



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

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2012

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From THE PRESIDENT

These last few months have not been my greatest golf days but have been very adventurous to say the least. I spent a night away at Nigel and Audrey Messengers place after the Lefties outing at Te Marua on the 22nd along with some other very good company.

Nigel cooked a fabulous breakfast for us all the next morning as some of us had indulged I might add in some mighty fine drinks the night before.

Te Marua played exceptionally well and no doubt this will be described more fully later in this edition.



Jude and I then flew across to Australia on the 10th of Oct to play in the Nationals which was held in Toowoomba. A report follows; we had a marvellous two weeks with Graham and Lenore Kelly who organised everything for us. It never ceases to amaze me the generosity of the Lefties and how they care for fellow players. We spent sometime playing golf courses and one being Graham's home course Keperra that I really enjoyed.

Back home to Rangiora, John McKenzie and myself flew down to Ashburton to their tournament on the 4th of November. This was a great day, even though we came away without a prize.

In closing I would like to wish all Lefties a very Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year and may you have pleasant golfing memories from 2012.

*-Richard Davison
National President*



**2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - REMUERA
8-11 APRIL 2013**



ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Christmas is around the corner – and this means it's time for next year's subscription to be paid. Your account for the 2013 year is enclosed with this bulletin –\$25

Please remember that a couple, or those families with more than one member in the Association, only need to pay \$35 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 Remuera. It saves a considerable amount of work for the Tournament Secretary. (Me)

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.

Please let me know your email address, I have a number, but I would like to check whether they are current, and add to my directory those that I don't have.

AREA COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

A Councillor Nomination Form for the 2013 year is printed on the back page of this Bulletin. If you would like to nominate a member for Council for your area please complete the form, detach, and return to the Secretary by the 20th March 2013.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Andrea and I wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas and we look forward to catching up with many of you in 2013.

-John Barber, National Secretary

**A WARM AND HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS**

Lindsay Brougham
Ray Meclean

(welcome back) Palm North
(welcome back) Marlborough

ADDRESS CHANGES

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

2012 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS REPORT



Fifteen people from New Zealand which included our wives/partners descended onto the sacred soil of Oz to attend their Nationals at Toowoomba.

I would have to say this course and its Clubhouse certainly amazed me. This probably has something to do with the fact that a past member who passed away left them ten million to help run the course.

As I said in my speech at the end of the tournament it was a credit to the people involved to build such a wonderful place not only for the Golf club but the City of Toowoomba, as it was used by all.

Restaurants, Poky machines, Conference rooms, Bars and a liquor outlet followed up by a free taxi service - it catered for everybody.

The Course itself was challenging and not altogether flat, but still asked the players to think where they had to play their shots. I could not oblige to its demands.

For instance the last hole was a 406 metre par 4 downhill to a green protected by four bunkers and a large stream in front - a par 5 in my book.

Some of us stayed at Motels close to the course and could walk home but one poor soul, who shall remain nameless, took off into the dark across the course on a shortcut to find himself upside down in a two metre deep bunker. He was only slightly wounded [mainly pride] but managed to play the next day and still picked up a prize at the end.

I cannot disclose the prize winners but I'm sure if you look up the NALG in Australia you would see some of us did perform quite well. Thank you to all that attended and lookout next year at Ballina.

-Richard Davison

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

WELLINGTON LEFT-HANDERS, Te Marua Golf Club, 22 September 2012

A total of 66 lucky golfers enjoyed a typically beautiful sunny Wellington day at Te Marua. Once again the hospitality was excellent with the Messengers at the helm as usual.

Nigel and Audrey do a tremendous amount for us Lefties, for which we are forever grateful. Gail Waight also played her part, assisting greatly.

We are sorry to lose our long time sponsor Graeme Aitken who, with Robyna has moved over the hill to Raumatī. Graeme has sponsored our Wellington Lefties for over 20 years and deserves our heart felt appreciation. Many thanks Graeme.

It was great to see our Wairarapa members here, particularly Wads and Paul Croft, also Kevin Campbell who looks very well, but not quite back in the playing circle.

I had the honour of playing with President Richard; I managed to show him a few shots he probably hasn't seen before.

A very enjoyable and well organised day.

-Bill Werry

Ladies Nett	1st	Annette Purves (Napier)	78
	2nd	Gail Waight (Te Marua)	
Ladies Stableford	1st	Audrey Messenger (Te Marua)	30
	2nd	Dale Bain	
Mens Gross	1st	Wayne Evans	76
	2nd	Bill Steel	81
	3rd	Geoff Ingram	83
	4th	J Waluszewski	84
	5th	Wallace Miller	84
Mens Nett	1st	Ross Braybrook	66
	2nd	Graeme Dick	68
	3rd	Paul Wapp	69
	4th	Tim Belcher	71
	5th	Noel Crocker	72
	6th	J.Flavin	73
Mens Stableford	1st	Neil Twort	41
	2nd	J.Hunt	39
	3rd	Dan Scotson	37
		John Mitchell 35, Malcolm Fraser 35, B.Ferguson 35, G. Scouler, B.Rathbun.	
Nearest the pin	Ladies	Dale Bain, Men	Tim Belcher
Two's		Geoff Ingram, John Mitchell, Neil Twort, J Waluszewski, and Paul Wapp	

HAURAKI LEFT-HANDERS TOURNAMENT, 30 September 2012

As always a very pleasant day at Hauraki, sun shining, and the course well groomed and dry under foot. Around 45 Lefties and friends attended.

Brian Cronin and George Rogan had the best gross, both shooting 77, Brian winning on a count back. Best gross in Division 2 was from a rejuvenated Eddy Prime from Kaikohe with 82 off a 26 handicap. Eddy has had shoulder problems and is obviously on his way back. Best stableford was 42 from Jim Clark Waihi Club.

Stableford Division 1

George Rogan 37, Ces York 36, Tony Stowers 36, Nuddy Pillay 33. Aaron McKenzie 31, Mark Western 31

Stableford Division 2

Jim Clark 42, Ross Dalgety 39 c/b, Barry Flooks 39, Kerry Bond 38, Lawrie Fawcitt 37, John Walker 36,

Ladies Lefties

1st Shona Dalgety 34

2nd Dianne Burton 32

Supporters

Geoff Hayes 44, Andrea Garner 36, Cliff Inglis 31

-John B

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ASHBURTON GOLF CLUB LEFTIES, 4 November 2012

Sorry no report, results follow, I believe the weather was fine and upwards of 40 attended including President Richard.

Stableford

T. Cook 43, G. Taylor 40, H. Lovett, A. Anderson, T. Clemett, S. Chatterton 38, K. Smith 38, B. Nesbitt 37, R. Davison 37, B. Day 36.

Twos

S. Chatterton (and an eagle) and D. Morrison

SIR BOB CHARLES SILBERHORN 42nd LEFTHANDERS, Masterton Golf Club, 9-10 Oct

Quite a large field, regretfully only slightly more than 20 Left handers.

Masterton is planning a bigger event next year falling on Labour weekend. They have invited Sir Bob as it is his 50th anniversary of his British Open win, he has tentatively accepted.

Leftie prize winners as follows

Gross 1st Bill Steel 163 2nd, Wayne Evans 167. 3rd. Graeme Dick 168, 4th Ian Buchanan 170, 5th Wayne Hughes 182

Net 1st. Nigel Messenger 141, 2nd Bill Sangster 142, 3ed. Steve Hemingway 143, 4th Ron Vesty 145, 5th. Paul Wapp 146

Vets 1st Geoff Ingram, 2nd Liam McElhinney

-Tim Belcher

MARLBOROUGH LEFTHANDERS, Blenheim Golf Club, 13-14 October 2012

Horrible weather meant the first round on Saturday afternoon was cancelled and the tournament subsequently reduced to 18 holes on Sunday morning. Saturday weather also affected the size of the field with no post entries. Marlborough locals are notorious for leaving it to the day to enter.

A field of 28 contested the tournament in perfect conditions. Approx half the field were visitors from as far away as Hokitika and Waimak Gorge.

Tournament organiser managed to secure great sponsorship which was reflected in a substantial prize table. All players received a prize this year.

Watch out for this tournament next year, it promises to be on not to be missed.

Gross Overall winner R Roche. 76

Net Overall winner L Boniface. 67

0-18 Gross in order of finish R Mecleam, N Kydd, D Doreen, P Mckee, J Mcpherson

0-18 Net T Lane, A Fenemor, M Roberts, R Wollard, M Pettigrew.

0-18 Stableford 1st L MacAlpine, 2nd K Smith

19-36 Gross G Pierson, J Gleeson, M Mcann, D Crawford, R Stobie.

19-36 Net J Gibbons, W Dillon, B Macdonald, G Illingworth, B Palmer.

19-36 Stableford 1st P Hill, 2nd G Grant, 3rd N Lucas,

Longest Putt R Wollard.

0-18 Longest Drive R Mecleam. 19-36 Longest Drive G Illingworth.

Nearest Pins No3 R Welsh, No 6 K Smith, No 12 A Fenemo, No 16 J Gleeson.

There were no losers.

-Richard Roche



OTAKI LEFTIES, 1 December 2012

About 40 players enjoyed the excellent Otaki course. Both the greens and the fairways were perfect.

Division 1 Gross Dennis Cutler 79

Division 2 Gross Wally Carlson 88

Stableford Division 1

1st Paul Wapp 40, 2nd Ljubo Bura 38, 3rd Ross Braybrook 37, 4th equal Nigel & Audrey Messenger each 34, 6th equal Geoff Ingram & Wayne Hughes 33, 8th Alex Walters.

Stableford Division 2

1st equal Norm Behrent & Patrick Melaugh 39, 3rd Rodney Brooks 38, 4th equal Colin Waller & Ray Perry, 6th Mark Casey, 7th Alan Briant 35

Merry Xmas . . . see you the last weekend in February at Levin . . .

KAIKOURA ANNUAL LEFTIES TOURNAMENT, 24-25 November 2012

The Kaikoura tournament was played in pristine conditions, 40 players took to the course, due to the sterling effort of Kerry Smith. Thank you Kerry.

Div.1.Senior Gross 0-16.3.

R Wall Trophy T. Clemett. 152 R/U R.Meaclem 153

Div.2 Junior Gross 16.4.

W. Clemett. 179 R/U T.Ruawai 180

Bob Charles Trophy

Best net over 36 holes.	G.Nolan.	132
2nd	T.Guthrie	136
3rd	N.Chatterton	138
4th	N.Kydd	140
5th	A.Fenemore	141
6th	L.BoniFace	142

T. Wilson Trophy

Stableford S.Rogal 88 stableford points

Debbie Hatchard Trophy for Ladies

Winner Audrey Messenger

-Trevor Ruawai

*Season's Greetings
to all Lefties*



WHANGAPARAOA, 2 December 2012

A very windy day at Whangaparaoa, 35 Lefties and friends attended this now annual day at the Club, thanks to Joanne Moyle and the Club for their assistance.

Brian Cronin won the mens gross, with a fine 77, and Lisa Herbert shot 75 to win the ladies gross, great scoring in the conditions.

Best stableford was 42 from Owen Young, who did well after losing his ball on the first hole, runner up with 41 points was Terry Kirkus, who always plays well on his home course.

Great to see Stan and Margery Brickland again, Stan still not golfing, however many thanks for donating 2 hams, hope you are back playing with us again soon Stan.

-John Barber

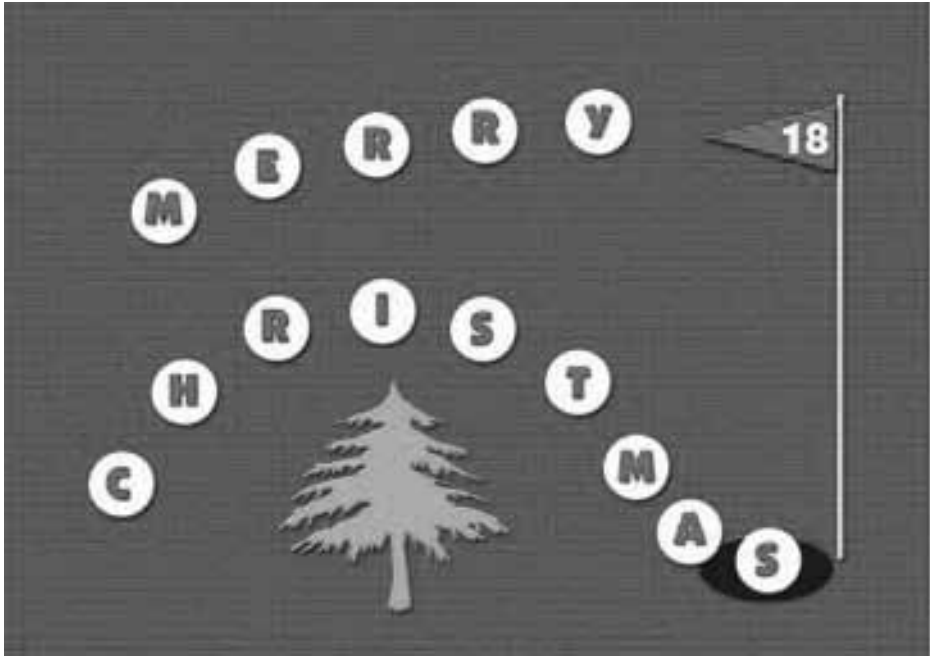
GROSS Brian Cronin (Pukekohe) 76

STABLEFORD

Men 1st Owen Young 42 (Waitemata), 2nd Terry Kirkus (Whangaparaoa) 41, 3rd Brian Murray 41 (Waitemata), 4th David Modgill 40 (Whangaparaoa), 5th Ces York (Maramarua) 39

Ladies

GROSS Lisa Herbert (Howick)
STABLEFORD Jo Moyle (Whangaparaoa)
Twos 6 balls each Graeme Wakelin and Joanne Moyle



TIME FOR A LAUGH



The war-weary Marine asked, 'Ma'am, may I have that seat?'

The French woman just sniffed and said to no one in particular: 'Americans are so rude. My little Fifi is using that seat.'

The Marine walked the entire train again, but the only seat left was under that dog.

'Please, ma'am. May I sit down? I'm very tired . . . '

She snorted, 'Not only are you Americans rude, you are also arrogant!'

This time the Marine didn't say a word, he just picked up the little dog, tossed it out the train window and sat down.

The woman shrieked, 'Someone must defend my honour! This American should be put in his place!'

An English gentleman sitting nearby spoke up,

'Sir, you Americans seem to have a penchant for doing the wrong thing.

You hold the fork in the wrong hand.

You drive your cars on the wrong side of the road.

And now, sir, you seem to have thrown the wrong bitch out the window'.

HOW CHILDREN PERCEIVE THEIR GRAND PARENTS

A little girl was diligently pounding away on her grandfather's word processor; she told him she was writing a story. "What's it about?" he asked. "I don't know," she replied, "I can't read."

When my grandson asked me how old I was I teasingly replied, "I'm not sure" "look in your underwear Grand dad he advised" "mine says I'm 4 to 6"

A youngster came home from school and said to her grandmother, "Grandma, guess what? We learned how to make babies today." The Grandmother, more than a little surprised, tried to keep her cool. "That's interesting," she said, "how do you make babies?" "It's simple," replied the girl, "you just change y to i and add es."

A six year old was asked where his Grandma lived. "Oh," he said, "she lives at the airport, and when we want her, we just go and get her, then, when she has finished her visit, we take her back to the airport."

A Grandfather was delivering his grand children to their home one day when a fire truck zoomed past. Sitting in the front seat of the truck was a Dalmatian dog. The children started discussing the dog's duties.

"They keep him to keep the crowds back," said one child.

"No," said another, "he's just for good luck."

A third child brought the argument to a close, "They use the dogs," she said firmly, "to find the fire hydrants."

THE NINETEENTH

Future Nationals after Remuera (2013) are Ashburton 7/10th April 2014, and then St Mahunga (Masterton) 2015 followed by Ohope 2016. The latter two dates will be advised later.

Muddy River Classic just concluded, and a number of Lefties present, Merv. Cunningham one of the organisers had his hands full prior to starting at Te Aroha on the first morning... but then went and shot his age 76 (47 points) a wonderful achievement.

Other Lefties in the prizes that I noted were Phil Butler, Jim Taylor, Barry Flocks and I am sure there were others.



Tyler Hodge Levin has continued to achieve a number of notable moments in his golf life, and continuing from our last edition he has qualified for the NZ Open, shot 75,75,72,75, and the Australia Open after winning the NZ and Australian age group championships. Under 19 in NZ and Junior in Australia. He has also been elected Junior Sportsman of the year for Horowhenua.

Lisa Herbert, fully involved with husband Warren in their business, looks after 2 children, NZ Ladies golf Selector, on our committee for Nationals at Remuera, and wins her Howick Ladies Championship 2012. Ahhhhh, super woman!

Tony Stowers, champion of champions Waikato intermediate grade. Well done Tony, time for more golf I understand after selling the farm.

Peter Arlidge has moved to Whangarei, continuing his drift north has just had another back op. and hopes to get back with us again soon; still retains his interest in Lefties and racing.

I have recently received a note from Bruce Poole. He is now nearly 81, and has recently had a stint in hospital with appendicitis, now recovered and has sent a donation, as have other life members, towards a trophy to be awarded to the winning Super Senior starting at Remuera next year.

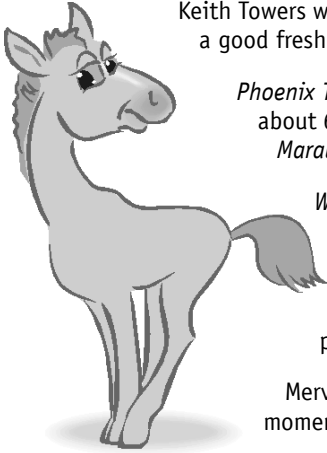
2013 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

Remuera April 8th to 11th

Many entries are coming in and we advise that if you wish to join us, get your entry in soon.

**If you require accommodation mark your entry accordingly.
Note telephone number for Ellerslie Motor Inn is 09 5251909**

HORSE CORNER



Keith Towers was a happy man when *Venlee* won a nice race recently, after a good fresh up 3rd.

Phoenix Tycoon looked well in her first race for a while, and finished about 6th, watch out for her again, could win and pay plenty. *Miss Marauder* has retired to the brood mare's paddock.

Whistling Straits won successive starts, and not so hot the next two, he will have one more start and than go away till next autumn, he has more than paid his way this year,

Paul Coltart has enuff is enuff, very honest and some nice placings.

Mervyn Rogers good horse *Choice Achiever* not quite there at the moment, however to good to neglect.

Garnie Cowie's *Overezy* won a trial recently and has had several starts, well backed, and seems to have no luck, will win before Christmas.

LAST THOUGHT

***Have you put your entry in for Remuera yet?
We want to see you again***

***If you see somebody playing Left handed on your course, tell
him/her about us.***

FUTURE TOURNAMENTS . . . mark your calendar!

- Jan 19/20 Hawkes Bay Lefthanders. Napier Golf Club,**
36 Holes, Mens and Ladies Gross and Net (Entries close 11 January)
(Plus rightie supporters, Stableford). Saturday tee off 12 noon – Sunday tee
off 8 am. Entry fee \$50, Meals included Saturday night.
Entry to admin@napiergolf.co.nz Phone 06 8447913
(Please note Napier (Waiohiki) is a non metal spike course).
- Jan 20 Cromwell Golf Club**
Starting at noon, 18 holes for \$20 contact Kevin Hurley 03 445 0849 or
Cromwell Golf Club 03 4450165
- Jan 19/20 Greymouth Golf Club**
36 holes start 1pm Sat., 9.30pm Sun entries to Greymouth Golf Club
P.O Box 158 Greymouth, or Annette or Gavin Grant 03 7627798
Cost \$30 includes BBQ dinner Saturday night

- Feb 2/3 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 17 Waimakariri Gorge Lefthanders. Waimak. Gorge Golf Club**
Sponsored by Weldon Studios Limited
 Separate competition for our right handed partners and friends. 18 holes.
 Tee off 11 am. Entry fee \$20, include 2s. Food available.
 Entries to Allistar McKenzie, Phone 03 3123123, Gren. Alabaster
 03 3123144 or Alan Wright 03 318 3763
- Feb 23 /24 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 \$30, evening dinner \$15
 Entries to Levin Golf Club P.O.Box 215, Levin. Phone 06 368 6214
 or Phone 0800 113 112.
- Mar 2/3 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, Mark Scott 03 5286471
 Motueka Golf Club Box 200 Motueka
- Mar 9/10 North Taranaki Lefties 2 day Tournament**
Bunning's sponsored
 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 17 Canterbury Lefties Coringa Golf Club, McLeans Island**
 Sponsored by Hirequip
 Multi tee start 8.30am, \$20 includes light food and two's,
 Mens and Ladies net and stableford separate competition for
 Right hand partners, draw at clubhouse
 Ross Herrett 66 Fairway Drive, Shirley. Phone 03 385 9193
 or 027 2264573 email Ross.Herrett@ccc.govt.nz
- Mar 23/24 Whangarei/Mangawhai Golf Clubs Left handers and partners**
 Come to the sunny North for 36 holes, 18 each day start at Whangarei
 11.30am Saturday and 10.30am Mangawhai \$60 per player
 Send entry with payment to John Barber 9 Spratt Rd
 Kohimarama 1071 or Don Mclean P.O Box 401030 Mangawhai 0541
- Apr 14 Winton Leftie Tournament, Winton Golf Club,**
 to be held in conjunction with The Central Southland Championships,
 18 from around noon \$20
 Combined net for the Dick Baker Trophy and the Perfection cup for
 Lefties only. Entries to Geoff Graham 03 221 7073

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AREA COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

Nomination for Area Council Member of the

National Association of Left-Handed Golfers of N.Z. Inc.

Nominations for Area Council Members close with the Secretary, N.A.L.G. N.Z. Inc.

9 Sprott Rd., Kohimarama, Auckland on **20th March 2013**

(All signatories must be financial members of N.A.L.G. N.Z. Inc.)

Nominee: Name of Region:

Nominee's Signature:

Proposer's Signature:

Seconder's Signature:

