



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

### NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2014

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## >>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi all.

Hope everyone is well and getting to plenty of leftie events along with a partner or mate in tow. Unfortunately I missed Te Aroha and Mt Maunganui due to date clashes with family events. (These get in the way occasionally - I added this after my lovely wife proof read this blurb!).

Ohope was great as usual, good people and weather, as we have come to expect at this tournament. (Ok well not always the weather).

We are looking forward to Taumarunui, one of our flagship events, a great course and always a pleasure to play - I love it but sadly, the course does not always return my feelings. However, anyone that is local and has not played in this event you are missing out on a great weekend.

On a sadder note we have lost a few more members to the greatest club of all and on behalf of NALG our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

I've decided not to offer any more golf tips. That rightie I tipped last time didn't even make the cut.

My own golf still does not show any sign of improving, however the handicapper has been kind to me. With the arrival of spring and some more daylight I may be able to turn things around before April 2015. So watch out you Mahunga boys we have a good contingent coming down from the Waikato /BOP Region and it would be a shame to beat you on your home track.

P.S. Tere is looking for a photo of me with more hair - but she assures me that we don't have one as she has discarded every thing prior to 1986!

Catch you around the greens.....

*-Wayne Chesham  
President*



2015 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS MAHUNGA - MASTERTON  
13-16 APRIL 2015



## >>> SECRETARY'S CORNER

Enclosed with this bulletin is the Entry Form for next year's 30th National Championships at Mahunga, Masterton to be played from the 13th to the 16th of April. Important points to note are the closing date for entries, February 22nd. 2015. The field will be limited to the first 130 prepaid entries; consequently early registration is advisable, as we again expect entries from Australia.

Check your entry form for Hotels and motels that are available in close proximity to the Mahunga Golf Club, Masterton. Any entrant that wishes to use their mobile home should check with the Mahunga Club.

Entry forms have been handed out at Taumarunui, and Te Marua, if for some reason you have not received an entry and wish to join us download from our website [www.nalg.co.nz](http://www.nalg.co.nz).

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

**Good golfing – please support your local tournaments.**

In years past we have organised a special fare for the Picton-Wellington crossing. As the last trip from South to North was well under utilised, the Companies involved have declined offering us a special deal in 2015.

*-John Barber  
Secretary*

### 23RD WORLD LEFTHANDERS Capetown South Africa 26 to 31 October 2015

Entries now closed as are entries for the Australian Nationals to be held around Geelong Victoria.

I would appreciate results and a report from both.

## >>> NEW MEMBERS

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

Gren Alabaster	Omokoroa	Jack Boettcher	Eketahuna
Trevor Larsen	Urenui	Joan Puckey	Whangarei



## >>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

### CANTERBURY LEFTIES AT WEEDONS COUNTRY CLUB SUNDAY 25 MAY

This Tournament was scheduled for 16th March, but was postponed due to the weather bomb that caused flooding in Canterbury that weekend.

The day started calm with bright sunshine, however, no sooner had we teed off, the nor wester arrived with gusts to 120 km/hr. Very trying conditions and surprisingly scoring was reasonable considering the conditions for the approximately 30 players

#### RESULTS

**Best Gross** David Enright 82  
**Best Net** Bernie Boyle 84-12-72  
**Stableford** Mark Lucas 39, Geoff Lynch 37, Alan Douglas 35, Peter Molloy 35, Simon Murphy 34, Gavin King 34, Clark Nutsford 34, Rodger Welsh 34  
**Twos** Bernie Boyle and Ron Marshall  
**Eagles** Bernie Boyle

*- Ross Herrett*

### WESTERN BOP LEFTIES GOLF MOUNT MAUNGANUI SUNDAY 29 JUNE

36 Left handed and 9 right handed associates from clubs Whangarei, Urenui, Napier, Raglan, Hamilton, Ohope, Taumarunui, Waikare, Tauranga, and Auckland contested the 2014 Western Bays Leftie Tournament on a course in near perfect condition.

Great to welcome new Leftie players to the Tournament, Mark Western (Ngaruawahia) and Nick Kersopp (Tauranga)

Earlier lead up inclement weather and what looked like a wet Sunday promised, had an impact on player numbers, however, the weather turned out perfectly fine, with the course playing on the slow side (greens perfect) as a result of the preceding week of wet weather. Very good scoring by some visiting players was a feature of the Tournament with best gross by Ken Shea (Raglan), Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) 76, followed by Ken Tynan (Omanu) and Nick Kersopp (Tauranga) both with 77s. All low handicappers who coped with the slow fairways (no run).

#### RESULTS

##### MEN

**Gross** Ken Shea 75

##### Stableford

**Group 1** Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) 41, Nick Kersopp (Tauranga) 40, Ken Tynan (Omanu) 39, Ray Horsfall (Mt Maunganui) 37, Robin Kent (Hauraki) 36, Mark Western (Ngaruawahia) 35

**Group 2** Brian Kendrick (Waikare) 38, Lindsay Potts (Otumoetai) 35, Kerry Bond (Lochiel) 35, Ron Vesty (Napier) 34, Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) 33, Roger Maxwell (Urenui) 33

##### WOMEN

**Left handed** Carol Mahon (Walton) 31, Jan Davies (Omanu) 30

**Right handed** Karen Worley (Otumoetai) 37, Andrea Gardner (Remuera) 35, Tui Maxwell (Urenui) 32,

**Twos** Jan Davies, Karen Worley, Lawrie Fawcett (Lochiel), Ken Shea, Mark Western

*- Ray Horsfall Convenor*

## OHOPÉ LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT. OHOPÉ GOLF CLUB 9/10 AUGUST

Sunny but cool weather and very windy Saturday, turned to beautiful Ohope weather greeted 32 Lefties, 16 righties and 7 lady players to the home of the 2016 NALG Nationals.

– Bill Burt

### RESULTS

**Best Gross** Robbie Cumming (Pakuranga) (151)  
**Best Net** Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) (140)  
**Net r/u** Alan Stewart (Marton)(143), 3rd Ken Shea (Ngaruawahia) (146) 4th Tony Horsfall (Mt Maunganui) (148) 5th Bruce Fergusson (Remuera) (149)  
**Leftie** Ladies Jan Davies 55 points  
**Supporters** Sun Yan Ping 57, Andrea Gardner 54, Glyn Robinson 53  
**Two's** Graeme Wakelin, Stan Crawshaw, Ken Shea and Stephen Leatherhead  
Thank you to the Sponsors, Mill River Caterers, Hayes Logging, Graham Withy and Paul Gibbs and the excellent caterers.

## MARTINBOROUGH 17 AUGUST

No snow, no wind, and no rain (a bit wet underfoot, with placing through the green) the weather being the best experienced for a number of years. We welcomed past President Richard Davison, now elected World President. Richard has an affinity for this Tournament having being snow bound at this Tournament, and also enjoys catching up with the Campbell's and Messengers. Nigel now World Secretary/Treasurer

A happy crowd of 54, down slightly, attended the very well organised tournament A nice welcoming speech from the Club

– Bill Werry

### RESULTS

**Best Gross** Brandon Curtis and Paul Fairweather 147  
**2nd Gross** Andrew and Jeff Wood 152  
**3rd Gross** Johnny Schaafhausen and John Mitchell 156  
**4th Gross** Owen Enoka and Brian Pengelly 161  
**Best Net** Shane Hartnell and Andy Small 134  
**2nd Net** Toyra Boyne and Wallace Miller 135  
**3rd Net** Nigel Messenger and Tim Walsh 135  
**4th Net** Derek Stephens and Rocky Hudson 138  
**Best net women** Audrey Messenger and Mariana McDermott 160 c/b  
**Best net mixed** Graham Dick and Jo Bird 140  
**Closest to the pin** 6h Nigel Messenger 8th Pat Melaugh, 12th Corran Crispe 16th Andrew Wood  
**Twos 6th** Pat Melaugh (2), Chris Brooks, Paul Fairweather, Andrew Wood, 8th. Gary Tennant, Audrey Messenger, Richard Davison, Bill Cook, 12th Johnny Schaafhausen and John Mitchell.

From a sick (flu) Bill Werry through Tim Belcher

## TAUMARUNUI 65th LEFT HANDERS TOURNAMENT 6/7 SEPTEMBER

Taumarunui as always, got everything right, including the weather, particularly Sunday which gave us some promise of summer's arrival around the corner.

Life member's, AJ still not quite right after his incident at Te Marua 3 years ago, Geoff, Nigel, and Don Buchanan, looking 15 years younger after his recent surgery to his eyes etc. all in attendance.

A field of 90 including rightie partners, scoring was spectacular on Saturday, with most scores for the (city in India) in the net 60's, but not so hot Sunday when 5 of the nags were net 80.

Well done to the winners, see below.

– John B

### RESULTS

**36 hole net** **Ted O'Reilly Shield** Graeme Aitken (Paraparaumu) 133;  
**36 hole Stableford** **George Worms Memorial** Gren Alabaster (Omokoroa) 80;  
**36 hole Senior Gross** Rod McLeish Cup Steve Leatherland (Ngaruawahia) 154 from Ken Shea (Raglan) 157  
**36 hole Intermediate Gross** **Graeme Bridge Cup** David McCrea (Urenui) 169 with Barry Mathews (Titirangi) r/up on 173  
**36 hole Junior Gross** Johnson/Keapa Cup Champy Kiff (Taupo) 181, from Noel Crocker (Rangitikei) 189  
**36 hole Senior Net** **Frank Hemmingson Cup** – Kevin Shannon (Taumarunui) 137, from Mike Cotter (Paeroa)  
**36 hole Intermediate Net** **Haddon Strachan Memorial Cup** Winner Roger Maxwell (Urenui) 137c/b, from Kerry Bond (Lochiel) 137  
**36 hole Junior Net** **Doug Beaver Memorial Putter** Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) 135, from Peter Jackson (Sherwood) 139  
**36 hole Stableford (over the field)**  
John Barber (Remuera) 74, Dan Scotson (Rangitikei) 73c/b, Leigh Virtue (Taumarunui) 73, Hylton Tabb (Napier) 73 Peter Jacobson (Taumarunui) 73, Richard Jopson (Mt Maunganui) 73

### Saturday Stableford Senior

Bill Burt (Ohope) 41, Intermediate John Taylor c/b (Manukau) 38, Junior Bill Werry (R.Wellington) 1

### Sunday Stableford Senior

Wayne Hughes (Napier) 40, Intermediate Graeme Wakelin (Muriwai) 37, Junior Edward Masters (Kaitaia) 39

### Winning Club team

Urenui, Roger Maxwell, Dave McCrea, Trevor Larson, and Davis McClutchie 276

### The Women's Left handed division results were:

36 hole gross Jan Davies (Omanu) 175

36 hole net **Bowyer Cup** Audrey Messenger (Te Marua) 144

R/U Linda Smith (Taumarunui) 146

36 hole stableford winner was Harriet Byelich (Taumarunui) 71

### Right handed partners

### Stableford

Carol Plowman (Taumarunui) 70 c/b from Kay Wey (Urenui) 70

### Net

Tui Maxwell (Urenui), 145

*We are very sorry to record the loss of the following Lefties*

### MARK HILLS

Son of John and Betsy Hill, wife of Nicola, and son in law of Robin and Dorothy Kent. Mark was our open champion in Rotorua 5 short years ago in 2009.

A green keeper at St Andrews, in Scotland the last few years, a true fighter, regretfully succumbing to the insidious cancer that he had battled the last year or two. Aged 30.

Our very deepest sympathy from all our Association members to John, Betsy, Nicola, Robin and Dorothy.

### IAN SMITH

Earlier this year in his Taranaki home, a keen sportsman for much of his life, he was a regular attendee at Tournaments around the region, often to be seen with Alan Stewart (Marton), always with a smile and a kind word to those who knew him.

Ian we believe was 78 when he left us.

Deepest sympathy to his family.

### BOISE KIFF (Taupo)

Brother of Champy, and a regular attendee of our Tournaments around the North Island and many Nationals, A very good bloke and a character who loved a good beer, and the camaraderie of his fellow lefties.

We missed Boise at our recent Taumarunui weekend, which he used to enjoy.

Deepest sympathy Champy and all other members of the family.

### MIKE CREAN (Mt Maunganui)

A member of the organising committee for the annual Western Bays Tournament latterly held at the Mt Maunganui course. A former diplomat and consummate gentleman. A pleasure to play golf and socialise with.

After a short illness aged 77.

### GRAHAM SULLIVAN (Otumoetai)

A regular attendee at Nationals and local Tournaments around the Bay and Waikato districts for many years. A St Johns Ambulance officer of long service, and a very pleasant and good man, who enjoyed his golf

Graham suffered a heart attack when playing in a vets Tournament at Springfield Rotorua on Thursday 4th September, he was 73.

Our deepest sympathy Pauline and all other family members.

- > Whilst watching the final holes of the Canadian Open recently, the announcer recalled our Sir Bob Charles winning the Tournament 46 years ago (1968) Sir Bob birdied the 18th and won from Jack Nicholas.
- > Speaking to Phil Butler recently, he is coming right and hopes to be back playing with us later in the year, maybe Ngaruawahia.
- > Whilst speaking to Phil. He mentioned Ann Taylor, had died in Queensland, where she and husband Jim shifted to a few years ago. Jim and Ann were in Taupo for many years, and were both members of the Association.
- > At Taumarunui recently a new trophy was produced, to be played for between the York Family (Ces, Tom, and Harriet (Byelich) and the Mathew's brothers, Stan, Ray and Barry. Mathew's holders after Taumarunui. The next round possibly at Ngaruawahia in October.
- > At Taumarunui, it was reported that Ross Dalgety had split his pants, whilst playing, making bending over a trial, particularly playing in a group followed by our Ladies. Mending in store for a busy Shona.
- > Whangarei up and running again, look in the December Bulletin for the date in late March.



## >>> LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD

### Hillbilly Divorce

A hillbilly farmer who wanted to get a divorce paid a visit to a lawyer  
The lawyer said "how can I help you"? The farmer said, "I want to get one of them dayvorcees"  
The Lawyer said "Do you have any grounds?"  
The farmer said, "yes I got 40 acres"  
The Lawyer said "no, no you don't understand, do you have a suit"  
The farmer said, "yes, I got a suit, I wears it to church on Sundays"  
The Lawyer said "no, no I mean do you have a case"  
The farmer said "no, I ain't got a Case, but I got a John Deere"  
The Lawyer said, "no" I mean do you have a grudge"  
The farmer said, yes, "I got a grudge, that's where I parks the John Deere"  
The Lawyer said, "does your wife beat you up or something"  
The Farmer said, "no we both get up at 4.30  
By now the Lawyer is getting frustrated but tries one last question.  
The Lawyer said, "is your wife a Nagger?"  
The farmer said" no, she's a little white gal, but our last child was a nagger and that's why a wants a dayvorcees"



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## >>> HORSE CORNER



Stan Mathews had a first starter recently at Winton, called Manipulator which won and paid \$1.70 a win.

Our fellow Whistling Straits has been retired, he raced honestly winning 5 times and lots of placing's,

Keith Towers has several coming up including Phoenix Tycoon and La Danseur

Barry Patton had King Savabeel in the Derby, however, now in Singapore, he also has a share in another called Highly Likely (High Chaparrel-Starrinka who won at Ellerslie recently.

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

With the magnificent backdrop of the National Park and the hospitality of the *Mahunga Mob* this tournament is a must. Field Limited to first 130 prepaid entries.

Division 1: Open - Maximum 24 handicap.

Division 2: Ladies - Maximum handicap 40.

Division 3: Seniors - Players 60 years and over at 31/3/15

Division 4: Super Seniors - Players over 75 at 31/3/15 (Play only two rounds - Wednesday and Thursday)

Mystery trip for non playing attendees - Partners Golf at Carterton Golf Club on the Wednesday.



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

- Oct /Nov**      **MARLBOROUGH LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT**  
Rarangi Golf Club.  
Awaiting details Tasman members will be advised, and will post on the website and Pacific Golfer
- October 4/5**      **MASTERTON GOLF CLUB**  
2014 Sir Bob Charles Classic in Association with Silberhorn  
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 Noon start, Sunday 10 AM start.  
Entries with payment, close 28 September.  
Entries to Masterton Golf Club, P.O. Box 249, Masterton or  
Phone 377 4984- Fax 06 377 4616.  
Email enquiries@mastergolf.org.nz
- October 19**      **NGARUAWAHIA LEFTIES AND FRIENDS MARK HUGHES MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**  
Ngaruawahia G.C.  
Tee off from 11.30 to 12.30 Ladies and men's divisions,  
Stableford \$30 entry best net for the Mark Hughes Trophy  
Balance of prizes will be with the clubs meat pack tournament  
Send entry Wayne Chesham telephone 07 849 8268 email cheshamfamily@xtra.co.nz or contact Duncan at the Pro shop 07 8248006
- October 19**      **ASHBURTON GOLF CLUB**  
Left handed and friends 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@xtra.co.nz

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- November 22/23**      **KAIKOURA LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT**  
Kaikoura Golf Club.  
Tee off time from 1pm Saturday, and 9am Sunday  
\$ 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
- November 29**      **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
- November 30**      **WHANGAPARAOA LEFTIES AND FRIENDS CHRISTMAS TOURNAMENT**  
Tee off from 10.30 to 12.00 Ladies and men's divisions,  
Stableford \$25 entry, wgp club members \$15  
Send entry with payment to Leftie Tournament Box 274 Whangaparaoa or phone 09 4245401  
or email Whangaparaoa@golf.co.nz

**We want to see you this spring/summer.  
Bring your leftie mates.**



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