



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

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2014

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>>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi all,

Welcome to my first blurb as president. I'm looking forward to my new role and getting to know you all a bit more. Those of you who already know me will agree that my family, my friends, my work and golf are important aspects of my life. (Sometimes I get reminded that I get the order mixed up!)

The Nationals are now a memory, but many thanks to all involved at Ashburton. The weather made conditions difficult for golf; however, this did not put a dampener on renewing and making new friendships.

I'm already looking forward to Masterton and no doubt the guys and girls at Mahunga will have started their preparations to ensure that the 2015 Nationals will be a memorable event.

I had the good fortune to catch up with some Northern friends at the Auckland tournament held at Whitford. Although numbers were down a bit due to a late change of date and it being Mothers Day, I'm sure that all who attending had as great a time as I did. The course was immaculate and is a must play for any lefties visiting the region.

Isn't it great to see a write-up of the Ashburton Nationals in the May issue of the Golf Gazette, also good to see mention of upcoming regional tournaments being advertised in this publication.

It's great to see another leftie, Bubba Watson, win another major championship at Augusta - this being the sixth win by a leftie in the last 12 Masters. Also, Mike Weir, the little Canadian, followed up a week later finishing 2nd in the Byron Nelson tournament in Texas. Nice to have a Kiwi in the US Open again. For us loyal followers looking for longer odds try a little punt on Stephen Alker.

Remember, it is up to all of us to be proactive and bring a friend or another leftie to each tournament we attend. If we all did this, we could hopefully double our numbers and make it more worthwhile for local clubs to run these events.

Catch you around the greens . . .



*-Wayne Chesham
President*



>>> SECRETARY'S CORNER

Oh dear, the tuis that congregate in the tree above my letter box, have shared my sadness of late as some of our 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.

Please respond to the account enclosed, receipts and 2014 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.

As postage has gone up again, many will receive this Bulletin by email. If you wish to receive a copy in the mail please let me know.

The Bulletin and other news is always available on our website.

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

*-John Barber
Secretary*

>>> ANNUAL MEETINGS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2013-14

It is with much sadness I present my final report as your President. Over my term as your President I have attended a number of tournaments all over the country and had much pleasure in doing so. I also enjoyed a few in Australia.

Judy and I have met a number of people from both countries which has evolved into long standing friendships.

Many thanks to all the Lefties who have taken us into your homes or arranged accommodation for us during this time as I/we are most grateful, particularly as the hospitality at times was endless, and one often wondered whether he would make the golf course or the aeroplane next day.

Thank you to you Australians who religiously attend our National Tournaments, and I got used to being the prime suspect of sheep jokes when attending yours.

It amazed me how you kept coming up with new ones. Which reminds me?

Thank you to all you delegates from around the country for keeping this Lefties movement going and inspiring the rest of us to attend tournaments. To all members, and some see it as a hurdle to become a member, thanks for paying your subs and being part of an organisation that other golfers envy. Long may it last.

John, thank you for the work you do, as it has just made my job easier, for the time I have been in office. At times you have reminded me of a dog I once had, he wouldn't listen either, but a good kick where it hurt made him see sense in the end, and thank god I didn't

have to resort to those tactics with you. Andrea I imagine you had some input in helping me also, so thanks to you

Finally thank you to the team here at Ashburton in organising this 29th National tournament. I know along with John and others, the work that goes into putting one of these together, so feel proud of yourselves in achieving this. I'm sure we will have a wonderful week and everybody will enjoy themselves.

In closing I would like to say a special thanks to my wife Judy for putting up with my tripping around the Leftie Tournaments, but bad luck dear, as taking on the WALG Chairman's job just means we have to travel further now.

I wish you all the best for this week, and your future golfing

*-Richard Davison
President*

REPORT - NATIONALS - ASHBURTON, 7-10 APRIL 2014

A wonderful crowd turned up in Ashburton for our 29th Nationals. A very good team from Australia (18) players from Victoria, and Ballina (Chris and Dot Rose) and the others we love seeing year after year.

We watched the weather forecasts anxiously prior to leaving Auckland, however, although the welcome was warm. The weather was not, and most days we had light rain, which made the course very wet and long. A new experience for our Australian visitors.

Ken Shea prevailed in the senior gross once again, playing solidly each day. Jamie Frewen from Alexandra, although working through a major personal health problem, played some outstanding golf winning the Bob Charles and Lionel Kelly prizes. Jamie we all wish you well and hope you can overcome your illness.

Hilary Lovett from Ashburton led all the way in the Ladies gross winning easily from Jan Davies and Audrey Messenger.

Grateful thanks to Dee Murdoch the Ashburton Club Secretary who kept everybody up to date with Tournament news. The Ashburton Club were outstanding in hosting our Tournament, and we were very pleased to receive the lovely soup that appeared half way around each day, what a revival!

We were delighted to announce on the final night that life membership of the Association had been conferred upon Nigel Messenger.

-John B

**2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MAHUNGA - MASTERTON
13-16 APRIL 2015**



>>> NATIONALS - RESULTS

OPEN GROSS Bruce Poole Trophy – Ken Shea (Ngaruwahia) (312)

Runner up Simon Murphy (Christchurch) (317)
3rd Michael Thompson (Wanaka) (319)

OPEN NET Bob Charles Trophy – Jamie Frewen (Alexandra) (285)

BEST NET (open) OVER LAST 2 ROUNDS
Lionel Kelly Trophy Jamie Frewen (132)

SENIOR GROSS Rei Thompson Trophy - Greg Limond (Howick) (326)

Runner up George Kotaridis (Australia) (328)

SENIOR NET Barry Turner Trophy – Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) (281)

BEST NET (senior) OVER LAST 2 ROUNDS
Tom Armstrong Trophy - Stan Mathews (143)

LADIES Gross Keith Plier Trophy – Hilary Lovett (Ashburton) (348)

Gross Runner up Jan Davies (368) third Audrey Messenger (396)

Overall net winner Bob Harrington Trophy – Trish Clarke (Ashburton) (313)

Net Runner up Harriet Byelich (333)

Overall stableford winner Askew Trophy- Glenys Plowman (Turangi) (100)

Runner up Stableford Shona Dalgety (98)

All Players-Best one round score Mark Western (Ngaruwahia) (72)

All Players-Best one round nett Jamie Frewen (Alexandra) (60)

FLIGHTS

Open Net Mt Hutt

1st Ken Tynan (292) 2nd. Mark Western (292) 3rd Geoff Shaw (300) 4th. David Enright (301) 5th George Rogan (302)

Open grade 2 Mt Peel

1st Mike O'Leary (298), 2nd. Alister McHutchon (300), 3rd. Wayne Evans (302), 4th. John Price (304) 5th. Neville Chatterton (307), 6th. Rob Stuart (309), 7th. John Hayes (311), 8th. Grant Schindel (312),

Open grade 3 Mt Somers

1st Malcolm Fraser (303), 2nd Kerry Bond (303), 3rd Roger Welsh (304), 4th Trevor Hayes (311). 5th Wayne Hughes (311), 6th. Tony Guthrie (311), 7th John Dalton (312),

Open Grade 4 Mt Arrowsmith

1st Graham Little (300), 2nd Ray Hutchinson (310), 3rd Rod Mischewski (315) 4th. Richard Davison (316)

FLIGHTS SENIOR 1

Rakaia net

1st Ces York (296), 2nd John Macpherson (300), 3rd Peter Nolan (301), 4th Geoff Ingram (304), 5th Bruce Day (307), 6th. Wayne Pollock (308, 7th Graham Dick (310) 8th David Boucher (310)

Rangitata Senior 2

1st Keith Marshall (300) 2nd Jim Begovic (303) 3rd David Devine (306) 4th Kerry Smith (311) 5th Dan Scotson (311) 6th Roger Maxwell (313) 7th Gordon Lewis (315)

Wilberforce Senior 3

1st Tom York (289) 2nd Barry Mathews (302) 3rd Ian Mackay (309) 4th Terry Kirkus (311)

5th Barry Hughes (312) 6th Allan Harrison (318) 7th Trevor Golding (321)
8th Phil O'Neill (325)

Ashburton Senior 4

1st Kevin O'Neill (307), 2nd Paul Croft (308), 3rd Peter Jackson (312), 4th. Ross Dalgety (319), 5th Geoff Inch (321), 6th. Bill Werry (327))
Super seniors Life Members Silver Jug Winner Neville Lucas (Waimak Gorge) Net 154 R/U
Mervyn Miller 157 3rd. Maurice Ford 161, Best Gross Alf Baldey

TEAMS TROPHIES

SCHWEPES TEAMS EVENT (CLUB CHALLENGE)

Alexandra: Dave Fraser, Wayne Pollock, Barry Colyer, and Jamie Frewen

KAKAPO TEAMS TROPHY (DISTRICT CHALLENGE)

Waikato/Bay of Plenty: Ken Tynan, Ken Shea, Mark Western and George Rogan

NZ v AUSTRALIA (Andrew Fenemor Cup)

New Zealand

>>> NEW MEMBERS

A warm and hearty welcome to the following new members:

Howard Barlow	Auckland	Allan Butler	Tauranga
Peter Worley	Tauranga	Stuart Marshall	Tauranga
Jon Stockman	Morrinsville	Sam Manson	Pegasus



>>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WINTON - SOUTHLAND CHAMPS

The 49th running of the Southland Champs was held at the Winton course over 18 holes on Sunday 30th March. The weather was a typical Southland day with not a cloud in the sky, and a breath of wind.

The Left handers were held in conjunction with the central Southland Stroke play championships. Disappointed that there were only 14 Lefties in the field.

The Dick Baker trophy for the best gross was once again won by Paul Adams shooting 78, runner up was L.Todd 80

Paul won the first Dick Baker trophy in 1966, and this is the 12th time he has won, the last 7 in a row, having had a 20 year gap while playing top level Freyberg Golf.

Best net 71 L.Todd Perfection Cup, followed by S.Newey 71, R.Ngahosro 72, N.Thompson 73, J.Black 73

-Barry Patton



AUCKLAND DISTRICT LEFTIES - WHITFORD GOLF CLUB - 11 MAY 2014

A good quality field, on a pleasant day at the beautiful Whitford course, just South of Auckland.

Scoring was not that good; however Murray Horsnell won the gross with a fine 81 and Gordon Lewis amassed 39 points winning Division 1. Jim Begovic won Division 2 Gross and Peter Jackson from Whangarei won the stableford easily with 40 points

Back here again next year, however not on mother's day!

Division 1

Stableford

Gordon Lewis 39, John Barber 35, David Hughes 34, Dhana Gounder 34, Brian Cronin 32

Division 2

Peter Jackson 40, Bruce Ferguson 33, AJ Smith 32, Graeme Wakelin 31, Brian Fenwick 29

Righties

Andrea Gardner, Robert Western

MANAWATU LEFT-HANDED TOURNAMENT - RANGITIKEI GOLF CLUB - 24/25 MAY 2014

42 players contested under a strong wind and threatening skies. How ever we got around both rounds without getting wet. Good to see Life members Norm Behrent and Nigel Messenger playing. Nigel was presented with his badge.

We welcomed players from people from Taranaki, Taumarunui, Hawkes bay, Wairarapa, Wellington and Horowhenua. Everyone had a happy tournament especially after a wonderful meal on Saturday night. Thanks to our sponsors, PGG Wrightson, Scully's Lavender Gift Shop, NALGNZ, Bridge Motor Lodge and Caravan Park, Louise Scotson, and our Lefty Club Members. Hope to see more Lefties next Year.

-Geoff

Gross 1st

Geoff Ingram 159, 2nd Grenville Burton 164

Net

Ron Harris 140, 2nd Ian MacKay 145, 3rd Ray Perry 149, 4th Bruce Mehrtens 150, 5th Dave Devine 153 6th Graeme Aitken 153

Stableford

1st Stu Huddleston 65, 2nd Laurence Butler 63,
3rd Danny Scotson 59, 4th Phil Tennant 58, 5th Wayne Hughes 58.

Ladies

Net

Audrey Messenger

Stableford

Pam Huddleston

Supporters

Nett

Ian McLean

Stableford

Deb Ward

Louise & Danny Scotson award

Norm Behrent and Shirley McLean

Bridge Motor Lodge award

Graeme Aitken

Twos

Glyn Robinson, Geoff Ingram, Wallace Millar



TE AROHA - 8 JUNE 2014

A good day was enjoyed by all who travelled from different parts of the Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Auckland areas to Te Aroha. We had good weather, although the course played long, and putting on the tricky greens was at times very interesting.

The local ladies supplied an excellent lunch, and although the scoring was not great, George Rogan shot a fine 77 to win the gross, and a number of our lower handicapped members shot rounds in the low 80's.

Thanks to Tony Stowers and his helpers for a pleasant day.

Best Gross

George Rogan 77

Stableford

Mike Keightley 37, Mark Western 35, Tony Stowers 35, Brian Cronin 34, Aaron McKenzie 34, Merv Cunningham 32

49TH AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS

To be held at the Bellarine Peninsula October 5th to October 10th, playing the following courses: Lonsdale, 13th Beach, and Curlewis golf courses, you will play 13th Beach twice.

Entries close 1st September.

Website www.Leftiegolfvictoria.org

>>> LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD

- > A good golf partner is one who's also slightly worse than you!
- > Golf appeals to the child in us. This is proven by our frequent inability to count past number 5.



>>> THE NINETEENTH

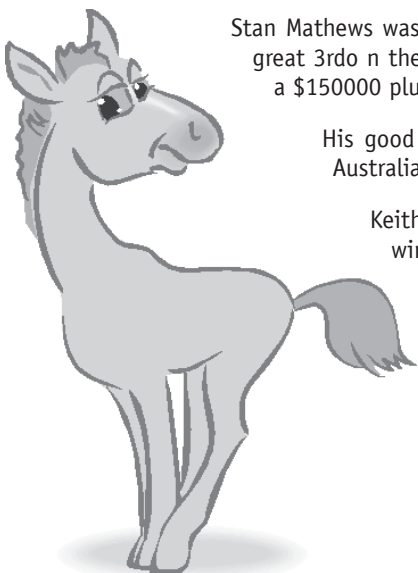
- > Tyler Hodge just back from overseas, felt unwell, and was admitted to hospital where he was operated on, to remove a cyst. Every thing fine now, although five weeks since golf. From young sister Bridie who now plays off scratch.
- > Another member of the successful Manawatu/ Wanganui winning team Lachie Macdonald has been around the country playing in Tournaments, including the Bob Charles tour event at Muriwai, where he shot 73,72,71,71, finishing well up in the amateur field. He has been selected for a Michael Campbell scholarship. Mother Sally, reports that he is very lucky with his employer, where he has a casual contract, allowing him to get away to golf.
- > Tasman delegate Kerry Smith is recovering after Heart surgery recently and all reports suggest that he is making good progress.
- > Robin Kent organised a fabulous day at Hauraki Golf Club earlier in the year to support Mark and Nicola Hills, who are still in Scotland. Although Nicola was back for this occasion
- > There was a very good attendance from our Left handed members, and sporting notables from the area, including a number from the Chiefs Rugby franchise, well over \$30000 was raised from an Auction. The Hauraki Club members were right behind this day providing great food and prizes.



- > Another day was also arranged at Jacks Point in Queenstown which again was well attended by Lefties from the area, and many friends of the Hills/Kent family
- > I hear that Life member Bill Sangster is to be the Secretary for the Mahunga Nationals in 2015, which we are looking forward too.
- > Regarding Mahunga, an entry for the 30th Nationals, will be part of the September Bulletin, and of course can be downloaded from our website. The reason for this is that over the last few years less and less of our entries for the Nationals come in on the expensively produced entry form; over 50% have been downloaded from the website.
- > Many Lefties at the Westpac pairs tournament played the day after our Te Aroha Leftie Tournament, many Lefties in the prize giving, and I am grateful to my partner Merv Cunningham for shooting 38 on one nine, which helped us to a reasonable score. Serious rain was forecast; thankfully it arrived after we had all finished.



>>> HORSE CORNER



Stan Mathews was happy after his lovely mare *The Fascinator* ran a great 3rd in the Cambridge Jewels day, paying over \$9 a place in a \$150000 plus race.

His good three year old *Ideal Diamante* Has been sold to Australia.

Keith Towers' racing interests are mainly away for the winter; and he has been quiet lately.

Whistling Straits is back and ran on strongly at Te Rapa, but on a sticky Ellerslie track not so good.

Watch for him over the next few weeks, in June last year he won at Tauranga paying \$18.



Some of our existing members have introduced new people recently and we estimate that there are 2,000 Leftie golfers out there . . . go get 'em, please!

OUR WEBSITE ADDRESS IS: www.nalg.co.nz

>>> FUTURE TOURNAMENTS . . . mark your calendar!

- June 29** **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 June
Telephone Ray Horsfall 07 5750590
Or email baytrain@kinect.co.nz or post to 5 May St. Mt. Maunganui
- August 9/10** **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
Note 2016 Nationals host Club
- August 17** **MARTINBOROUGH LEFTIE/RIGHTIE BOTTLE-O TOURNAMENT**
Martinborough Golf Club. 8.30am, entry fee \$60 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, PO Box 4,
or Phone 06 306 9076
- Sept 6/7** **TAUMARUNUI LEFT HANDERS 63RD 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. If you want to join us for the first time Phone Harriet on
07 896 6694, Taumarunui Golf Club P.O Box 181 Taumarunui 3946
- Sept 20** **WELLINGTON AREA LEFTIES (36TH)** at Te Marua tee off
from 11.30 am. Ladies and men, Gross, net and stableford Entry fee
\$25 includes Morning tea Saturday, and complimentary round Friday.
Good day, good company, good sponsors. Those who paid last year
and did not receive a refund, please advise on your entry which will
be sent out in August.
Entries close 10 September Telephone 04 5267020 or with
The Secretary 675 Main Road North Te Marua, Upper Hutt
- Sept 28** **HAURAKI GOLF CLUB**, first day of Daylight saving tee off 10.00 to
11am. 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
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