



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS NEW ZEALAND

NEWSLETTER

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From the President

Rosco

Hi Lefty's



Firstly, thank you all for giving me the opportunity to be your President I am honoured to be able to represent this great organisation and I hope I can fulfil the position with same enthusiasm and commitment as the previous Presidents.

2019 has been a very tumultuous year with highs and lows.

We started off with a great National Tournament hosted by the Motueka Golf Club in April. Local NALG Delegate Kerry Smith along with the club committee did a fantastic job organising the week and what a great week we had. The Motueka golf course is a real gem and it was in pristine condition for us and the weather was near perfect for a golfer. It was a great opportunity for us to catch up with our Lefty colleagues in such convivial surroundings and at the various functions organised for us which makes the week so memorable.

In June we received the sad news of our long-time previous Secretary John Barber passing after a very deliberating illness. John was "Mr Lefty" of the NALG for many years before handing it over to Jack Boettcher in 2018 and his over whelming commitment to the position and organisation was just first class. He was a great friend to many of us and he will be sadly missed by our Lefty fraternity.

In September we received another blow with the sudden passing of our incumbent Secretary Jack Boettcher and I was beginning to wonder what's happening to this organisation after many years of a stable committee and another loss of the key position as Secretary which effectively is the administration arm of the organisation. Jack did very good work in updating our member database and looking at how we could increase our membership in the short time he was in the position.

Thanks to the assistance of Neil Stevenson, Harriet Byelich, Tim Belcher and Brian Cronin we managed to see our way thru to the end of 2019 before Rodger Welsh kindly offered to fill the Secretary/Treasurer position. What a relief to find someone let alone Rodger who has had considerable experience with

administration around golf clubs and he has been a long-time member of our association and we really appreciate that the legacy of very competent Secretaries in this organisation will continue with Rodger.

Local lefty golf tournaments continued around the NZ over the past year and special thanks to the organisers of these tournaments they are the life blood of our Association. It is important that we continue and encourage these tournaments along with the grant of \$150 from the Association to assist in the prizes and I would like to see more of them.

2020 for all of us will be one we will remember as it is life changing where we were required to lockdown in our bubble for several weeks. Almost everything closed down including all golf courses so we were restricted to watching golf on TV.

Unfortunately, due to Covid we had to cancel our National Tournament this year in March which Kenty and his team promised us a special week so we will now need to wait until March next year where they will be hosting us.

Who knows where this pandemic will lead us and observing what's happening overseas, we maybe in this "Bubble of 5 Million" for some time?

Please take care of yourselves, your family and loved ones as we get through these unprecedented times.

Best Regards

Rosco

[Sept Update](#) as an addendum to The Presidents Report for the AGM.

Trust this update is finding you all OK and you've been able to get out and play golf thru this winter period. These are tough unprecedented times but unfortunately this pandemic is still rearing its ugly head and it will most likely be around for some time yet. It's similar to an inflated balloon where you push it back into shape in one area and it bulges out in another area.

We in NZ are lucky so far as we can still get out and play golf with our mates with only some minor

restrictions. Social distancing is not hard to manage for golfers especially when I'm playing on course.

Let's hope we don't go backwards into L3 or L4 again and as long as we all take responsibility for our actions and stay within the rules, we'll get thru this together.

With spring almost here and summer around the corner there are several lefty tournaments scheduled around the country for you and your mates to attend check out the details in this newsletter.

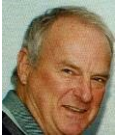
I look forwards to catching up with some of you at these tournaments good golfing and take care

Cheers

Rosco

Secretary's Corner

Rodger



“Are we there yet”? Everything back to normal? Well almost.

Thank you to those I emailed in the wish that they might like to participate in a “Zoom video webinar” AGM. To be fair, the email was sent to a selected few (40). A good section of members, (the required quorum was met) took part in the Zoom medium. A few hitches but

we managed to accomplish everything in just over the allotted 40 minutes.

The financial report was accepted and is now with the IRD. The Zoom medium worked well for us and I’m sure we will use it again next year for the regional meeting of Councillors. Since you all will have missed the highly acclaimed presidential report, it is appropriate that you read it as part of this bulletin. Much is the status quo, not many changes. Grants for lefty events increases to \$150 available by application to the secretary/treasurer. Subscriptions remain at \$30 annual payable 1st of January. Many of you are so keen to keep the treasurer busy and pay in December. That’s fine, though these payments do show as income for that financial year. The cut-off being 31st December.

The accounts must be completed 60 days prior to the AGM and verified by our financial wizard, Neil Stevenson. Notice of the AGM should be notified 30 days in advance. Do you see where I’m going? The March newsletter needs to go out before the 21st of February. Rossco will need to be thinking about his joke section earlier than normal let alone prepare his presidential report.

On another matter, it is my wish, that event posters going out to various destination, should carry, at the least, our nalgznz logo. It would be appreciated that since the Association is giving \$150 towards prizes that we be acknowledged for doing so. I have seen great posters well designed, just need that small bit of refining. The logo should be available on our website and for those who received this bulletin by email can copy the logo on the front page.

Warning, we operate through the BNZ and July next year will see the end of paying by cheque with the BNZ. I’m unsure how this will affect our members.

To our mates in Aussie and the UK. Take nothing for granted, Obey the authorities, Indiscretions are a lot more than a two-shot penalty. “Social distancing” is a system that makes people very aware of their responsibilities. We wish you good fortunes and the best of that great Aussie wine.

Well the demise continues. We wait and employ our best response. The thing about Covid 19, it needs us, but we are the solution. In the mean time we wait on what must be.

Would you like the opportunity to have your say? This is your newsletter and I would really like some "feedback" on improvements. Have your say, it is your entitlement. This is not just the Kiwis but you good people battling on in Australia, the UK and

Call it what you like: letters to the editor? (Bit old fashion). Solutions? (Passed its use by date), how about "Light relief?" We are, as lefthanded golfers unique and we stand proud to be so. The title will be "Shot" The one word that can mean so much in golf.

With golf miracles will happen, with inexplicable outcomes, so tell the story, let it unfold with mystery and intrigue but with reality. Nothing defamatory, racist or sexist. Poking fun at people is fair play so long as you have a bar account.

It is a fair, even-handed, noble adjustment of things, that while there is infection in disease and sorrow, there is nothing in the world so irresistibly contagious as laughter and good humour. Charles Dickens

Previously unreported; Richard Davison President of the WALG, is a Life Member of NALGNZ, proudly received at the Nationals in Motueka 2019 with inspiring accolades from Nigel Messenger and Roger Maxwell.

Reports from around the Regions

Ray Horsfall. reports Western BOP Lefties Golf Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th July 2020.

At last the 2020 "lefties" golf tournament was held following the uncertainty and difficulties from the corona virus restrictions and added to the new handicap system proving a challenge for players representing 21 clubs.

Weather predictions were OK for the Saturday but showery for the Sunday but with cold temperatures. Both courses in top condition for the strong field to contest the two days of golf with the ultimate aim to win the Alan Elliot (ACE) trophy (*Best Stableford on Sunday at the Mount Maunganui Golf Course*).

Te Puke accommodated a field of 40 players for the Saturday, their “club” day while Mount Maunganui totalled 42 players. Prue East from Whangarei was the lone women participant. Performance of the tournament was by first time participant Wetini Mokomoko (Omanu) playing impressive and consistent golf.

Te Puke Golf Course. Sunday 4th July 2020.

A mid-morning start at Te Puke allowed players the opportunity to compete in daylight and to fully experience and appreciate the challenges of the course. Greens were great as was the presentation of the course. Scoring was in keeping with the effects of the new handicap system with only 4 players scoring 36 stableford points or better.

Division 1. (Handicaps 1 - 13) Gross of 79 was scored by Geoff Ingram (Rangitikei) and George Rogan (Riverside) with Geoff winning on count back.

Stableford. Ian Bartlett the only player to play to his handicap scoring 36 points was ahead of Trevor Hayes (Ohope) and Barry Mathews (Titirangi) next on 35 points.

Division 2. (Handicaps 14 -23)

Stableford. 41 points by Wayne Hughes (Napier) was a clear leader followed by 37 points by Wetini Mokomoko (Ohope) and Brian Peters (Omanu).

Mount Maunganui Golf Course: Sunday 5th July 2020.

Division 1. (Handicaps 1 - 13)

Gross. Winner Michael Williams (Mount Maunganui) 77 gross - (The club manager.)

Stableford: Wayne Hughes (Napier) followed up his 41 points at Te Puke with 37 at the Mount with David Williams also on 37 points and Paul Forkert (Tauranga) behind on 34 points.

Division 2: (Handicaps 14 - 23)

Stableford: Playing consistent golf, 38 points by Wetini Mokomoko (Omanu), backed up his Te Puke score of 37, to win the division. Wetini with the best overall stableford at the Mount won the Allan Elliott (ACE) trophy with 2019 defending trophy winner David Williams finishing one behind Wetini Mokomoko.

Overall results for the prizes;

Te Puke. Saturday: 1st Geoff Ingram Rangitikei 79 2nd George Rogan Riverside 79 3rd Ken Tynan Omanu 81 4th Michael Williams Mt. Maunganui 82

Stableford. Division 1: 1st Ian Bartlet Omanu 36: 2nd Trevor Hayes Ohope 35: 3rd Barry Mathews 35: 4th Mike Batters Whangamata 33: 5th George Rogan Riverside 33: 6th Roger Maxwell Urenui 32: 7th David Williams Mt. Maunganui 31: 8th Avi Kumar Tauranga 30: 9th Nuddy Pillay Whitford Park 30. *Women* Pru East Whangarei 30.

Stableford. Division 2: 1st Wayne Hughes Napier 41: 2nd Wetini Mokomoko 37: 3rd Brian Peters Omanu 35: 4th Gary Pellet Ohope 35: 5th Wayne Chesham Ngaruwahia 35: 6th Ray Horsfall Mt. Maunganui 33: 7th Lawrie Fawcitt 32: 8th Dhana Gounder Pakaranga 32: 9th Ray Mathews *Ngaruwahia* 30.

Mount Maunganui. Sunday: Gross: 1st Michael Williams Mt. Maunganui 77 2nd David Williams Mt. Maunganui 78 3rd Paul Forkert Tauranga 81 4th George Rogan Riverside 81 5th Geoff Ingram Rangitikei 81 6th Greg Limond Whitford park 81

Stableford. Division 1: 1st Wayne Hughes Napier 27 2nd David Williams Mt. Maunganui 27 3rd Paul Forkert Tauranga 34 4th Greg Limond Whitford Park 33 5th Michael Williams Mt. Maunganui 32 6th George Rogan Riverside 31 7th Geoff Ingram Rangitikei 31 8th Barry Mathews Titirangi 30 9th Ron Edwards Taupo 30 10th Nuddy Pillay Whitford Park 30

Stableford. Division 2: 1st Wetini Mokomoko Ohope 38 2nd Wayne Chesham Ngaruwahia 36 3rd Brian Keane Hauraki 35 4th Brian Peters Omanu 33 5th Ray Horsfall Mt. Maunganui 33 6th Marcus Anderson Levin 33 7th Roger Maxwell Urenui 31 8th Dhana Gounder Pakuranga 31 9th Gordon Lewis Howick 30 10th Owen Young Waitemata 30.

It was pleasing to have had Stan Mathews & his wife at the prize giving at the Mount. Stan as a successful leftie performer was waiting for major surgery, delayed due the corona virus.

**From Ohope International Golf Club.
Toni reports:**

Just a quick wee email on behalf of Bill and Ian to let you know that we had a great weekend hosting the 'Lefties'.

What a great bunch! We had 44 in the field, enjoyed a rain free weekend for once and had some good results!

Overall Nett Winner was our own Trevor Hayes, Gross Winner – Ken Tynan from Omanu and Stableford winner (again from Ohope) Tony Horsfall with his dad Raymond Horsfall from Mt Maunganui runner up. Eight Two's scored over the weekend and much fun had by all. Lefties always welcome here!

Good to have Barry and Ray Mathews in the field. Lovely to see Andrea Gardner (Barber) visiting.

Ta Aroha Tony Stowers

Te Aroha Results.

Te Aroha finally struck fine weather at its 4th attempt and went ahead minus our Auckland friends due to covid19.govt restrictions. So, 15 players arrived and all went home with a prize thanks to Nalgnz. sponsorship and a friendly host.

Lefties,
First equal, T Stowers, W Chesham, then Loftee Williams, Kenty, J Lock, R Horsfall, L Fawcitt, B Meehan.

Righties,
K Lucas, Alby Adeane Barney Jordan.

All good, see you at Hauraki.
Tony.

Obituaries



Michael (Mike) Neal: Passed away suddenly on Friday 17th July. Mike was a long-time and respected member of the Kaikoura Golf Club and together with his wife Sharon sponsored club tournaments. We have fond memories of Mike as a member of the nalganz. For those who attended the Kaikoura Nationals in 2009 they will remember the colourfully trouser-clad of a team of locals, Mike was one of them, He was part of a team that took part in many South Island and National events. Always arriving with a chilly bin of crayfish. This year he was off to France for the Worlds. Mike, we acknowledge you for your contribution to Left handers golf. Our condolences to Sharon and the family



Stanley (Stan) Mathews: Passed away 28th July at Tauranga. Stan enjoyed a lot of golf at his home club of Otumoetai. Here, for the past 7 years he was president of the Veterans Golf. He certainly enjoyed the camaraderie of the leftie tournaments where he was rewarded for his golfing achievements on many an occasion. He will be remembered as a good friend of many lefties; a quiet person just getting on with the job. Our condolences to Janice, the family, brothers Barry & Ray.



Golfing Exploits

Lisa Herbert

Lisa receiving yet another trophy, this from World Left handers President Richard Davison.



Lisa has an outstanding career in women's golf being in the top 1% of New Zealand golfers. Lisa, employed by the Manawatu Golf Club with a handicap index of 1.6 she is well placed as a golfing coach. Lisa has taken the top award at our National Tournament on 16 occasions and the 1993 Worlds held at

Harewood. If Lisa was to complete a CV then it would include:

Represented Wellington (Interprovincial): 1987-1993

Represented Manawatu-Wanganui (Interprovincial): 1994, 1999, 2001, 2018-19 (Masters): 2018-19

Represented Auckland (Interprovincial): 1996 (Masters): 2014-17

NZ Junior team: 1987-1989

NZ Senior team: 1990-1993, 1999

1st NSW Strokeplay: 1990, 1992

1st NZ Junior Girls Strokeplay & Matchplay 1992

1st Queensland Amateur 1993

1st World Amateur Ladies Lefthanders 1993, 1998

2nd NZ Amateur 1994, 1996

2nd NZ Strokeplay 1990

2nd Thailand Amateur 1994

4th British Columbia Strokeplay 1992

4th NZ Strokeplay 1996

8th Australian Amateur 1993

14th European Amateur 1992

But, my most special achievements:

Married Warren: early 2000

Molly born: late 2000

Max born: 2004



Watch this space!

New Members

A warm welcome to: Andy Smith Mt Maunganui, Ian Bartlett Whakatane, Allan Cowie Christchurch & Garry Pallet Whakatane

Upcoming Tournaments

St Clair Golf Club (Poster Later)

Sunday 15 November 2020

Tee Off 11am

Entry \$30 per person

Novelty Prizes

To enter contact the Pro Shop pro@stclairgolf.co.nz 03 487 9201

Hauraki Golf Club: See poster back page

"A Letter from Blighty"

The British Lefties from up the road had our first outing this year at Worksop Golf Club, alias Lee Westwood.

It was wonderful to see so many friends who have survived the virus, we had a fantastic day, following all the rules, of course! A lovely parkland course with some difficult fairways and sloping greens.

Somehow, I managed to get 38 points, but won't know the result until our next gathering at Rotherham Golf Club which is somewhere up North. Will keep you posted.

We have a marvellous secretary, Alan Haines, who performs miracles keeping us in order.

My club is Buckingham golf club which is in the south midlands; a lovely rolling course. I try to play once a week in a comp with friends and the odd club tournament.

Our president, John Carter, is also a member of the Lefties so we play there most years.

Anyway, best to you all. Get over here and play when things settle down, I hope to see some of you in gay Paris next year.

`Keep the faith` And keep well

Richard (Harper)

WELLINGTON LEFT-HANDERS

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Annual Tournament

To be played at

TE-MARUA GOLF CLUB

SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER 2020

18 Holes only - Tee off from 11.15 a.m.

NOTE: 18 HOLES ONLY

TWO DIVISIONS

Ladies and Men



Gross – Nett – Stableford
Entry Fee \$25

Includes complimentary round Friday, Morning Tea Saturday
Holes in Two & Nearest Pin.

DRAW POSTED ON TE MARUA WEB SITE
www.temaruagolfclub.co.nz

Entries close 21st SEPTEMBER 2020 with
The Secretary
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CANTERBURY LEFT-HANDERS



TOURNAMENT



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WAITIKIRI GOLF CLUB
SUNDAY 22 NOV – 10AM
MULTI TEE START

**Men's and Ladies Stableford
Plus, Gross & Nett Trophies**

**(Max Handicap Men 36 & Ladies 40)
Draw on Waitikiri Website Friday 20th Nov**

www.waitikirigolf.co.nz

**\$30 per player includes;
two's, nearest to pins & prize table
Cabinet food available**

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Hauraki Golf Club



In association with NALGNZ

Left Handers Tournament

Join us here on Sunday the 27th September

Tea, coffee, biscuits on arrival

Quality Prizes

Right-handed partners welcome

18 holes; tee off 10 am: Two tee start.

Entry just \$30 which includes 2's,

NTP's & hidden holes

\$100 lefty lucky draw

Food available Entries to

Ross and Shona Dalgety

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Shot!

This section is allocated to members who wish to say something without necessarily identifying themselves and those brave enough to do so.

Look who's complaining!!!!

Imagine being born in 1900.

At 14, World War I began. At 18, it ends with 22 million dead (including my two uncles, both brothers) Soon after a global pandemic, the Spanish Flu, appears, kills 50 million people. You survive and you're 20 years old. At 29, you endure the Great Depression with the collapse of the world's economy causing inflation, unemployment and famine. At 33 years old, the Nazis come to power. At 39, World War II begins and ends when you're 45 years old with 60 million dead. In the Holocaust, 6 million Jews die. At 50, the Korean War begins. At 65, the Vietnam War begins in earnest. At 85, it ends, my grandfather dies.

A child born in 1985 later believes his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and catastrophes. Today we meet all that confronts the world, amid a new pandemic. People complain because for weeks they must stay confined to their homes, they have electricity, cell phone, food, some even with hot water and a safe roof over their heads. Much of which didn't exist back in the day. But humanity survived and never lost the joy of living.

Today people complain because they have to wear masks to supermarkets now mandatory on public busses. A small change in our perspective can generate miracles. People live and we will do everything that is required to protect and help each other. Let's all keep some perspective.

It is never difficult to distinguish those who care from those who don't. Those who care are not above the law and will reduce vehicle speed in line with the traffic regulations. Those golfers who care will always own up to an air shot?

Phil Mickelson turns 50

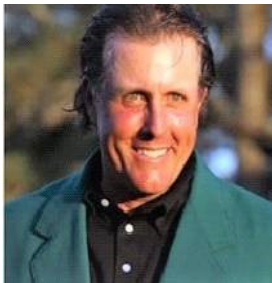
This year Phillip Alfred Mickelson (Phil) turned 50 on the 16th June and is nicknamed "Lefty" He is the best left-handed golfer in the world having won 44 events on the PGA tour including five major championships: three Masters titles, a PGA Championship and an Open Championship.

Mickelson turned pro in 1992 and now that he is eligible is going to play his first PGA Champions Tour event this month as a warm up to next month's US Open at Winged Foot. The site of one of his most bitter major championship disappointments where in 2006 he needed par on the 72nd hole to win the one major trophy that has escaped him over his career. Instead he made double bogey to lose by one shot to Geoff Ogilvy.

Mickelson is a great ambassador for lefty golf as a junior at college he became the first left hander to win the US Amateur title in 1990 and the same year he won his first PGA Tour tournament as an amateur. His first win as a professional was in 1993 at Torrey Pines and over the following three decades "Lefty" continued carving out his place among the best in the sport.

Remember Mickelson when he came to NZ to play in the 1990 Eisenhower Trophy at the Shirley Golf Course in Christchurch as a member of the USA Team? There was one shot that where Phil was 30m short of the green and he hit this chip which looked as though he had "gutted" where it was only a metre off the turf. It landed 10-12 metres pasted the pin one hop then spun back to finish beside the hole for a tap in.

Phil's getting older, but he's not anywhere close to being any less interesting. Phil he is determined to be committed to the PGA Tour with the odd appearance on the Champions Tour. He is a true champion and is still competitive on whatever Tour he chooses he will continue to have victories which makes all of us "Lefty's" very proud.



Well, let's not forget [Sir Bob Charles](#) [ONZ](#) [KNZM](#) [CBE](#) with 79 professional wins. Phill has some catching up to do! And, where is our pride? With Sir Bob of course.

