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Results from Riverside Oaks on March 22nd

40 players took part in our event at the Riverside Oaks golf complex on March 22nd. It was a beautiful sunny morning for our 9.00am shot gun start on the newer Bungool course which is rated 54 in the top 100 courses of Australia.

Whilst the course is not over long it presents a number of very interesting and challenging holes with very severe penalties when straying from the fairway. Accordingly, results were a little subdued compared to previous events. Winners on the day were:

Individual Left-hander	Max Nightingale	33pts
Individual Visitor	Steen Winter	35pts
2 Ball Best Ball	Bruce Richardson Ty Ogdon	44pts
2 Ball Best Ball R/U	Don Thompson Phil Judd	43pts
NTP 6 th hole	Anthony Malakou	
NTP second shot 8 th hole	Tyrone Hyde	

Balls went down to 30 and above

Tony Barr Memorial Competition

After 2 rounds played the progress scores in the Tony Barr Memorial event are;

Name	Progress Points Name	Progress Points	
Peter Aroney	12	John Spargo	4
Warwick Stanwell	12	Mike Simon	4
Ty Ogden	8	Craig McHatton4	
Colin Aldrick	8	Marshall White 4	
Peter Sheridan	7	Geoff Martin	4
Max Nightingale	7	Dennis Allen	4
Rex Langthorne	6	Ken Ward	4
Bruce Richardson	5	Paul Forbes	4
Langdon Emery	5	all others	2

Next Event:

Our next event is the annual Jacket & Shawl plus Ossie Ratford Shield played against our colleagues from the ACT Division of NALGA. This year the Jacket & Shawl will be played on Saturday April 30th at the Highlands Course Mittagong. The Ossie Ratford Shield will be at Mount Broughton on Sunday May 1st. This is always a fun week-end and an opportunity to visit the beautiful Southern Highland district. Entry forms for these events will issue in the near future.

Membership Fees:

The annual membership fee of \$25.00 is due as at 31st March and members are requested to attend to this as soon as possible. The most effective way to complete this is to go to the website <u>www.nalg-nsw.org.au</u> and click on Next Even then Membership Renewal and follow the prompts.

Nationals:

A reminder to those intending to participate in the Nationals at Royal Pines on the Gold Coast closing date for entries is June 30th. The event is to be held October 9th to the 14th and we are informed that there is strong interest already with numbers to be capped. Entry forms can be obtained at <u>www.nalgqld.blogspot.com.au</u>

Sponsorship:

Just a reminder that if you are considering a golf trip to Asia particularly Vietnam or China please consider AYM Golf Tours.

They have very attractive tour to Mission Hills Haikou and Shenzhou Peninsular from 19th to 27th November 2016. These are great courses in the top 10 in Asia. They have 8 spots still available on this tour - a flyer is attached. For bookings made by a member of our association a small amount is returned to us to assist with our expansion and development. Details are set out on website <u>www.aymgolf.com</u> or contact Sheri Yu on 0438 866 850

Promotion of Lefties to Clubs:

One of the critical barriers to growth is awareness of our association and the opportunities it provides to members. To help promote our organisation to lefties within your club membership the committee have decided to offer clubs an annual trophy for a leftie's event to be run in conjunction with a normal club competition. In return we would seek access to all lefties that participate so that they can receive information about our association including the calendar of events etc. We will offer both a physical trophy plus a voucher aligned to the club's normal events.

This offer was recently presented to the Club General Managers Association who have kindle distributed information to their club network. However, decisions of this nature generally made by the committee and who are more likely to take action via personal contact from members.

A number of clubs already hold lefties events and we would be willing to consider taking over the sponsorship providing it is reasonable. Therefor we encourage all members to approach their club with the view to holding such an event within their club. Final approval for each event will need to rest with the committee of our association. The overall objective of this initiative is of course to increase membership and numbers participating in our events.

Managed Handicaps:

The amendment to our constitution was passed unanimously at the EGM held at Long Reef Golf Club. What this effectively means is that we can now offer all golfers the ability to gain and maintain a Golf Australia handicap. This will allow them to play in both our events plus club open events where a GA handicap is required. Again the purpose behind this is to increase membership and event participation.

The details on the process are currently being finalised but in the meantime we need to consider how and to whom we might promote this opportunity. Initial thoughts are;

- Social Golf Club whose members may wish to play in our events or club open events during the week,
- Time poor younger people who can only play a certain number of games throughout the year and not willing to incur the expense of joining a club
- Golfers who have been absent from the game wanting to again secure a handicap

The fee for providing this service has been set at \$100 p.a. The committee would welcome any contacts to whom we might promote this opportunity.

Good golfing. Rex Langthorne AM President

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