed in the bunker next to the green.

Playing from the Bunker he hit a high ball, which landed on the green and rolled into the cup. Birdie, match, and all the money!

The Pro walked over to the bunker where his opponent was still standing. He said, "Great shot, but I thought you had a problem getting out of bunkers?"

Replied the 80 year old, "I do, would you please give me a hand."



Reverse every natural instinct and do the opposite of what you are inclined to do, and you will probably come very close to having a perfect golf swing.

-Ben Hogan

THE NINETEENTH

Tyler Hodge has been selected for the elite Titleist training squad.

FOR SALE by Paul Sullivan 09 4387217 email paul.sullivan@cemonz.com Taylor made R7 Irons 4 TO S/W, 3.5 and rescue burner fairway woods and R9 SuperTri Driver, all regular shafts and in excellent condition \$400 ono

Missed playing the Te Aroha Leftie day, but partnered Merv Cunningham on the Monday the 10th June at the Westpac pairs at Te Aroha, which played very long after 43 mls of rain the day before.

Merv played a Baba Watson like shot on the long par 4, 17th, his tee shot was into the trees to the left; he played an amazing shot through an avenue to the centre of the green 160 metres away.



Life member Norm Behrent was a spent force after the second round at Rangitikei, and announced that he was sorry that he had held up the field. Don't you worry Norm you are still quicker than many I watched earlier in the US open, and we look forward to seeing you at Taumarunui.

In our April Bulletin it was reported that at the Motueka Tournament a play off for the best gross was required between Richard Roche and Hamish Hills, and it was further reported that it was for the first time in 34 years.

Not so according to a newspaper cutting I have received from Jerry Leary which reads as follows: "Troy Burton (75, 74) and Jerry Leary (80.69) tied for the overall gross after a field of 50 competed in the Motueka Golf Club's Easter Tournament. In the three hole play off Leary sank 3 putts from more than 3 metres for par, while the young player had 3 one overs."

Jerry thinks this happened in the early 1980's others in the field were Kerry Smith and John Hills.

A widely circulated email from Mark Hills was gratefully received recently.

Mark has a very rare Cancer, and has been receiving chemotherapy in Scotland where he and wife Nicola (Robin and Dot Kent's daughter) are based.

If anybody could get through this setback to their life, I would put Mark on top of my list. Keep fighting Mark as all Lefties in NZ and elsewhere are with you.

UPCOMING NATIONALS

2015: St Mahunga Masterton | 2016: Ohope

HORSE CORNER

Stan Mathews as always with a smile reports that his good horse "Fascinators" has had three wins, and his good filly Maheer Melody has been sold to Australia.



Keith Towers racing interests are mainly away for the winter; however, Le Danseur was a good second recently.

Whistling Straits has had two runs on tracks that don't suit him. watch him on his home track next month.



LAST GASP

Thought of shifting to Taumarunui? Buy a house very reasonably, close to Mountains and great golf course.

For Southern Lefties who have had much to complain of the last few years.



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FUTURE TOURNAMENTS . . . *mark your calendar!*

- June 30** **Mt Maunganui Golf Club**
Lefthander and Partners tournament tee off
8 to 9am for 18 holes on this great course \$30 entry, must book by 20/6
Telephone Ray Horsfall 07 5750590 or Alan Elliot 07 5766711.
Or email baytrain@kinect.co.nz or post to 5 May St. Mt. Maunganui
- August 10-11** **Ohope Lefthanders**
Mixed Tournament, Ohope Golf Club, two
Days and we need your support. Mens and Ladies Lefties and partners
Start 10.30 to 11am Saturday and 9am Sunday
Entry \$45. Gross, net and Stableford
Sponsored by Mill River Caterers and Hayes Logging
Entry to Ohope Golf Club, P.O Box 3037 Ohope,
Phone 07 312 4486, email Ohope@golf.co.nz
- August 11** **Martinborough Leftie/Rightie Tournament Martinborough Golf Club**
8.30am, entry fee \$40 per couple shotgun start first 54
Paid entries will be accepted.
Affiliated players only, men and women juniors and mixed pairs.
Entries to Sue Berger, Martinborough
Golf Club P.O. Box 4, or Phone 06 306 9076
- September 7-8** **Taumarunui Left handers 62nd Tournament, Taumarunui Golf Club**
36 Holes tee off Sat 11am and Sun am Ladies and supporters welcome
All past entrants will receive a flyer giving full details.
Cost to be advised.
Taumarunui Golf Club P.O Box 181 Taumarunui 3946
- September 21** **Wellington Area Lefties (35th) at Te Marua**
Tee off from 11.15 am
Ladies and men, Gross, net and stableford Entry fee \$25 includes
morning tea Saturday, and complimentary round Friday.
Entries close 15th. September Telephone 04 5267020 or with
The Secretary 675 Main Road North Te Marua, Upper Hutt
- September 29** **Hauraki Golf Club**
First day of Daylight saving tee off 10.00 to 11.00am.
Lefties and right handed partners, come to Hauraki and enjoy the
country atmosphere, the weather forecast is great, views tremendous,
company outstanding, so get 4 together and rock on up!
Entries to Ross and Shona Dalgety 07 8677141 or
rsdalgety@clear.net.nz.
*There will be a lucky draw for all Leftie competitors of \$100 petrol
Voucher*

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