



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS

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Our initial event for 2022 was conducted at Strathfield Golf Club on Thursday 10th February on a hot and steamy day. The course was in good order due to the unusually wet summer thus far. With a scratch rating of 71 off the white tees and slope of 131 it proved challenging.

Only 16 participants, 11 lefties which was disappointing. Paul Meyer with his local knowledge took out the Lefties event with 33 points.

The number of players we are attracting to events is disappointing and particularly if we are not meeting the needs and/or expectations of the members. Covid has certainly had some impact although golf has been one of the sports least affected. Our social media campaign has seen a good level of activity thus creating awareness.

It has been suggested that we survey members to get an understanding of what we need to do to both increase our fields at events and grow the organisation. Increased numbers at events also gives us greater bargaining power when it comes to negotiating green fees. We will be in contact in the near future.

Results were:

Lefty winner	Paul Meyer	33 points
Righties Winner	Steve Scott	35
2 Ball Winners	Col Aldrick & John Spargo	42

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

The leading point scorers are:

John Spargo	8
Paul Meyer	7
Dennis Allen	6
Bruce Richardson	5
Warwick Stanwell	4
Col Aldrick	3
Terry Williams	2
Robert Peattie	2
Rex Langthorne	2
Sven Langer	2
Marshall White	2

Next Event

The next event is the annual ACT v NSW weekend which has been contested for 25 years. Usually, a course mid-way between the respective locations is chosen. However, on this occasion NSW has elected to travel to the ACT with the event to be held at the Gold Creek Golf Club on the week-end 12th & 13th March.

Details are, Saturday 12th individual stableford with the lefty winner receiving the Green Jacket and the righty winner the Shawl.

Cost. Green Fee \$45 (includes competition component) half cart hire \$20 with tee times from 11.56am. There are plenty of carts available so not need to book.

Sunday 13th individual stableford including NSW v ACT teams' event for the Ossie Ratford Shield. Prices the same as Saturday with tee times from 8.52am which should provide adequate travel time for NSW players to return home.

Accommodation: A block of rooms have been set aside at the Yowani Country Club Motel Northbourne Avenue, Lyneham ACT. Cost per night on a twin share basis will be approx. \$70 per person. If you wish to book, please call the motel direct on 6241 3377 and advise you are involved with the Lefthanded Golfers Association.

Please note: It is a long weekend in the ACT this weekend, we will need to release any rooms not taken up in reasonable time would you please make your booking no later than one week prior to the event i.e., March 4th.

National Championships

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

A little levity from Brian

My job as a land surveyor took me to a golf course that was expanding from 9 holes to 18 holes. Using a machete to clear thick brush in an area I was mapping, I came upon a golf club that an irate player must have tossed away. It was in good condition, so I picked it up and continued on.

When I broke out of the brush onto a putting green, two golfers stared at me in awe. I had a machete in one hand, a golf club in the other, and behind me was a clear-cut swath leading out of the woods. "There," said one of the golfers, "is a guy who hates to lose his ball!"

Good golfing!

Rex Langthorne AM - President