



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

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› › › from THE PRESIDENT



Hi all,

Well it is that time again

The Jolly red fella is once again knocking on the door. So, I will take this opportunity to wish all our

members and families a merry Christmas and happy New Year
To all our delegates and those of you that have organized and helped run tournaments throughout the year Thank you
To John and Andrea Thanks for all your help and dedication.
Your energy and drive for lefties is truly amazing.

Vice president Roscoe thanks for keeping an eye on all those south islanders.

Since my last report I attended the world's in Melbourne. It was an amazing experience despite being ripped apart by the sand belt courses. We had a good contingent of kiwis over there many of whom featured at the prize giving.

Remember to get your entries in for Taupo and keep supporting our leftie events

Once again Merry Christmas and good golfing

Catch you around the greens



Cheer

*-Wayne
Chesham
National
President*



2018 April 9/12 NATIONALS

- Taupo Golf Club

>>> 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 2018 year is enclosed with this bulletin **\$30**, remember that a couple, or those families with more than one member in the Association, need to pay only **\$50** in total for their **family subscription**.

Some will receive an account by email, obviously with the cost of mail we have to look at saving funds. Receipt and sticker for 2017 will be sent with March Newsletter, if you need a new disc for the sticker let me know.

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.

Regret fully this will be my second to last Bulletin, the time has come to hand the reins to someone else (Jack Boettcher Eketahuna) it has been quite a long journey, and I have met a number of wonderful people, those volunteers that help us year after year, thank you all.

My wife Andrea, there is no way I could have done this job without her help, thank you Andrea you have been marvellous.

Thank you also Brian Cronin for efforts with our website

It has been a wonderful ride and I am grateful to have had the opportunity to be involved in such a great organisation.

I have served under 4 presidents Andrew Fenemor, Norm Behrent, Richard Davison and currently Wayne over the last nearly fourteen years.

I do hope that members will help us survive over the coming years, the Associations future is in your hands, please encourage your Leftie friends to join us around the country.

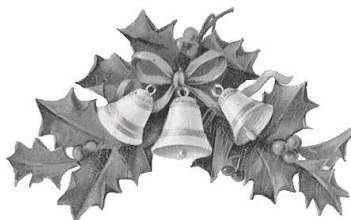
It is not good bye, I will be around for some time yet, as long as this pesky disease I have allows me.

Best wishes to all

John

Season's Greetings

Andrea and John, wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas, and we look forward to catching up with many of you in 2018



- John Barber
National Secretary

› › › 2017 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS REPORT

52nd Nationals held in Canberra

After the Worlds the previous week, there were many International players in the field of 139, regretfully Geoff Ingram was absent through illness, but the others as follows Richard Davison, John Barber, Lawrie Fawcitt, Malcolm Fraser, Ian Mackay, Stan and Barry Mathews, Roger Maxwell, Nigel and Audrey Messenger, Austin Wood, and Owen Young all won daily prizes either for best gross, net or closet to the pin.

Austin Woods was outstanding winning the founders trophy for the best net over 4 rounds a remarkable achievement, as these courses were rated 128 and 130, and trouble lurked everywhere, and how many times in nz do you play par 4s over 400 metres and par 5s 520 metres with wind in your face. Other prize winners were Roger Maxwell, r/u c grade gross, Austin Woods r/u c grade net, Nigel Messenger r/u B grade net, and Audrey Messenger r/u Ladies net



We played Yowani twice and Federal twice, Yowani was the more difficult and water and bunker were very much in your eye. Both course were in superb condition.

Owen Young and Ian Mackay were both in the running early, and at one stage the first 4 in net in the c grade were all from NZ.

My wife, Andrea loves the Australian courses and led from start to finish, 10 shots in front in the righties section against 12 other competitors.

John B

OBITUARIES

Barry Turner

We were very sorry to hear Barry had passed away on 9th October, aged 83, a long-time resident of Fielding and former administrator of NALGNZ, His work for Lefties remembered by the trophy Barry kindly gave us some years ago, and awarded at Nationals every year for the Seniors Net. Barry for some years has not enjoyed good health, and his golf suffered accordingly. However, he will long be remembered for his great work for us, and his polite and happy disposition, I enjoyed his company on a few occasions at Nationals time.

Our condolences to his family, may he now rest in peace.

John B

Other winners:

40pts. Paul May and Neil Macdonald

39pts Josh Ackerley and Darren Lewis

38pts Brian Fauth, Peter McGee and Ross Preece

Results Hauraki Tournament 24th September

Sunday the first day of 2017 daylight saving saw 30 lefties from 15 different clubs playing on the beautiful Hauraki Golf Course.

The green keeper under severe weather conditions had presented the course in a great condition, slightly wet underfoot but drying well.

Stephen Leatherland from Ngaruawahia smoked the rest of the field to record the best gross and Nudsta came thru with a staggering 42 points to win the Stableford competition. Hauraki lefties filled 6 of the bottom 12 places so a big thank you to them for letting most other players ahead of them.

Hauraki Golf Club would like to thank all those that attended and wish all, good golfing. Winners listed below.

Cheers

Kenty

Stephen Leatherland	Gross	75
Nudsta	Stableford	42
Brian Cronin		40
Billy Burt		38
Greg Lomond		37
Munsta		36
George Rogan		36
Gordon Lewis		35
Muzza		35
Stan Mathews		35

Results for Chisholm links Left Handed Tournament played Sunday 12th November 2017

Competitors came to Chisholm from as far north as Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club from as central as Alexander and Dunstan to as far south as Invercargill and Queens Park to contest the Inaugural Left handers golf event here at Chisholm. The competitors were meet with trying weather conditions on the first nine that are well associated with links golf but Mother Nature mellowed on the inward 9 allowing our weary travellers to come home with a wet sail.

The Results for the Stableford Competition were,

1st Jim Smith Island Park 39pts, 2nd Paul Dennison Dunstan 38pts, 3rd Allan Smith Island Park 36pts 4th Wayne Pollock Alexander 35pts, 5th Gary McKenzie Chisholm Links 35pts.

2's Geoff Shaw Maniototo

Novelty Prizes

NTP 10th James Dowie Island Park

NTP 14th Barry Patton Invercargill (by lot)

Best Approach 18th hole. Gary McKenzie

Longest Drive 12th hole. Geoff Shaw

Report on World Lefties played in Melbourne October

Little did we know what was in store for us, but for me one of the most difficult weeks golfing that I can remember. The courses used were, Commonwealth, Huntingdale, The National, Spring Valley, Woodlands and



Keysborough and being in the Seniors I did not play on either the National or Commonwealth courses. After a 5am rise to get ready for a 6am put your clubs on the bus and then wait till 6.30 am before traveling to the golf course where we were waiting until 8.30am tee off was not the most popular choice by many a golfer. The Seniors were lucky to get three mornings like this and one starting at 1pm so needless to say there were some very tired golfers around.

Spring Valley was our first course which looked very nice until you found there were 90 bunkers on it which were also anything up to 3 metres deep so quite a challenge as they watered the very hard greens that were running at 11.5 and filled up most of them with water so made them very hard to play out of. They brought in a rule as Australians do that if you reach 10 on a hole you had to pick up and write that down, which I had to do on a par 3 mainly because the bunker was that deep you could not see the flag and every hit kept returning to me, and I did not swear but internally there were a

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lot of words being said about the course. I ended the day with 116 off the stick so felt a bit sick at my lack of ability until the next day I played with a man from Taiwan who had had a mere 156 of the stick. Huntingdale was a little better but still a lot of bunkers and water traps and most of these courses you have to remember are around 6300 metres long so not easy going and some bright spark had his phone on and told us we were walking anything from 10 to

12 kms a round and it certainly felt like it. Both Keysborough and the Woodlands were very lovely golf courses with the latter well named, because if you drifted off a Woodlands fairway you just played another. A lot of NZers still won a prize but what one didn't realise was that everybody else was finding it hard as well. Geoff Ingram won the Super Seniors very well done, and others and being placed in their flights were; Open: Jason Leary, Stephen Leatherland, Nuddy Pillay, Jason Dick, and Neil Twort. In the Senior Division was Laurie Fawcitt, Graeme Aitken and Richard Davison. In the Super Seniors

apart from Geoff was Roger Maxwell and Stan Matthews. Although the golf was strenuous the usual friendship was still there and it was also attended by Doug Crosby who had just turned 90 years of age, and he presented his team Trophy to the winners Australia.

From World Lefties President Richard Davison

Sir Bob Charles Tournament at Masterton

Greetings all, a lovely day with light wind and an excellent course provided the basics for an enjoyable Sir Bob Charles Tournament on Saturday 18th November. 23 Lefties attended, much better than previous years, local righties made up the numbers, and the Tournament had 66 participants- a good number

The Bob Charles trophy was won by an excited and surprised Bill Steel with a gross of 82. Well done Bill. Winner of the best net, with 67, was local Richard Searle, playing great golf was Barry Hughes who won the veterans net with 68 And the best stableford. Barry, we will have to how play Napier when we come up in January.

Stableford Barry Hughes 39, Tim Belcher and Barry Macdonald 38, Ian Mackay and Nigel Messenger 37, Mike O'Leary and Steve Hemingway 36

Attendance is improving and let's hope it is better again next year. You Muhunga guys ran a GREAT Nationals, when are we going to see you again.

From Bill Werry

The Nineteenth



Well worlds in this corner of the world are over, and Mangawhai club were surprised and pleased to welcome 8 Frenchmen who came and visited after playing in Melbourne, apparently, they had been further North playing golf (Kauri Cliffs, Waitangi) and had called into Mangawhai on the way back to Auckland.

Recent Tournaments, Ohope, Ngaruawahia, and an unofficial day at Mangawhai were blessed with the attendance of our newest member, Aikawt Hama (Rick) who arrived here from Kurdistan 17 years ago, he plays off 7, and watch out for him at Nationals time, a welcome addition to our ranks.

Secretary in Waiting, Jack Boettcher is well known to members in the Southern North Island, Over the past few years he has attended Nationals, and Hawkes Bay, Levin and wellington area tournaments. He is currently President of Eketahuna Golf club. He is an IT expert and has travelled the World before settling with his wife in NZ.

Horses Corner

The Concord ran a solid second in his first start at Te Aroha, and The Magnet a good 6th. D'Maggio is trialling again and is close to racing. The first two mentioned both have racing dates prior to Christmas, and hopefully the

Concord will step up the ladder to the good three-year-old races coming up. The magnate could surprise he looks well.

NGARUAWAHIA MARK HUGHES MEMORIAL DAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016

Golfers to the annual Ngaruawahia Clubs Annual Leftie day, were greeted by a lovely day, not much wind, and a well-groomed course. This Tournament commemorates the life of the late Tokoroa and Leftie Golfer Mark Hughes. A good prize table was well received.

Winner of the Mark Hughes Memorial trophy was Peter Jackson (Paeroa)

Best Gross was Murray Horsnell (Whitford Park) 77 on c/b from Hama Alkawt also 77 (Pakuranga)

Stableford

Ray Mathews (Ngaruawahia) 43, John Loder Ngahinepouri 42, John Keats (Ngaruawahia) 39, Hama Aikawt (Pakuranga) 39
John Barber (Mangawhai) 38, Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) 38, Richard Heapy (Ngaruawahia) 37, Simon Rush (Ngaruawahia) 37,
George Rogan (Riverside) 36.



>>> LAST THOUGHT

Bring a friend to the next Tournament you attend.



Jan 20/21

HAWKES BAY LEFTHANDERS

N supporters, Stableford). Saturday tee off 12 noon – Sunday tee off 8 Am Napier Golf Club 36 holes men and Ladies Gross, Net, rightie Partners welcome

Entry fee \$50, dinner available at club sat night \$15

Entry to admin@napiergolf.co.nz Phone 06 8447913

(Please note Napier (Waaihoek) is a non-metal spike course)

Jan 28

ALEXANDRA GOLF CLUB

(Central Otago Lefties) Starting at Noon, 18 holes for \$20

Lefties and partners contact Alexandra Golf Club, or email

darkway@xtra.co.nz, enquiries to Wayne Pollock 034486558

Jan 27/28

Greymouth 11.30-start Saturday and early Sunday\$30, Kerry Smith will In touch with further details or email keeryjoan1@gmail.com ph.

Feb 11 WAIMAKARIRI GORGE LEFTHANDERS

Waimak. Gorge Golf Club invites all Lefties and right-handed partners friends
18 holes tee off 11 am

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 \$25entry

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Entries to Rodger.welsh@xtra.co.nz, or ph 03 31337033

or text 021676128 Play the Gorge and see our wonderful new layout

Feb 24/25 HOROWHENUA LEFT HANDERS

Levin Golf Club. 27thTournament. 36 holes. Tee off noon Saturday. Tee
off 8.30 am Sunday. Mens and Ladies Competition Entry fee \$50 which
includes buffet breakfast email Marcus Andersonmaooref@hotmail.com

Mar 3/4 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 021 2965699 email
andrew.maureen@xtra.co.nz, Craig Hamilton 0272418922

Mar 10/11 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
opera Contact Roger Maxwell 06 7523622, email maxwell.rfh@xtra.co.nz

Mar 18 WINTONLEFTHANDERS conjunction with the Central Southland champs

The Lefties entrants play 18 holes start at noon, if you are playing in the
The 36-hole champs the first 18 holes count.

Entries to Graeme Carroll xmas.winton@xtra.co.nz

Mar.25 WHITFORD. AUCKLAND LEFT HANDERS from 11.00 am. Please contact

Murray Horsnell, email: backspin88@hotmail.com or telephone
09 296 0235. Competition net medal 2 grades, plus lady partners and
guests of lefties welcome.



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