



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

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>>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi All

Since the last bulletin I have managed to get to a couple more of our northern area tournaments. Mt Maunganui was on the tail end of a Ngaruawahia golf trip in which we played three courses in the Bay of Plenty. It worked out quite well as the 6 Righties with us also helped to boost the numbers for the Mount lefties on the Sunday. This was well attended by a loyal contingent of lefties from around the North Island. The course is always in great order and Ray runs a good Tournament on our behalf.



This was followed up in early August by Ohope which had a few new faces there, obviously trying to get a feel for a bit of links golf before our Nationals. Once again Bill Burt and Trevor Hayes put on a great Tournament with ample prizes for everyone; even I managed to collect something.

Taumarunui was again everything that we have come to expect. The numbers were down just a little. Well done to Harriet and her team The food on Saturday night was amazing and even the weather played its part for a change allowing for an excellent weekend.

Coming up at the end of the month is Hauraki on the first Day of daylight saving (where has the year gone)followed by The Mark Hughes Memorial at Ngaruawahia on October 18th.

Once again this will be run as a meat pack open so bring a rightie mate if you can.

Good Golfing and catch you around the greens

*-Wayne Chesham
President*

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>>> SECRETARY'S CORNER

Entry Forms for next year's 31st National Championships at Ohope, to be played from the 4th to the 7th of April, can be downloaded from our website; alternatively telephone or write to me if you require an entry form to be sent to you. Points to note are the closing date for entries, February 22nd. 2016. The field will be limited to the first 140 prepaid entries; consequently early registration is advisable, as we again expect entries from Australia. If you need a cart, remember to mark your entry accordingly, and don't forget a doctor's certificate to validate your request

Check your entry form for accommodation that is available in close proximity to the Ohope Golf Club,. Any entrant that wishes to use their mobile home should check with the Ohope Golf Club.

Note there is a major other attraction at Ohope weekend 2/3 April, its unlikely that many of the 1000 expected for the Oxfam 100km walk will stay over the night of the 3rd, however, if you are going to join us, it would be wise to book early.

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

Good golfing – please support your local tournaments.

*- John Barber
Secretary*

Entries will close on Sept 30th for the 50th Australian Nationals to be held around Port Macquarie from 25th October 2015.

>>> 2016 WOLRD LEFTIES IN JAPAN

We are aware that many members are planning to attend the World Left handed Tournament in Japan next April and possibly may be contemplating joining a Kiwi group to travel there and possible further tourist activity afterwards.

Contact has been made with an established Tour operator who is happy to work with us and develop a package according to our needs. Indicatively, we would travel to Japan in 1 or 2 groups and follow the Tournament with visits to the main cities/regions/features of interest in Japan.

At this stage no firm plans have been committed. Arrangements will be finalised according to general individual/group expectations.

Don McLean will be liaising with members and the tour operator. In the first instance please register your interest in joining a group tour to LH Champs in Japan with Don by email: mcleanfamily@xtra.co.nz

Remember, you can get your form fine-tuned at the NZ LH 2016 Nationals at Ohope early April, before heading to Japan.

CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

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

>>> A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBER

Paul Timinus Papakura
Pat Northcott Paeroa (*welcome back*)

>>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WESTERN BOP LEFTIES GOLF.

MOUNT MAUNGANUI: SUNDAY 28th June 2014

A perfect winter morning greeted the 42 players from 14 clubs (Mangawhai in the North to Urenui - Taranaki) for the 2015 Western BOP Lefties Golf Tournament.

32 left hand players and 8 right hand associates took to the course that had no frost but a keen breeze/wind that had players walking briskly to keep warm.

7 right hand players from the Waikato assisted to boost the field and put out a challenge to the lefties to perform, which some did.

Scoring for a few was very good while the greater balance of the field found the conditions hard to score well, the Women in particular.

Winner of the "ACE" trophy was Stephen Leatherland – Ngaruawahia, who led the field with a gross 73 and 41 stableford points. Stephen (6 handicap) was the gross runner-up in the 2015 Leftie Nationals

Close behind on a gross of 74 was a right hander Richard Suhr (1 Handicap), while a leftie Ken Tynan (8 handicap) returned 76 Gross and 40 stableford points.

Runner-up with 39 points in the left-hand stableford was John Barber (Mangawhai). John started slow with 15 points on the front nine but scorched home with 24 points to head off James Begovic (North Shore) and Tony Horsfall (Ohope) on 37 points.

Only 5 women braved the winter morning – 3 lefties and 2 right handers.

The Left hand women struggled around the course, Carol Mahon (Walton) leading on 29 points while the right hand women proved better with Andrea Gardner scoring 35 followed by Tui Maxwell (Urenui) 30.



RESULTS

Men Left-hand.

Gross

Winner: Ken Tynan 76 Omanu.

Stableford

Winner:	Stephen Leatherland	41	Ngaruawahia	Richard Suhr	35	Ngaruawahia
2nd	John Barber	39	Mangawhai	Russell Dewey	34	Ngaruawahia
3rd	James Begovic	37	North Shore			
4th	Tony Horsfall	37	Ohope			
5th	Ross Nixon	36	Taupo			
6th	Jason Dick	36	Ngaruawahia			
7th	Roger Maxwell	35	Urenui			
8th	Robin Kent	35	Hauraki			
9th	Brian Peters	35	Mount Maunganui			

Men Right-hand

Women: Left-hand

Right -hand

Stableford

1st	Carol Mahon	29	Walton	Andrea Gardner	Mangawhai	35
2nd	Margaret Nelson	25	Taumarunui	Tui Maxwell	Urenui	30
3rd	Harriet Byelich	24	Taumarunui			

Ray Horsfall

>>> MARTINBOROUGH 17th August

Quite a few of our normal attendees were missing; maybe they watched the weather forecast.

This wasn't the reason our KC was missing of course but it was great to see his Ngaire with us. We did our normal thing and assisted Wairarapa farmers in their efforts to avoid a drought. Poor Sue (Berger) the lovely Martinborough manager, every year she prays for fine weather for us and every year it rains, and to make matters worse its usually fine on Saturday and Monday. Mind you the rain wasn't quite so bad this year, but the course was pretty wet.

There were some good scores and 48 participants had an enjoyable day.

I like the new caterers, the food was delicious. **From Bill Werry**



RESULTS

Best gross	John Mitchell and Johnny Schaaufhausen	145
2nd Gross	Brendon Curtis and Paul Fairweather	157
3rd Gross	Graeme Dick and Steve Walton	159
Best Net	Mark Casey and Mike O'Shaugnessy c/b	132
2nd Net	Scotty/Toppy c/b	132
3rd Net	Ro Griffiths and Andy Morrison	134
Best net ladies	Audrey Messenger and Marina McDermott	151
Best net mixed	Nigel and Jackie Benton	136

Nigel and Jackie come down every year from Auckland. Their home club is Titirangi and they love this Tournament

Nearest the Pin Audrey Messenger (**6th**) Wallace Miller (**8th**)

>>> OHOPE LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMNET. OHOPE GOLF CLUB. Aug 8/9th

Very cold and windy, although thankfully fine on Saturday, followed by a much improved Sunday welcomed a great crowd of Lefties from all around the North Island, 55 , plus partners and friends added up to a pleasing field of 80 players.

Scoring was very average on Saturday, with only 5 players on or under their handicap but improved with the better weather conditions on Sunday.

The course was in great condition, and our National Tournament here next year, will be a great success I am sure, with planning well under way.

RESULTS

Best Gross	Ken Shea (Raglan) (157)
Best Net	Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) (142)

Net r/u Richard Hodge (Alfredton)(144), 3rd Adwin Eagle (Shandon) (145) 4th David McCrea (Urenui) (145) 5th Ken Tynan (Omanu) (146) 6th Richard Hayes (Ohope) (147)7th Dennis Mills (Urenui) (147) 8TH. Bill Burt (Ohope) (148) 9th Tene Goldsmith (Poverty Bay) (148) 10th Trevor Hayes (Ohope) (149)

Leftie Ladies

Regretfully Audrey Messenger was the only Leftie player, but she enjoyed the company of rightie partners, Andréa, Glyn and Margaret plus the Urenui ladies

Thank you to the Sponsors, Mill River Caterers, Trevor Hayes and others,

John B



>>> SOUTHLAND LEFTIES WINTON 9th August

A very Southern day, rain, snow and wind didn't help, and understandably there were not many competitors.

Best gross D.Mills 78, best net D.Mills 72, r/u S.Dobbie

From Graeme Carroll

>>> TAUMARUNUI 66th LEFT HANDERS TOURNAMENT 5/6 Sept.

Another great weekend at Taumaranui and the ladies presented us with a lovely meal on Saturday night. Alan Roebuck again attended, still not right after his brush with a gorse bush a few years back, other life members present were Don, Geoff and Nigel.

Weather on Saturday was warm and pleasant, and many scores reflected this. Sunday brought a number of cold showers, some heavy, and scoring was not quite the same. Sonny Te Kanawa played great golf to win the Rod McLeish Cup for Senior gross, Garry Grimes the Graeme Bridges Cup for gross Intermediate men, and Noel Crocker the Johnson Keepa trophy for Gross Junior, and Audrey Messenger won the Bowyer trophy on count back from Shona for the Ladies best gross.

John B

RESULTS

36 hole net	Ted O'Reilly Shield Davis McClutchie (Urenui) 133;
36 hole Stableford	George Worms Memorial John Dalton (Springfield) 78c/b;
36 hole Senior Gross	Rod McLeish Cup Sonny Te Kanawa (Waitomo) 148 from Stephen Leatherland (Ngaruwahia) 151
36 hole Intermediate Gross	Graeme Bridge Cup, Garry Grimes (Taumaranui) 173 from Wayne Hughes (Napier) r/up on 179
36 hole Junior Gross	Johnson/Keepa Cup Noel Crocker (Rangitikei) 186, from Tom York (Waiotapu) 193
36 hole Senior Net	Frank Hemmingson Cup – Terry Lomas (Taupo) 139, from Jason Dick (Ngaruwahia) 140c/b

36 hole Intermediate Net Haddon Strachan Memorial Cup Winner Kerry Bond (Lochiel) 138, from Hylton Tabb (Napier) 140

36 hole Junior Net Doug Beever Memorial Putter Brent Dalton (Trentham) 134, from Edward Masters (Kaitaia) 136

36 hole Stableford (over the field)

Ray Mathews (Ngaruawahia)	75	Geoff Ingram (Rangitikei)	74,
Wallace Miller (Rangitikei)	73	Ces York (Maramarua)	72
Ivan Jensen (Paraparaumu)	72	Stan Mathews (Otumoetai)	72

Saturday Stable ford

Senior Nigel Messenger (Te Marua) 39,
Intermediate Ron Vesty (Napier) 38
Junior Jack Boettcher (Pahiatua) 40

Sunday Stableford

Senior Robert Drinkwater (Taumarunui) 38
Intermediate John Barber (Mangawhai) 39
Junior Don Buchanan (Taumarunui) 38

Winning Club team Rangitikei, Geoff Ingram, Noel Crocker, Danny Scotson and Ian Mackay

The Women's Left handed division results were.

36 hole gross Audrey Messenger c/b (Te Marua) 187
36 hole net Bowyer Cup Shona Dalgety (Hauraki) 145
36 hole stableford winner Anne Hodges (Taumarunui) 70

Right handed partners

Stable ford Evelyn Mills (Urenui) 75 r/u
 Robyna Aitken (Paraparaumu) 74

Net Kay Wey (Urenui) 138

OBITUARY
Ray Perry of Levin

We were saddened to hear that Ray died in his sleep on Wednesday 17th June, he was 86. Long time friend of Life member Norm and regular attendee over many years to our National and other tournaments all around the North Island. His last Leftie Tournament was at Levin in February.

He played in the 2008 World tournament at Queenstown, and shared accommodation with Bill Werry; he also attended our first National Tournament at Manuwatu in 1983.

Sadly missed by all who knew him



>>> LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD from here and there

The World economy explained with just two cows.

Socialism - You have two cows, you give one to your neighbour.

Communism - You have two cows, the state takes them both and gives you some milk

Fascism - You have two cows; the state takes both and sells you some milk.

Bureaucratism - You have two cows, the state takes both, shoots one, milks the other and then throws the milk away.

Traditional Capitalism - You have two cows, you sell three of them to your publicly listed company, using letters of credit, opened by your brother in law at the Bank, then execute a debt/equity swap with an associated general offer so that you get four cows back, with a tax exemption for 5 cows. The milk rights of the six cows are transferred via an intermediary to a Cayman Island Company secretly owned by the majority shareholder, who sells the rights to all seven cows back to your listed Company. The Annual report says the Company owns eight cows with an option on one more.

An American corporation- You have two cows, you sell one, and force the other to produce the milk of four cows, later you hire a consultant to analyse why the cow has died.

A French Corporation - You have two cows, organise a riot, and block the roads, because you want three cows.

A Italian Corporation - You have two cows- but do not know where they are, you decide to have lunch.

A Swiss Corporation - You have 5000; none of them belong to you. You charge the owners for storing them.

A Chinese Corporation - You have two cows, you have 300 people milking them, you claim that you full employment and high bovine productivity. You arrest the newsman who reported the real situation.

For Grandmothers- After putting her grandchildren to bed, grand mother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head, and stormed in to their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three year old say with a trembling voice, "Who was that"

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>>> THE NINETEENTH

A big hello to David Devine Napier and wife Julie, poor David not too well, and we will miss you at Taumarunui, forever cheerful and good company, we are all very sorry to hear of your illness, and this is just to let you know that we are thinking about you both.

Tyler Hodge has turned Professional, and won his first title as a Pro at Manor Park. We wish him good fortune in his chosen path, a most demanding and difficult one. However we are sure with patience and hard work, Tyler has the game to succeed, we will watching his progress with much interest.

Mt Maunganui

First hole, John Barber, Roger Maxwell, Tony Horsfall and Peter Jackson, John and Roger on the fairway, but spent time looking for Tony's ball way right, and Peter's ball leftist, both found, and Roger and John hit their shots on the green, arriving on the green Rogers ball in the front, another ball, whoops... Tony's 3rd shot comes in from the right, and knocks the ball (mine) into the hole for 2. thanks to banging into my ball, Tony taps in for an easy 4 and I replace 5 centimetres away and tap in for 3.

Later the same round Par 3, 11th Roger in the Left handed bucket, comes out at a million miles an hour, crashes into my trundle 30 metres away, spins onto the green, about 5 metres from the hole, and of course, holes the putt.

Note if the ball had hit me, somebody else would typing this report.

Spoke to Life member Phil Butler, and although physically able to do some gardening, and go for walks, is regretfully, not able play golf. Although they assure me that with some help, they will be ready to welcome us again at Tirau in February 2016.

Have also recently spoken to Life member Norm, who is still enjoying his golf, and will hope fully be on duty at Levin next February.

>>> HORSE CORNER



Very quiet at this time of the season, Keith Towers has an interest in number of horses that will race soon, including, Written command, Prioritise, Expedite, Troup Road, and Irish Whisper.

Stan Mathews is without a horse at the moment with the Manipulator injured.

Barry Paton has a share in highly likely, but not at the moment on heavy tracks.

Our two are now 2 but yet to be named, more news later, as we think at least one of them may race before Christmas

>>> FUTURE TOURNAMENTS Mark Your Calendars

- Oct 10/11 Marlborough Lefthanders Championship. Rarangi G
Tee of Saturday 12.30pm Sunday 8.30am complimentary BBQ
For entrants (guests\$10) after golf Saturday cost \$40 per entry
This Tournament is the 3rd round of the NALG Tasman District
Net score champs, played over the 4 district Tournaments, net winner
attends our next National's free.
Email entry to Pauline.pettigrew@xtra.co.nz or
Ph. Malcolm 03 5775922/ 0273839900 or Bill 03 5781659 377 4984.
- Oct 18 Ngaruawahia Lefties Tournament
Ngaruawahia G.C.
Tee off from 11.30 to12.30 Ladies and men's divisions,
Stable ford \$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
Ph: 07 8248006
- Oct 18 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 Bruce Day
- Oct 31 Masterton Golf Club.
2014 Sir Bob Charles Classic in Association with Silberhorn
(Note date) The cost for golf is \$35
Accommodation available @ COPTHORNE RESORT SOLWAY
Phone 06 370 0500
18 Holes Left and Right handers. Open, plus vets (+55), and Ladies
Gross and Net and stableford prizes. Tee off Saturday 10am
Entries to Masterton Golf Club, P.O. Box 249, Masterton
email enquiries@mastergolf.org.nz



Nov 14/15

Kaikoura Lefthanders Tournament. Kaikoura Golf Club.
Tee off time from 1 30pm Saturday, and 9.30am Sunday
\$40 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: onfo@kaikouragolf.co.nz

Nov 29th

Whangaparaoa Lefties and friends Christmas Tournament
Tee off from 10.30 to 11.30 Ladies and men's divisions,
Stableford \$25 entry, wgp club members \$15
Send entry with payment to Leftie Tournament Box 274
Win a turkey for Christmas.
Whangaparaoa or phone 09 4245401
or email Whangaparaoa@golf.co.nz

We want to see you this Spring/summer bring your Leftie and Rightie mates.



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