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# NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT HANDED GOLFERS

## N.S.W. DIVISION INCORPORATED

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### 2017 NEWSLETTER NO 1

To all members of NALG-NSW

Welcome to another year of comradery and enjoyable golf.

February 9<sup>th</sup> was our first event for 2017 at the testing Long Reef links course set on the headland near Collaroy. The spell of hot weather and later than usual tee-off time of midday seems to be the reason for the lower numbers on this occasion as 27 (17 lefties and 10 righties) faced the starter. Wallaby and member of Long Reef, Peter Carson played as my guest and I am trying to convince him to join our association.

With the strong north easterly blowing conditions were tough which was reflected in the scores. Results for the day were:

2 Ball Winners	John Spargo and Alan Cox	44 points
Individual Left-hander	Dennis Allan	35
Runner up	David Ralph	33
Individual Visitor	Paul Gladwin	34 CB
Individual Lady	Leonie Casey	24

Balls down to 31 and no NTP due to an oversight!

### **The Tony Barr annual point score event**

We will again be conducting the Tony Barr competition in 2017 which will reward consistency of scores. In addition Gift Card's will be presented to players who compete in 6 out of the 8 events including the Ossie Ratford Shield against the ACT Division which will be played at Mollymook Golf Club this year.

The leader-board after Long Reef for the Tony Barr competition shows the following;

Dennis Allen	8 points
David Ralph	7
Peter Sheridan	6
John Spargo	5
Rex Langthorne	4
Terry Williams	3

## **Next Event**

Our next event will be at Castle Hill Golf Club on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March. This is a very good challenging course and we look forward to a good roll-up. Entries will be out shortly.

## **Other Important dates for 2017**

It will be a busy year for left handed golf in Australia with the hosting of the World Championships in Melbourne October 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. Courses booked include Huntingdale, Commonwealth, Spring Valley, Woodlands, Kingswood and The National (Long Island). Entry details should be available in the near future.

Following the Worlds, the ACT Division will be hosting our National Championships October 29<sup>th</sup> to November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Federal and Yowani courses. Details and entry forms can be found at [www.nalg-act.org.au](http://www.nalg-act.org.au)

Prior to the World Championships a three day inter country challenge match play format will be held at St Michaels 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> October known as the James Cup International. Final details and cost will be distributed when available.

## **Rule Changes**

We have received notification from Golf Australia regarding changes to handicapping whereby the lower limit of the DSR will be 1 below the scratch rating i.e. previously 3. In addition, the new Local Rule for Ball Accidentally Moved on the Putting Green.

No doubt you would have heard about these via your own club but if anyone needs clarification please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members.

## **Membership and Growth**

The annual membership fee of \$25 is due. For 2017 the committee have decided to present to each member on paying their annual fee a cap with NSW Lefties on the front and the web address on the side (i.e. left side). The intention is that by wearing this cap at your local club it will provoke questions and the opportunity to introduce the association.

Whilst membership growth has generally been via current member's word of mouth there are two initiatives available to assist in gaining new members. The committee will consider sponsoring an annual Lefties event at your club to help promote the organisation.

In addition, we have the facility to manage handicaps for people who cannot justify the expense of joining a club or returning to golf and not a member of a club but wanting to gain or maintain a handicap via Golf Link. This can be achieved for a membership fee of \$100. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please have them contact Langdon Emery on 4883 4271 for more information.

Rex Langthorne AM - President