



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS NEW ZEALAND



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From The President



Hi All

Well it's hard to believe another year almost gone - where did it go? I made a new year's resolution to myself this year that I was going to play more golf and lower my handicap. Well surprise, surprise that didn't happen!!! Maybe I'll try for 2020.

I know we are into the silly season where we are all tired and looking forward to Xmas and a nice relaxing break with family.

It's been a very up and down year. The Nationals in Motueka were a real highlight; well organised, great weather and a well-groomed golf course, and the club members treated us to some great hospitality for a wonderful week. Not long afterwards we received the sad news of the passing of our previous long term Secretary John Barber in June. Then in October our incumbent Secretary lost his long battle with an infection following a stem cell transplant and passed away. This was a big shock to all of us - two very much loved and very capable administrators for our organisation. With them we lost most of the IP of our Lefty's Association and we have struggled to get on top of the administration duties.

Harriet Byelich from Taumarunui has taken responsibility of producing this newsletter and Neil Stevenson from Dunedin has taken over the financial accounts including the 2020 subscriptions. I am indebted to these two who are helping us to get through until we find a new Secretary/Treasurer. Also our Vice President Tim Belcher has managed the recovery of the Lefty information from Jack's computer and family.

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So please if there is someone amongst you who has some administrative and financial skills and spare time we would like to hear from you urgently.

There have been a few Lefty tournaments over the past months with a good turnout of participants now that the warmer weather has arrived. I attended the Hauraki Lefty's Tournament in September as a guest of Kenty and I was very impressed with the golf course which will be a good test of golf for all at our National Tournament being held at this course 30th Mar – 2nd April 2020. The very enthusiastic organizing committee has preparations well underway and they are very keen to host us and give us a good time. So I encourage you to get your tournament entry in ASAP and I guarantee Kenty and his team will make sure we all have a great week.

I have been to Melbourne recently to watch the Presidents Cup unfortunately there are no lefty's in any of the USA or International teams with both Phil and Bubba missing selection .It was a fantastic event one which I can now tick off my bucket list.

I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Xmas and a happy golfing new year and I hope to catch up with you in 2020.

Take Care

Cheers

Rosco

2020 Nationals - Update

Greetings from the Committee of the New Zealand Nationals to be hosted by The Hauraki Lefties - 30th March - 2nd April 2020.

Just a few things that we need to let everybody know about.

There will be a shirt in every registration bag that is collected on the Sunday please be sure to fill in your shirt size on the entry form. We are expecting to tee off each day later than usual, apart from the final day, and the Golf Club ladies will be providing sumptuous meals each evening at the clubhouse for Monday and Wednesday for you to purchase, these will need to be ordered the evening before.

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The Hauraki Golf Club have a full time Manager and he will be awaiting your calls and emails to order carts and trundlers for the week, contact details for this are on the bottom of the entry form.

It is your responsibility to organise accommodation but one of our member couples have agreed to act as a liaison between club members and lefties who may wish to stay with club members. Some members have shown interest in taking people into their homes for the week.

You can contact Robyn and/or Logan Taylor on robynthaylor52@gmail.com to see if they can assist.

If you have any questions please email the Secretary and we will attempt to provide answers.

The official entry form is available for upload and or online entry on our website.

www.nalg.co.nz

Kenty

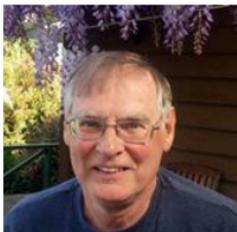
2020 Subscriptions

Neil Stevenson has stepped temporarily into the treasurer's job and has used the Lefties database to generate these invoices. We apologise if the information in the invoice is incorrect and would appreciate your input regarding this either by email or post.

The 2020 subscription invoices will be sent out before Christmas. This will remain at \$30 as per the previous year. We would appreciate payment by the end of January 2020 preferably by direct credit to our bank account or by sending a cheque to the address shown on the invoice.



Jack Boettcher



It is with much sadness that we acknowledge the passing of our Secretary, Jack Boettcher.

The past year has seen Jack deal with cancer and the stem cell treatment that followed. Unfortunately, he was left vulnerable and after returning from a very lengthy hospital stay, he succumbed to infection once home.

Jack was a long-time member of Lefties- before and after working stints overseas. He was very competitive and achieved considerable success at our various Regional and National tournaments.

Following John Barber's retirement due to ill health in 2018, Jack readily and seamlessly took on the Secretary's role. He was great supporter of 'Lefty Golf' and his forte was his computer skills where he tidied up our membership database and his use of 'social media' to increase our Association's profile and researching strategies to increase our membership. He was very well organised and used his time well while in hospital to make contact with regional delegates to sound them out on new initiatives.

Jack was also President of Eketahuna Golf Club and a very hands-on 'volunteer' in and around the club. His activities were highlighted at a very moving 'tribute' farewell hosted by members and family. This event was attended by several Lefties from nearby regions and Vice President, Tim Belcher spoke on your behalf.

Our sincere condolences to Tania - Jack's wife and Janne - his daughter and her immediate family. Jack will not be forgotten. RIP. "



Taumarunui Lefties celebrate 70 years in 2019

On 7 & 8 September 2019 we celebrated our 70th birthday. We had 84 players entered to play representing 38 golf clubs from all around the North Island. Saturday's weather was not too bad and there some good scores. Sadly Sunday was not so good and 18 players pulled out. However the remaining hardy souls battled through the rain scoring well despite the inclement weather. The celebratory cake was cut just before a sumptuous dinner and players spent time catching up with old friends during the evening.



Winners were as follows:

36-hole nett winner – R Maxwell (pictured with Alan Roebuck) (Urenui) 134;

36-hole Stableford – John Ainsworth (Westown) 79;

Senior Men Gross – Sonny Te Kanawa (Waitomo) 154; **Intermediate Men Gross** – Dennis Mills (Urenui) 173;

Junior Men Gross – Daniel Scotson (Rangitikei) 184;

Senior Men Nett – Mike Cotter (Paeroa) 135;

Intermediate Men Nett – Owen Young (Waitemata) 140;

Junior Men Nett – Noel Crocker (Rangitikei) 145;

Ladies Gross – Harriet Byelich (Taumarunui) 198; **Ladies Nett** – Carol Mahon (Walton) 154; **Ladies Stableford** – Mihi Yates (Walton) 61.

Right-handed supporters: **Nett** Ben Roberts (Manawatu) 139; **Stableford** Evelyn Mills 63.

A huge thank you to our sponsors and to the many local Righties who helped us make this tournament the great success that it proved to be.

Ngaruawahia Lefties – 3 November 2019

(Reporter : S Leatherland)



18 Lefties were joined by Rightie friends, and unfortunately the righties were at the top of the prize list, but there were a few notable scores by lefties.

Overall winner of the Mark Hughes Trophy was Ray Mathews (pictured here with Wayne Chesham) with a net 70 around his home course (on countback).

Other notable scores (stableford):

Ian Bartlett (Ohope) 38;

Jamie Ryan (Ngaruawahia) 38

Ken Tynan (Omanu) 37

Greg Limond (Whitford Park) 35, Wayne Chesham (Ngaruawahia) 35, Jason Dick (Ngaruawahia) 35, Stan Mathews (Otumoetai) 35, Bill Burt (Ohope) 35, Keith Stewart (Ngaruawahia) 35

Ashburton Lefties – Sunday 13 October 2019

A field of 23 players including World President Richard Davison and the New Zealand President Ross Herrett competed on a lovely sunny day at Ashburton. Everyone was welcomed on arrival with freshly baked scones and pikelets before we teed off on a very well-groomed golf course. Ashburton's hospitality continued when we arrived back in the club house with a great spread of finger food for our enjoyment. A great day out with many travelling from Christchurch and outer districts for the event – Well Done Bruce Best Net - Mike Bruner: 88-22-66 Ladies Winner - Catherine Bell -36pts Best Stableford - Roger Welsh 40pts George Brown 39, Richard Davidson 38, Darren Lewis and Robbie Bell 37, Ross Preece, Neville Chatterton and Saki Saunokonoko each 36.



Canterbury Left Handers Championship - Waitikiri Golf Course Sunday 3rd Nov

A real warm 33deg day 28 lefty's battled the benign conditions on a well-groomed golf course with very true greens. Many struggled to handle the heat but there were some excellent scores. The Waitikiri Club donated two magnificent trophies (Best Gross and Nett) that hadn't been played for since 2001 which we dusted off and played for on the day.

The highlight of the day was a hole in one on the 17th by the gross winner - Simon Murphy. An hour earlier an interclub player did the same. The nett winner was 13yr old Toby Van Onselen playing in his first Lefty's Tournament we hope we see more of him.

Thanks to the many sponsors which enabled everyone to receive a prize.



RESULTS: Best Gross: Simon Murphy - 72

Best Nett: by lot Toby Van Onselen - Nett 65.
(pictured Simon (left) and Toby)

Ladies: Janelle Lewis -32pts.

Stableford: Ray Myers -42, Neville Chatterton- 39,
George Thomson- 37,

David Murphy – 36, Michael Bruner- 36, Gavin
Giles- 35,Saki Saunokonoko- 35, David Baxter -34,
Closest to pins:

No.9- Saki Saunokonoko, No.12 Ray Myers,
No 17- Simon Murphy (hole in one)

Twos – Ray Myers, Duncan McKay,

Hauraki Lefties (Reporter R Kent)

A great day of golf was had by all on the 29th Sept [daylight saving Sunday] at Hauraki Golf Club .

The course was in magnificent order and a good field of 35 paid their money and embarked onto the course to ready themselves for 2020 Nationals .

There were 4 rightie players and Jo McCrea won their tournament and collected 6 balls for her two .



We were privileged to have at our Tournament the President of our NALG Mr Ross Herrett and it was great to host him for a few days and show him around our region.

Thanks to those that travelled good distances to play and also those that were local. There were 13 different clubs represented and our club is very pleased to host you all .Ross and Shona Dalgety again donated the travel voucher of \$100.00 for a lucky draw and this was won by one of our local lefties and he is considering donating it back next year.

Gross 74 Robby Cumming Pakuranga, Stabbies: 38 Andrew Davis Hauraki, Barry Flooks Hauraki, 37 Ross Herrett Waitikiri, Melissa Shea Ngaruawahia, George RoganRiverside, Murray Horsnall Whitford Park ,36 Kenty Hauraki, Ray Brown Hauraki, Kerry Bond Riverside, 35 Ian Bartlett Ohope, Roger Maxwell Urenui, Adam Dunstan Whitford Park, Nuddy Pillay Whitford Park , David McCrea Urenui, Tony Stowers Te Aroha, Only one two going to Robby Cumming .

Up Coming Tournaments in 2020	
Saturday/Sunday 18 & 19 January	<u>Hawkes Bay Lefthanders</u> Venue: Napier Golf Club Waiohiki Tee off: Saturday 12.30 to 1.30pm Sunday 8.00 to 9.00am 36-hole – nett, gross, stableford 36 hole – RH stableford Cost: \$55 per player Tournament Convenor: hugheswayne@xtra.co.nz
Sunday 26 January	<u>Viblock : Central Otago Lefthanders Tournament</u> Venue: Alexandra Golf Course Start: 11.30am 18 hole Stableford Competition Cost: \$25 per player Entries Close: 18 January 2020 Contact: Wayne Pollock 03 448 6558 : darkway@xtra.co.nz

<p>Sunday 9 February</p>	<p align="center"><u>Southland Lefthanders Tournament</u></p> <p>In conjunction with the Central Southland Championship Venue: Winton Golf Course 18-hole medal round : If you are playing in the 36-hole championship, the first 18 holes count – tee off time 8.30am, if not, tee off time 12noon, Cost: \$20 Contact: Graeme Caroll Enquiries to email – xmas.winton@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>Sunday 9 February</p>	<p align="center"><u>Waimakariri Gorge Lefthanders</u></p> <p>(Sponsored by Weldon Studies Ltd, Rangiora Mitre 10 & Rangiora New World)</p> <p>18 holes tee off 11 am Entry Fee: \$25.00 Morning Tea/coffee, biscuits/scones provided Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club invites all Lefties and right-handed partners friends .Gross for the Donaldson Trophy, and Stableford for the Angus trophy plus plenty of prizes, including closest to the pin and twos. Entries to rodger.welsh@xtra.co.nz, or ph 03 31337033 or text 021676128</p>
<p>Saturday/Sunday 22 & 23 February</p>	<p align="center"><u>29th Horowhenua Lefthanders</u></p> <p>Venue: Levin Golf Club 36 holes Mens and Ladies Competition & Righties Tee off 12 noon Saturday Tee off 8 am Sunday. Entry fee \$60 (includes buffet brunch with registration) Email levin@golf.co.nz Bank Details: Levin BNZ – 02 0668 0020482 00</p>



<p>Sunday 1 March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Whitford Auckland Lefthanders</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tee off from 11.00 am Competition net medal 2 grades, plus lady partners and guests of lefties welcome. . Please contact Murray Horsnell, email: backspin88@hotmail.com or telephone 09 296 0235</p>
<p>Saturday/Sunday 7 & 8 March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Motueka Lefthanders Tournament</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Houston Motors – Motueka Lefthanders Tournament</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Motueka Golf Club. 7th and 8th March 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tee off 1.00pm Sat - 8.30am Sun Entry Fee \$30 includes a meal on Sat night Entries to Andrew Fenemor 0212965699 Craig Hamilton 0272418922 Email andrew.maureen@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>Saturday/Sunday 7 & 8 March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>North Taranaki Lefties</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Manukorihi Golf Club /Urenui Golf Club Leftie/Rightie tournament Leftie tournament within for Leftie Trophies Saturday tee off 11am(Manukorihi) Sunday tee off 8.30 to 9.30 (Urenui) Entry fee \$35 (food at both venues), Contact Roger Maxwell 06 7523622, email maxwell.rfh@xtra.co.nz</p>
<p>Saturday/Sunday 5 & 6 September</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Taumarunui Lefthanders Tournament</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">More details in subsequent newsletter</p>



Barrett's very handy as a "Lefty"

For those of you who don't know our All Black Beauden Barrett is a pretty handy left-handed golfer. The All Black playmaker's fondness to golf is reasonably well known around the rugby circles particularly when on duty with the AB's and several of the team head to the golf course as a form of relaxation when on tour. Thanks to the cheek of former AB's team mate Israel Dagg in a light hearted interview during this year's World Cup the lid was lifted on Barrett's true golfing gifts.

Whilst in Argentina they rocked up to a golf club and there was no left handed golf clubs so Beauden decided he'd play right handed. He shot an 84 off the stick which blew Dagg away!!! Dagg was embarrassed.

Beauden is also a handy cricketer as many found out in the Celebrity Cricket Match in Christchurch earlier this year.

Would You Marry Again?

A husband and wife are sitting quietly in bed reading when the wife looks over at him and asks the question.... **WIFE:** "What would you do if I died? Would you get married **HUSBAND:** "Definitely not!" **WIFE:** "Why not? Don't you like being married?" **HUSBAND:** "Of course I do" **WIFE:** "Then why wouldn't you remarry?" **HUSBAND:** "Okay, okay, I'd get married again." **WIFE:** "You would?" with a hurt look **HUSBAND:** makes audible groan **WIFE:** "Would you live in our house?" **HUSBAND:** "Sure, it's a great house." **WIFE:** "Would you sleep with her in our bed?" **HUSBAND:** "Where else would we sleep?" **WIFE:** "Would you let her drive my car?" **HUSBAND:** "Probably, it is almost new." **WIFE:** "Would you replace my pictures with hers?" **HUSBAND:** "That would seem like the proper thing to do." **WIFE:** "Would you give her my jewelry?" **HUSBAND:** "No, I'm sure she'd want her own." **WIFE:** "Would you take her golfing with you? **HUSBAND:** "Yes, those are always good times." **WIFE:** "Would she use my clubs? **HUSBAND:** "No, she's left-handed." **WIFE:** --silence -- **HUSBAND:** "bugger!!"



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