



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

NEWSLETTER - SEPTEMBER 2017

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>>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi All

Well the winter is behind us and spring appears to be a continuation of the wet weather that has hounded us for the past 4 or 5 months. We must be in for a great summer in the Waikato because we have already had our annual rainfall 3 times over

Despite Mangawhai being cancelled (weather) a few hearty souls still decided to make the trek north and were fortunate enough to get in two rounds at Waipu. This is a stunning course with sea views over the ocean on almost every hole. despite the big wet it was quick draining and relatively dry considering the forecast. Muzza and I managed to sneak a half out of two other prominent Aucklanders (AKA Nuddy and Dhana) despite them leading the way for most of the match.



Taumarunui was once again well run and the weather gods managed to come up with two reasonable days despite torrential downpours on the Friday and Saturday nights. Terry and Warren made a special trip over on the Sunday to catch up about the 2018 Nationals and it looks like things are progressing well. Taupo will be a great venue especially for some of our overseas visitors There is plenty to do besides golf for partners and anyone wanting extra golf, Kinloch and Wairakei are only 20-30 minutes out of Taupo

Welcome to any new members that have joined over the past couple of Months. With spring and daylight saving around the corner now is the time to catch up with friends and family. Bring them along to a local tournament in your area or make a weekend of it and travel further afield

Melbourne worlds are sneaking up on us and I look forward to seeing many of you over there for what should be an interesting week playing some of their more difficult courses. Hopefully the sun will be shining.

Catch you around the greens . . .

*-Wayne Chesham
National President*

2018 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
9/12 APRIL 2018 - TAUPO



>>> SECRETARY'S CORNER

Entry Forms for next year's 33rd National Championships at Taupo Golf Club (are enclosed,) to be played from the 9th to 12th. of April, can also be downloaded from our website; alternatively, email me if you require an entry form to be sent to you. Points to note are the closing date for entries, February 17th 2017. 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 Taupo Golf Club, any entrant that wishes to use their mobile home should check with the Golf Club.

Good golfing – please support your local tournaments.

*- John Barber
Secretary*

>>> A Warm And Hearty Welcome To The Following New Members

A J Smith South Head (Welcome Back)
Aikawt Hama Pakuranga
Beryl Sutton Urenui
Guy McDonald Whangamata

>>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Waimakiriri

With apologies to all concerned. From Rodger Welsh

From the Waimak

On a lovely fine day with a light zephyr from the north west saw a field of 36 take to the course as though there was no other day tomorrow! Such was the desire for fame that players travelled some distance, up to 5 hours in more than one situation. Well done you people.

Great to have Jason Leary (1) and Jeremy Goodman (1) take up the challenge. For the gross: it was Jason 77 and Dave Enright 78 with Jeremy 79 and John Price /George Thompson both 80 just so close. Congratulations to Jason, winner of the Donaldson Trophy.

The stableford competition was a one-man show; Geoff Inch (44 points) completely outclassed the field, magnificent and clear winner of the Angus Trophy. These people need a mention for their valiant attempt at the seemingly impossible: Allistar McKenzie

41, Bruce Wallace 40. Pete Pownceby 39, Paddy Helmore 38, Ian Tallot 38, Roscoe Taggart 38, John Price 38, George Thomson 37, Rodger Welsh 36, Richard Davison 36, Jeremy Goodman 35 David Enright 35, Ross Stobie (from Greenacres) Duncan McKay 35, Neville Chatterton 35, etc., etc.

John Price is worthy of great acclaim for supplying crayfish to those who achieved nearest the pin: Rod Wolland, Roscoe Taggart, Jane Helmore and Shane Chatterton were the envy of many, thank you John Price. Also, thank you Richard Davison for your donation and the beer. Thanks, must also go to Rangiora Mitre 10 Mega for sponsoring the trophy winners and Rangiora New World for the great value meat tray for all contestants.

Everyone went home with a prize, for many, more than one. A joyous occasion with camaraderie abound.

**2017 WESTERN BOP LEFTIES GOLF - MOUNT MAUNGANUI GOLF CLUB
SUNDAY 25TH June 2017.**

26 Players (22 Men & 4 Women) competed in fine weather and on a course in excellent playing conditions. The 26 being one of the lower fields for this event.

Players attending from Mangawhai, Pakuranga, Whitford Park, Taupo, Ohope, Walton, Te Aroha, Hauraki, Riverside, Otumoetai and Mount Maunganui.

Best gross score for the day was by Michael Williams (new manager of the Mount Maunganui Golf Club) with a 74, playing off a 6 handicap.

Peter Jackson (Walton) -42 stableford - won "The Ace (late Alan Elliott) Trophy" wrenching it from the grasp of 2016 winner - Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) -41 stableford score.

Jan Davies (Omanu), the only left-hand woman, finished with 34 stableford just behind a rightie, Joann Neylon who scores 36 stableford s. Scoring was good, in keeping with the course, 12 players playing to or better than their handicap.

RAY HORSFALL - RESULTS

Men

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| Stan Mathews | Otumoetai | 41 |
| Kevin Neylon | Mt Maunganui | 39 |
| Michael Williams | Mt Maunganui | 38 |
| Reg Gibbs | Mt Maunganui | 37 |
| Tony Stowers | Mt Maunganui | 36 |
| Warren Smith | Taupo | 36 |
| John Barber | Mangawhai | 36 |
| Brian Peters | Omanu | 36 |
| Ken Tynan | Omanu | 36 |
| Murray Horsnell | Whitford | 36 |

Women

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|---------------|----|
| Joanne Neylon | 36 |
| Jan Davies | 34 |
| Helen Fahey | 31 |



MANGAWHAI - 22/23RD JULY

Bad weather leading up to this weekend and more forecast lead to cancellation, however Nuddy Pillay, Dhana, Murray Horsnell, President Wayne, plus Dave Mccrea and Roger Maxwell all came up, and enjoyed playing Waipu.

Very disappointing, but we have double last year's rain fall, and like a number of other areas we need some sunny days.

MARTINBOROUGH - 20ST AUGUST

Weather caused cancellation

OHOPE LEFTHANDERS TOURNAMENT - OHOPE GOLF CLUB - UG 5/6TH

Regretfully I could not join you at Ohope this year, first time for many years, and guess what no rain.

Well done all concerned, always a great place to visit and hope we can organise my Doctor appointments better next year. (John)

From Trevor Hayes

Last weekend we had beautiful weather for our lefties tournament with a field of 22 men and Audrey Messenger the only lady. We played off the blue tees on Saturday in conjunction with the Ohope Club Saturday Men's Golf and the White tees on Sunday. The course is in great shape and everyone enjoyed themselves. Tony Stowers took out the Ohope Cup for the second year running. He was down on Friday for a practice round which paid dividends. Prizes when down to 12th place. Audrey took out the Ladies prize which was a \$50 hamper and \$30 voucher from New World.

Results

Best Gross Tony Stowers (Te Aroha) 161

Best Net Denis Hartley (Ohope) 137 c/b Lawrie Fawcitt (Riverside) 137

Net Richard Hayes(Ohope) 140, Geoff Ingram (Rangitikei) 140, Nigel Messenger (Te Marua) 141 Barry Mathews (Titirangi) 142, Bill Burt Ohope) 142, Ian Bartlett (Ohope) 142 Trevor Hayes (Ohope) 143, Ken Tynan (Omanu) 144 Danny Scotson(Rangitikei) 145,

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

TAUMARUNUI 2/3RD SEPTEMBER

Despite the forecast the weather was kind to the players in this tournament this year - now in its 69th year. In the week before the tournament there were 70 in the field but with many comings and goings (for various reasons) the final figure in the starting box was 61 representing 31 clubs throughout the North Island. As usual the camaraderie was awesome, the course was in great condition despite many weeks of rain, the help from our right-handed members was tremendous and very much appreciated and the food was marvellous. Great to see a few new faces too. Roll on 2018.

Stephen Leatherland was the star on Saturday with 70 giving him a clear lead in the gross, and Sunday saw Ces York go close to beating his age with 80 of the stick, a truly great effort as the course was playing quite long.

Main winners over the weekend were:

Ted O'Reilly Shield, 36 holes nett – Ces York (Maramarua) 135
George Worms Memorial, 36-hole stableford over the field – Nuddy Pillay (Whitford Park) 78

GROSS WINNERS

Senior Men – Rod McLiesh Cup - Stephen Leatherland (Ngaruawahia) 151;

Runner-up Ken Shea (Raglan) 156

Intermediate Men – Graeme Bridge Cup – Rob Deam (Napier) 175;

Runner-up Lawrie Fawcitt (Riverside) 177

Junior Men – Johnson Keepa Trophy – Hylton Tabb (Napier) 186;

Runner-up Kerry Bond (Riverside) 188

NETT WINNERS

Senior Men – Frank Hemmingson Cup - Trevor Hayes (Ohope) 141;

Runner-up Peter Jacobson (Taumarunui) 141

Intermediate Men – Haddon Strachan Memorial Cup - Dennis Mills (Urenui) 140;

Runner-up Robin Kent (Hauraki) 143

Junior Men – Doug Beever Memorial Putter- Jack Boettcher (Eketahuna) 141;

Runner-up Edwin Sutton (Urenui) 143

LEFT HANDED WOMEN

36 Hole Gross - Harriet Byelich (Taumarunui) 197

36 Hole Nett - Bowyer Trophy - Beryl Sutton (Urenui) 149

36 Hole Stableford Cup - Margaret Nelson (Taumarunui) 54

Manukorihi Cup for **WINNING TEAM** – Napier (222 points) Wayne Hughes, Ron Vesty, Hylton Tabb, Rob Deam

SUPPORTERS

Nett Winner – Jo McCrea (Urenui) 157

Stableford Winner – Andrea Gardner (Mangawhai) 55

Stableford Runner-up – Stephen Sutton (Urenui) 25

OBITUARY LARRY FALKNER

Larry left us earlier in the year, he was living in Wanganui, after farming in the Manawatu for many years, he was keen Leftie member attending many Nationals, and was always at Taumarunui, Levin and other venues in the southern North Island

Our condolences to all his family



>>> LIGHTEN YOUR LOAD from here and there

A lawyer, who had a wife and 12 children needed to move because his
> rental agreement was terminated by the owner who wanted to reoccupy
> the home. But he was having a lot of difficulty finding a new house.
> When he said, he had 12 children no one would rent a home to him
> because they felt that the children would destroy the house.
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> He couldn't say he had no children because he couldn't lie.
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> We all know lawyers cannot and do not lie. So, he sent his wife for
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> a walk to the cemetery with their other 11 children and took the
>
> remaining one with him to see rental homes with the real estate agent.
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> He loved one of the homes and the price was right -- the agent asked:
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> "How many children do you have?"
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> He answered: "Twelve."
> The agent asked, "Where are the others?"
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> The lawyer, with his best courtroom sad look answered
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> "They're in the cemetery with their mother."



>>> THE NINETEENTH

. After the conclusion of Taumarunui Andrea and John called on Ken and Anne Hodges who were keeping warm but suffering the little problems we get when we get a bit older, we hope to see you back soon at golf, not the same at prize giving without Anne assisting and helping, also Ken carving either ham or beef on Saturday night

Keeping an eye on our young Leftie talent and notice that Whangarei Leftie Luke Brown has been selected in the top 10 for the Asia-Pacific Tournament to be held in Wellington next month

Watched Leftie Tim Wilkinson trying to preserve his playing rights for next year at the Wyndham champs, regretfully he didn't hold his card for next year finishing high up at 12 under for this tournament, and \$400,000 for the year.

>>> HORSE CORNER



Our three are getting ready for Spring and Summer racing, early hiccups for De Maggio and The Magnate seem to be behind us and the three-year-old now called The Conchord will have his first trial (which I just hear he won), and almost certainly race in the next month or so.

Keith Towers team is waiting for better weather, and watch for Troup Road, Valour, Showing Grace, remember Troup Road led all the way last term and paid \$40 to win, watch when a top jockey climbs aboard!!!

UPCOMING NATIONALS

2018 TAUPO 9/12 APRIL

2019 DOWN SOUTH AGAIN

>>> FUTURE TOURNAMENTS Mark Your Calendars

Sept 30 Te Marua

Sept 24 Hauraki

Oct 15 **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.ashburtongolf@paradise.net.nz

Telephone: 03 3086371 Or Bruce Day

Nov 12 **Ngaruawahia Lefties Tournament**

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 club's meat pack tournament.

Send entry to:

Wayne Chesham

Telephone: 07 849 8268

Email: cheshamfamily@xtra.co.nz

or contact Duncan at the Pro shop. **Telephone:** 07 8248006

Nov 12 **Chisholm Park Dunedin 11am tee off stableford entries \$30**

Alan Court 021 1924545 or **Email:** manager@chishomlinks.co.nz

Back to our Nationals course, all in Otago and surrounding areas We want to see you, bring a partner.

Register by 3rd November with Alan at proshop and pay on day.



Nov 18

Masterton Golf Club.

2017 Sir Bob Charles

The cost for golf is \$35

Accommodation available @ COPTHORNE RESORT SOLWAY

Phone: 06 370 0500 entries close 15th November

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

Kaikoura Lefthanders Tournament. Kaikoura Golf Club.

Will happen as soon as road up and running

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



CURRENT LIFE MEMBERS

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

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