



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

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>>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi all

Christmas is nearly upon us so I will take this opportunity to wish you our members and families all the best for the festive season and may your golf prosper through the New Year. A special thanks to John and all our delegates for their input and help throughout the year. Thanks to Annette Purves for your past service to NALG and a special welcome to Wayne Hughes who has taken up the challenge of Delegate for Hawkes Bay. Apart from our delegates there are many more that assist or run tournaments all over the country without people like you we would not have an association, also to Brian Cronin for managing the website. Thank you.



Once again Taumarunui was a great weekend well run and a lot of fun. If you look in the results they will reflect how well I went.

Hauraki was fairly well supported and was great to catch up with more of our leftie mates.

This year at Ngaruawahia I tried something a little different in combining our lefties with the clubs monthly meat pack tournament. We renamed the event as the Mark Hughes Memorial in honour of a great fellow leftie. We ended up with a big field of 86 made up of 46 lefties 30 Righties and 10 Ladies and a day that was worthwhile to both the club and the NALG. CHECK THE RESULTS I went a bit better in this one.

Mahunga is getting closer all the time Graeme and his elves are starting to go into overdrive so get you entries in.



Enjoy Christmas, make the most of daylight saving and get in plenty of golf and family time.

Catch You Around the greens . . .

*-Wayne Chesham
President*

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



>>> SECRETARY'S CORNER

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Christmas and a new year are coming – and this means it's time for next year's subscription to be paid. Your account for the 2015 year is enclosed with this bulletin.

\$30 - DISCOUNT OF \$5 IF PAID BY 31ST JANUARY 2015

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 Mahunga. It saves a considerable amount of work for the Tournament Secretary.

Keep an eye on our website 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.



Season's Greetings



Andrea, and John, wishes you all a very happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward to catching up with many of you in 2015.

Note we have now moved to Mangawhai Heads, new address and telephone on final page.

*-John Barber
Secretary*

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please advise the Secretary if you are about to change your address.

>>> NEW MEMBERS

A warm and hearty welcome to the following new members:

Ron Vesty	Napier (welcome back)	Phil Bentley	Tauranga
Trevor Larsen	Urenui	Launa Seddon (welcome back)	
Grant Dalton	Wellington	Josh Dick	Ngaruawahia
Brent Dalton	Lower Hutt	Kore Hema	Hamilton
Tom Kimitau	Ngaruawahia		



>>> 2014 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS REPORT

49TH NAGLA CHAMPIONSHIP, BELLARINE, VICTORIA.

With eleven players from NZ, which is just about on par with entries from each Australian state (120 in total), we should have had a bit of a chance. Alas, the only mention in was the daily net where the lucky recipient was awarded a golf ball. More Luck was had in the daily raffle, where Geoff Ingram received a dozen pro.v1 golf balls.

The courses were easy to treacherous. Lonsdale, established about 1928, typical club course of doglegged tree lined rubbish, the odd bunker and hidden water. The two courses at Thirteen Beach (Creek & Beach) were excellent. Creek with its wide fairways and only a couple of trees was a joy to play. The Beach was "wicked" nobody broke 80. Bunkers were hideous and plenty, this with ultra-fast greens made for demoralising or applauding outcomes. The final day at Curlewis; its hilly nature, naughty bunkers and raised greens meant for careful approaches. We had been warned about snakes, but this did not appear to hinder the locals who thrashed around in the undergrowth endeavouring not to be defeated by losing a ball!

Stories came back to the club house at Curlewis of golfers encountering a snake up the 18th. All courses were well presented very fast greens. In all a thoroughly enjoyable tournament, a lot of camaraderie and good will with fine wine & beer from a well organised event. Anyone for Port Macquarie next year?

>>> WORLD LEFTIES REPORT 2014

CAPETOWN SOUTH AFRICA WALG. 23RD WORLD TOURNAMENT.

A contingent of ten people from New Zealand arrived in Capetown for the 23rd World Lefties Tournament. There were six players plus wives that enjoyed very pleasant weather and sometimes extreme wind conditions. The courses were reasonably flat and apart from Milnerton which was a links course I found them similar to lot of NZ ones. We played also the Mowbray, Rondebosch, and Royal Cape which were tree lined and the odd bit of water to contend with, and these courses were established around the late 1800s to early 1900s so have been around for a while.

Nigel Messenger won his flight in the Senior Division and Geoff Ingram come 3rd in the Super Senior flight that he was in. The rest of us also ran but unplaced in the results but enjoyed the time there.

The highlight for Judy and myself was the excursion into a game park with John and Kath McKenzie from Dubai [ex Cust] where we encountered the big five up real close. Having Lions set to and have a fight when they are a mere 3 metres away and you are sitting in a open air vehicle tends to make the hairs on the back of your neck stand up. Not to mention the next day when Judy and I are sitting in the back seat and a Bull elephant which looked the size of a house decides to charge the vehicle, and thanks to the driver slipping it into gear and taking off just as it was about two metres behind us was a benefit. With six foot tusks and a thing hanging down like his fifth leg I told Jude to brace herself but we managed to get away unscathed.

A visit to Ernie Eels winery at Capetown and a look through his room of fame was also very interesting, not to mention the tasting of the wine. Visiting Victoria falls and having wild Zebras grazing around the Hotel was quite a novelty but go near them and they soon let you know they are wild.

On another note it is congratulations to Nigel for he was nominated for the position of WALG Secretary so between us we have quite a job in front of us.

Our next tournament is in Japan in 2016, and then the 25th Tournament will be held in Melbourne in 2017. Germany got the vote to hold one in 2019 so with little else to report, Happy golfing.

*-Richard Davison
WALG Chairman*

OBITUARY

We are sorry to record the recent passing of **Neville Blundell** from the Tirau Club, a long time resident of the area, and regular attendee of the Tirau weekend, aged in his late 80's.

A gentleman always, who will be sadly missed from the annual weekend.

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.

>>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WELLINGTON LEFTHANDERS - TE MARUA GOLF CLUB, 20 SEPTEMBER 2014

It was great to see so many attending our annual get-together at Te Marua last Saturday. The first of the 59 in the field began teeing off at 11.30 in light rain. When Nigel called it off 30 minutes later in horizontal freezing rain our 81 year old life member Bill Sangster was slightly miffed as he had only bogeyed the four holes played but he didn't think it would last as his fingers were numb with cold. Incidentally when drawing the raffle Nigel commented that he'd got hold of the 1983 raffle and Mike Quinlan Bill Sangster Geoff Ingram and Alan Roebuck had all bought tickets.

As usual Nigel did a great job and really expected the weather to improve. However it didn't and when we walked one would find it hard to find any grass on the greens that wasn't waterlogged.

Never the less we enjoyed great food from the café good prizes(Nigel drew numbers and all prizes were handed out). It was good to see all the Mahunga boys who are well into planning next years nationals. Apparently they are doing it very enthusiastically so they should be a good show!

A lot of socialising was had but the hot shower was great when I got home!

-Bill Werry

HAURAKI LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT, 28 SEPTEMBER 2014

Another happy day for around 40 Lefties and partners, we were very appreciative of bbq organised by Andrew Davis and his wife, and the generosity of the Hauraki Club for committing all funds received to prizes.

Thanks also to Ross and Shona Dalgety for their generosity in providing a special prize of a \$100 petrol voucher won by Owen Young.

Scores were steady with nobody really bolting; best gross was Ken Tynan, who tied with Gordon Lewis in the stableford with 38 points on the day only 4 players were under their handicap.

RESULTS

Stableford

1st Ken Tynan (Omanu) 38, from Gordon Lewis (Pakuranga) 38, Ces York (Maramarua) 37, Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) 37, Murray Horsnell (Whitford) 36, Wetini Mokomoko (Hauraki) 35, Nuddy Pillay (Whitford) 33, Ed Prime Snr (Kaikohe) 33. Lawrie Fawcett (Lochiel) 33, Carl Boni, Andrew Davis, Kerry Bond, and Trevor Hayes all had 32.

Ladies Lefties

Shona Dalgety

-John B



SIR BOB CHARLES SILBERHORN 44TH LEFTHANDERS, MASTERTON, 4-5 OCTOBER 2014

Close to 40 entries for this 36 hole annual Tournament now open to both lefties and righties Very well organised as usual with an excellent prize table and trophies.

The course was as demanding as ever – a hail storm lasting 5 minutes was an added challenge on Saturday afternoon.

The Lefties star was undoubtedly Bill Sangster who played well under his handicap on both days which included 21 putts on the Saturday. He received 2 trophies for the best Nett round and Vets best gross over two rounds.

M Harvey was our best Open gross winner and was awarded the Sir Bob Charles Trophy. The overall winner, a rightie– who also won last year, grossed 144 for the two days.... “

-Tim Belcher

NGARUAWAHIA, 19 OCTOBER 2014

86 Lefties and friends gathered in perfect conditions for our return to the Beautiful Ngaruawahia course to commemorate the life of Mark Hughes.

A very pleasing field of Lefties and friends with a good contingent from Tokoroa, Taumaranui and Bay of plenty

The inaugural winner of the Mark Hughes Memorial trophy (Organised by National President Wayne) was won on count back by Jon Stockman (Hauraki) with net 67, from President Wayne Chesham also 67.

RESULTS

Net

Jon Stockman 67 Wayne Chesham 67 c/b Bill Burt 69, Sy Noora 69, Steve Leatherland 70, Ken Tynan 71

Stableford

David Haimanu 40, Ray Mathews 39, George Rogan 38, Ken Shea 38, Rick Nathan 37, Liam Mckain 37, Peter Jacobson 37, Kerry Bond 37.

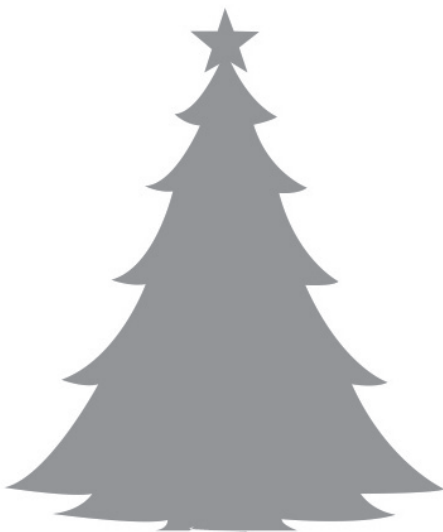
Harriet Byelich was 3rd in the combined Ladies stableford and Launa Seddon was closest to the pin on 18 for 3

In a further match between the York's (Ces, Tom, and Harriet) and Mathew's (Barry, Ray and Stan) the Mathews prevailed narrowly.



>>> THE NINETEENTH

- >> We are sorry to lose Annette Purves as our Hawkes Bay/East Coast delegate, Annette has severe arthritis, and golf has become very difficult for her.
- >> Tyler Hodge (Levin) now 20 featured on the front cover, with sister Bridie of the Oct issue of the Pacific Golfer. Parents Marty and Phillipa Hodge must be very proud of their two young golfing stars.
- >> Tyler continues to achieve, and finished well up the leader board in the recent Carrus open Tournament in Tauranga with rounds of 70.65,66 and 69, he finished equal with 2 Professionals, Ryan Fox and Daniel Pearce.
- >> Lachie Mclean (Marton) mentioned again in the North Harbour stroke play at Muriwai where he finished tied for 8th with scores of 73.79,71 and 73
- >> Luke Brown from the Pines Club Whangarei also continues to play very well winning the Auckland mens stroke play with scores of 72.72.65 and 67 recently at Titirangi, and finishing well up the list in a number of recent Tournaments.
- >> Also noticed Southern Lefties Paul Adams and Jason Leary playing in the Seniors Freyberg Tournament.



>>> TIME FOR A LAUGH

A Canadian salesman checked into a futuristic hotel in Tokyo, Japan.

Realizing he needed a haircut before the next day's meeting, he called down to the desk clerk to ask if there was a barber on the premises.

'I'm afraid not, sir,' the clerk told him apologetically, 'but down the hall from your room is a vending machine that should serve your purposes.'

Sceptical but intrigued, the salesman located the machine, inserted \$15.00, and stuck his head into the opening, at which time the machine started to buzz and whirl. Fifteen seconds later the salesman pulled out his head and surveyed his reflection, which reflected the best haircut of his life.

Two feet away was another machine with a sign that read, 'Manicures, \$20.00'.

'Why not?' thought the salesman. He paid the money, inserted his hands into the slot, and the machine started to buzz and whirl. Fifteen seconds later he pulled out his hands and they were perfectly manicured.

The next machine had a sign that read, 'This Machine Provides a service Men Need When Away from Their Wives, 50 Cents.'

The salesman looked both ways, put fifty cents in the machine, unzipped his fly, and with some anticipation, stuck his manhood into the opening.

When the machine started buzzing, the guy let out a shriek of agony and almost passed out. Fifteen seconds later it shut off.

With trembling hands, the salesman was able to withdraw his tender unit..... This now had a button sewn neatly on the end.



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>>> HORSE CORNER



Our interests gone at present, however the New Year will bring another filly or colt into our lives, and will tell all in the next Newsletter.

Keith Towers (Written Tycoon) another 3rd recently, worth watching as will win again soon.

Barry Patton (Highly Likely) out till autumn richly bred and will win again when produced.

Stan Mathews (The Manipulator) is likely to start over Christmas at Auckland, won't pay much, but classy.

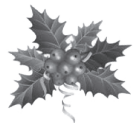


LAST THOUGHT

Bring a friend to the next Tournament you attend.



Merry Christmas - drive safely!



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

- Jan 24/25 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 \$50, dinner available at club sat night \$15
Entry to admin@napiergolf.co.nz Phone 06 8447913
(Please note Napier (Waiohiki) is a non metal spike course)
- Jan 31- Feb 1 Greymouth Golf Club**
36 holes start 1pm Sat., 9.30pm Sun entries to Greymouth Golf Club
P.O Box 158 Greymouth, or Kerry Smith 03 5447050
Cost \$30 includes BBQ dinner Saturday night
- Jan 31- Feb 1 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 1 Alexandra Golf Club (Central Otago Lefties)**
Starting at 11am, 18 holes for \$20 Lefties and partners contact
Alexandra Golf Club, or email darkway@xtra.co.nz, enquiries to
Wayne Pollock 034486558
- Feb 15 Mosgiel Left handed day Twelve Oaks golf club-N**
Flat 9 holes course, tee off 11am, \$20 entry Mens and Ladies stableford
Entries to Twelve Oaks Golf Club P.O.Box 297 Mosgiel 9053 or email
mrsollie@vodafone.co.nz. Enquiries to Doug Miller 027 2010596
- Feb 22 Waimakariri Gorge Lefthanders**
Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club invites All Lefties and right handed partners
friends 18 holes, 11am tee off
Gross for the Donaldson Trophy, and stableford for the Angus trophy
Plus plenty of prizes, including closest to the pin and twos. Morning
Tea/coffee, biscuits/scones provided \$20 entry.
Sponsored by Weldon Studios Ltd
Entries to Rodger.welsh@xtra.co.nz, or ph 03 31337033
Or text 021676128 Play the Gorge and see our wonderful new layout



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- Feb 21/22 Horowhenua Left handers**
Levin Golf Club. 27th Tournament.
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.
- Feb 28- Mar 1 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, Craig Hamilton 03 5287496
- Mar 7/8 North Taranaki Lefties 2 day Tournament**
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
- Mar 29 Whangarei Golf Club Left handers and partners**
Entry \$25, pre game bbq included, at 10.30am, tee off from 11am
Open to Lefties and right handed partners (\$20) Lefties compete gross
For the Fraser Petty Trophy and top 10 net
Entries to Whangarei Golf Club Pro shop 09 4370775, or P.O Box 7141,
Tikipunga Whangarei

Note: Mangawhai will be 2/3 May

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



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