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The Lefty Ledger

Lawrie Fawcitt, President

As we bid farewell to the crisp mornings The green and shorter days of winter golf, it's time to welcome the warmth and longer days of daylight saving with renewed energy that summer golf brings. With the greens and fairways drying out, I'm sure many of you are eager to get back into your stride under the summer sun.

During the course of this year, I've played in 7 tournaments from Hauraki to Te Marua across the NI. It's been great to meet new members at these tournaments along with our long-standing members. It's my intention over the next 2 years to compete in all of our SI tournaments starting with Reefton next year on my way down to the nationals In Te Anau.

Next week I'll be traveling along with 10 other Kiwi Lefties over to Australia to compete in their Nationals in Canberra. We're expecting big things and winning back the Trans-Tasman Cup with a

dominating performance, ah al All Blacks!

Early in November 5 of us Lefties are off over to the World Leftie Championship's in Marocco. Let's keep the Kiwi flag flying high.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to welcome Mark Casey as our new Wellington delegate. Mark steps into this role following the passing of Bill Werry earlier this year.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Dave Seager on the sterling job as our new secretary. Slowly but surely things are starting to fall into place.

Happy golfing and I look forward to catching up with lefties on my travels.

Dave Seager, Secretary

Wow, coming off a very bleak golfing winter (scoring wise) I have started to play some good golf again. Albeit, interspersed with some not so good! I managed to win our senior club matchplay competition, and just today have finished runner-up in a pairs tournament at Waihi Golf Club.

In between Golf and work, I have been working away at secretarial stuff:

1. I have finally managed to get the website updated so that it now works on our domain name: **nalg.co.nz**
   Give it a go and make sure it works for you.
2. I have been playing around with A.I. and learning how to make best use of it. You may have seen some of the lefty tournament posters that have gone out. If you thought I was designing and drawing them, you will be sorely disappointed. However, if you feed the right information into A.I., it produces these posters in a matter of seconds. I have also started asking A.I. to help me with designing a marketing plan that we might use to try and promote the association better. Watch this space.
3. Perhaps, most notoriously of all, I finally manage to corner Lawrie and get him fully sorted for the NALGNZ banking setup!

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Nationals Update:

Currently, I have nine confirmed entries for the National Tournament in Te Anau. By now I would imagine that there are more of you out there that have made arrangements to attend but haven't yet entered. If you are in this boat, please take some time to fill out the entry form. It is on the website, and is very easy to do:

https://www.nalg.co.nz/2027-national-championships.html

Thanks heaps, and happy golfing.

New Members Update

NALGNZ would like to extend a warm welcome to the following left-handed golfers, new to NALGNZ in 2027:

Angela	Thomson	Te Awamutu Golf Club
Ian	Rasmussen	Foxton Golf Club
Brad	Thomas	Templeton Golf Club
John	Bole	Waitoa Park Golf Club
Jane	Wilson	Alexandra Golf Club
Quinn	Stewart	Winton Golf Club
Kepa	Maki	Hawkes Bay Golf Club
Harold	August	Hawarden Golf Club
Gary	Mckenzie	Dunedin Golf Club
John	Black	Winton Golf Club

If you see them out and about at any of our tournaments, take the time to make them feel welcome.

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Results of Recent Tournaments

LOCAL GOLFERS SHINE AT COOL, BREEZY OHOPE LEFT-HANDERS TOURNAMENT

Challenging cool southerly winds and clear blue skies created testing conditions for the field this weekend at Ohope International Golf Links. Local, Duncan Rutherford handled the elements best to claim the 36hole best gross title. In the net division, defending champion Barry Matthews (Clarks Beach) edged out Wallace Miller (Rangitikei) on a countback after both shot net 143s.

Ohope local Wetini Mokomoko secured the stableford competition win. However, the weekend's biggest highlight belonged to Trevor Hayes, who carded his first-ever hole-in-one on the par-3 11th.

Division Winners:

Stableford: N Messenger, H Stucky, T Hayes, L Fawcitt, I Bartlett, B Burt, J Lock, T Stowers, G Ingram, D Seager, G Pellett, S Hannah, D Murray.

Right Handers: L Immink, S Storrie, R Batters, M Vincent.

Two's: L Immink, J Lock, R Batters, S Storrie, B Matthews.

Hole-in-One: T Hayes (11th).

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The Maxwell Memorial Tournament

The Maxwell Memorial Tournament went ahead in partnership with two local sponsors, overcoming an early damp patch to deliver an excellent day of golf. Following a brief bout of light showers, the clouds cleared to provide mild, sunny spring conditions for the competitors.

A complete field of 64 golfers turned out for the mass start event. Notably, the lineup featured 12 left-handed players who competed in their own dedicated Lefties Division.

Competition at the top of the leaderboard was tight, with final standings heavily relying on countbacks. Tony Wey ultimately secured first place in the Nett division, with John Crow taking out second Nett. Stableford honours went to Dave McCrea and Wallace Millar. The top performers were awarded beautifully crafted Mounted Tui Trophies.

The tournament also featured a few lighter moments during the prizegiving. Special consolation gifts were presented to Beryl Sutton, who stood out as the only lady competitor in the Lefties Division, and Noel Crocker, who managed to clear out his entire supply of old golf balls on the notoriously challenging Waterloo hole.

Though the action on the green was top-tier, overall attendance faced unexpected challenges. Travel to the event was significantly disrupted by the closure of the Northern Highway at the Awakino Gorge, which unfortunately prevented a number of players from attending.

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Taumarunui Left Handers Tournament

Fifty-six participants, featuring 43 left-handed golfers and 13 righthanded supporters, recently gathered at the Taumarunui Golf Club for the annual Left-Handers Golf Tournament, enjoying two days of fantastic company, favorable conditions, and a premier course.

Following the opening day of play, **Dave Seager** from Ngahinepouri set the pace in the gross division with a round of 78, holding a two-shot lead over Hawkes Bay's **Kepa Maki**. In the nett standings, **Roger Maxwell** of Urunui established a two-shot cushion ahead of fellow clubmate **David McCrea**, while Titahi's **Roger Ngahooro** claimed the day-one Stableford lead with 38 points, finishing two strokes clear of Mahunga's **Wayne Evans**.

Although the second day began under cooler, cloudier skies with rain predicted, competitors managed to finish their rounds mostly dry, save for a brief passing shower. **Roger Ngahooro** maintained his steady momentum to secure the overall best nett title with a total score of 139, while **Kepa Maki** rebounded strongly to capture the overall Stableford crown with 71 points.

Organizers extended their gratitude to the entire team at the **Taumarunui Golf Club** for delivering a seamlessly run event, with participants already anticipating a return to the course in **September 2027**.

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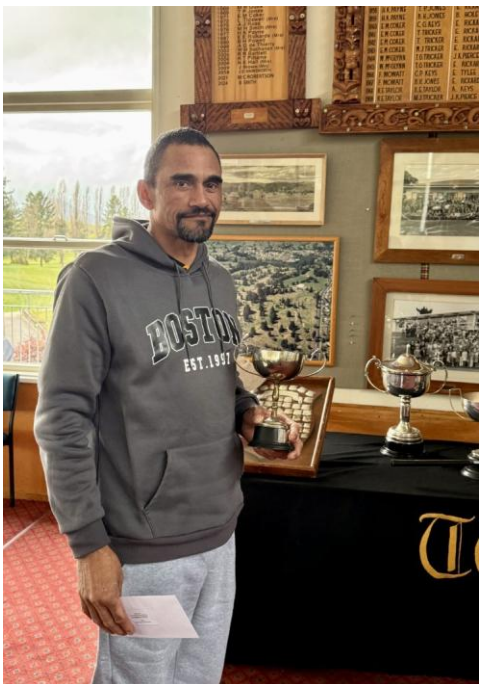
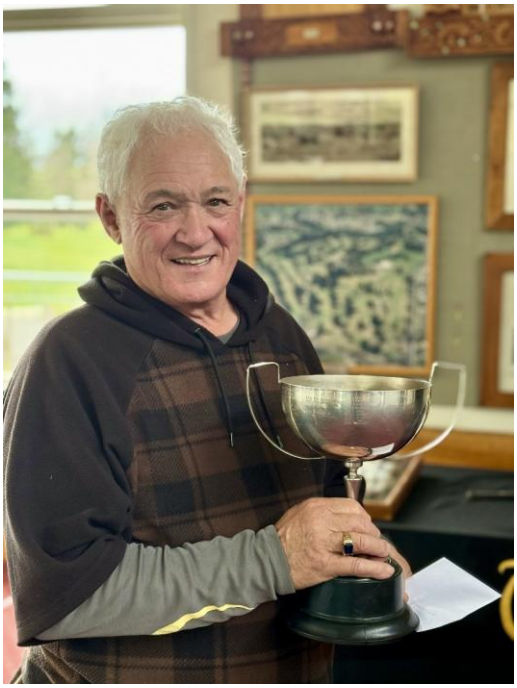
Roger Ngahooroo – 36 Hole Net Winner (Ted O'Reilly Shield)



Kepa Maki – 36 Hole Stableford Winner (George Worms Memorial)

Robbie Cumming – 36 Hole Senior Gross Winner (Rod McLeish Cup)



Dennis Paku – Intermediate Gross Winner (Graeme Bridge Cup)

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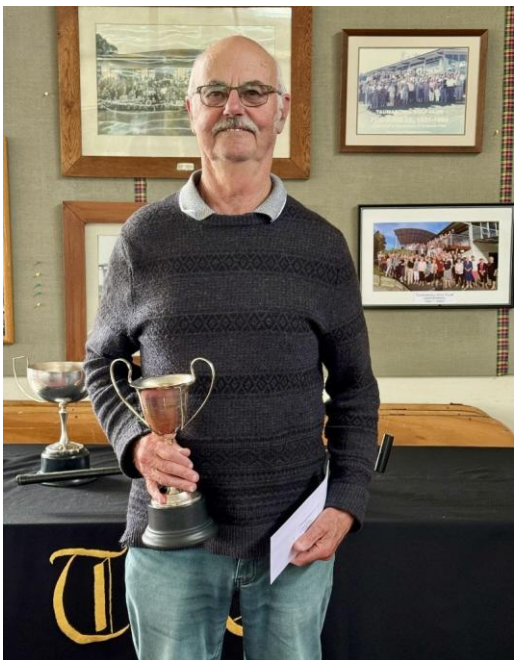
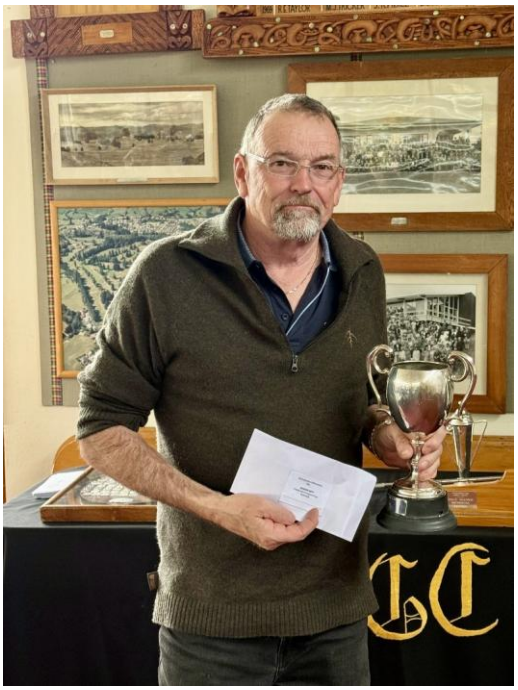


David McRae – Junior Gross Winner
(Johnson Keepa Cup)



Wayne Evans – Senior Net Winner
(Frank Hemmingson Cup)

Graeme Carmichael – Intermediate
Net Winner (Haddon Strachan
Memorial Cup)

Melodie Otley – Junior Net Winner
(Doug Beever Memorial Putter)

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⛳ Te Marua Golf Tournament Update

On a crisp early spring day, **26 left-handed golfers** attacked the Te Marua golf course. While several conquered the challenging conditions, the rest will hopefully return to try and beat the course next year!
The day concluded perfectly with a delicious platter served for each group of four players.

🤝 Our Sponsors

A massive thank you to our generous sponsors who made this tournament possible:

- **NALGNZ:** Your incredible support is very much appreciated.
- **Oxygen Property Rentals:** Thank you for the fantastic support and player giveaways, including towels, caps, brollies, pads, and pens.

🏆 Tournament Results

Ladies Division

Gross	Lisa Herbert
Stableford	Judy Jensen
Nearest the Pin	Lisa Herbert

Men's Gross Division

Winner	Warren Herbert	74
Runner-Up	Warwick Evans	—
3rd Place	Chris Brooks	—

Men's Nett Division (Cup)

Winner	Rod Mischewski	68
Runner-Up	Wallace Miller	—
3rd Place	Mike Toogood	—

Men's Stableford Division

Winner	Lawrie Fawcett
Runner-Up	Daniel Reid
3rd Place	Andy Hoey
4th Place	Alex Walters

Special Recognitions & Novelty Prizes

Stollen Stick	Wallace Miller
Nearest the Pin (0–16 h/cp)	Chris Brooks
Nearest the Pin (7–30 h/cp)	Wallace Miller