



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

### NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2013

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#### From THE PRESIDENT

Another year nearly over and as you get older you wonder where it's gone.

Since being in Turkey I have not played a lot of golf but managed a trip to Blenheim playing at Rarangi in the Marlborough Lefties where by some magic I managed to win the overall net.

For those that were there they would agree it was a fluke if you got a putt in from a metre out, as they had just cored the greens.

I felt very sorry for Richard Roche who was the organizer as he had a terrific prize table.

I had a couple of days where I just hit the ball at the hole and it jumped all over the place and then fell in much to Richards's disgust as he had to buy.

I took John McKenzie from Waimakariri Gorge with me, and our wives had a nice time around Blenheim.

Plod Pierson also went from Rangiora and kept reminding me how he had won the cup but I didn't see his name featuring anywhere.

My next outing was to Kaikoura with Neville Lucas, but neither of us scored well but managed to get a few crayfish for Xmas thanks to the locals.

The course was in great order and the company was even better with a lot of laughs and friendly banter over the two days.

Hope you can find time to look at Ashburton and support them for the Nationals as well as other Leftie tournaments.

So until next time, good golfing and keep it straight.



*-Richard Davison  
National President*

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## ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Christmas is around the corner – and this means it's time for next year's subscription to be paid. Your account for the 2014 year is enclosed with this bulletin – **\$30, DISCOUNT OF \$5 IF PAID BY 31ST JANUARY 2014**

Please remember that a couple, or those families with more than one member in the Association, need to pay **\$40** in total for their **family subscription**.

Just a reminder to those members, who in the past have included their sub with their entry fee when entering the National Champs, **to send their subscription to me** rather than send it, in this case to Ashburton. It saves a considerable amount of work for the Tournament Secretary.

Keep an eye on our website: [www.nalg.co.nz](http://www.nalg.co.nz) - the site is continually updated, and currently has a number of interesting items. Remember that every quarterly Bulletin can be read on the website up to 10 days before being found in your letter box.

You can also download an entry form for the next Nationals, or if you wish too, enrol a new member.

## AREA COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

A Councillor Nomination Form for the 2014 year is printed on the back page of this Bulletin. If you would like to nominate a member for Council for your area please complete the form, detach, and return to the Secretary by the **20th March 2014**.

### DISCOUNTED INTERISLANDER FARES

We have around 20 now in the pipe line for the Interislander and anybody else considering the trip South for the Ashburton Nationals needs to contact me in the near future by say 20th January 2014 at the latest. The fares offered are \$38 each way per adults and \$110 each way per car.



## Season's Greetings

Andrea, and I, wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward to catching up with many of you in 2014.

*-John Barber  
National Secretary*

## 2013 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS REPORT

Fourteen Lefties, many accompanied by partners travelled to Ballina in Northern New South Wales to attend the 48th National Australian Championships.

Four Courses were played, Ballina, Ocean Shores, Byron Bay and Casino. The latter three were all some distance from our Ballina base, particularly Casino, which was an hour and a quarter away. Every day was a shot gun start at 8am, which meant very early starts every morning - not so bad for us New Zealanders who were still bodily in New Zealand time, but some of the Australians were not that happy, although at least they knew where they were going each day, unlike the writer who had to anxiously scan directional signs each day.

After returning from Turkey, the Messengers and Ingrams, must have been really relaxed as Geoff again won the Super Seniors easily and Nigel finished runner-up in his Division, and featured several days in the daily prizes. John Barber was gross runner-up the first day, but thereafter battled.

Next year we will be in the Geelong (Victoria) area and further info will be posted next year. All in all a very happy time in a beautiful part of Australia.

*-John B.*

**OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS: [www.nalg.co.nz](http://www.nalg.co.nz)**

## NEW MEMBERS

**A warm and hearty welcome to the following new members:**

John Wehi	Tirau	Mervyn Miller	Mosgiel
Gavin Giles	Timaru	Tira Habib	Wellington
Ljubo Bura	Wellington	Jamie Frewen	Alexandra
Hilary Lovett	Ashburton		



**PLEASE ADVISE THE SECRETARY IF YOU ARE ABOUT TO CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS!**

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## TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### WELLINGTON LEFTHANDERS, Te Marua Golf Club, 21 September 2013

Regretfully, this day was cancelled due to adverse weather.

### HAURAKI LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT, 29 September 2013

For the first time in many years the Hauraki Club hosted this year's day at the Club, grateful thanks to Robin Kent and Ross and Shona Dalgety for organising an enjoyable day.

The weather was warm and the course in excellent condition for the 40 plus Lefties and friends who were present.

Ross Dalgety and John Wehi had the best stableford of 38, followed by Bill Burt and Merv Cunningham with 37. Good gross scores were recorded by Nuddy Pillay (80), Greg.Limond, George Rogan Brian Cronin, and Ken Tynan who all shot 81.

#### Stableford

1st Ross Dalgety (Hauraki) 38, from John Wehi (Tirau) 38, Bill Burt (Ohope) 37, Merv Cunningham (Thames) 37, Greg Limond (Howick) 35, Ken Tynan (Omanu) 34, George Rogan (Lochiel) 34, Brian Cronin (Pukekohe) 33. Wayne Chesham (Ngaruwahia) 33, Nuddy Pillay, Ces York, Jason Dick, John Barber, Barry Flocks, Robin Kent, and Trevor Hayes all had 32.

#### Ladies Lefties

1st Shona Dalgety 30

*-John B*

### ASHBURTON GOLF CLUB LEFTIES, 20 October 2013

Ashburton Golf Club hosted their annual Left Handers Tournament on Sunday October 20th. We had a small but enthusiastic field of 24 players and at long last we had a lovely fine day.

Players came from around the South Island with Andrew Fenemore coming the furthest from Motueka.

#### Stableford

**Winner:** Hillary Lovett (Ashburton) 43, Geoff Taggart (Pleasant Point) 43 on count back Graham Taylor (Ashburton).

These were followed by G Giles -(Mt Nessing) 40, and Paul May (Ashburton) 39.

We had a small number of right handers joining us led by Shane Beaven -

Ashburton 38, Matt Lernihie - Templeton 36.

Conditions were very favourable for some! and it can be expected that conditions will not be so easy for the Nationals in April which Ashburton club looks forward to hosting.

*-George Brown*



## **SIR BOB CHARLES SILBERHORN 43rd LEFTHANDERS, Masterton GC, 26-27 Oct 2013**

The Masterton Golf Club to mark the 50th Anniversary of Sir Bob Charles Open championship win at Lytham St. Anne's arranged a special weekend to honour the occasion.

64 Golfers including Sir Bob, Sir William Southgate and Sir Brian Lochore enjoyed two warm and sunny, but windy days at Masterton. The greens were very fast, and this reflected on the scoring.

The hospitality was excellent and Sir Bob's Honary dinner at Landsdown house was superb. Sir Bob indicated that he may return next year but lamented the lack of Lefties at this Tournament (18).

### **Left handed results**

Best gross (157) and best net round of the Tournament Gren Burton who won the Sir Bob Charles trophy and the Clark Trophy

Best net score (144) Tim Belcher

### **Gross prize winners**

2nd, Ian Buchanan 3rd, Graeme Holmes 4th, Neil Twort, 5th John Mitchell, 6th Mike O'Leary

### **Net score winners**

2nd Lester Eyles, 3rd. Grant Gunning, 4th David Devine, 5th Bill Werry, 6th Nigel Messenger

### **Vets Overall gross and first Leftie**

Geoff Ingram

### **First Net**

Dave Buckell and second Mark Casey

### **Ladies**

Audrey Messenger was second overall.

*-Bill Werry*

## **MARLBOROUGH LEFTHANDERS, Blenheim Golf Course, 12-13 October 2013**

The weather gods were kind to us this year, leaving us with no excuses for poor performances. A field of 36 Lefties from as far a field as the West Coast, Canterbury and even one hardy soul from Wellington who took his first ever plane ride to join us.

The greens had been cored only the week before the Tournament which made chipping and putting difficult. This did not stop our esteemed NZ and recently elected World Lefties President Richard Davison from scorching around and taking a couple of drinks of me while doing so!! He was not long back from Turkey; maybe the greens were similar there. Richard took out the best net overall with an impressive 137, 7 under his handicap. Overall gross was won by local Leftie Ray Meaclem with 158.

This was very good golf given the state of the greens. Congratulations to both of these players and all other prize winners.



The tournament organisers would like to thank all of the players, particularly those who regularly travel long distances to support us. It would be great to see a few more next year. Come and experience everything that Marlborough has to offer, you won't regret it.

**Gross Overall winner.**

Ray Meaclem. 158

**Net Overall winner**

Richard Davison. 137

**0-18 Gross in order of finish**

James Waluszewski 161, Neill Kydd 162, Alan Rutledge 164

**0-18 Net**

Mark Roberts 130, Barry Fyfe 140, Terry Lane 142

**19-36 Gross**

Glenn Kirby 193, Bruce Palmer 194, Ross Stobie 195

**19-36 Net**

J Gibbons, Bill Macdonald 147, Doug Shaw 148, Ian Newport 148

*-Richard Roche*

**OTAKI LEFTIES, 1 December 2013**

Well our annual excursion to Otaki has come and gone. Unfortunately only 31 members attended so the many prizes were widely distributed. It was my first game there for a couple of years and my, hasn't the course improved? Most of the tall trees have been removed but the substituted rough did not make things any easier. However, I thoroughly enjoyed the course and was very disappointed when management decide to abandon the tournament after we'd played 14 holes. Apparently, the wind-blown drops of rain were sufficiently irritating to call things off. Otaki management did things very well and decided to award prizes for the first nine holes members played.

**DIVISION 1**

**Best gross** Grenville Burton 39

**Stablefords** Nigel Messenger 20, Malcolm Fraser, Tim Belcher 19, Ljubo Bura 18, Michael O'Leary 17 Dale Futcher 17

**DIVISION 2**

**Best Gross** Rick Rapana 44

**Stablefords** Ian Gray 23, Bill Werry 20, Jack Wallermot, James Graham 19, Colin Waller 18, Jim Hearn, Mark Casey 17

**LADIES**

**Best Gross** Tira Habib 43

**Stableford** Audrey Messenger 18

*-Bill Werry*

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## **KAIKOURA ANNUAL LEFTIES TOURNAMENT, 24-25 November 2013**

Once again the weather was in our favour, both days being very warm. 30 players contested this year's tournament, a considerable drop from last year. We invited the righties to participate and 14 entered our Saturday event. This made up the numbers for the clubhouse. We still had a good representation from all the clubs.

### **THE WALL TROPHY**

The Gross was won by Martyn Price. 149.  
R/U was Dave Enright, 150.

### **THE BOB CHARLES TROPHY**

The best net was won by Warren Clemett. 139.  
2nd Kerry Harris, 140, cb  
3rd Dan Crawford, 140.  
4th Ray Hutchinson, 142, cb  
5th Andrew Fenemore, 142, cb.  
6th Wayne Kawiti also 142.  
7th Richard Davison, 144.  
8th Geoff Harmon, 145.

### **THE TERRY WILSON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

The best stableford was won by Martin Smith, 78.

*-Trevor Ruawai*

## **NGARUAWAHIA, 1 December 2013**

Around 30 Lefties and friends gathered in perfect conditions for our return to the Beautiful Ngaruawahia course.

Thanks to Wayne Chesham Builders for the generous sponsorship of 6 hams and other prizes that were won by those that played well, and some that played not so well.

### **Best Gross**

Ken Shea 76

### **Stableford**

Owen Young 39, Tom Kunitau 38, Steve Leatherland 37,  
Wayne Chesham 36, John Loder 36, Graeme Wakelin 35,  
Murray Horsnell 34, Selwyn Falkner 34, David Hunt 34, Ray  
Mathews 34, John Taylor 33, John Barber 32.

### **Lady Supporters**

Jocelyn Paterson 36, Andrea Gardner 32



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## THE NINETEENTH

Muddy River classic again concluded and met many Lefties over the three days, well done Thames Leftie member Merv Cunningham for a great tournament, the pick of the courses was undoubtably Paeroa which is like a very large English Park.

Tyler Hodge Levin has continued to achieve a number of notable moments in his golf career, and we hear he may be heading for overseas to play with a friend on one of the professional tours, we wish him our best wishes

Gordon Lewis had a hole in one at Howick, albeit in a 9 hole competition.

Hole in one to former President, Andrew Fenemor at the very difficult 17th at Motueka, well done Andrew.

Commentators at the recent Ladies British open mused “why there were no leftie ladies playing” whereupon the mens tours have a number of Lefties playing around the world.

Noticed from the results of the recent nz senior ladies foursomes held at Mangawhai that Jenny Bowyer ex Taumarunui and now Cambridge was amongst the prize winners.

They had over 150 entries!

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## TIME FOR A LAUGH

### ***SUBJECT: THE DREADED PHONE CALL FROM THE BOSS***

My boss phoned me today. He said, “Is everything OK at the office?”

I said, “it s all under control. It’s been a very busy day. I haven’t stopped to take a break all day.”

“Can you do me a favour?” he asked.

I said “Of course, what is it?” Pick up the pace a little. I’m in the foursome behind you.”

### ***SUBJECT: NOT CRICKET - PUTS THINGS IN PERSPECTIVE***

An Australian father goes into his daughter’s bedroom and sees a letter addressed to “Mum and Dad” on the bed.

With a heavy heart he opens it and reads:

*Dear Mum & Dad,*

*It is with great regret and sorrow that I’m telling you that I’ve eloped with my new boyfriend. I’ve found real love and he is so nice. Especially with all his piercings, scars, tattoos, and*





*his big motorcycle. But it's not only that, I'm pregnant, and Ahmed said that we will be very happy in his caravan in the bush. He wants to have many more children with me and that's one of my dreams too.*

*I've learned that marijuana does not hurt anyone and we'll be growing it for us and Ahmed's friends. They're the ones providing us with all the cocaine and ecstasy we could ever want.*

*In the meantime we'll pray to Allah for science to find a cure for AIDS, so Ahmed can get better. He deserves it.*

*Don't worry about money. Ahmed has arranged for me to be in films that his friends Leroy and Jamal make in their basement.*

*Apparently I can earn \$200 per scene. I get a \$200 bonus if there are more than three men in the scene and an extra \$100 for the kangaroo.*

*Don't worry Mum. Now I'm 15 I know how to take care of myself. Someday we'll visit you and Dad so that you can meet your grandchildren.*

*Your loving daughter,*

**Sandra**

*P.S. Dad, it's not true. I'm watching TV at the neighbours. I just wanted to show you that there really are worse things in life than England retaining the Ashes*

**[The Series before this probably. -Ed.]**

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## **HORSE CORNER**



*Whistling Straits* has been on a Southern trip escaping the wet spring conditions in the North, although he has picked up a cheque in all his runs, he is yet to win. His final race this prep will be at Ashburton the 20th December.

Keith Towers has got the chocolates with *Written Command* - two wins and placings with another Phoenix Tycoon. *Venlee* was a good 4th second up, but failed in her next start recently. *Written Command* looks smart.

Watch for Stan Mathews "the fascinators" coming up to Christmas, and Barry Patton has a share in a nice 3 year old named *King Savinsky*, probably from *Savabeel* . . . so watch!

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## LAST THOUGHT

WE'RE OFF TO ASHBURTON . . . AND WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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## FUTURE TOURNAMENTS . . . *mark your calendar!*

- Jan 18/19**      **Hawkes Bay Lefthanders.** Napier Golf Club  
36 Holes, Mens and Ladies Gross and Net  
(Plus rightie supporters, Stableford).  
Saturday tee off 12 noon – Sunday tee off 8 am.  
Entry fee \$45  
Entry to admin@napiergolf.co.nz Phone 06 8447913  
(Please note Napier (Waiohiki) is a non metal spike course)
- Jan 19**      **Wanaka Golf Club**  
Starting at noon, 18 holes for \$20 Lefties and partners contact  
Mike Thompson 03 4439208 or the Wanaka Golf Club
- Jan 18/19**      **Greymouth Golf Club**  
36 holes start 1pm Sat., 9.30pm Sun entries to Greymouth Golf Club  
P.O Box 158 Greymouth, or Annette or Gavin Grant 03 7627798  
Cost \$30 includes BBQ dinner Saturday night
- Feb 1/2**      **Tirau Left handers Tournament.** Tirau Golf Club  
*Sponsored by Advance Irrigation Ltd*  
36 holes. Saturday tee off 11 am, Sunday tee off 9am.  
Mens and Ladies competition. Entry fee \$30 (includes two's)  
Entries to Phil Butler, 46 Neal Street, Putaruru. Phone 07 8837013.
- Feb 23**      **Waimakariri Gorge Lefthanders.** Waimak. Gorge Golf Club  
Separate competition for our right handed partners and friends  
18 holes. Tee off 11 am. Entry fee \$20, include 2s.Food available.  
Entries to Allistar McKenzie, Phone 03 3123123,  
or Alan Wright 03 318 3763
- Feb 22/23**      **Horowhenua Left handers**  
Levin Golf Club. 27thTournament.  
36 holes. Tee off noon Saturday. Tee off 8.30 am Sunday.  
Mens and Ladies competition Entry fee \$35,  
Entries to Levin Golf Club P.O.Box 215, Levin. Phone 06 368 6214  
or Phone 0800 113 112.
- Mar 1/2**      **Mangawhai**  
18 holes each day at this wonderful free draining course in central  
Northland \$70 entry, come and join us in Magical Mangawhai, gross,  
stableford and two's included. Tons of accommodation.  
Entries to Don Mclean telephone 09 4314838 or email  
mcleanfamily@xtra.co.nz

- Mar 1/2**      **Houston Motors Lefthanders Tournament Motueka Golf Club**  
 36 holes. Tee off 1.00 pm Saturday, Tee off 8.30 am Sunday.  
 Entry fee \$25. (Includes BBQ dinner Saturday night).  
 Entries to Andrew Fenemor 03 5444251,  
 email [andrew.maureen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:andrew.maureen@xtra.co.nz)  
 Motueka Golf Club Box 200 Motueka
- Mar 8/9**      **North Taranaki Lefties 2 day Tournament**  
***Bunning's sponsored***  
 Leftie/Rightie tournament and Leftie tournament within for Leftie  
 Trophies.  
 Manukorihi Golf Club /Urenui Golf Club  
 Saturday tee off 11am at Manukorihi,  
 Sunday tee off Urenui 8.30 to 9.30, with prize giving to follow  
 Entry fee \$35, food at both venues, River target operating!!  
 Contact Roger Maxwell 06 7523622, email [maxwell.rfh@xtra.co.nz](mailto:maxwell.rfh@xtra.co.nz)
- March 16**      **Canterbury Lefties Weedons Golf Club**  
***Sponsored by Hirequip***  
 Multi tee start 8.30am, \$25 includes light food and two's,  
 Mens and Ladies net and stableford separate competition for  
 Right hand partners, draw at clubhouse  
 Ross Herrett 66 Fairway Drive, Shirley. Phone 03 385 9193  
 or 027 2264573 email [Ross.Herrett@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Ross.Herrett@ccc.govt.nz)
- Mar 30**      **Whangarei Golf Club Left handers and partners**  
***Sponsored by Pacific Homes Ltd.***  
 Come to the sunny North.  
 11.00am Multi tee start Sunday \$25 closest to pin, mystery hole  
 Gross, net and stableford. \$5 BBQ on completion of golf with  
 Prizegiving. Earlybird draw for players who pay for golf and  
 BBQ by 26/3/14 entries to Whangarei golf Club golf shop 09 4370715
- Mar 30**      **Winton Leftie Tournaments**  
 Winton Golf Club, to be held in conjunction with  
 The Central Southland Championships, 18 from around noon \$10  
 Combined net for the Dick Baker Trophy and the Perfection cup for  
 Lefties only. Entries to Allan Ward email [pipetal@xtra.co.nz](mailto:pipetal@xtra.co.nz)

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



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## AREA COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

*Nomination for Area Council Member of the*

*National Association of Left-Handed Golfers of N.Z. Inc.*

Nominations for Area Council Members close with the Secretary, N.A.L.G. N.Z. Inc.

9 Sprott Rd., Kohimarama, Auckland on **20th March 2014**

(All signatories must be financial members of N.A.L.G. N.Z. Inc.)

Nominee: Name of Region: .....

Nominee's Signature: .....

Proposer's Signature: .....

Seconder's Signature: .....