



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS

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Jacket & Shawl - Ossie Ratford Shield Event

On Saturday April 30th players from the NSW and ACT Divisions hit off at the Highlands Golf Club Mittagong in the annual Jacket and Shawl competition. After a slight drizzle at the start the afternoon turned out to be sunny and pleasant conditions for golf. As usual the interesting Highlands layout proved a challenging test for all players with the greens and fairways in good condition.

Winners on the day were;

Jacket - Best Leftie	Colin Brammall	36
Runner up	Steve Despotovic	34
Shawl - Best Right-hander	Greg Rapmund	37
2 Ball Better Ball	Don Thompson and Tony Smith	44
Ladies winner	Wendy Langthorne	28
NTP	Rex Langthorne	
Balls down to 29		

Congratulations to all winners!

Sunday May 1st we ventured to the challenging Mount Broughton course for the annual Ossie Ratford Shield contested between the NSW and ACT Divisions. Although we were off the white tees the course was difficult enough without the very strong winds making conditions tougher which was reflected in the scores.

Results for the day were;

Overall leftie winner	Bob Murphy	34
Runner-up	Steve Despotovic	33(cb)
Best ACT Left Hander	Ray Prowse	29
Best NSW Left Hander	Peter Sheridan	33
Best Right-hander	Simon Neely	37
Ladies Winner	Stephanie Rapmund	27
NTP	David Evans Smith	
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I am happy to report that NSW retained the Ossie Ratford Shield with an average score of 31.0 to 25.8 for the ACT.

Tony Barr Competition Progress Scores

The leader board has been updated following the week-end events as follows;

1. Peter Aroney	20
2. Peter Sheridan	18
3. Steven Despotovic	15
4. Langdon Emery	14
5. Rex Langthorne	13
6. Colin Aldrick	12
6. Warwick Stanwell	12
6. Denis Allen	12

Next Event

Notice of our next event has been distributed and can also be seen on the website www.nalg-nsw.org.au Basic details are; Tuesday May 11th at great Macquarie Links course with a 10.00am Shot Gun start. Weather forecast is good so look forward to seeing many members and guests attend.

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 www.nalgqld.blogspot.com.au

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 www.aymgolf.com or contact Sheri Yu on 0438 866 850

Promotion of Lefties Opportunities to Club Members:

To help promote our organisation to lefties within your club membership the committee have decided to offer clubs an annual trophy for a lefties 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 kindly 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. Therefore, we encourage all members to approach their club executive 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:

Don't forget that we can now offer all non-club 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 process is to be managed by Langdon Emery and initially regarded as a pilot with details to be reviewed at the next National Council meeting. 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 young 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