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>>> from THE PRESIDENT

Hi All



Well the crazy season is upon us. I will take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Merry Xmas and a happy golfing new year.

It looks like preparations are well under way for next year's Nationals and from all reports it appears the venue is not going to disappoint. Be prepared for a testing time on the course and the opportunity to experience some great southern hospitality.

On a more sombre note I would like to wish all our members in the Kaikoura region all the best. I hope you are all well and coping after such a traumatic event our thoughts are with you.

Looks like a big year in the golfing calendar next year for lefties. With the worlds being a lot more accessible for most with the venue being in Melbourne it would be great to have a good contingent from New Zealand at this event. I am sure that the World president and secretary will give this a good promotion at Dunedin

My golf has tailed off for the year due to work but I still managed to attend a couple of events in the Waikato area. Unfortunately, we got hit with a weather bomb the weekend of Hauraki and Robin Kent had the good sense to abandon the tournament early. This saved quite a few members s an unnecessary trip. Ngaruawahia was fairly well attended with about forty players' along with a couple of young lefties

Well once again another year draws to an end so keep well and catch you around the greens
Cheers



*-Wayne Chesham
National President*

2017 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS
27/30 MARCH 2017 - Chisholm Park Dunedin



>>> 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 2017 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**.

In future, many 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.

**FJ. Golf Gloves: I still have three of each Med Large, Regular Small, Medium, Large, and Extra Large, \$15 plus postage.
Neville Chatterton bought three off me and went on to clean up at the Aussie Champs!**

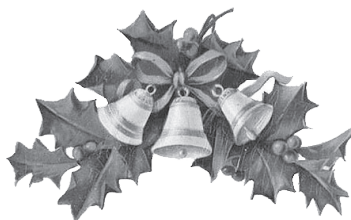
Chisholm Park Nationals next March, it's all go, beautiful Club house, and a course with some great views, and some thought provoking holes, a good test for us all.

Accommodation close to Golf course is going fast, however there is more accommodation further away. Try Dunedin Holiday Park and motel which is close to the Chisholm Course, or Adrian Motel or Apartments at St Clair, all had accommodation available. I have located some beautiful cafes at nearby St Clair.

For those looking to park Caravans or mobile homes, there is room at the Golf Club, but no electrical hook up available, for full service just look next door to the Dunedin Holiday Park www.dunedinholidaypark.co.nz

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 2017



- John Barber
National Secretary

>>> 2016 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS REPORT

51ST NAGLA CHAMPIONSHIP, ROYAL PINES, QUEENSLAND

We enjoyed a wonderful week at Royal Pines, a very well organised event in all respects, 27 Lefties and many partners were present from New Zealand, and we were the largest contingent from any area. The weather was warmish; however, a cool wind was often present. Shot gun start in the morning was 7am, which was no problem to us from NZ as the 3 hour time differential in Queensland meant that we were fully awake with tons of time to spare.

Many of our players were mentioned in either daily prizes, or received a major prize on the final night. Notable were Geoff Ingram winning the Super Seniors Gross, Neville Chatterton C Grade Gross, Nigel Messenger Runner up B Grade net, as was Roger Maxwell Super Seniors Gross, George Thomson B Grade Gross Runner up, Greg Limond Runner up Vets Net, and Andrea Gardner (Barber) Runner up in Righties Stableford.

Audrey Messenger was net Runner up in the Ladies Division, as was Ian Mackay in the C Grade

Apart from the above, daily prizes were won by Barry Hughes, Sue Grey, Keith Towers, Bruce Mehrtens and John Barber

Neville Chatterton and his Partner won the Doug Bachli Cup, Neville also received the Founders Cup for the best net over all four rounds, the first New Zealander to win this trophy

-John B



AUSTRALIA NEXT YEAR

2017 National Australian Tournament will be held in Canberra from 28 Oct/3rd November, two premier courses will be played Yowani country club (home course) and Federal Golf Club. Price \$a379 for further info go to [www. nalg Australia, ACT division](http://www.nalg Australia, ACT division).

World Tournament in Melbourne Oct 22/27th playing Huntingdale, Commonwealth, Spring Valley, Woodlands, Kingswood and The National (Long Island) all top golf clubs, all information is available at www.walg.org.au.

For information re the James Cup, email nalgnz Secretary.

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

Chrissie Doughty
Darren Lewis

Wellington
Christchurch

Janelle Lewis
Adwin Eagle

Christchurch
Wellington



OBITUARIES

REG BOORMAN

Reg Boorman died on the 30th October at his home in Whakatane.

Reg had been a member for a very long time, and I remember playing with him at Napier three years ago when he was in his late seventies, but still hitting the ball sweetly. He played well enough that weekend to win the second division gross.

He was a former member of Parliament for Wairarapa 1984-88

He had a dry sense of humour, and I last saw him when he came to see us at Ohope Nationals where he appeared one day to give me a cheque for his Sub.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife Pauline and family



REX PRICE

We are sorry to hear that Rex passed away in October after a battle with cancer. He was a NALGNZ member for many years and attended a number of Nationals, and has supported local Christchurch Tournaments regularly.

He was latterly a member of the Christchurch Golf Club and prior to that he was a long-time member of the Templeton Club where he held the position of Club Captain and President.

Our deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

2018 NATIONALS

8-11 APRIL - TAUPO



>>> TOURNAMENT RESULTS

TE MARUA, WELLINGTON, 24 SEPTEMBER 2016

Ladies Gross winner Tira Habib 86
R/U Jenny Lloyd
Net Audrey Messenger
Stableford Chrissy Doughty
R/U Julie Worner

Mens Gross Winner Ron Harris 80
R/U Wayne Evans 85
3rd Ross Braybrook 86
4th Denis Cutler 90

Mens Net

Ian Mackay 72, Tim Belcher 72, Brent Dalton 73, Ian Balt 74, Barry Smith 74, Wayne Hughes 75

Mens Stableford

Nigel Messenger 35, Barry McDonald 35, Graeme Aitken 34, Kevin Finlay 34, Frank Mallia 32, Peter Hudson 32

Nearest Pin

Ladies Chrissie Doughty, Men 0-17 Alex Walters, Men 18 plus Rob Deam

Twos

Ross Braybrook and Kevin Finlay

Roebuck Trophy Best Stableford Top 9

Patrick Melaugh

Thanks to sponsors ANZ Bank, Qygen Properties, Nalgnz

HAURAKI LEFT HANDERS TOURNAMENT, 25 SEPTEMBER 2016

Weather caused cancellation this year.

ASHBURTON LEFT HANDERS, 16 OCTOBER 2016

A field of 24 including three rightie friends teed off on a beautiful day. Included in the field were 2 new members of the Association Darren and Janelle Lewis.

A **stableford** competition was run and scores follow:

Murray Wackrow 42, Brian Hawkesby 39 on countback from Janelle Lewis and Peter MacCauley, Neil Macdonald 38, Ivan Blain 38, Hilary Lovett, Darren Lewis, Paddy Helmore all 37 John Macpherson and Simon Murphy 36, Steven King 35

Twos Simon Murphy and Rod Wolland

Closest to pin Steven King and Neil MacDonald

-Bruce Day



SIR BOB CHARLES SILBERHORN 50TH LEFT HANDERS, MASTERTON, 5 NOVEMBER 2016

Last weekend the 50th Silberhorn Sir Bob Charles Tournament attracted a big field with 64 players (18 lefties) enjoying the excellent conditions. This tournament, played over 18 holes, is open to both left and right handers, although only the left handers can win the coveted Sir Bob Charles Trophy. This year the winner of the Sir Bob Charles Trophy was Ian Buchanan with a 79 gross while the winner of the 'lefties' best net was Steve Hemingway who also won the Percy Holland Cup for the best vets net.

In the combined open section, there was a 3-way tie on 75 at the end of 18 holes and Wayne O'Donnell, Simon Buckley and Cosmo Graham set off on extra holes. Wayne was eliminated after 2 holes but it took 5 extra holes before Titahi Bay junior, Cosmo Graham emerged as the winner of the WBS Sir Bob Charles Open Classic. The women's section was won by Jo Bird.

Other abbreviated results:

Mens Gross Hugh Armstrong, Wayne O'Donnell, Steve Hemingway, Paul Williams

Women Jo Bird 38, Lorraine Duckett 37, Nooroa Rota 36, Audrey Messenger 35.

-Results provided by Masterton Golf Club

NGARUAWAHIA MARK HUGHES MEMORIAL DAY, 18 OCTOBER 2016

Fine weather greeted Lefties from around the Waikato and further afield, and we were stretched a bit playing off the Black(back) tees, however, the course was in great nick, and enjoyable day was had by all. John Loder who had been around since Adam was a pup won the Mark Hughes Trophy for the best net, with a net 66, the rest of us were miles away.

John Walker . . . I was looking forward to playing with you, hope you are ok.

Thanks to Wayne and his team.

-John B

Results for Lefties

Stableford

Peter Jackson (Paeroa) 38, Jason Dick (Ngaruawahia) 37, Mark Webb (Tauranga) 36, Brian Keane (Hauraki) 36, Ray Mathews (Ngaruawahia) 36, Wayne Whyte (Mangawhai) 35, Wayne Chesham (Ngaruawahia) 35, Nuddy Pillay (Whitford) 35, Melissa Shea (Ngaruawahia) 35, Owen Young (Waitemata) 34, Rick Nathan (Waikere) 33

Ladies

Margaret Jensen (Ohope) 37



WHANGAREI LEFTIES AT DENBY, 13 NOVEMBER 2016

After some good rain earlier in the week, Sunday dawned sunny and mild, and it was fortunate that Greg Limond had a group from his Howick Club which allowed us to have a combined hagggle. Highlights of the day were an eagle 3 on a par five by long-time friend Graham Barrow of Whangarei, and a hole in 1 on the tricky 15th by a Howick member, both right handers.

Lefties best gross was John Gordon with 77 to win the Fraser Petty trophy, best stableford was 39 by Paul Sullivan. Both Denby members.

Other scores:

Don Mclean (Mangawhai) 34. Joe Hermon (Denby) 33, Peter Christiansen (Keri keri) 33, Owen Young (Waitemata) 33

-John B



KAIKOURA, 20-21 NOVEMBER 2016

**EARTHQUAKE CAUSED POSTPONEMENT.
OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU ALL OF YOU IN THE AFFECTED AREAS.**

>>> THE NINETEENTH

We watch out for results for our younger Lefties who have having taken the big step up to Professional golf, notice Lachie Macdonald playing regularly on the Charles tour, with mixed results. Have no news of Tyler Hodge at this stage, but will watch the Aussie PGA at Royal Pines, and see if his name pops up. Noticed Lachie in the Fiji opened where he finished tied for 29th at -2

Entries are coming in steadily for next year's National Tournament at Chisholm Park

Barry Patton and I spent threedays in Dunedin recently, and we are sure that those who join us will be in for a great week.

Whilst in Whangarei caught up with Peter Arlidge who is in good health, but regrets a bad back does not allow him to play golf, but enjoys his bowls. Peter and Julie still take a keen interest in Leftie matters, and Peter is still a financial member of the Association, like many others around the country who haven't been golfing, for in some cases many years.

If you want some more golf after out Nationals in Dunedin, consider playing in the Mount Michael Central Otago classic, 3/7th April, for entry and other details go to classic@centralotagogolf.co.nz

Our Taranaki delegate Roger Maxwell may not receive an invite to next year's Eagles day at New Plymouth Golf Club, he had a net 58 and 50 stableford points, goodness me! He hinted at a return to form when playing well at Royal Pines.

I used to play him for cash each round of the Nationals, I will see what his handicap is at Dunedin before entering into negotiations.

-John B



ADDRESS CHANGES

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

>>> TIME FOR A LAUGH!

THE FREE HAIRCUT

Blessed are those who can give without remembering, and take without forgetting.

One day a florist went to a Barber for a haircut. After the cut, he asked about his bill, and the Barber replied "I cannot accept money from you, I'm doing community service this week."

The florist was pleased and left the shop

When the Barber went to open his shop the next morning there was a thank you card and a dozen roses waiting for him at his door.

Later a Policeman comes in for a haircut, and when he tries to pay his Bill, the Barber again replied "I cannot take money from you, I'm doing community service this week." The policeman was happy and left the shop.

Next morning when the Barber went to open up, there was a thank you card and a dozen donuts waiting for him at his door.

A member of Parliament came in for a haircut, and when he went to pay his bill, the Barber again replied "I cannot accept your money I'm doing community service this week"

The next morning when the Barber went to open up, there were a dozen members of parliament lined up waiting for a free haircut

Do you think that this illustrates the fundamental difference between the citizens of our country, and the politicians who run it!



UPCOMING NATIONALS

27-30 MARCH 2017

CHISHOLM PARK, DUNEDIN

Rated as one of the top 25 courses
in New Zealand!

>>> HORSE CORNER



Irish Whispers (Keith Towers) won nicely on Melbourne Cup day, and this mare is worth following. Troup Road finished 2nd.

Our two have been out for running repairs, however D'Maggio is back in the stable and we have fingers crossed.

Barry Patton tells me that Highly Likely will be tried over the fences next winter.

>>> LAST THOUGHT

Bring a friend to the next Tournament you attend.



we wish you a

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

and

happy new year



>>> FUTURE TOURNAMENTS Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 21/22 HAWKES BAY LEFTHANDERS**
 Napier Golf Club, 36 Holes, Mens and Ladies Gross and Net (Plus rightie supporters, Stableford). Saturday tee off 12 noon – Sunday tee off 8 am.
 Entry fee \$50, dinner available at club sat night \$15
 Entry to admin@napiergolf.co.nz Phone 06 8447913
 (Please note Napier (Waiohiki) is a non metal spike course)
- Jan 29 ALEXANDRA GOLF CLUB**
 (Viblock 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
- Feb 12 WAIMAKARIRI GORGE LEFTHANDERS**
 Waimak.Gorge Golf Club invites all Lefties and right handed partners
 friends 18 holes, 11am tee off
 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 \$20 entry
Sponsored by Weldon Studios Ltd
 Entries to Rodger.welsh@xtra.co.nz, or ph 03 31337033
 or text 021676128 Play the Gorge and see our wonderful new layout
- Feb 25/26 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 \$35,
 Entries to Levin Golf Club P.O. Box 215, Levin or Phone 0800 113 112.
- Mar 4/5 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, email
 andrew.maureen@xtra.co.nz, Craig Hamilton 03 5287496
- Mar 11/12 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
 operating!
 Contact Roger Maxwell 06 7523622, email maxwell.rfh@xtra.co.nz
- Mar 5 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.
- Mar 19 WINTON LEFT HANDERS** in conjunction with the Central Southland
 Championships, the first 18 holes count if playing in the Champs.
 As in past years.
 For full info email Graeme Carroll: Xmas.winton@xtra.co.nz

MANGAWHAI LEFTIES IN JULY NEXT YEAR

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