



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

NEWSLETTER - JUNE 2015

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>>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi All

Well since the Nationals life has been fairly hectic with a family holiday in Australia and trying to get back to normality regarding work and family life.

Unfortunately I missed Mangawhai a tourney I played in last year and really enjoyed. John and Andrea, you have picked a lovely location for your retirement years.

Since then I have managed to get to the Whitford and Te Aroha Lefties, both of which were trying. However, I managed to put a reasonable round together at the latter.

It is always great to attend these events and catch up with the regulars. For entertainment value you could not get better and my golf at times provides plenty of amusement for those privileged souls that happen to be with me on the day.

Even though numbers have dwindled over the last few years we still have a great time. Coming up we have Mt Maunganui a real challenge, and Ohope the venue for our next Nationals.

Each year at Nationals time our Association takes you to another beautiful part of our country, and over the last 20 years or so, we have been as far South as Te Anau, and North to Whangarei, and every province in between. Each region has its own highlights, but best of all we meet local Lefties, and play their golf course, and enjoy their camaraderie and see and experience local sights and tastes, may it long continue.

Catch you on the greens



*-Wayne Chesham
President*

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>>> SECRETARY'S CORNER

Still a few subs to come through, and we would appreciate hearing from you. Tournaments are held all around the country and your subscription will help these friendly gatherings to continue.

Please respond to the note if enclosed, receipts and 2015 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 is now 80 cents, 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 are 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 2014/15

I would like to thank you all for attending our 30th National Tournament. Most of you have travelled a long way to be at Mahunga Golf Club.

A special welcome to our Australian visitors, please note we are a Rugby nation, and there is to be no mention of Cricket the next 5 days.

As usual I am looking forward to catching up with many old adversaries and meeting some new ones.

I am still new to this role, so feel to introduce your selves to me and our regional delegates. We would value your input as members to keep our Association moving forward in the right direction. We have just over 120 competitors here and I am sure some of you will have fresh ideas.

I take this opportunity to thank our delegates and Secretary for all the help and support over the past year, without these guys and volunteers who arrange Tournaments throughout the year the Association would cease to exist.

Thank you also to the many sponsors who support us around the country, assisting our prizes and Trophies. We need to look after these sponsors and show them our support at every opportunity.

Thank you one and all, please accept this as my report to you our members.

*-Wayne Chesham
President*



CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

Bruce Poole, Keith Dallas, Don Buchanan, Geoff Ingram, Bill Sangster, Alan Roebuck, Norm Behrent, Kerry Smith, Nigel Messenger, Phil Butler.

>>> REPORT & RESULTS - NATIONALS, MAHUNGA

13-16 APRIL 2015

A wonderful week at Mahunga, with the club members getting behind our National tournament and helping in every area, very ably managed by Graeme Dick, Bill Sangster and their committee, a very special time enjoyed by all of us who played this very beautiful and interesting course.

Ken Shea again headed our open group, whilst Dave Fraser came out of top in the senior group; John Price won the open net, and Tom York the senior net.

An Australian visitor, Cheryl Gorman played very steady golf and easily won the Ladies Gross, Hilary Lovett won the net, and Anne Hodges won the stableford.

We announced that Phil Butler had been awarded a life membership, and this was warmly applauded. Phil and Jan Butler have run the Tirau Tournament for 30 years, and Phil had also been Waikato/Bay of Plenty delegate for many years.

Thank you Mahunga, very well done.

-John B.

RESULTS

Open Gross	Bruce Poole Trophy – Ken Shea (Raglan) (299)
Runner up	Steve Leatherland (Ngaruawahia) (312) 3rd by lot Gary Vui (Samoa) (312)
Open Net	Bob Charles Trophy – John Price (Kaikoura) (281)
Best Net (open) Over Last 2 Rounds	
Lionel Kelly Trophy	Bruce Mehrtens (Fielding) (138)
Senior Gross	Rei Thompson Trophy - David Fraser (Alexandra) (323)
Runner up	Greg Limond (Howick) (325)
Senior Net	Barry Turner Trophy – Tom York (Waiotapu) (278)
Best Net (senior) Over Last 2 Rounds	
Tom Armstrong Trophy	Tom York (134)
Ladies Gross	Keith Plier Trophy – Cheryl Gorman (Yowani GC Aust,) (340)
Gross Runner up	Tira Habib Titahi Bay (359) third Jennifer Watson Aust. (383)
Overall net winner	Bob Harrington Trophy – Hilary Lovett (Ashburton) (304)
Net Runner up	Shona Dalgety (320)
Overall stableford winner	
Askew Trophy	Anne Hodges (Taumarunui) (128)
All Players-Best one round score	Ken Shea (Raglan) (73)
All Players-Best one round nett	Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) (64)

FLIGHTS

Open Net **Masterton**

1st Shane Chatterton (287) 2nd Hamish Hills (288) 3rd George Rogan (301) 4th Nuddy Pillay (302) 5th Wayne Kawiti (304)

Open grade 2 **Carterton**

1st John Hills (287), 2nd Robin Kent (293), 3rd Wayne Evans (304), 4th Wallace Miller (298), 5th Grant Schindel (301), 6th. Bill Burt (304), 7th Neville Chatterton (304), 8th Bryce Stobie (306)

Open grade 3 **Greytown**

1st Malcolm Fraser (292), 2nd Laurence Butler (293), 3rd John Dalton (293)c/b, 4th Wayne Hughes (296), 5th Bert Krynan (301), 6th John Solly (301) c/b, 7th Stuart Reiri (306), 8th Phil Tennant (307) c/b

Open Grade 4 **Featherston**

1st Bruce Mehrtens (288), 2nd Peter Molloy (291), 3rd Graham Aitken (293), 4th Kerry Bond (294), 5th Harry Timms (295), 6th Grant Dalton (299), 7th Rod Mischewski (300) 8th Owen Young (300) c/b

FLIGHTS SENIOR 1

Mikimiki net

3rd Ces York (301), 4th Bruce Day (303), 5th Jim Begovic (306),c/b 6th Geoff Ingram (306),

Bidefort Senior 2

1st Terry Kirkus (293), 2nd Peter Robson (294), 3rd Barry Hughes (300), 4th Keith Towers (304), 5th Rodney Wolland (308), 6th Stuart Huddleston (311), 7th Lindsay Brougham (313), 8th David Thorne (319) *(Well done Terry 80 next birthday)*

Gladstone Senior 3

1st Stan Mathews (278), 2nd Geoff Inch (291), 3rd Allan Butler (296), 4th Ross Crotty (319) c/b 5th Peter Christiansen (319), 6th Mark Casey (320), 8th Phil O'Neill (325)

Super Seniors Life Members Silver Jug Winner Merv Cunningham (Thames) (158)

Net Winner Liam McElhinney (150), 2nd Allan Stewart (157), 3rd.Herrick Perry (166)

TEAMS TROPHIES

SCHWEPPE'S TEAMS EVENT (CLUB CHALLENGE)

Gerald Alsop, Wayne Kawhiti, Hamish Hills, John Hills

Motueka c/b from Mahunga

KAKAPO TEAMS TROPHY (DISTRICT CHALLENGE)

Wayne Kawhiti, Hamish Hills, John Hills, John Price

Tasman

NZ V AUSTRALIA (Andrew Fenemor Cup)

Australia

AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS 2015

50th Australian Nationals to be held at the Port Macquarie from October 25-30
playing Port Macquarie, Wauchope, South West Rocks

All information and entry from can be obtained from their website:

www.nalg-nsw.org.au

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

OBITUARY

KEVIN CAMPBELL

(written by Don Buchanan)

He was K.C, but definitely not P.C. The jovial "Butcher boy" was a regular attendee at lower North Island tournaments, and many of our National events, and regularly made the trek to Taumarunui.

Deteriorating health, since a brave fight with leukaemia 5 years ago, robbed K.C of his ability to play the game he loved so much.

To get his cameradie fix, he became the office person and bar manager at his beloved Martinborough Golf Club, where he could talk the talk when he could no longer walk the walk.

K.C loved to make you smile. As anyone in his extensive text group would attest to, with his barrage of outrageous, sometimes dodgy, but always funny stories.

~ *Our deepest sympathy to Ngaire and family members* ~

>>> NEW MEMBERS

A warm and hearty welcome to the following new members:

Hamish Hills

Motueka

Nathan Warahi

Wellsford

Martin Arrowsmith

Mangawhai

Richard Searle

Masterton

John Mackie

Maramarua



ADDRESS CHANGES

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

WORLD LEFT-HANDED TOURNAMENT

To be held at

MIYAZKI, JAPAN

18-22 APRIL 2016

Nigel Messenger or the Secretary has Entry Forms

>>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

HIREPOOL CANTERBURY LEFT-HANDERS CHAMPIONSHIPS, 3 May 2015

Weedons Golf Club. Nice fine day and good scoring on a well groomed course. 33 players despite opening weekend for duck shooting and pennants. Bruce Purdon won the shootout after he and Martyn Price tied for the best gross.

Best Gross:	Bruce Purdon -76
Ladies Stableford:	Trish Clarke
Stableford:	Peter Stephens – 40 pts C/b Ron Marshall – 40 Shane Chatterton – 39 Barry Toomey – 38 Simon Murphy – 37 Roger Welsh – 37 Tony Voice – 37 Gavin King – 36 Trevor Ruawai – 36 Martyn Price – 36
Twos:	Roger Welsh
Closest to pins:	No.3 - Simon Murphy No.8 – Martyn Price No. 12 – Reg Myers No. 16 – Martyn Price

WHANGAREI, 29 March 2015

It was great to catch up with some our Northern Leftie friends at Mt Denby. Joan Puckey and her committee provided a nice morning tea before we started, food and a drink voucher when we finished. A wonderful prize table organised by Dave Mcgee.

Great weather added to a special day, thank you to the Club and Joan and her helpers.

Thank you to the sponsors: *Pak'n'save, Harvey Norman, Allan Morgan, John Gordon, The Gentle Dental Co., Whangarei Suit hire, Floor Craft*

Division 1

Gross	Kevin Stewart from Brian Cronin
Net	Nathan Warahi from John Gordon
Stableford	John Barber from Mark Morgan, and third Joe Hermon

Division 2

Gross	Owen Young from Terry Kirkus
Net	Peter Jackson from Stan Mathews
Stableford	John Nightingale from Peter Christiansen and Dave Mcgee
Ladies	Elva Kerr from Launa Seddon
Twos	John Gordon
Nearest pin	4th John Gordon, 15th Stan Mathews,
Straightest drive	Owen Young



MANGAWHAI, 2-3 May 2015

A beautiful weekend and a very well presented course welcomed Lefties and friends from the district and Richard and Sue Grey from Hawkes Bay. We enjoyed a super buffet breakfast at the golf club Sunday and enjoyed dinner on Saturday night at the Mangawhai Club. In hindsight the tournament was sited too close to our Nationals, and next year will appear earlier in the programme.

Gross Brian Cronin 170 from Greg Limond 171
Net Nathan Warahi 138, Ron West 140. Jim Begovic 143, Owen Young 145
Stableford John Barber 70, Leo Butler 69, Don McLean 65
Ladies Coleen West, from Sue Grey
Two's Don Mclean, Owen Young both on 13th.

-John B

AUCKLAND DISTRICT LEFTIES, WHITFORD GOLF CLUB, 24 May 2015

A field decimated by a negative weather report, however, as often, the weather turned out a lot better than predicted and the Whitford course was in great order for those that played; many who came some distance.

Scoring was average; however, Ken Shea won the gross with a fine 74 and Brian Cronin scored 36 points winning Division 1. Dana Gounder (90) won Division 2 Gross and Peter Pinkham won the stableford with 36 points.

Several rang the Club earlier in the day to pull out, however for some reason names were not kept, and we didn't know who these people were. It would have been better to ring Murray Horsnell, or myself.

Division 1

Stableford Brian Cronin 36, Greg Limond 35, Mark Western 34, Murray Horsnell 32, Aaron Mckenzie 32

Division 2

Peter Pinkham 36, David Hunt 34, Gordon Lewis 33, Trevor Hayes 33, John Barber 31

-John B



MANAWATU LEFT-HANDED TOURNAMENT, RANGITIKEI, 23-24 May 2015

Two good days' of weather and a great golf course helped make the Manawatu Tournament a great weekend for 45 Lefties and partners. I believe a record may have been made by Ron Harris and Geoff Ingram by both shooting 74's on Sunday just slightly under their ages. Other wise it was a Bill Werry benefit by being unlucky to be beaten on count back in the net, but getting closest to the pin and getting two two's, very profitable!!!. Many thanks to our sponsors Scully's Lavender Farm, Bridge Motor Lodge, Louise Scotson and the Rangitikei Lefties.

-Geoff

Gross 1st Geoff Ingram 152, 2nd Luke Shannon 165
Net Danny Scotson 138c/b, 2nd Bill Werry 138, 3rd Bart Krynen 140,
4th Paul Wapp 145
Stableford 1st Ron Harris 76, 2nd Austin Wood 73, 3rd Trevor Larsen 69,
4th Mark Casey 68

LADIES

Net Audrey Messenger 151 Anne Hodges

SUPPORTERS

Nett Debbie Ward, Stableford. Tui Maxwell

Louise & Danny Scotson Award

Jack Boetcher

Bridge Motor Lodge Award

Mark Casey

TE AROHA, 7-8 June 2015

We enjoyed a beautiful day again at Te Aroha, although recent heavy rain made for a course that played very long, although no trouble for Gordie Lewis and Stan Mathews who both scored 40 points, closely followed by President Wayne who has returned to form with 39 points, a very good crowd who sang happy birthday to Murray Horsnell with much gusto after we had played.

Great to see Mike Cotter and Gren Alabaster in the field again.

Thanks to Tony Stowers and his helpers another pleasant day.

Stableford Gordon Lewis 40, Stan Mathews 40, Wayne Chesham 39, Nuddy
Pillay 38, Greg Limond 36, Murray Horsnell 34, Trevor Hayes 34,
G. Woodcock 33.

Righties Colin Harrison 40

Twos Stan Mathews, Ces York

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>>> THE GOLFER'S PRAYER

*Geoff Ingram sent me this poem, which was read during
the service for
Kevin Campbell*

O lord, in the game of life you know that most of us are duffers.
We aspire to be champions with plenty of birdies and eagles.
Help us; we pray, to be grateful for the course, including fairways and the rough,
thank you.

You have made it possible for us to tee off.
Thank you for the thrill of a solid, soaring drive.
The challenge of the dog-leg, the trial of the trap.
The discipline of the water hazard.
The beauty of a cloudless sky, and the exquisite misery of rain and cold.

Thank you Lord, our Pro. who shows us how to get the right grip on life.
To slow down our backswing, to correct our crazy hooks and slices, to keep our head in
humility, and to follow through in self control.
May you teach us also to be good sports, who will accept the roll of the green, the
penalty for out-of-bounds, the reality of lost balls.
The relevance of par, the dangers of the 19th hole, and the authority of our special rule
book, the bible.
Impress on us the rules are for us too, that no one is exempt.

And, Lord, when the last putt has dropped into the cup
The light of our last day has faded into darkness of death.
Though our trophies be few, our handicap still only a dream.
May we be able to turn to you, our Tournament Director,
at the Club house,
an honest scorecard to show we did our best!



>>> THE NINETEENTH

Who will forget the starter for Mahunga...! Frankie, gave up work for the week, and was in duty each morning from 7am, always cheerful and did the job so well.

Course ratings around the country perplex your editor. Are they rated in the summer when there is little wind, hail, rain etc? Maybe each course should have a summer and winter rating.

We played at Te Aroha and stayed overnight, enjoying the company of Merv and Eileen Cunningham, next day playing in the very popular Westpac pairs tournament. A number of Lefties were in the field.

Hole in one at Weedons out of Christchurch to Shane Chatterton on 157 metre 8th using a 6 iron on 13th June. Well done Shane.

Lawrie Fawcett from the Lochiel Club was sighted at Te Aroha; he told us that he was on the committee for the Nationals at Lochiel in 1987. Don Buchanan was President at that time.

Sorry Kerry Smith. Left you off the list of Life members in the last bulletin; also when acknowledging life members at Masterton, left out Nigel. Whoops . . . have to do better.



>>> HORSE CORNER



Stan Mathews was happy after his lovely mare the Fascinator won a big race at Epsom, resulting in her sale to Southland for a dollar or 3; she then won again the following week, but with a new owner.

Keith Towers had a some good days in April when horses he part-owns won, namely Irish Whisper at Otaki, and Written Command at Masterton; Expedite and Prioritise also gained placings.

Our two colts turn 2 in August and are yet to be named returning North.

>>> LAST THOUGHT

**TAKE A FRIEND
TO THE NEXT TOURNAMENT
YOU ATTEND!**



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

- June 28** **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 20/6 Telephone Ray Horsfall 07 5750590
Or email baytrain@kinect.co.nz or post to 5 May St. Mt. Maunganui
- August 8-9** **Ohope Lefthanders mixed Tournament, Ohope Golf Club**
Sponsored by Mill River Caterers and Hayes Logging
Two Days and we need your support.
Mens and Ladies Lefties and partners
Start 10.30 to 11am Saturday and 9am Sunday
Entry \$50. Gross, net and Stableford
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 9** **Southland Lefthanders championship Winton Golf Club**
Held in conjunction with the Central Southland Championship
36 holes. If playing 36 holes first 18 count for Lefthanders or just
playing 18 holes tee off at noon. Entries to Graeme Carroll
Xmas.winton@xtra.co.nz
- August 16** **Martinborough Leftie/Rightie 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 5-6** **Taumarunui Left handers 64th 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, Taumarunui Golf Club
P.O Box 181 Taumarunui 3946
Note Local Ladies attending to the evening meal.....again
- Sep 26** **Wellington Area Lefties (37th)** 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. Entries close 10 September Telephone 04
5267020 or with The Secretary 675 Main Road North Te Marua, Upper Hutt
- Sep 27** **Hauraki Golf Club**, first day of Daylight saving tee off 10.00 to 11.00 am.
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
rsdalgety@clear.net.nz. or Robin Kent robindotkent@xtra.co.nz

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