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From THE PRESIDENT



Hope this is not too late as the Secretary has been looking for me and I have been away in Turkey at the World Lefties. Jude and I left in mid August and flew to Amsterdam and then boated down the Rhine and Danube to Budapest and then flew down to Istanbul where we stayed with a fellow Lefty for a week.

After visiting Gallipoli, we then travelled down to Belek where the Worlds Golf was to be held. The resort where we stayed was all inclusive - food, drinks and golf - and turned out a lazy 44 degrees in the heat which made it quite hard to play the golf!

Coming back afterwards and swimming in the Med, which was luke warm, or one of the pools, made you soon forget your score for the day.

There are only 18 golf courses in Turkey and 14 are in Belek with huge resorts around them. New Zealand was well represented and Tyler Hodge took out the honours for the Open and Overall winner which was an amazing effort. The same goes for Geoff Ingram who was the winner of the Super Seniors. The rest of us just bowed out to the heat and that is our excuse.

At the WALG meeting Doug Crosby stood down as Chairman of the Worlds and I was nominated into the position by the rest of the delegates. It will be a hard role to fill as Doug has been a passionate believer of the WALG for 34 years and was recognized by being made a Life member.

Tom Waki from Japan was made the Vice Chairman and Peter Read of Australia remains the Secretary.

It's nice to be home after a few days in Dubai and another round of golf whilst there with an ex Heriot player who lives there. Until next time, keep it straight.

*-Richard Davison
National President*

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Enclosed with this bulletin are the Entry Forms for next year's 29th National Championships at Ashburton to be played from the 7th to the 10th of April. Important points to note are the closing date for entries, February 22nd. 2013. The field will be limited to the first 180 prepaid entries; consequently early registration is advisable, as we again expect a number of entries from Australia.

Check your entry form for Hotels and motels that are available in close proximity to the Ashburton Golf Club. Any entrant that wishes to use their mobile home or caravan, there are a few sites available.

For those members still unfinancial a **final** Account is also enclosed.

DISCOUNTED INTERISLANDER FARES

We, in the past few years have not made sufficient bookings under the scheme offered, and the Bluebridge Company now offer the following to our Association.

We need 15 people or more travelling South this year with 5 or more vehicles we would then qualify for a group discount of \$38 per adult each way, and \$110 per car each way.

To facilitate this your Secretary would need to coordinate the bookings, and pass on details to the inter Island Company with payment.

So it is in your hands. Let me know if you wish to take advantage of this offer, and I will need to know by **31/12/13 WITH PAYMENT**, with sailing dates and times.

Check our website www.nalg.co.nz
Brian Cronin is doing a superb job updating our site.

**GOOD GOLFING – PLEASE SUPPORT
YOUR LOCAL TOURNAMENTS.**

from Secretary John

22nd WORLD LEFTHANDERS, TURKEY 2013

A small contingent of players and partners made their own way to Antalya for the 22nd World Championships. Geoff & Rhonda, Nola Dickinson, Richard & Jude Davison, Roger & Tui Maxwell, Tyler Hodge, Nigel & Audrey Messenger.

All travelled by various routes to one of the most beautiful destinations for a golfing and a relaxing holiday.

It is amazing that only 500 miles south is the war-torn country of Syria and at no stage was there any fear of any danger.

The organisers of this tournament Jan and Annette from Sweden did a marvellous job at such short notice.

Whilst we all did our best to succeed only Geoff Ingram and Tyler Hodge graced the podium at the prize giving. Geoff won the Super Seniors by such a margin that he would have had to break a leg in the last round for his opponents to have any chance of catching him. This is Geoff's second win in this division, so big congratulations to Geoff.

Tyler with a ten under par score over the four rounds showed a clean pair of heels to the rest of the field and showed all of us why he is one of the top ranked amateurs in New Zealand. His standard of golf and mannerism was something that all should aspire to.

Richard Davison was voted as the new chairman of the World Association and Nigel Messenger as the New Zealand delegate. The next World Tournament is in Cape Town South Africa.

Information can be accessed by contacting Richard, Nigel or John Barber.

Looking forward to seeing you all at future tournaments.

NEW MEMBERS

A warm and hearty welcome to the following new members:

Richard Hayes	Ohope
Tony Horsfall	Ohope



AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

NORTHERN RIVERS 13-18 OCTOBER 2013

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

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WESTERN BOP LEFTIES GOLF, Mt Maunganui, Sunday 30 June 2013

The 2013 Western Bay of Plenty Lefties golf tournament attracted a smaller field than normal but the scoring proved to be of a high standard, especially from the low handicap players. Recent difficult weather and other commitments saw a number of players from 2012 not enter.

A very good response from players from Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, Taupo, Hamilton, Raglan and Auckland helped to swell the field to 40 players.

Played in perfect weather, on a well presented course.

Leading scores were returned by 9 visiting players, playing off a 9 handicap and with a new pair of shoes, Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) scored an excellent 41 points followed by 3 others visitors on 39 points, Bill Burt (Ohope), Stan Mathews (Otumoetai), and Wayne Chesham (Ngaruawahia). 38 points were entered by Ken Shea (Raglan) who was the leading gross with 74, Ken Tynan (Omanu) and John Barber (Remuera).

The Women's field although light with left handed players (3) was led by Christine Sigley (Omanu) with a very good 40 points, well ahead of the nearest player (Right handed) Margaret Jensen (Ohope) with 35 points.

MEN

Gross Ken Shea 74, George Rogan (Lochiel) 80

Stableford

Group 1 Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) 41, Bill Burt (Ohope) 39, Ken Tynan (Omanu) 38, Warren Cholmondley-Smith (Taupo) 37, Wayne Hughes (Napier) 36, David McCrea (Urenui) 35

Group 2 Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) 39, Wayne Chesham (Ngaruawahia) 39, John Barber (Remuera) 38, David Greer (Mt Maunganui) 36, Mike Crean (Mt Maunganui) 36, Roger Maxwell (Urenui) 35

WOMEN

Left handed Christine Sigley (Omanu) 40, Melissa Shea (Ngaruawahia) 32, Carol Mahon (Walton)

Right handed Margaret Jensen (Ohope) 35, Pam Adlam (Mt Maunganui) 34, Jo McCrae (Urenui) 34, Joy Greer (Mt Maunganui) 31

-Ray Horsfall, Convenor

OHOPE LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT, Ohope Golf Club, 10-11 August 2013

The weather report for the region was average to say the least when we set off from Auckland on Friday. As often is the case, we needn't have worried, as apart from a sprinkling of rain on Saturday, the weather for golf was perfect. The locals and generous sponsors Bill and Trevor were the stars of the weekend, and the very steady Ken Shea was the best gross.



Thanks to the Club, and as always the course was in great order, also thanks to the generous sponsors Mill River caterers (Bill Burt) and Hayes Logging (Trevor Hayes)

Best Gross Ken Shea (149)
Best Net Len Erceg (134)

Stableford 1st Bill Burt (73), 2nd Trevor Hayes (73) 3rd Ken Shea (73)
4th Stephen Leatherhead (72) Brian Cronin (71),

Supporters

Gross Anne Bates
Net Glyn Robinson Stableford Andrea Gardner

Two's Graeme Wakelin, Stan Crawshaw, Ken Shea and Stephen Leatherhead

Thank you to the Sponsors, and the excellent caterers.

-John B

MARTINBOROUGH, 11 August 2013

Once again the Martinborough Club did very well as host and once again the weather brought a little bit of moisture. It was great to catch up with stalwart Kevin Campbell who is confident that we will see him in future tournaments. He has his heart set on playing in the Nationals at Ashburton next year. Also great to see Graham Dick, who advised that they are looking forward to hosting the Nationals in 2015 at St Mahunga.

A happy crowd of 64 enjoyed the day.

BEST GROSS	J.Schuaafhausen and John Mitchell	145
2nd Gross	Brendan Curtis and Nigel Messenger	154
3rd Gross	Jeff Wood and Peter Sassella	155
4th Gross	Bill Crook and Wayne Evans	156
5th Gross	Richard and Simon Hodge	160
BEST NET	Guy Walmsley and Chris Cole	132
2nd Net	Shane Hartnell and Andy Small	134
3rd Net	Greg Stone and Richard Pither	136
4th Net	Andy Morrison and Ray Mathews	137
5th Net	Derek Stephens and Peter Hudson	142

Best net women	Audrey Messenger and Mariana McDermott	162 c/b
Best net mixed	Nigel and Jackie Benton	134

-Bill Werry

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TAUMARUNUI 64th LEFT HANDERS TOURNAMENT, 7-8 September 2013

A very happy crowd as always arrived from all parts of the North Island to enjoy the company, golf, and good times we always enjoy at Taumarunui.

As always everything was well organised and apart from a few showers on Saturday, and some heavier on Sunday, there were some sunny periods, and generally conditions were good for golf on a well presented course.

Ken Hodges (Taumarunui) was in scintillating form and easily won the best net (Ted O'Reilly Shield), Wayne Hughes (Napier) was best Stableford (George Worms Memorial) and senior mens Gross (Rod McLeish Cup) went to Ken Shea (Raglan).

All were delighted to see Alan Elliott enter the Lounge just prior to the prize giving; regretfully Alan could not play this year (his 58th) due to ill health.

36 hole Net - Ted O'Reilly Shield Ken Hodges (Taumarunui) 129;

36 hole Stableford - George Worms Memorial Wayne Hughes (Napier) 81;

36 hole Senior Gross - Rod McLeish Cup Ken Shea (Raglan) 151 from Sonny Te Kanawa (Waitomo) 158.

36 hole Intermediate Gross - Graeme Bridge Cup, David McCrea (Urenui) 171 with John Barber (Remuera) r/up on 173.

36 hole Junior Gross - Johnson/Keepa Cup Robin Britt (Mahunga) 187, from Terry Kirkus (Peninsula) 193 c/b

36 hole Senior Net - Frank Hemmingson Cup - Mike O'Leary (Royal Wellington) 135, from Leigh Virtue (Taumarunui)

36 hole Intermediate Net - Haddon Strachan Memorial Cup Winner Daniel Scotson (Rangitikei) 134, from Kerry Bond (Lochiell) 138 c/b

36 hole Junior Net - Doug Beever Memorial Putter John Loder (Ngahinepouri) 137, from Bill Werry (Royal Wellington) 138

36 hole Stableford (over the field)

Tom York (Waiotapu) 76c/b, Laurence Butler (Mahunga) 76, Graeme Wakelin (Muriwai) 76, Boysie Kiff (Taupo) 75, Dave Modgill (Whangaparaoa) 74, Mike Cotter (Paeroa) 73

Saturday Stableford

Senior Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) 39, Intermediate Wayne Chesham (Ngaruawahia) 41, Junior Noel Crocker (Rangitikei) 38

Sunday Stableford

Senior Ross Nixon (Taupo) 38, Intermediate Phil Tennant (Feilding) 37, Junior Edward Masters (Kaitaia) 37

Winning Club Team Taumarunui number 3, Leigh Virtue, Kevin Shannon, Ken Hodges, and Anne Hodges

The Women's Left handed division results were.

36 hole gross Harriet Byelich (Taumarunui) 180

36 hole net Bowyer Cup Anne Hodges (Taumarunui) 146

36 hole stableford winner was Margaret Nelson (Taumarunui) 67

Right handed partners

Stableford Andrea Gardner (Remuera) 82 from Shirley McClutchie (Urenui) 73

Net Jo McCrea (Urenui), 134 from Reina Mellor (Horsham Downs) 142

-John B

OBITUARY

DON BALMER

From the Manawatu area, and often seen over the years at Tournaments around this area, he was also a regular starter at the Tīrau tournament. Will be sadly missed by all who knew him.

Condolences to his family.

THE NINETEENTH

Tom York, playing at Taumarunui was telling us about his Knee Surgery. After the Surgeon had operated, he asked Tom, "To comply with your culture, where do you want me to send your knee parts?" Tom gave this some serious thought, and replied, "To the Needy."

Last month whilst in Sydney visiting family, Andrea and your Secretary, joined over 40 other Lefties at the beautiful Pennant Hills Club. Tough course as the scores for day revealed, with 34 points being the best.

All New Zealand Lefties are welcome to play in any Tournament whilst in Australia or further afield. Refer to your Secretary.

Ken Hodges had been playing bad golf and his handicap suffered. However, surrounded by Lefties once again at his home Club Taumarunui he bucked up winning the best net, with 129 over the two days.

Life member Don Buchanan was sighted at Taumarunui, and by his own admission had played very little golf, as his scores showed. More Golf Don, we want to see that wide happy grin more often. How about bringing your crew up to Ngaruawahia in December, and win a ham for Christmas, or better still, bring some (hams) with you from your lovely farm.

We have a lot of amateur weather forecasters among our membership. The weather forecast prior to Ohope was sad to say the least. However, all weekend the rain missed Ohope and we went home with dry feet and gear.

The Ohope Club was a happy scene Saturday night where most of us gathered, and we look forward to the 2016 Nationals which will be held at the Club.



CLUBS FOR SALE

Terry Kirkus has the following for sale

Bridgestone Precept Driver 11.5 Three and 5 woods, Rescue 3.20

Plus sand wedge to 5 irons and precept bag all in good condition

\$400 ono Phone Terry 09 424 1755

LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD

An 86 year old man went to see his Doctor for his quarterly check up.

The Doctor asked him how was he feeling and the 86 year old said, "Things are great, and I have never felt better."

I now have a twenty year old bride who is pregnant with my child.

"So what do you think about that Doc?"

The Doctor considered his question for a minute and then began to tell a story.

"I have an older friend, much like you, who is an avid hunter and never misses a season."

One day he set off to go hunting, and in bit of a hurry, he accidentally picked up his walking cane instead of his gun.

"As he neared a lake, he came across a very large Stag standing by the water's edge."

Realising that he'd left his gun at home he couldn't shoot the magnificent creature.

Out of habit he raised his cane, aiming it at the animal as if it were his favourite hunting rifle and went bang, bang.

"Miraculously, two shots rang out and the Stag fell over, dead."

"Now what do you think of that?" asked the Doctor.

The 86 year old said, "Logic would strongly suggest that somebody else pumped a couple of rounds into that Stag".

The Doctor replied, "My point exactly."



HORSE CORNER



Whistling Straits won well at Tauranga paying nearly \$15 to win, and then followed up with good placings in the Whangarei Cup (2nd) and several more races. Was then spelled and will resume again later in September.

Keith Towers gallopers will re-emerge when the tracks improve.

Nothing heard from our Trotting members lately

LAST GASP

*We need more members!!!!
please help.*



UPCOMING NATIONALS

2015: St Mahunga Masterton | 2016: Ohope

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FUTURE TOURNAMENTS . . . mark your calendar!

Oct 12/13

Marlborough Lefthanders Tournament. Rarangi Golf Club.
Holes Saturday tee off 1 pm, and 8.30am Sunday
2 Divisions for Men – 36 holes. 1 Division for Women –
Entry fee \$40 (includes two's) and light snack after Saturday round
(Minn McCann's world famous curry and chow mein!)
Entries to Richard Roche 03 5794414 or 021 876519 or email Richard.
roche@xtra.co.nz
Sponsored by Fairweathers, est. 1879

Oct 26/27

Masterton Golf Club.
Sir Bob Charles SILBERHORN to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of
Sir Bob's British open won in 1963 at Royal Lytham and St. Annes
Golf Club. Sir Bob and Lady Verity will attend this year and will
be guests of honour at a special dinner, at the golf club.
The dinner cost is \$50 per person, includes a delicious three course
meal. The cost for golf is \$50.
Accommodation available @ COPTHORNE RESORT SOLWAY
Phone 06 370 0500
36 Holes Left and Right handers. Open, plus vets (+55), and Ladies
Gross and Net and stableford prizes.
Tee off Saturday pm start, Sunday am start.
Entries with payment, close 8th. October
Entries to Masterton Golf Club, P.O. Box 249, Masterton or
Phone 06 377 4984- Fax 06 377 4616.
E mail enquiries@mastergolf.org.nz

Oct 20

**Ashburton Golf Club
Left handed Tournament**

10.30am for 11am start, Stableford, \$20 per player, including 2s, Morning and afternoon tea provided, separate Division for Rightie Partners. Entries to Ashburton Golf Club by 8th October, although late entry accepted on the day. Email secretary (Dee Murdoch) Secretary.ashburtongolf@paradise.net.nz telephone 03 3086371 Or Neil Macdonald 03 306410 email macfarm@extra.co.nz

Nov 23/24

Kaikoura Lefthanders Tournament. Kaikoura Golf Club.

Tee off time from 1pm Saturday, and 9am Sunday
\$30 Gross, Net, and Stableford in 2 grades
Afternoon tea is provided. BBQ Dinner to follow Saturday
Entries to Kaikoura Golf Club, Phone 03 319 5628, or email info@kaikouragolf.co.nz

Nov 30

Otaki Lefthanders "Christmas Cheer" Tournament, Otaki Golf Club.

18 holes. Multi Tee off 10 am.
Men's and Ladies competition. Entry fee \$30 Prepaid with entry.
Entries to Otaki Golf Club, P.O. Box 55 Otaki. Phone 06 364 8260

Dec 1

**Ngaruwahia Lefties and friends Christmas Tournament
Ngaruwahia G.C.**

Tee off from 11.30 to 12.30 Ladies and men's divisions,
Stableford \$30 entry
Send entry Wayne Chesham telephone 07 849 8268 email cheshamfamily@extra.co.nz
Or email nalgnz@extra.co.nz

**We want to see you this Spring/Summer
. . . bring your Leftie mates.**



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