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### APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Glenmore Heritage Golf Club Mulgoa was the venue for our event on Wednesday April 27<sup>th</sup>. Due to Covid issues, work commitments, short week, weather forecast, and travel considerations only 15 entered for this event on a course that we have never previously played.

It would be fair to say that this was one of the most eventful days encountered by NALG-NSW in recent years.

On arrival we found that the greens were being cored and with a heavy layer of sand applied. Not to be deterred we decided to persevere in very still conditions with the occasional light shower. The course was damp but fortunately carts were allowed.

If the coring was not enough on approaching several of the greens the sprinklers came on to further dampen down the sand. Obviously on some time switch that had not been adjusted for recent rain.

After coming off the 9<sup>th</sup> green the first three groups were told the back 9 was not open so they played the front nine again. There was a gap between groups 4 & 5 who were not informed of the situation and who went ahead and played the back 9.

The last group took 5 hours 10 minutes to complete the round but if that wasn't enough the bar was not open so all that was available was a soft drink at the pro shop.

There were some positives in that the course is a good layout with some very interesting and challenging holes, fairways were in good order and with some very strategically placed trees on the dogleg holes. From what we could tell the greens would in the normal course provide plenty of skill to manoeuvre the slopes and contours. It would certainly be worth another visit when dryer and greens back to normal.

As a result of the holes played etc the competition was abandoned and every participant was given a ball for turning up!

#### **The Tony Barr (Bowl & Vase) point score competition.**

As there was no competition at Glenmore the leading point scorers are:

John Spargo	8
Paul Meyer	7
Dennis Allen	6
Bruce Richardson	5
Warwick Stanwell	4

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## **National News**

Below is a copy of the article sent to Inside Golf Magazine for publication. This also covers the annual event against the ACT Division where we sadly had to hand over the Ossie Ratford Shield.

It is great to see Nick O'Hern coming on board as our ambassador and news from other divisions.

### ***“Nick O’Hern Becomes Lefty Ambassador***

*The National Association of Left-Handed Golfers Australia, [NALGA], is pleased to announce that Australia’s most recognized Left-Handed golfer, Nick O’Hern, has agreed to come on board as a NALGA Golf Ambassador. Apart from a long and very successful career as a professional on the World stage, Nick is best known as the only golfer to beat Tiger Woods twice in match play. As a NALGA Ambassador, Nick is proud to support NALGA, in promoting golf for all Australian left-handed golfers and their right-handed friends. NALGA Divisions across Australia have held several important events in March and April 2022.*

### **NALGA Tasmanian Division**

*Each year the Tasmanian Division holds its State Championships at the 9 Hole Par 71 Bicheno Golf Club, one of Tasmania’s many golfing gems.*

*Sunday March 7<sup>th</sup> saw 27 competitors contest the Overall and 6 Divisional Trophies.*

*Unfortunately, there was very heavy rain during the week leading up to the event. Rain again on the Saturday night in all probability rendered the course, under normal conditions, unplayable. However, in true Tasmanian style, with the support of the Bicheno Golf Club, the event went ahead. While the lift clean and place rule was adopted for the day, once on the course, it soon became noticeable that casual water was a bigger issue, with competitors having to navigate their buggies and carts through low water levels.*

*Congratulations to Joe Rattray, a well-known local axeman with many wood cutting titles to his name, laid down his axe, slung his clubs over the shoulder, and fired a magnificent 74 to be crowned 2022 Tasmanian State Champion.*

### **Queensland Division**

*In contrast, Queensland experienced a beautiful sunny day for their event at the Gailes with the course being in great condition. Winner on the day was Grant Schindel with a score of 34 points. Runner up was Greg Frankish on 33 points.*

### **NSW and ACT Divisions**

*The Annual ACT and NSW weekend of golf was held at Gold Creek Golf Club on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. The course was in outstanding condition and all players, especially those from NSW, enjoyed typical Canberra spring weather.*

*Saturday was the popular Jacket and Shawl Event awarded to the best individual leftie and righties stableford scorers. The Green Jacket goes to the best Left Hander, and the Shawl to the best Right Hander. Winner of the Green Jacket was Kent Donally (ACT) with 39 points. Winner of the Shawl was Nathan Sutton (ACT) with 41 points.*

*Sunday was the team event between NSW and ACT. The Ossie Ratford Shield is awarded to the team with the lowest average individual Stableford score. This event was first held in 1994 at the Goulburn Golf Club. NSW up to 2021, had won 18 times, and ACT 9 times, however, ACT were the winners in 2022 for the 10<sup>th</sup> time with an average score of 30.00 to NSW 26.83.*

### **Riverina and South Australia**

*On the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of April, the Riverina Division of NALGA took on defending champions South Australia, in the annual Riverina/South Australia lefties challenge. The 36-hole event was hosted by*

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*arguably the best course on the mighty Murray River, Murray Downs Country Club, at Swan Hill. Amongst the fifty-two players who teed it up, was NALGA National Captain Langdon Emery who travelled from Bowral to participate in the very popular event.*

*This is the second time the event has been held and will now become an annual event.*

*Riverina got off to a flying start on day 1, to establish a good lead. However, South Australia fought back on day two, Riverina held firm for the narrowest of wins with a 36 hole average score of 60.4 points to South Australia. 58.9 points. The winners, Riverina, now hold the coveted Walmsley trophy and look forward to defending it in 2023.*

*In the individual 36 hole event, the Riverina winner was Helen Nolen, 78 points, runner up Mark O'Brien 74 points. South Australia's best was Geoff Watson, 74 points, with Sally Othams, 71 points runner up."*

## **Next Event**

Our next event will be held at Monash Golf Club on Thursday May 26<sup>th</sup> . Details will issue shortly.

## **National Championships**

Following cancellation over the past two years the next National Championships are planned to be held at Tocumwal 13<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November 2022. These dates are different to those previously advised so please note your diary accordingly.

## **Something to smile about**

An old farmer went to town to see a movie.

The ticket agent asked, "Sir, what's that on your shoulder?"

The old farmer said, "That's my pet rooster, Chucky."

Wherever I go, Chucky goes."

"I'm sorry, sir," said the ticket agent.

"We can't allow animals in the theatre."

The old farmer went around the corner and stuffed the bird down his pants.

He returned to the booth, bought a ticket and entered the theatre.

He sat down next to two old widows named Mildred and Marge.

The movie started and the rooster began to squirm.

The old farmer unzipped his pants so Chucky could stick his head out and watch the movie.

"Marge," whispered Mildred.

"What?" said Marge.

"I think the guy next to me is a pervert."

"What makes you think so?" asked Marge.

"He unzipped his pants and he has his thing out," whispered Mildred.

"Well, don't worry about it," said Marge. "At our age we've seen 'em all."

"That's what I thought, too," said Mildred, "but this one's eating my popcorn."

Good golfing!

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