



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS NEW ZEALAND

NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Rosco

Hi Lefty's



I trust this message finds you all well.

Our world has changed to an extent unseen by any of us before. It certainly is challenging times as we learn to both live and work under a new set of rules. The past weeks have certainly gone fast under Covid 19 restrictions, and it has brought a raft of 'new normals' to our personal life, work and family environment.

With our National Tournament week, Easter and Anzac holidays affected by the restrictions where we have missed out on some great holiday golf that we have been so used to. What we did get under lockdown was the opportunity to do a few of those outstanding jobs around the house that have been on the back burner while we've played golf - Whilst the wife is happy just give me my GOLF any day!!!

It was sad that we had to cancel our Nationals at Hauraki so suddenly due to the lockdown, had we been two weeks earlier we would've been able to hold them. Kenty and his team had a great week organised so we will all be there next year and no doubt they will have an even bumper week for us.

Rumour is Kenty held a "virtual" tournament where he ended up winning so don't be surprised to see his name on most of the trophies for 2020!!!! (I hope he put "Kenty" on the trophies as not many know him as "Robin Kent"!!!!)

With moving into Level 3 & 2 it was so nice to get outside, be active and back to golf with some new rules and still be safe for myself and others. (Social distancing with my golfing partners when I'm playing is not hard for me it's the players on the adjacent fairways who are in danger) I hope that some of the good things to come out of this new way of living and working may form part of the new norm as we move forward. I'm pleased to see the number of new Covid 19 cases down to zero let's hope it continues however there has been devastating

consequences financially which will have a long-standing effect on many of us going forward.

As the restrictions are lifted over the coming months it's important, we return to playing our local Lefty tournaments and catching up with our mates. Your area delegates will be working with their local clubs to try get them back this year. Details of some of these future tournaments are in this newsletter but we will keep you updated of others via our web-site.

So, take care of yourselves and families

Good Golfing., Cheers. Rossco

Secretary's Corner

Rodger



Wow! What happened and it wasn't golf! The Nationals were so timed to co-inside with Covid 19 pandemic restrictions on "Social Distancing." Everyone involved in organising, promoting and participating were adversely affected. Fortunately, I have not heard of any member being Covid 19 infected and that is good news.

Robin and his team were all prepared and the postponing was a great disappointment to all, but we will meet at Hauraki next year with greater enthusiasm in just being there. Bring it on!

We missed the AGM, which the minutes normally lodged with the Ministry by 31st May. We have been given an extension to lodge our financial report with the Companies Office, now due 31st August. The Constitution allows arrangement for an AGM via electronic means, A slow process. Should a venue be unsuitable to have such a meeting then we may resort to the email arrangement using all those members who entered for Hauraki as audience of acceptance for the last financial year, (10 is the quorum).

We managed the Regional Reps meeting via email reply. Great news. There is a change in funding for local tournaments, all agreed to increase the grant to \$150.

There is a vacancy for someone to look after the Tasman/Westcoast area. Don't be shy it's a lot of fun and gratifying when you see players out there enjoying the game.

Please, anything worthy of placing in the newsletter including Rossco's jokes is welcome.

Reports from around the Regions

Motueka Left-handers: **Andrew Fenemor**

Motueka Golf Club 7th & 8th March 2020

A good field of 39 from the Tasman, West Coast and Canterbury areas played the Motueka Lefties last weekend. Some good golf played by few and average golf by the rest This is the only tournament to be played in the Tasman area this year. Kaikoura will be back next year and progress is being made to hold the West Coast tournament in Reefton. We will all look forward to that challenge.

A big thanks to the greenkeepers for presenting the course in as good or may be better condition than for the nationals last year. Thanks again to Craig Hamilton for hunting down and collecting the prizes from our 29 sponsors.

RESULTS

O/A Gross Marty Price 150

O/A Nett Dave Thomas 137

O/A Stbl Andrew Fenemor 77

Stablefords

1st Ron Marshall 77 2nd Wayne Kawiti 76

3rd Gerald Allsop 73 4th Peter McCann 73

5th Lindsay Fry 70

6th Tony Guthrie 69

7th Mike Neal 69

8th Les Bonniface 68

9th Brian Hampton 68

10th Linda Thurow 67

Secretarial comment.

Andrew has shown masterful management and team leadership, a good lateral thinker in running this tournament.

I partnered Craig Hamilton on the day, he was quick to offer the apples around. This was a man who put a lot into the fundraising and running of the raffles (which is still under investigation by the fraud police) I Jest; who better to



deserve two top raffle prizes than Craig, Then he swapped them for a ~~low~~ very good quality wine such is the guy, well done Craig: We require more like you.

Did Andrew fail to mention? He probably did and I missed it! That the tournament was played under a clear sky with only a very light sea breeze. With a wonderful meal on Saturday night. This has just got to be a destination tournament; Pen it on the calendar for next year.

Robin Kent

2020 Nationals held at Hauraki Golf Club

Registration and Practice Day, AGM and Meet and Greet 29th March 2020
The day dawned a little cloudy and although Covid was well involved I decided to wait out at the Golf Club to see if anybody turned up.

As happens 2 people arrived to register, Herie Rossitt and Pat Barryon from the deep south.

A quick discussion ensued and as we had three people the decision was made to carry on with the tournament.

The AGM was over in 4 minutes and a long happy hour took place, further monster raffle tickets were sold and delicious finger food was served to take the evening to a conclusion.

A hurried meeting was held and a new draw made and on the Monday; There was not a cloud in sight the whole day and the temperature was in the mid 20's. The Green Keeper, Paul Mitchell, had the course looking amazing even though we were in the middle of a drought. The greens were faster than usual and the scoring reflected the toughness of the course set up. Herie was leading the Senior Division after day one but also held the snake and the moose. Kenty and Pat were tied in the open division both with net 65's so a good tussle looked to be working out there.

Monday was a free night so Dorothy and I invited the visitors to our place for dinner and drinks. Much frivolity and drinks were had and a beautifully cooked Lamb roast was served along with sea food entree. A sticky date pudding rounded up the evening.

Tuesday; as there were not many starters, tee off was later in the day. Herie was again the leader of the Senior division but Pat had 2 shots on Kenty over the 18 holes. We arrived back at the clubhouse to the smell of a "Pig on the Spit" with roast veges and peas and beans, followed by Apple Pie and Ice Cream for the evening meal. After Dinner the Monster Raffle was drawn and as per normal Kenty was the winner, however the prize was a travel voucher from a travel company that had gone into receivership so no collect there.

The Calcutta was run with just two runners Herie from the Seniors and Kenty from the open. The opportunity came for Pat to buy the only horse but he failed to bid and the horse was passed in.

Wednesday the weather was again a cracker and since the Green Keeper had perfected the greens to become in a little quicker and with the fairways providing even more run than normal. The Clubhouse meal tonight was Eye Fillet and salad and Spuds, followed by Trifle and Pavlova.

Scores stayed about the same with Pat catching up one shot in the Open division.

Thursday; we teed off early as it was prize giving night, the weather again was outstanding and we needed to be in the clubhouse early to check the starters and make sure all the prize list was going to the correct. As happens in the PRO Circuit the flag on the 18th hole had been monogrammed with " 2020 NZ Lefties Champ " on it for the winner to keep.

After a few drinks and a check on the prize list we went down into Ngatea for the Prize giving evening that was being catered for at the Local Hall. The evening was a resounding success with the Main course consisting of Baron of Beef, Chicken, Lamb, Mussels, roast veges, salads and copious quantities of Central Otago Pinot Noir and Marlborough whites supplied by our major sponsor Ngatea 4 Square.

Even though I am a little biased I would have to say that the week was outstanding. The weather, course, food, organisation and friendliness of the members was great and I cannot imagine either of the visitors going away with anything other than high praise for the week.

There will probably need to be an enquiry into the results as on the night all prizes were shared equally between the 3 contestants.

Happy Days Robin

Whilst we aware that each year members have slipped way and we may have failed to acknowledge their passing. Often these are not recent members but when named some will be heard to say “yes I can remember them.” Please, via our web page there is a contact section, use this as a means of communicating with the secretary.

This period we acknowledge: **John McGee (Hone Tautahi Pita)**.
He passed away on March 6.

Aged 90 years at Greymouth. His commitment to Left Handers Golf and to the game itself was one for enjoyment and camaraderie.

His son Peter continues in the same vogue. Our condolences to his family. John; a most respected Nga Puhī as mighty as the kauri in the forest of the Tane Mahuta.



Planning for the 2021 Nationals

It has been agreed by the NALG NZ Regional Committee to hold the 2021 national tournament at Hauraki Golf Club. Tournament dates for 2021 would be Sunday 21st March as the Practise Day/AGM going through to Thursday 25th March. The Association is committed financially to supporting this tournament and the people at Hauraki Golf who have shown dedication to extend the enjoyment and social activities beyond which we would normally experience.

Up Coming Tournaments

June 21 st	TE AROHA LEFTIES AND RIGHTIE PARTNERS Come and enjoy this lovely course giving wide views across Waikato for our seventh at this centrally located town Join the locals for a great day \$20 tee off 9.30 to 11am telephone Tony Stowers 0274 770853 or 07 8849656
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<p>July 4th&5th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">WESTERN BAYS LEFTIES 2 Rounds Lefthanders and Partners \$60 entry Te Puke 9.45 am start July 5th Mt Maunganui Golf Club 8.30am start for 18 holes from 2 tees, includes the ACE trophy for best stableford in memory of the late Alan Elliott. Cost \$60 essential to book early, limited to 80 players, paid entries only in the draw, cheques payable to Western BOP Lefties golf or credit a/c 020372 0000335 00 Ray Horsfall 5 May Street, Mount Maunganui, 07 5750590 or email Baytrain@xtra.co.nz, , Richard Jopson 07 5750456, Brian Peters 075724015</p>
<p>August 1st and 2nd</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">OHOPE GOLF CLUB</p> <p>A Lefthanders Mixed Tournament, Ohope two Days and we need your support. Men's and Ladies Lefties and partners Start 10.30 to 11am Saturday and 9am Sunday Entry \$60. Gross, net and Stableford Entry to Ohope Golf Club, P.O Box 3037 Ohope, Phone 07 312 4486, email Ohope@golf.co.nz Sponsored by Billy Burt and Trevor Hayes</p>
<p>Sept. 5th & 6th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TAUMARUNUI LEFT HANDERS 71st</p> <p>Taumarunui Golf Club 36 Holes tee off Sat 11am and Sun am Ladies and supporters welcome All past entrants will receive a flyer giving full details. Cost & date to be Advised. If you want to join us for the first time Phone Harriet Taumarunui Golf Club P. O. Box 181 Taumarunui 3946</p>
<p>Sept 27th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">HAURAKI GOLF CLUB</p> <p>First day of Daylight-saving tee off 10.00 to 11am. \$30 Entry Lefties and right handed partners, come to Hauraki and</p>



From across the Ditch

	<p>enjoy the country atmosphere, the weather forecast is great, views tremendous, Company outstanding, so get 4 together and rock on up Entries to Ross and Shona Dalgety 07 8677141 rsdalgety@clear.net.nz. or Robin Kent robindotkent@xtra.co.nz</p>
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This is part of the Australian National Newsletter to keep you informed of status of the NALGA Championships scheduled to be held at Tocumwal on November 16th to 20th 2020.

Representatives of the NALGA National and NALG Riverina. Executives conducted a phone teleconference on May 18th as a follow up to a similar meeting held on May 5th. At this meeting the unanimous decision was to postpone the 55th NALGA National Championships

The 55th Championship will now be held on 14th-19th November, 2021 at Tocumwal hosted by the Riverina Division.

The 56th Championship will be hosted by the Nth Rivers Division in 2022 at a date and venue to be determined by Nth Rivers.

Some bright spark of a fellow assured me that there are no snakes in the area of these courses since the crocs have eaten them!

A warm and hearty welcome to the following new/returning members:



Mike Honiss (Hamilton)
Avinesh Kumar (Tauranga)
David Williams (Tauranga)

***Golfing Exploits
Geoff Ingram.***

Geoff receiving yet another tournament title shaking hands with Wayne Chesham our then President.

Geoff sold the farm and took up golf, what is better than that? Since then, accompanied by his good wife Rhonda, they travelled to a lot of places round New Zealand, Australia and the world.

At the Worlds in Sweden 2009 Turkey 2013 and Australia 2017 Geoff was Super Senior Champion. At the NZ Nationals Geoff has won the gross in his division on 11 occasions, again, in Australia he has swept the field to win his division at 10 of their National championships. You would look at these results and think; "What else can this man do?" Well stand back and let the man through. He played under his age not once or just occasionally but 240 times! Now this has got to be a remarkable feat. Back at the turn of the century he played off a 3-4 handicap, today, 19 years later, it is 6-7. When speaking to Geoff on the phone, he mentioned that he had played under his age again that very day, He shot a 79. I never asked his age, but you may well surmise.



here's one you will understand"



Golfing for the greater good. Brian Cronin

Brian has been around for quite a while played many nalgz tournaments in many cases with success. He developed the nalgz web page and edited it with the best left-handed golf information available. There are wonderful memories from the many photos he took, some unpublished yet they remain within the system. With regrets, Brian has resigned as web editor to take on other duties. Being a web editor requires a skill set not many people have and we really must recognise what Brian has implemented. To Brian. Thank you, it has been a pleasure to work with you. I'm sure that all the lefties will agree, your contribution was impressive. We salute you.



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Have you paid your fees? It is a prerequisite of entry to the Nationals that all players must be a current financial member of the Association. This newsletter is a great way to keep up with your tournaments and mates around the country

Rossco's Jokes (censored) R70

Golf balls are like eggs. They're white, sold by the dozen, and a week later you have to buy more!!!

A guy on vacation visited a golf club and after finishing his round goes into the clubhouse. The pro says "did you have a good time out there?" The man replied "fabulous thank you"

"You're welcome" said the pro." How did you find the greens?"

The man replied "Easy I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were!!"

What is the difference between a golfer and a fisherman? When a golfer lies, he doesn't have to bring anything home to prove it.

Why do golfers always carry a spare pair of trousers with them? In case they get a hole in one!!!!

A bit of golfing History. 1993 Lisa (Herbert) as a young golfer with a great future. Next issue player Profile for Lisa?



Lisa Aldridge, of Wellington, is a strong contender in the inaugural World Women's Left-handed Golf Championship being played this week in Christchurch.

Wellington's Lisa Aldridge is strongly favoured to win the inaugural World Women's Left-handed Golf Championship over 36 holes at Coringa this week.

Aldridge, who will celebrate her 21st birthday later this month, has twice represented New Zealand at the world amateur teams tournament for the Espirito Santo Cup.

The New Zealand team of three finished runner-up to the United States in Christchurch in 1990, and third behind Spain and Great Britain and Ireland in Canada last September.

From the Paraparaumu Beach Club in Wellington, Aldridge, a plus two handicapper, has compiled an outstanding record since first entering the international fray as a member of the New Zealand junior team which opposed Australia in the Tasman Cup in 1989.

She has represented New Zealand's senior team in three Queen Sirikit Cup internationals, and in the 1991 Commonwealth tournament.

In 1990, Aldridge won the New South Wales stroke-play title, the national foursomes, and was runner-up in the New Zealand stroke-play championship. That year she received the Marilyn Smith "Golfer of the Year" award.

A member of the Wellington team since 1987, Aldridge, three times the South Island under 25 champion, was 13-under par when she repeated her New South Wales stroke-play championship victory last year.



2020 WESTERN BOP “LEFTIES”

GOLF TOURNAMENT

Day 1 TE PUKE GOLF COURSE

SATURDAY 4th July 2020. Tee off 9.45am.

Day 2 MOUNT MAUNGANUI GOLF COURSE

Winner of 2019 New Zealand Golf Club of the Year)

SUNDAY 5th July 2020. Tees off 8.30

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Right-handed golfer friends and partners welcome.

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- ENTRIES CLOSE 26th June 2020.

PAID ENTRIES ONLY WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE DRAW

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