



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS NEW ZEALAND



NEWSLETTER

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Rosco Herrett



Ho Ho Ho - It's that time of the year again another tumultuous year with this Covid virus still affecting our day to day lives. It has interrupted several of our Lefty Tournaments around the country.

We were grateful that we were able to have our rescheduled National Tournament at Hauraki in March. It was a great week where we were treated to some great hospitality, beautiful weather and a well-groomed course. What more could we ask for?? Well done Hauraki.

My Golf Club Waitikiri here in Christchurch are well underway in organising the National Tournament on the 20th -24th March 2022. It looks like our Australian Lefty's who regularly attend our Nationals will not be able unless they spend 5 days in isolation on arrival. Crazy if they are vaccinated and have had a negative Covid test before departing!!!! (This requirement is planning to be scraped in April - too late for 2022).

The Waitikiri Golf Club due to Covid Restrictions now requires you to be fully vaccinated and you must have your vaccine pass with you in order to play in this tournament. If you are thinking about attending the Nationals but are reluctant to commit until nearer to the date because of the uncertainty of Covid send the entry form to Mike Davies leftygolfer02@gmail.com

ASAP without the tournament entry fee and he will contact you nearer to the tournament date to confirm your attendance. This will give us an indication of the numbers who are likely to attend.

There are several Lefty Tournaments scheduled around the country prior to and after the Nationals so I encourage you to attend and bring

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20th -24th Check our website: nalg.co.nz

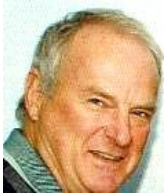
along a friend. Check them out in this bulletin. I read a Wellness Quote recently “If health is new wealth, golf is your pathway to riches. It’s active. It’s social. It’s safe. We’d argue that no other single activity gives you so much” How True!!! Golf has been my saviour with my regular weekly game and catching up with mates however, I’m looking forwards to attending more Lefty Tournaments once restrictions are lifted and where I can renew friendships with many of you.

Take care and I wish you and your families a very Merry Xmas and a Happy Golfing New Year.

Stay safe and good
golfing Cheers Rossco



Secretary blog



Special thoughts for all those who had to forgo so many rounds of golf. Hopefully, now we have lots of “orange lights” and a happy-times ahead.

Your Regional Councillors are really keen to have tournaments up and running. The South Island is set to start in January with tournaments at the Waimak, Alexandra, Reefton, Winton, Motueka and then the big one, Waitikiri. In the North Island, you can look forward to Napier, perhaps a venue in the Manawatu and maybe north of Auckland.

Lately, I have collated all the newsletters starting with our first secretary, Neil Costley (December 1978) through to this present day. Neil comments on developments on the inaugural meeting at Masterton on the 20th of October 1978. At this time, we had 53 financial members with more coming in every day. Slazenger NZ Ltd was our sponsor and their ball of the moment “B51” Oh wow! How has the golf ball design changed, but they do still have directional issues! What a boring game it would be if not for the trees, rivers, lakes, bunkers, swales and other numerous golf course tantalising obstructions.

The newsletters, over time, have accumulated, as you will imagine, to present weeks of reading. You may also be intrigued to know the Library of New Zealand, has copies of our newsletters, for what purpose you can only guess.

Clearwater Golf had a surplus of right-hand golf gloves, quite a few in fact. They needed to obtain some financial return and who better to obtain this from; why our left-handers of course! The deal was made and members were very quick to take up the offer. They were sold at cost plus freight. Some buyers would have been quite surprised to see high-quality gloves arrive in the mail. Clearwater crew were happy, we were happy.

It is that time of year, subscription invoices are on the way, remember no bank accepts cheques. Your bank will assist. Take our bank account number with you.

Happy days to you all. Merry Xmas. Rodger

Article found in our newsletter from 1980

TO SAVE NEEDLESS NAGGING

My handicap is I'm not interested in hearing that you aren't playing to your handicap; and until I've seen you play a few holes, I'm not interested in playing for more than a Nassau. If at any time I'm interested in pross bets, Ill let you know.

Do not embarrass us by asking that I concede any of your putts. I will volunteer to do so if in my judgement it is deserved.

I admit it is a nice day for golf, that the weather has either been hot or cold, and that the greens keeper is doing an excellent job.

Kindly refrain from telling me of your past performances on the golf course. The only round which interests me is the one we are about to play.

I would appreciate if you would refrain from such remarks as "That would have been a birdie--if it hadn't caught the trap." "You got a bad bounce, or it wouldn't have gone out of bounds, etc." I'm capable of doing my own sympathizing.

The score card contains the rules, I shall expect you to apply them as scrupulously as though I were watching--because I will be.

If I happen to be up on the last tee, I do not wish to give an additional halfstroke or more and play the last hole double or nothing.

I prefer while at golf not to be drawn into a discussion of business or economic subjects nor hear such discussions pursued by others in the middle of my backswing.

The following imperfections in my swing are well known to me:

Looking up	No pivot
Too fast a backswing	Teeing ball too high
Standing too far ahead of the ball	Teeing ball too low
Standing too far behind the ball	Too much right hand
No follow through	Not enough right hand
Bending left arm	Left foot too far forward
Lunging at the ball	Left foot too far back
Stance too open	Faulty grip
Stance too close	

The aforementioned faults have been pointed out to me by my professional and also by many of my friends--including a few former friends.

I have been playing more than a few years, so calling my attention to my short-comings will be superfluous. Your time could be more profitably employed.

Concerning the 19th hole, allow me to state that I don't mind a friendly drink, it helps me become reconciled to my golf imperfections.

If I win your money, I will buy you a drink. If you win, I will expect you to do the same.

If it is agreeable to me to engage in a return match, I will so indicate at the appropriate time. And if your mode of conduct is in accord with the aforementioned suggestions, I am certain the time will be soon.

Thank you for your forthcoming demonstration of courtesy and consideration.

Tournament Results

Te Marua. Bill Werry *Wellington Lefties 2nd Oct*

Our Wellington Lefties Tournament on the usual first Saturday in October took place in fine weather and on an immaculate course at Te Marua.

Our amazing organiser, Nigel Messenger, managed to attract 45 participants. I know he worked hard ringing every leftie he knew, every possible prize donor he knew, making a deal with the caterer so we had a cuppa and a scone before the game and a light plate of goodies after.

His lovely lady, Audrey, of course shared in his endeavours. The result was a very enjoyable day and two additions to my contact list (welcome gentlemen). Once again, I was reminded what a special bunch of people us lefties are as I moved around the room.



Results;

Women	Gross: Chrissy Doughty	
	Nett: Audrey Messenger	
	S/Ford: Jenny Lloyd	
	NTP: Jenny Lloyd	
Men	Gross: Warwick Evans	Net & Cup 1 st Chriss Brooks
	R/U Rod Orr	2 nd Bruce Mehrtens
	S/F 1 st Garry Jackson	3 rd Tim Belcher
	2 nd Daniel Reid	N/P 0-16 Geoff Ingram
	3 rd Laurie Fawcitt	17 + oop's
	4 th Alex Waters	Stolen Stick Trophy: Andrew Black
	5 th Nigel Messenger	
Raffle Results ;	Firewood Richard Hodge	
	Chilly Bin Sonia	
	Trailer Lock Daniel Reid	

Ashburton Golf Club Lefties Day 10 October 2021

An excellent day was enjoyed by 24 Lefties and 1 brave right hander on Sunday the 10th. The Ashburton course was in excellent condition and a beautiful day was enjoyed by all. The field was honoured to include the World Left Handers President Richard Davison, the NZ Left Handers President Ross Herrett and The NZ Left handers Secretary Rodger Welsh. We were privileged.

Winners Best Gross Simon Murphy 76, Best Net Norman McFarlane

Next best Ritchie Jell 36, Janelle Lewis 36, Stephen Thomas 35, Bruce Day 35, Ross Preece 35, George Brown 35, Alan Cowie 33.

Nearest the pins Simon Murphy 4, Tony Cook 14.

2's Simon Murphy

Bruce Day completed a wonderful effort of organising this tournament. The course could not have been presented better, absolutely a pleasure to play and next year must see a greater turnout. Our appreciation to a lovely person named Sonya. Sonya prepared the food and worked the bar with a smile and great attitude. Thank you Bruce & Sonya.



Canterbury Lefty's - Sunday 31st October Waitikiri Golf Club -**Rosco Reports**

Covid played a big part with a local case identified in Ch'Ch a few days before the tournament which resulted in 13 players withdrawing. However, 22 players enjoyed a golf course in excellent condition and great weather and an opportunity to play the course where the National Tournament will be held in March 2022. A playoff was required when Simon Murphy and Rhys Morris tied for the gross trophy with 76 and Simon Murphy was the victor once again.

There was good scoring and everyone went home with a prize.

Best Gross: Simon Murphy - 76

Best Nett: George Thomson - 82-14- 68.

Stableford:

Gavin King 37, Ray Myers 36, Ross Herrett 36, Gordon Purvis 35, Ray Endicott 35, Aaron McKenzie 35, Yash Naicker 35.

Nearest to Pins:

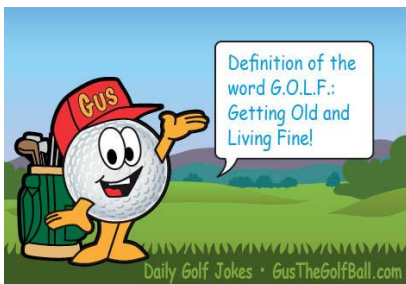
No. 3 -Aaron McKenzie,

No.9 - Matt Wright,

No.12 - Ray Endicott,

No.17 - Hamish Ross

Twos - Ray Endicott





Otago/Southland

St Clair Golf Club

Barry Patton reports

A wonderful day put in place by the Club Professional Patrick

Moore. Golf balls were all Titleist Pro V1 and there were a lot, Patrick supplying some himself. Did it rain? No! Much to the surprise of all who played. St Clair is situated quite high up on the hill where you can look down over Dunedin and surrounding country side. Very spectacular.

Results:	Gross	Ben Patston	65	Otago
	R/U	Brett McCormick	76	Otago
Stableford:		Mark Grellet	40	St. Clair
		Barry Patton	36	Invercargill
		Stewart Quinn	35	Winton
		Brett McCormick	35	Otago
Twos:		Brett McCormick #	4, 7, 16	
		Mark Grellet	# 4	
		Rodger Welsh	# 7	
		Ben Patston	#13	

Te Aroha Lefties Xmas 5th December

Tony Stowers reports

Finally, a Lefties tournament went ahead minus our Auckland contingent when 16 players from the Waikato and Bay of Plenty gathered at the tricky Te Aroha golf club on a fine Sunday 5th December. Thanks to Nalgzn sponsorship 7 hams were given out and everyone got a prize.

Winners were:

Gross, 71, Dave Enright, Mercury Bay.

Nett, 66, Glen Edwards, Renner Park.

Stab., 38, Tony Stowers, Te Aroha. 37 Jamie Lock, Te Aroha, 34 Doc Murray, Renner Park, 32 Steve Leatherland, Ngaruawahia, 31 Bill Burt, Ohope. 31 George Rogan, Tieke Golf Estate (Riverside), 31 Robin Kent, Hauraki.



It is generally accepted that the hand you write with defines your handedness. However, many people use their other hand for other major activities, such as throwing a ball, batting or

golfing. It is estimated that approximately 12% of the world's population is left-handed. International Left-Hander's Day has been celebrated every year on the 13th of August since 1975. Do we do this in New Zealand?

If you are ambidextrous, you can perform almost all tasks equally with both hands. Less than 1% of the population is truly ambidextrous. If you do some tasks with the left hand and some with the right, that is called "mixed laterality" and it is quite common. Left-handers are generally more capable of using their right hand for tasks than right-handers are using their left hand.

Males are 30% more likely to be left-handed than females. Mothers aged between 30 and 35 are more likely to produce a left-handed child. Women's clothes button up on the opposite side to men's clothing. This comes from Victorian times when the English upper-class ladies were dressed by their right-handed maids.

Leonardo da Vinci, a very famous left-handed artist and inventor from the 15th Century, wrote most of his personal manuscripts in mirror writing. He is also said to have been able to write the same text simultaneously with both hands, the right handwriting normally and the left hand in mirror writing.

It is against the rules to play polo left-handed. Most of The Muppet's characters are left-handed. This is because most of the Muppeteers are right-handed, using their right hand inside the head and their left arm for limb movements.

Lefties think quicker than right-handers when playing computer games or sports. Left-handers have faster eye-hand coordination with their non-dominant hand than do right-handers. of left-handers who had been forced to be right-handed at an early age, so it only included the younger lefties that were allowed to remain lefties once society allowed it. Right-handed golfers are more likely to hook a golf shot whilst left-handers fade their shots (not slice)!

Upcoming tournaments



Waimakariri Gorge Golf Club In association with the NALGNZ



Left Handers Tournament

Join us here on Sunday the 16th January

Proudly sponsored by Weldon Investments Ltd (Rodger Welsh)

Together with Rangiora, Mitre 10 Mega, New World, NALGNZ

Large table of prizes including:

The Angus trophy; Best stableford (Presently held by Carl Franklin)

The Donaldson Trophy, best gross (presently held by Martyn Price)

Every player wins a scratch card with opportunity to win \$.....



18 holes; tee off 11.00: Tea, coffee, biscuits on arrival.

Entry just \$30 which includes 2's, NT Ps & net eagles

Food also available post-match

“Bring-a-mate”



Entries to Rodger at 03 313 7033/ 021 676 128

rodger.welsh@xtra.co.nz



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BULLER / WESTLAND **LEFT HANDERS GOLF TOURNAMENT**

TO BE HELD AT
REEFTON GOLF CLUB
Saturday and Sunday
22nd / 23rd January 2022

36 Hole Gross, Nett, and Stableford
Entry Fee \$35.00 plus \$10 BBQ Tea Saturday.

Entries' close by 18th January Including 2's,
Tee off 12.30 pm Saturday, Tee off 9.00am Sunday
Inquiries to Brian Hampton 02102672224 Email

hampy@reefton.nz

Name;

Club ID;

Email;

BBQ; Yes or No

Entry, \$35 \$

BBQ \$10 each, () \$

Total \$

Bank account, Reefton golf club inc.

BNZ 02-0880-0055770-097



Central Otago



Left Handers Tournament

Sponsored by: The Alexandra District Club



Alexandra Golf Course

30th January 2022- Tee Off 11.30 am

18 Hole Stableford Competition

Men & Lady Lefthanders & Partners

Entry Fee \$25.00 per player- Vaccination Passport Essential

Entries close 22nd January 2022

Entries to:

Wayne Pollock (03) 448 6558 027 2314213 • darkway@xtra.co.nz

Alexandra Golf Club (03) 448 8374



58th Southland Left-Handers Tournament



Winton Golf Course

Sunday 13th February 2022

Tee off 12 noon

18-hole Medal Competition

Dick Baker Trophy gross

Perfection Cup Nett

Entry fee \$20 per player

Includes Afternoon Tea

Right-handed players also welcome

Enquiries to Graeme Carroll

email - xmas.winton@xtra.co.nz



Houston Motors 43rd Left Handers open Golf Championships Motueka Golf Club

Saturday March 5th tee off 12.30pm. Multi Tee
& Sunday 6th March tee off 8.30am



Gross, Net and Stableford competition over 36 holes
Graded divisions

Entry includes; Hole in One, BBQ, Club Team event (4 players,
best 3 nets) Nearest the Pin and Twos

All-inclusive entry of just \$35

To avoid disappointment, enter by; 1st March

Email andrew.maureen@xtra.co.nz

Andrew: Phone 03 544 4251 or 021 296 5699 (text)

or

Craig: Phone 027 241 8922 (text)

Provide name_____

Club ID and Index_____

Require a meal yes/no

Extra meal \$18. ____ required

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National Golf Tournament

March 20-24th 2022

Waitikiri Golf Club

Christchurch

**This event
postponed to
2023**

MEN: OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP—4 ROUNDS

MEN: SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP—4 ROUNDS

MEN: SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP—2 ROUNDS

WOMEN: CHAMPIONSHIP—4 ROUNDS

Free Practice Round Sunday
Welcome Evening: Light food
Partners Coach Tour
Sports Evening: Light Food
Annual Dinner & Prize Giving

Major Mammoth Raffle
Daily Raffles

Contact details

Mike Davies on 021 139 1162
email leftygolfer02@gmail.com
More information and entry form
<http://www.nalg.co.nz>

Men: Gross / Nett
Women: Gross / Nett / Stableford
Team Events
13 major Trophies
Prizes Galore in the Divisional grades

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