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FOREWARD

To our readers, both new and old members of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers, we present this history to you. Your Executive Committee, Regional Governors and Members at Large hope that this history will increase your knowledge of this fine organization and of the people who have worked so hard to make it a success. Without the dedicated effort of these countless individuals, both past and present, it is doubtful that this organization would have survived to its present form. We trust that in telling our story that we have not overlooked any data or details or failed to report correctly the names dates or places. If we have, please forgive us.

We encourage your active participation within the State Organizations and at the National level. This is your organization and with your help we can continue with the spirit of Lefty Fellowship throughout all our golfing days.

Jack Walters,
Chairman, Executive Committee

CHAPTER I

EARLY HISTORY

In researching the available records, it appears that the earliest organized U.S. lefty tournament occurred in New England in 1925. The date and location of this event are unknown; however, the winner Brice S. Evans, a towering portsider had the low score among the twenty aspirants who dared the scorn and derision of their right-handed brethren by attending such an event. It is reported that everyone had a good time and thus began the annual New England Championship Golf Tournament. In the summer of 1927 at the Tacoma Country Club, Joe Gilpin of Tacoma, Vaughn Bosley, Frank Hull and “shorty” Marshall from Seattle, and Jim Fuller from Aberdeen, Washington, organized the Washington State Left-Handers Golf Association. One year later, in August of 1928, a group of 65 lefties assembled at the Midlothian Country Club near Chicago to determine an Illinois champion. The winner was Rudy Juran who was a member of the Golden Valley Country Club, Minneapolis, Minnesota. In his history of the “Texas Left-handed Golfers Association”, Dale Bidwell reports that Rudy’s 36 hole total was 156 strokes. Dale also reports that the runners-up in the 1928 contest were seventeen-year-old Sammy Alpert of Chicago and Riley Trombo of Ottawa, Illinois. In the ensuing years, it is fairly certain that lefty tournaments were being conducted in the Midwest and on both coasts. The documentation to support this conclusion is nonexistent; however, reference to such activity is noted in various information resources. The next documented activity occurred in 1934. Ben Richter, an active left-handed professional from the Triple A Golf Club in St Louis, Missouri staged a tournament at White Sulphur Springs in West Virginia. Richter was the winner. Richter also won the 1935 tournament that was played at Cleveland, Ohio. While neither the 1934 nor 1935 Richter events were judged successful, they nevertheless encouraged Ben and his Missouri amateurs to pursue the notion of establishing a national organization encompassing all lefty golfers throughout the United States. As will be seen in Chapter II, this vision of a national organization became a reality with the inauguration of the First National Left-Handed Championship Tournament at the Northwood Hills Country Club, St Louis, Missouri in September of 1936. The activities of the early state and sectional organizations mentioned above, together with those formed subsequent to 1936 are discussed in more detail in Chapters V and VI.

CHAPTER II

FOUNDING OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS

The National Association of Left-Handed Golfers came into being in 1936 because one man had a close-up view of previous attempts to create such an organization, and common sense in his experience in golf told him the manner in which the attempt was made would never result in a successful organization of southpaws. The man was Ben Richter, Golf Professional, then at Triple A Golf Club, St Louis, Missouri. Ben became an ardent golfer and is considered to be a protégé of Major Albert Bond Lambert, an outstanding St Louis sportsman and left-handed golfer, who made history by winning the Olympic games and French Amateur Golf Championship at Paris in 1900. Major Lambert gave Ben his first left-handed club. Ben first tried Professional Baseball as a pitcher, but because of being of small stature and his love for golf, he turned Professional and was an immediate success as a teacher of golf. In 1923 he became the Professional at Triple A Golf Club in St Louis, and from there in 1935, he sent out The Clarion call to all left-handers to assemble unite, organize and get the Southpaw Show on the road. Richter did his own promotion to attract all left-handers in the land. He mailed requests for names to 1300 fellow professionals at their home clubs; he enlisted representatives of golf equipment manufacturers to carry blank forms in their sample cases and to fill them out wherever they found a left-hander. Altogether, he secured about 5000 names and sent them invitations to participate in the First National Left-Handed Championship Tournament at the Norwood Hills Country Club in St Louis County. One hundred and forty-seven (147) lefties assembled to play in September 1936 at Norwood Hills.

Sam Arnold, Kansas City, defeated Fred Evans on the 38th hole for the first match play championship. The National Association of Left-Handed Golfers had been organized. Stanley Garrity, Kansas City, Missouri was elected President with a directive from the membership to get going for next year and the future. Garrity immediately appointed regional chairmen in all parts of the country to promote the Association and asked "Who wants to be the host next year?" Sam Alpert volunteered Olympic Fields Country Club, Chicago, as the site; it was accepted. The second tournament became a matter of history. At this second tournament, Garrity, a lawyer, presented a constitution and by-laws that were accepted without alteration by the members. So was born the great NALG we know today – democratic and nationwide.

One hundred and forty (140) players from 24 states participated in the Second National Championship. The rank and file included bankers, lawyers, doctors, insurance executives, ministers, priests, teachers, factory workers – all walks of life were represented. Since Olympic Fields in 1937, there have been tournaments every year, except World War II years, 1942-45, across the nation from Florida to Washington and from New York to California. We have also played in Victoria, British Columbia, as guests of our Canadian lefties.

In 1939 the late Robert (Bob) Romberger of Toledo, Ohio joined Ben Richter as a promoter of left-handed golf and became the first Executive Secretary of NALG. Bob was connected with the City Schools in Toledo and devoted much of his time and energy in promoting southpaw golf. He originated and edited the "National Left-Hander" from 1940 through 1956, and through this news media, Bob did an outstanding job in encouraging left-handers throughout the country to play more and better golf. Many interested lefties organized State and local groups to play for the Championship of their area. This resulted in more interest in the National Championship and Bob was besieged with invitations from the leading clubs throughout the country offering their facilities for the National Left-Handed Championship.

At the National Amateur at Hickory, North Carolina in 1956, Romberger resigned as Executive Secretary and was replaced by John Murphy of Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

In 1957, the Board of Governors rewrote the Constitution and By-laws of the NALG and established an office of the Executive Vice-President, and W.W. Sharp, JR was elected to this position at the annual meeting in Dallas, Texas in 1957. Sharp took over the administration functions of the NALG in 1958 and in his first report to the Board at Fort Lauderdale, Florida in 1958, he recommended that we discontinue publishing the "National Left-Hander" and accept the proposal from GOLF WORLD to make this National Golfing Magazine the Official Publication of the NALG. We are deeply indebted to Lillian Harlow and her Staff for their cooperation and assistance in promoting left-handed golf through their columns entitled, "Southpaw Activities". GOLF WORLD has done an outstanding job promoting the NALG and southpaw golf throughout the world. It was recommended at this meeting that the NALG promote and sponsor Divisions of the NALG in every state and foreign country. This has resulted in 23 organized Divisions in the U.S.A. and the British Columbia Division in Canada. A European Division is semi-active in the military theatre, with the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers of Australia as a corresponding affiliate of the NALG. This reorganization has resulted in more than 10,000 southpaws participating locally and nationally with an estimate of one-quarter million golfers playing the game from the "right side of the Tee".

A Senior Division for those over 50 years was established in 1947 and at that same time it was decided that the President each year should come from the area where the annual National Tournament was being played. In 1961, a Junior Division was added for youngsters less than 18 years of age. Starting with the 1973 Tournament, the age of the Senior Division was raised from 50 to 55 years.

In 1960, Uncle Mike Freedman, founder and owner of DeSota Lakes Golf & Country Club, Sarasota, Florida, proposed to the Board of Governors at a special meeting at Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, North Carolina, to sponsor a National \$10,000 Open Tournament at his club for a period of five years. The Board unanimously accepted his proposal, and the first National Open Tournament was held at DeSota Lakes Golf & country club in November 1961. Thirty-two Professionals and 160 amateurs participated in the first open, Harry Shoemaker won the first National Open Championship with Thorne Wood, Professional, as runner-up.

By 1960, the left-handed golfers were beginning to take their place in many of the leading tournaments throughout the world, but they were still short of one requisite so essential to the individual's success in this great National pastime – the producers of golf equipment had not developed the quality or type of equipment for the southpaw. After considerable research and requests to the producers of golfing equipment, the First Flight Company of Chattanooga, Tennessee agreed to produce the type and quality of equipment recommended by the NALG. Jack Harkins, founder and President of this outstanding golfing equipment company, negotiated a contract with the NALG to produce golf equipment under the label "NALG APPROVED EQUIPMENT". Through the efforts of the professionals and amateurs of our organization we have now developed the "NALG APPROVED CLUBS" that are equal in quality and design with the best produced for right-handers, and we can all enjoy the pleasure of playing with precision built clubs for the southpaw. We are deeply indebted to the entire staff of First Flight Company for developing the fine clubs available to southpaws today.

In 1960, the Board of Governors opened the membership to southpaw professionals and this division now has a membership of over 50 individuals, including the great BOB CHARLES of New Zealand.

In 1961, we let our right-handed friends in on a good thing when the Carolinas Division of the NALG proposed a National Lefty-Righty Championship Tournament. This was the Third National Tournament added to our schedule and we are deeply indebted to our former President, Pinky James and Vice-President, Ted Stone, for their untiring efforts in making this one of the outstanding

tournaments of the NALG. The Carolinas Division has been given the responsibility of hosting this popular tournament for the first ten years. More than 100 teams compete each year at the beautiful Catawba Country Club, Hickory, N.C., and the Mimosa Hills Country Club, Morgantown, N.C. – the strongholds of the Carolinas Left-Handers.

Completing the five-year contract with the DeSota Lakes Golf and Country Club in 1965, the Board of Governors decided to find a new location for the National Open. The interest in this great tournament requires facilities of at least two golf courses and a sponsor to finance the professional prizes for the event. The Bottler's of Coca-Cola were very receptive to the idea of promoting the National Open and we were very fortunate in landing this national firm as our sponsor for the 1966 Open at the beautiful DIPLOMAT GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB, HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA. The Tournament was held during the first week of January 1966, with more than 200 entries. With the Coca-Cola Company supporting the tournament to the tune of \$15,000, we were able to increase the purse to \$2,500. The winner of the Open, Ross Collins, Professional from Dallas, Texas, was crowned as the first National Open Champion.

During the first 30-year history of the NALG, we became one of the outstanding golfing organizations in the world, and it was both fitting and appropriate that we celebrated our 30th birthday by taking the National Amateur to foreign soil for the first time in the history of our organization. We are deeply indebted to the British Columbia Division and their leaders, Willard Gilmour, President of NALG, and Milton Dow, Chairman of the 1966 Tournament and Secretary of NALG, for their efforts in encouraging southpaws to visit the great city of Victoria in 1966.

Coca-Cola continued its sponsorship of the Open through 1968. In 1969, the First Flight Golf Company assumed sponsorship for a series of Pro-Lefty Tournaments featuring the Home or Club Pro's as partners of the Lefties. Two of these tournaments were held in Florida, one in January 1969 and the last in January 1970.

In 1968, the Constitution and by-laws were brought up-to-date and amended to divide the United States into six regions with a Regional Governor to generally supervise and organize the Left-Handers of his region into Divisions of the NALG. Each Regional Governor is ex-officio member of the Board of Governors of the NALG thereby establishing a stronger link in the chain with National Headquarters.

In April 1973 Colonel Frank Elder was persuaded by Bill Sharp to become Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the NALG. Colonel Elder remained in this position until July 1982 when Kenneth Ahrens of Houston, Texas succeeded him. The National Association is greatly indebted to Frank Elder for his many years of service. During his tenure, the Association grew in stature and recognition and witnessed the beginning of closer ties with our lefty friends from the United Kingdom, Australia and New Zealand. As a direct result, the first International Left-Handers Tournament was held in Sidney, Australia in 1979. The second International Tournament followed this outstanding event with 130 players coming from the United States and Canada in 1981 held in Hawaii. The third International event was held in 1983 in New Zealand, and a fourth is scheduled for 1985 in Canada. As noted, Frank's effort has helped unite and strengthen the ties that bind all fun-loving lefty golfers together. The Association will prosper from these new associations and under the stewardship of Ken Ahrens will continue to advance the cause of fellowship to all those who enjoy golfing in the United States and throughout the world.

Ken is currently carrying out the duties of his office and can be reached by addressing all correspondence to him at 10149 Hammerly #714, Houston, Texas 77080.

CHAPTER III

HONORS AND AWARDS

N.A.L.G. PRESIDENTS

The history of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers would not be complete without a few words about the talented and dedicated gentlemen who have guided the destiny of this association for nearly half a century. Their accomplishments are legend and we, the membership, continue to enjoy the fruits of their many efforts each time we tee it up in a State, Divisional or National event. The Presidents of the N.A.L.G., past and present, well deserve our deepest gratitude and through this history we salute them and honor their names.

- 1936 D. Scott Chisolm, Ojai, California
- 1937 Stanley Garrity, Kansas City, Missouri
- 1938 Louis Freer, Rochester, New York
- 1939 Fred W. Morton, Detroit, Michigan
- 1940 Al Dickerson, Kansas City, Missouri
- 1941 Arthur Wells, Newell, West Virginia
- 1942 Roy Ribelin, Dallas, Texas
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- 1946 Robert Romberger, Toledo, Ohio
- 1947 Robert Romberger, Toledo, Ohio
- 1948 Charles Bieber, Oil City, Pennsylvania
- 1949 W.W. "Bill" Sharp, Greensboro, North Carolina
- 1950 Bill Yates, Bloomington, Illinois
- 1951 George Diamond, Washington, Pennsylvania
- 1952 George Diamond, Washington, Pennsylvania
- 1953 Ross Lillard, St Louis, Missouri
- 1954 Ray Stockmeyer, Dayton, Ohio
- 1955 Al Douglas, Napa, California
- 1956 Dr. Charles Cloninger, Conover, North Carolina
- 1957 Manuel DeBusk, Dallas, Texas
- 1958 John Murphy, Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- 1959 Leonard Woods, Galesburg, Illinois
- 1960 Jack Walters, Tacoma, Washington
- 1961 Norman James, Hickory, North Carolina
- 1962 Joe Turner, Houston, Texas
- 1963 Al Douglas, Napa, California
- 1964 Robert Wilder, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 1965 Vince Cortez, Garden Grove, California
- 1966 Willard Gilmour, Vancouver, British Columbia
- 1967 Ed Sprinkle
- 1968 Charles Elderkin, Washington, D.C.
- 1969 Dr. John A. Blue
- 1970 Robert Wilder, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- 1971 John Holliday, Galivants Ferry, South Carolina

1972 Bill Henninger
1973 Jack Walter, Tacoma, Washington
1974 Homer O'Neal, Ft. Worth, Texas
1975 Travis Scott
1976 Tom James, San Francisco, California
1977 Dick Biley
1978 James Hanneman, Ft. Worth, Texas
1979 Dick Banjavic
1980 Don Stokes
1981 John Holliday, Galivants Ferry, South Carolina
1982 Dick Spong
1983 Dick Kanda, Olympia, Washington
1984 Jim Stewart, Dallas Texas
1985 ?????????
1986 Barney Curls, Lakeland, Florida
1987 Rudy Beruman, Phoenix, Arizona
1988 Bill Linder, Louisiana

AMATEUR CHAMPIONS

HISTORY OF THE WALTKE TROPHY

In compiling the prize list for his 1936 Amateur Tournament, Ben Richter was worried about having enough money in the entry fee for the purchase of prizes. He wondered what the golfers around St. Louis would do in the way of donations. He learned that they would do quite a bit. When the call for prize donations went out, the response was overwhelming. Previously Richter had worried about having enough prizes, now he was faced with devising ways to award so many. Only one thing was missing – a worthy championship trophy. The matter was brought to the attention of Richard H. Waltke of St. Louis, gentlemen, a sportsman, and a left-handed golfer. Informed of the approximate cost, Waltke said, “Order it and send me the bill.” It was a gift with no strings attached.

Four years later, the tournament returned to Norwood Hills Country Club, near St. Louis. Waltke attended the banquet and was given a standing ovation when Richter announced that the trophy was to be named the Waltke Cup. When asked, Waltke said he would place no restrictions on how the cup should be awarded. It was Richter who made it a perpetual trophy to be awarded to the annual Amateur Champion. Since 1936, the trophy has been presented each year to the lefty-amateur champion. A list of these champion lefty golfers appears below:

Holders of the Waltke Trophy

Year	Player	Home Town	Course Played
1936	Howard Creel	Houston, TX	Norwood Hills CC, St Louis, MO
1937	Arthur Thorner	Detroit, MI	Olympia Fields, Chicago, IL
1938	Alex Antonio	Linden, NJ	Westchester CC, Rye, NY
1939	Alvin Everett	Rome, GA	Birmingham CC, Detroit, MI
1940	Alvin Everett	Rome, GA	Norwood Hills CC, St Louis, MO
1941	Alex Antonio	Linden, NJ	Sylvania CC, Toledo, OH
1946	Alex Antonio	Linden, NJ	Sedgefield GC, Greensboro, NC
1947	Robert Buchanan	Indianapolis, IN	Cog Hill CC, Chicago, IL
1948	Loddie Kempa	Stillwater, OK	French Lick Springs, IN
1949	Alvin Everett	Rome, GA	French Lick Springs, IN
1950	Robert Buchanan	Indianapolis, IN	Bloomington CC, Bloomington, IN
1951	Ross Collins	Dallas, TX	Tippecanoe CC, Youngstown, OH
1952	Ross Collins	Dallas, TX	Shawnee-on-Delaware, PA
1953	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA	French Lick Springs, IN
1954	Don Wearley	Toledo, OH	Miami Valley GC, Dayton OH
1955	Jim Metrovich	Reno, NV	Reno GC, Reno, NV
1956	Harry Shoemaker	Signal Mountain, TN	Catawba CC, Hickory, NC
1957	Harry Shoemaker	Signal Mountain, TN	Dallas Ath., CC. Dallas, TX
1958	Harry Shoemaker	Signal Mountain, TN	Plantation GC, Ft Lauderdale, FL
1959	Ed Sweetman	Greensboro, NC	Galesburg, IL
1960	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA	Fircrest GC, Tacoma, WA
1961	Ed Sweetman	Greensboro, NC	Sedgefield CC, Greensboro, NC
1962	Alvin Odum	Beaumont, TX	Golfcrest CC, Houston, TX
1963	Bob Wilson	Lyle, WA	Monterey Pen CC Pebble Beach, CA
1964	Stuart Chancellor	Midland, TX	Sherwood Forest CC, Baton Rouge, LA

Holders of the Waltke Trophy (cont'd)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Home Town</u>	<u>Course Played</u>
1965	Fred Blackmar	Imperial Bch, CA	Bermuda Dunes CC & Tropicana CC, Las Vegas, NV
1966	Tim Reisert	Las Vegas, NV	Royal Colwood CC, Victoria BC
1967	Dr G.N. Noss	Paducah, KY	Silver Lake CC, Orland Park, IL
1968	Bill Whitaker	Bangor, ME	Washington CC, Washington, DC
1969	Gary Terry	Shawnee, OK	Twin Hills CC, Oklahoma City, OK
1970	Richard Tinsley	Myrtle Beach, SC	Arrow Head CC, Montgomery, AL
1971	Bob Dargen	Camden, SC	Myrtle Beach National CC, SC
1972	Richard Tinsley	Myrtle Beach, SC	Soagnetha CC, Galesburg, IL
1973	Jack Ruhs	Bellport, NY	Fircrest GC, Tacoma, WA
1974	Bob Michael	Sarasota, FL	Brookhaven CC, Dallas, TX
1975	Bob Malone	Ft Worth, TX	Myrtle Beach National CC, SC
1976	Ray Cragan	Albuquerque, NM	Spyglass, Del Monte GC, Rancho Canada GC, Monterey, CA
1977	Bob Michael	Sarasota, FL	Innisbrook CC, Tarpon Spgs, FL
1978	Bob Michael	Sarasota, FL	Galveston CC, Galveston, TX
1979	Bob Michael	Sarasota, FL	Yahara Hills CC, Madison, WI
1980	Bob Cooper	Monroe, LA	Palm Desert, Bermuda Dunes, Palm Desert, CA
1981	Bob Cooper	Monroe, LA	Myrtle Beach National CC, SC
1982	Hall Fowler	Woodstock, GA	Avalon Lakes GC, Warren, OH
1983	Chuck Davis	Honolulu, HI	Olympic CC, Tumwater, GC, Olympia, WA
1984	Chuck Davis	Honolulu, HI	Bear Creek Golf Course Arlington, TX
1985	Stan Still	Spartanburg, SC	Lakeridge & Wildcreek Golf C. Reno, NV
1986	Al Jernigan	Macon, GA	Magnolia Palms & Lake Vista Orlando, FL
1987	Al Jernigan	Macon, GA	Orange Tree & Camelback CC Phoenix, AZ
1988	Stan Kanavage	Athens, GA	Arlington & Majestic, Courses Hot Springs, AR
1989	Stan Kanavage	Athens, GA	Bay Tree, Myrtle Beach, SC
1990	Kirk Smith	Everett, WA	Kelowna C.C.& Gallager Courses Kelowna, British Columbia
1991	Tom Harrell	Palm City, FL	University & Jennings Mill Athens, GA
1992	Morgan Pridemore	Atlanta, GA	Hidden Valley, Gaylord, Michayee Gaylord, MI
1993	Corey Spady	Salem, OR	University & Ladera Courses Albuquerque, NM
1994	Rudy Beruman	Phoenix, AZ	PGA National, Palm Beach, FL
1995	Larry Grant	Westminster, CA	Rossland-Trail & Castlegar C.C. Trail, British Columbia
1996	Jim Whitley	Chicago, IL	Indian Lakes Resort, Chicago, IL

1997	Kirk Smith	Everett, WA	Paiute Resort, Las Vegas, NV
1998	Kirk Smith	Everett, WA	Matanzas Woods Golf Course Palm Coast, FL
1999	Kirk Smith	Everett, WA	PGA West & Dunes Courses LaQuinta, CA
2000	Buck Buckner	Orlando, FL	Legends Golf Resort, Myrtle Beach, SC
2001	Jim Whitley	Chicago, IL	TreeTops Resort, Smith Signature & Fazio Premier Courses, Gaylord, MI
2002	Joe Brogdon	Macon, GA	Angel Park, The Palm Course & The Legacy, Las Vegas, NV
2003	Mike Bellamy	Little River, SC	Cherokee Valley & Plantation Golf Courses, Olive Branch, MS
2004	Felix Bertucci	Golfport, MS	Weatherwax GC (2) Middletown, OH
2005	Robert Dargan Jr.	Columbia, SC	Legends Golf Resort Myrtle Beach, SC
2006	Felix Bertucci	Golfport, MS	Paiute Resort (2); Las Vegas, NV
2007	Felix Bertucci	Golfport, MS	Weatherwax GC (2) Middletown, OH
2008	Brodie Baker	Bermuda Run, NC	Isleta Eagle & UNM Championship Albuquerque, NM
2009	Brodie Baker	Bermuda Run, NC	Lakes of Taylor GC – Taylor, MI
2010	Jonathan Herr	Canada	Magnolia/Palms GC @Disney World, Orlando, FL
2011	Taylor Jernigan	Georgia	Magnolia Green GC – Leland, NC

SENIOR CHAMPIONS

JOE TURNER AND SAM PORRITT TROPHIES

In 1947, the Administrative Officers voted to award a trophy to the senior champion as determined at the annual Amateur Championship. Each year since 1947, a senior champion has been selected and so honored. The Joe Turner Trophy is awarded to the Senior Champion in the age bracket of 60-75 years, and the Sam Porritt Trophy awarded to the Senior Champion in the age bracket of 75 years and over. As noted, the list of Senior Champions contains many names of earlier titleists and championship contenders. These fine golfers continue to excel in the arena of competitive golf and in the spirit of good fellowship. Their names are recorded for history and their accomplishments will be long remembered.

AMATEUR SENIOR WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Home Town</u>	<u>Course Played</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
1947	Larry Silagy	Ottawa, IL	Coghill G&CC, Chicago, IL	J.B.Tisserand	Evansville, IN
1948	A.L. Robertson	Lake Charles	French Lick, IN	John Murphy	Detriot, MI
1949	John Murphy	Detroit, MI	French Lick, IN	Russ Zehner	Philadephia, PA
1950	Thornton Wright	Oklahoma City	Bloomington CC Bloominton, IL	Earl Eades	Hopkins, MN
1951	Henry Goebel	Rochester, NY	Tippecanoe CC Youngstown, OH	Hack Morton	Youngstown,OH
1952	Bob Romberger	Toledo, OH	Shawnee on Delaware Pennsylvania	A.T. Miller	Baltimore, MD
1953	Walter Hunter	Los Angeles,CA	French Lick Springs Indiana	Gene Hancock	Miami, FL
1954	Frank Crum	Inez, KY	Miami Valley GC Dayton, OH	Al Douglas	Napa, CA
1955	Tom Pinckley	Pomona,CA	Reno GC, Reno NV	Mike Mumby	San Diego, CA
1956	Jess Barbour	Morgantown,NC	Catawba CC Hickory, NC	V.P. Santos	Manila, P.I.
1957	Ted Olsee	Grand Rapids, MI	Dallas, TX	Lloyd Fikes	San Antonio, TX
1958	Len H. Woods	Galesburg, IL	Plantation GC Ft Lauderdale, FL	Don Lowery	Cyrstal River, FL
1959	Ted Olsee	Grand Rapids MI	Galesburg, IL	Roy Lundeen	Youngstown, OH
1960	Ted Olsee	Grand Rapids MI	Tacoma,WA	Norman James	Hickory, NC
1961	Ted Olsee	Grand Rapids MI	Greensboro, NC	Lester Peterson	Mt Vernon, WA
1962	Frank Elder	College Station TX	Golfcrest CC Houston,TX	Jim Riley	Seguin, TX
1963	W.N. Smith	Scottsdale, AZ	Montery Pen CC Pebble Beach, CA	Norman James	Hickory, NC
1964	W.N. Smith	Scottsdale, AZ	Sherwood Forest CC Baton Rouge, LA	H.H. Daykin	New Minster, BC
1965	B. Adams	March AFB CA	Dunes & Tropicana CC, Las Vegas, NV	Paul Mose	Arlington, TX

Year	Player	Home Town	Course Played	Runner-Up	Home Town
1966	Ken Parks	Oakland, CA	Royal Colwood & Upland G&CC, Victoria	Ray Grilley	Kensington, MI
1967	Jim Young	Kokomo, IN	Silver Lake CC Orland Park, IL	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA
1968	George Crickmore		Washingtonian CC Gaithersbury, MD	R.E. Wilder	Montgomery, AL
1969	R.E. Wilder	Montgomery AL	Twin Hills, CC Oklahoma City, OK	Jim Young	Kokomo, IN
1970	R.E. Wilder	Montgomery AL	Arrowhead CC Montgomery, AL	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA
1971	Jim Young	Kokomo, IN	Surf Golf & Beach Club Myrtle Beach, SC	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA
1972	Jim Young	Kokomo, IN	Soangetaha CC Galesburg, IL	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA
1973	Art Scarpello	Mercer Island WA	Fircrest CC	Ron Pratt	Bellevue, WA
1974	Bruce Middlebrooks	Los Angeles, CA	Brookhaven CC Dallas, TX	Hughie Johnston	Ft Wayne, IN
1975	Bruce Middlebrooks	Los Angeles CA	Myrtle Beach Nat'l Myrtle Beach, SC	June Hedgecock	Melbourne, FL
1976	Bruce Middlebrooks	Los Angeles, CA	Monterey Peninsula Monterey, CA	Willard Gilmour	Vancouver, Canada
1977	Bruce Middlebrooks	Los Angeles CA	Innisbrook, Innisbrook, FL	Jack Walters	Tacoma, WA
1978	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem NC	Galveston CC Galveston, TX	Bruce Middlebrooks	Arcacia, CA
1979	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem NC	Yahara Hills GC Madison, WI	Malcolm Bean	Corpus Christi, TX
1980	Bill Adams	Riverside, CA	Bermuda Dunes CC Palm Desert, CA	Malcolm Bean	Corpus Christi, TX
1981	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem NC	Myrtle Beach Nat'l Myrtle Beach, SC	C.B. Williams	Reidsville, NC
1982	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem NC	Avalon Lakes GC Warren, OH	Wayne Bradburn	Wilkesboro, NC
1983	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem NC	Olympic CC Tumwater GC Olympia, WA	Bobby Malone	Ft Worth, TX
1984	Dr Glen Noss		Bear Creek GC Arlington, TX	Bobby Malone	
1985	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem	Lakeridge GC Wildcreek GC Reno, NV	Jin Schram	
1986	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem	Magnolia, Palms Lake Buena Vista Orlando, FL	Gordon Hopkins	
1987	Ken Weavil	Winston Salem	Orange Tree GC Camelback CC Phoenix, AZ	Bob Malone	

<u>Year</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Home Town</u>	<u>Course Played</u>	<u>Runner-Up</u>	<u>Home Town</u>
1988	James Holder		Arlington GC Majestic GC Hot Springs, AR	Ken Weavil	
1989	James Holder		Bay Tree Myrtle Beach, SC	Charles Cunningham	
1990	Noah Harris		Kelowna CC Gallagher Canyon GC Kelowna, BC	Ken Weavil	
1991	Causey McDaniel		Univ. of Georgia GC Jennins Mill GC Athens, GA	Ken Weavil	
1992	Troyce Raynes		Michaywe Lakes Hidden Valley GC Gaylord CC Gaylord, MI	Arthur Sabo	
1993	Noah Harris		Univ. of NM Champ Ladera GC Albuquerque, NM	Dean Donley	
1994	Morris Ferstman		PGA National Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Bob Eversole	
1995	Troyce Raynes		Trail, BC	Noah Harris	
1996	Noah Harris		Indian Lakes Resort Chicago, IL	Vernon Ervin	
1997	Bob Eversole		Pauite Resort Las Vegas, NV		
1998	Troyce Raynes		Matanza Woods Cypress Knoll Palm Coast, FL	Dean Donley	
1999	Larry Huitt		PGA West Stadium & Dunes Course LaQuinta, CA	George Bardwell Bob Fortson Tied	
2000	Dean Donley		Legends Resort Myrtle Beach, SC	Bob Sumner	
2001	Troyce Raynes		TreeTops Resort Gaylord, MI	Eugene Zimbric	
2002	Jack Ruhs		Angel Park & Legacy Las Vegas, NV	Dennis Faulk	
2003	Jack Ruhs		Cherokee & Plantation Olive Branch, MS	Mike Herrington	
2004	Jim Mason		Weatherwax Courses Middletown, OH	Jack Ruhs	
2005	Jim Pfrogner		Legends Golf Resort Myrtle Beach, SC	Jim Mason	
2006	Real Gamache		Paiute Resort Las Vegas, NV	Rudy Beruman	
2007	Brodie Baker		Weatherwax GC Middletown, OH	Tom Harrell	
2008	Jim Pfrogner		University & Isleta Albuquerque, NM	Ed Martin	
2009	Jim Pfrogner		Lakes of Taylor GC Taylor, MI	Tom Nix	

2010	Bryan Lynch	Magnolia/Palms @DisneyWorld Orlando, FL	Jim Pfrogner
2011	Jim Mason	Magnolia Green GC Leland, NC	Jim Pfrogner

AMATEUR SUPER SENIOR (MASTERS) WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

Year	Player	Course Played	Runner-up
1991	Bill Stearman	Univ, of GA Jennigs Mill GC Athens, GA	Wendell Phillips
1992	Glen Lewis	Michaywe Lakes Hidden Valley Gaylord CC, Gaylord, MI	Frank Castelotti
1993	Oliver Keyes	Univ. of NM Ladera GC, Albuquerque, NM	Bill Stearman
1994	Jake Richards	PGA National Palm Beach Gardens, FL	Red Cleveland
1995	Bud Pearson	Rossland-Trial CC Castlegar & District GC Trail, BC	Oliver Keyes
1996	Gene Wagner	Indian Lakes Resort Chicago, IL	Gordon Hopkins
1997	Ken Weavil	Pauite Resort Snow & Sun Mountain Las Vegas, NV	Bud Pearson
1998	Red Cleveland	Matanzas Woods Cypress Knoll Palm Coast, FL	Gene Wagner
1999	Gordon Hopkins	PGA West Stadium & Dunes Course LaQuinta, CA	Gene Wagner
2000	Gordon Hopkins	Legends Resort Myrtle Beach, SC	Dave Sebring
2001	Bob Fortson	TreeTops Resort Gaylord, MI	Bud Pearson
2002	Max Gnagy	Angel Park & Legacy Las Vegas, NV	Bob Fortson
2003	Bob Fortson	Cherokee & Plantation Olive Branch, MS	Max Gnagy
2004	Tom Coyne	Weatherwax Course Middletown, Ohio	Max Gnagy
2005	Paul Hayek	Legends Golf Resort Myrtle Beach, SC	Gene Wallace
2006	Ray Canocico	Paiute Resort Las Vegas, NV	Steve Melnichuk
2007	John Carter Jr.	Weatherwax GC Middletown, OH	Dennis Faulk
2008	Dennis Faulk	Univ of NM & Isleta	John Carter Jr.

2009	John Carter Jr.	Albuquerque, NM Lakes of Taylor GC Taylor, MI	Max Gnagy
2010	John Carter Jr.	Magnolia/Palms GC @Disney World Orlando, FL	Geoff Ingram
2011	John Carter Jr.	Magnolia Greens GC Leland, FL	Tommy Saunooke

AMATEUR WOMEN'S DIVISION WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

Year	Player	Course Played	Runner-up
1992	Susan Wager	Michaywe Lakes Hidden Valley Gaylord CC Gaylord, MI	Sue Lade
1993	Susan Wager	Univ. of NM Ladera GC Albuquerque, NM	Sarah Flannigan Sue Wager
1994	Edna Mudry	Palm Beach Gardens, FL	

1995 thru 2011: There were not enough ladies to have a Women's Division.

AMATEUR JUNIOR WINNERS AND RUNNERS-UP

Year	Player	Home Town	Course Played	Runner-Up	Home Town
1961	Garry Terry	Shawnee, OK	Sedgefield CC Greensboro, NC	Tom Moore	Napoleon, OH
1962	Terry Woods	Calhoun, GA	Golfcrest CC Houston, TX	Larry Alford	Houston, TX
1963	Joseph Lopez	Socorro, NM	Monterey Pen. C Pebble Beach, CA	Terry Woods	Calhoun, GA
1964	Billy Truzillo	Socorro, NM	Sherwood Forest CC Baton Rouge, LA	Butch Derouen	Ville Platte, LA
1965	Ken Engle	Tucson, AZ	Dunes & Tropicana Las Vegas, NV	M. Ristad	Walnut Creek, CA
1966	D. Smart	Chemainus, BC	Royal Colwood, & Uplands CC, Victoria	D.B. Meacham	Mercer Island, WA
1967	Craig Palmer	Spooner, WI	Silver Lake CC Overland Park, IL	Randy Schmidt	Edwardsville, IL
1968	Bill Blacock	Atlanta, GA	Washingtonan CC Gaithersburg, MD	Dennis Hans	Hyattsville, MD

Year	Player	Home Town	Course Played	Runner-Up	Home Town
1969	Kevin Bench	Dallas, TX	Twin Hills CC Oklahoma City, OK	Kerry Schwencke	N. Palm Beach FL
1970	James Williams	Selma, AL	Arrowhead CC Montgomery, AL	R. Noss	Paducah, KY
1971	R. Noss	Paducah, KY	Surf Golf Club Myrtle Beach, SC	Tom Weik	Perry, GA
1972	Rick Roark	Auburn, IN	Soangetaha CC Galesburg, IL	David Beard	Lenoir, NC
1973	No Entrants				
1974	Rusty Moore	Ft Worth, TX	Brookhaven CC Dallas, TX	None	
1975	Mike Thurston	Asheboro, NC	Myrtle Beach Nat'l Myrtle Beach, SC	Greg Gravitt	Cumming, GA
1976	Devin Kanda	Olympia, WA	Monterey Peninsula	None	
1977	Devin Kanda	Olympia, WA	Insbrook FL	None	
1978	Kenny Springfield	Odessa, TX	Galveston CC Galveston, TX	John Faulk	Warrensburg, MO
1979	Charlie Bauman	Monroe, WI	Yahara Hills CC Madison, WI	Scott Burkman	Cleveland, OH
1980	Ben Goetze	Bermuda Dunes	Palm Desert CC Bermuda Dunes CC	Charles Bauman	Monroe, WI
1981	Ben Goetze	Bermuda Dunes	Myrtle Beach Nat'l Myrtle Beach, SC	Keith Bradley	Stone Mountain, GA
1982	Ben Goetze	Bermuda Dunes	Avalon Golf Club Warren, OH	Steve Sprunger	Wooster, OH
1983	Joel McNeely	Olympia, WA	Tumwater Golf Club	Mike Russell	Olympia, WA

ALVIN EVERETT MEMORIAL AWARD

The Alvin Everett Memorial Award is presented annually to the Left-Hander who best exemplifies the competitive spirit, cooperative attitude, good fellowship and genuine love for the great game of golf. The donor of this trophy, Norman “Pinky” James of Hickory, NC, initiated this thoughtful gesture in memory of a three-time national southpaw champion, Alvin Everett, who died in the summer of 1955.

This is left-handed golf’s highest award. It is symbolic of our greatest left-hander – one who has the above qualities and has worked for a long time in helping to achieve the objectives of the N.A.L.G. A list of these illustrious gentlemen appears below:

- 1956 W.W. Bill Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
- 1957 Jack Walters, Tacoma, WA
- 1958 John Murphy, Ft. Lauderdale, FL
- 1959 Leonard Woods, Galesburg, IL
- 1960 Al Douglas, Napa, CA
- 1961 Norman S. “Pinky” James, Hickory, NC
- 1962 Joe R. Turner, Houston, TX
- 1963 George Deason, Cameron Park, CA
- 1964 Robert E. Wilder, Baton Rouge, LA

TOM JAMES DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

First a little about the man whom this award is named for. Tom Lourentzos was born September 10, 1917 in California. He graduated from high school in 1935 among a class of 75. Tom was active in his class and was salutatorian, student body treasurer and participated in basketball, football and baseball. No golf, but you can see Tom was very ambitious. In 1941 Tom changed his name from Lourentzos to James. He worked his way through college, graduating from the University of California at Berkeley in 1942 with a degree in chemistry. He went to work for Shell Chemical Company until 1955, where he created KXL, a one-of-a-kind pesticide, which launched James Chemical Company.

Tom became interested in golf, especially left-handed golf. In 1945 he co-founded the Northern California Left Handed Golfers Association (which today, is one of the finest lefty organizations in the country). He also served on the Executive Committee of the NALG (National Association of Left Handed Golfers) for many years. Tom also had a vision of a world association of left-handed (WALG) golfers and in 1979 this association held it's first tournament in Sydney, Australia. Tom James, (affectionately know as T J to his friends) passed away November 17th, 1997 while attending the 11th WALG tournament in Japan.

There was nothing this man would not do to promote left-handed golf; he was the greatest ambassador of left-handed golf in our memory.

We felt that it was only fitting that we honor this man by selecting someone from among our ranks, who exemplifies some of the qualities he possessed.

1998: The Board of Directors selected such a person. Bob Duvall was the first recipient of the Tom James Distinguished Service Award. He joined the NALG in 1966 and since that time has participated in approximately thirty National Championships. He played in many of the State Tournaments and has attended all of the World Tournaments. In the early eighties he was elected to the Board of Directors where he served until 1999 when he resigned for health reasons. Bob, is not the only left-handed golfer in the house, his wife Rita also plays left-handed and has participated in many lefty tournaments. Rita says Bob should be in the Guinness Book of World Records for owning more left handed putters than anyone in the world. Great job Bob; we lefties owe you a great big thanks for all your years of dedicated service.

1999: The Board of Directors selected Marl "Shorty" Weimer. Marl says he can't remember when he got the nickname, Shorty. He will be 66 on June 22, 2000 and has been married to only one woman "June" for the past forty-five years. Shorty and June are very close; in fact in 1987 they were playing a practice round at the Penn. State Championship when on the second hole June hit the ball in for a hole-in-one. Not to be outdone Shorty promptly hit one in the same hole. Shorty joined the Ohio lefties in 1966 and the NALG in 1967. He served as Governor of the Ohio Region for the NALG from 1988 to 1993 and has helped run the Ohio State Championship twelve times. He helped start the Penn. Lefties and help run their tournament for about five years. Shorty is always ready to help anyone who asks. Although he has been slowed by kidney disease and requires dialysis he still manages to make many National and State tournaments. Shorty, you are a deserving recipient of this award and I am sure Tom James is looking down with a big smile.

2000: John Monroe Johnson Holliday is one of 10 life members in the NALG at this time. He is a resident of Galivants Ferry, South Carolina, where he has lived since he was born on September 13, 1916. He started his affiliation with left-handed golf in the late 1940's. He is married to Marjorie Russell Holliday. John Monroe was Carolinas Division President-NALG two times. He was President of the NALG in 1975 and 1981 and hosted the two National Tournaments at Myrtle Beach

National Golf Course. He played golf in most of the left-handed tournaments in this part of the United States, as long as he could physically keep going. Congratulations to John and his family.

2001: The Board of Directors didn't have a selection for 2001.

2002: John Mulkern, Jacksonville, FL, was selected by the NALG Board of Directors to receive the Tom James Distinguished Service Award. In 1983 John Mulkern along with Ralph Bernstein wrote the history of Lefty Golf. The book contained some interesting facts consisting of founding of the NALG, the early history of the NALG from 1936-1983, honors and awards, national tournament history, state tournaments, Lefty/Righty history and The World Association of Left-Handed golfers history and the results of all these tournaments.

John has always been an active member of the NALG and just this past June participated in the 67th National Championship.

2003: Ed Martin, Florence, Kentucky was selected by the NALG Board of Directors to receive the Tom James Distinguished Service Award. Ed was introduced to the game of golf at the age of 12 when he caddied for his grandfather. He continued to be involved in the game and played on his high school golf team. In 1966 he was inducted into the United States Army where he was stationed in Monterey, California, one of the great golf communities in the world. He worked in a military hospital on the night shift as a medic. This left time during the day to work on his golf game. He has been involved with lefty golf for many years. He attended his first National Championship in Orlando, FL in 1986. For many years the family's annual vacation was scheduled around the National Championship. In 1996 Ed was elected Sec/Treas. of the NALG at the National in Chicago and remained in that position until 1998. During his term as Sec/Treas he worked with Robert Jesse on getting the NALG on the Internet introducing a large number of golfers to the NALG. He served as President of the Kentucky lefties for several years. He is also very active in the Cincinnati lefties. He was involved with the Midwest Regional during its two year run. When anyone wants to organize a tournament they call on this man. In 2001 he again stepped up and accepted the post of Chairman of the Board of the NALG, which he held until 2003. Congratulations Ed.

2004: The Board did not select anyone to receive the Tom James Distinguished Service Award.

HALL OF FAME AWARD

The Hall of Fame Award is a very special recognition of the contributions made in the furtherance of lefty golf. The award is presented to those individuals who best exemplify the dedication, competitive spirit and interest in the promotion of good lefty fellowship. The membership has chosen, over the years, the following gentlemen whose life-long effort in the advancement of the N.A.L.G. principles most deserves this special award.

Deceased

Robert Romberg, Toledo, OH
Ben Richter, St Louis, MO
Alvin Everett, Rome, GA
Scott Chisholm, Ojai, CA
Ross Lillard, St Louis, MO
W.W. "Bill" Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
Al Douglas, Napa, CA
Norman S. "Pinky" James, Hickory, NC
Tom James, San Francisco, CA
Jack Walters, Tacoma, WA

Living

Leonard Woods, Galesburg, IL
Harry Shoemaker, Chattanooga, TN
R.T. "Bob" Charles, New Zealand

N.A.L.G. HONORARY MEMBERS

Through the years the Association has been helped by nonmembers in many ways in carrying out the programs in moral support and encouragement and financial assistance. Such help deserves recognition. Accordingly, the membership has singled out from many, many deserving individuals a few that have given over the years much of themselves to our association. Their names follow below.

Lillian Harlow, Pinehurst, NC
Robert T. Jones, Atlanta, GA
Michael Freedman, New York, NY
Nancy Gammon, Reidsville, NC
Len Woods, Galesburg, IL
Don Stokes, Oregon/California
Frank Eldon, Texas/South Carolina
Joe Ferguson, San Antonio, TX
George Lanning, (Professional) Washington
Al Douglas, Napa, CA
Jack Wendel, IL

CHAPTER IV

NATIONAL AMATEUR TOURNAMENT HISTORIES AND RESULTS

1936 –

After a year of continuous effort on the part of Ben Richter the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers became a reality on the morning of September 21, 1936, when 148 southpaw golfers assembled at beautiful Norwood Hills Country Club near St. Louis for the first national gathering sponsored by the organization. While entrants from Missouri, Illinois and Iowa predominated in number; it was a representative national gathering. One or more left-handers represented twenty-five states, and these men came from points as far away as Connecticut and California, and Wisconsin and Florida.

The schedule called for two match play tournaments to be run off simultaneously, and the first day was devoted to a 36-hole qualifying round in the Championship Division and one of 18 holes in the Vacation Division, the entrants selecting the division in which they wanted to play. To add interest to the qualifying rounds, which are usually not a very interesting phase of match play tournaments, Ben Richter provided forty-five prizes for play the first day. A 21-jewel watch was the reward for the medallist in the Championship Division, and for those in the Vacation Division there were many prizes for most and fewest strokes on blind holes, and most holes in an unknown number of strokes. Both Divisions played for the same Blind Bogey prizes, the morning round of the Championship Division counting. Prizes for this feature included a 5,000-mile airplane trip, several leather golf bags, a wristwatch, custom-made golf slacks, and nineteenth hole accessories in abundance.

Howard Creel of Pueblo, Colorado, was the medallist, with a score one under par for the 36 holes. Creel then proceeded to defy golf tradition by romping through the Championship Division for the title, his closest match coming in the finals when he defeated Fred Evens of the host club 6 and 4. His was a well-deserved victory. Seldom off the line during the entire week of play, he showed he had all the shots in his bag by remarkable recoveries the few times he was in trouble. Evens, who entered the tournament with practically no previous practice or preparation, received and deserved great credit for his tenacity as well as his fine golf.

By the end of the second day Evens' hands and feet were a mass of blisters, but he gamely stuck to his guns and went on to give Creel his closest match. Evens' defeat of Alexander Antonio of Linden, New Jersey, by a margin of one up in the semi-final, was probably the classic of the entire event.

In addition to Creel, Evens and Antonio, some of the country's finest southpaw golfers battled in the Championship Division. Spencer Brainard, New England left-handed champion, played splendid golf the early part of the week before losing Sam Alpert of Chicago in the quarterfinals. To some observers Brainard appeared over-golfed in his last few matches. In this Division were also Ken Guenter of South Dakota, Dr. Winburn of Kentucky, George Baker of Iowa, Dr. MacDonald of New York, Lake Brown of West Virginia, Missouri's left-handed champion Sam Arnold, Major McCulloch of Pennsylvania, and many others.

While the experts were shooting it out in 36-hole matches on Norwood's difficult West Course, a field day was in progress among the Vacationers on the East Course. Here were gathered a crowd of left-handers out for a good time, unworried by thoughts of titles. Only 18-hole matches were played daily in this division, which allowed ample time for business and social affairs and placed no undue physical strain on the entrants. Just a few of the many southpaws enjoying the friendly competition in this Division were D. Scott Chisolm of California, T.F. McCoy of Massachusetts, Paul Miller of Ohio, C.T. and T.T. Stevens of Minnesota, C.G. Alfs of Indiana, A.M. Hillis of Oklahoma, H.R.

Bafetti of Illinois, Fred L. Johns of Wisconsin, G. House of Nebraska, A.J. Carlson of New Hampshire, Forrest Banning of Florida, C.L. Canfield and Stanley Garrity from western Missouri and E.E. Stoops from Kansas. Providing a Vacation Division for those who take their golf less seriously was a happy thought of Ben Richter's. It will be continued as a permanent feature of all our future conventions.

Jack Carpenter of St. Louis won the 5,000-mile airplane trip over T.W.A., and other principal Blind Bogey prizes went to R.M. Goyne, A.J. Carlson, Dr. W. F. MacDonald, Major J.M. McCullough, and D. Scott Chisolm. The prize for the entrant traveling the greatest distance to compete was awarded to Ivan Claeys of San Jose, California.

The final results in both Divisions were as follows:

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISION

Medalist	Howard Creel, Pueblo, Colorado
National Champion	Howard Creel, Pueblo, Colorado
Runner-up	Fred Evens, Clayton, Missouri

Championship Consolation

Winner	Herman Wyman, St. Louis, Missouri
Runner-up	Robert Brown, Jr., St. Louis, Missouri

Championship Class A

Winner	Harry T. Taylor, Monroe, Louisiana
Runner-up	Oliver F. Hoag, Grand Rapids, Michigan

Championship Class B

Winner	Robert L. Goulding, Alton, Illinois
Runner-up	Omar Davidson, Detroit, Michigan

VACATION DIVISION

Winner	Stanley Garrity, Kansas City, Missouri
Runner-up	J. F. Skelton, Fort Worth, Texas

2nd Flight

Winner	A.L. Broderick, St. Louis, Missouri
Runner-up	J. G. House, Lincoln, Nebraska

3rd Flight

Winner	C.G. Alfs, Indianapolis, Indiana
Runner-up	E.R. Bruce, St. Louis, Missouri

4th Flight

Winner B.L. Adams, Indianapolis, Indiana
Runner-up Fred Hoppe, Alton, Illinois

5th Flight

Winner Jack Carpenter, St. Louis, Missouri
Runner-up A.M. Hillis, Prague, Oklahoma

6th Flight

Winner James T. Blair, St. Louis, Missouri
Runner-up Paul V. Miller, London, Ohio

1937 –

The second annual National Left-Handed Golfers Championship was held the week of August 16-21 at the Olympia Fields Country Club near Chicago, Illinois. Those attending had the opportunity to play four beautiful courses and enjoy the comfort and convenience of a club that was second to none. Olympia had a previously hosted the 1920 Western Open, which was won by Jack Hutchison, and the 1925 National P.G.A. Championship, which was won by the great Walter Hagen. To even briefly describe the important tournaments held at Olympia Fields is impossible in the space at our disposal, but one – the National Open in 1928 – will live long in the annals of golf. Playing against an exceptionally fine field of opponents, Bobby Jones and Johnny Farrell were tied for the lead at the end of the regulation 72 holes. Amid excitement, unusual at golf matches, Farrell won the title by defeating Jones in a 36-hole playoff.

Fortunate in receiving an invitation from the officials of this exceptional Club, the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers was determined to make the best use of the opportunity afforded. The record shows that 168 lefties teed it up and enjoyed a week of beautiful weather. Howard Creel was unable to defend his championship due to serious injury in an automobile accident. Arthur Thorner of Detroit became the new champion after a memorable battle in the finals in which Alvin Everett of Georgia, on his honeymoon and making his first appearance in our tournament, lost on the 36th green. There were many other close and exciting matches in the Championship Division, including a 38-hole quarterfinal won by Alexander Antonio.

1938 –

The Third National Tournament was held at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York. The winner was Alex Antonio of Linden, New Jersey. The Runner-up was Alvin Everett of Rome, Georgia.

1939 –

The Fourth National Tournament was held August 14-17 at the Birmingham Country Club, Detroit, Michigan. Alvin Everett repeated his near win of the previous year and defeated runner-up William Smith of Tulsa, Oklahoma in a very close match with Alvin winning by a slim margin of 2 to 1.

1940 –

The Fifth National Tournament returned to Norwood Country Club in St. Louis, Missouri, and site of the 1936 First Annual Lefty Tournament. Alvin Everett of Rome, Georgia, emerged as winner for the second consecutive year. Samuel G. Alpert of Chicago, Illinois was runner-up.

1941 –

The Sixth National Tournament was at the Sylvania Country Club, Toldedo, Ohio. Alex Antionio of Linded, New Jersey emerged as winner repeating his earlier performance when he won the 1938 National event. John Mross of South Milwaukee, Wisconsin was runner-up.

1942 –

In 1942, the National Left-Handed Championship was to be played at the Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, North Carolina, and sponsored by the Carolinas Association. It was decided to postpone this championship for the duration of the war. After peace was declared in 1945, the Carolinas Association asked the National Association to allow them to put on the 1946 National Championship. The request was honored and the planning for the National Amateur Championship at the Sedgefield Country Club was once again underway.

1946 –

The Eleventh National Tournament was held the week of September 9th through 15th. The record shows that this tournament was one to be remembered. The Carolinas Association worked day and night preparing for the event. The welcome offered to the participants is worthy of note and deserves to be repeated.

“ Here’s to the land of the long leaf pine.
Here’s to the summerland where the sun doth shine.
Where the weak grow strong, and the strong grow great.
Here’s to ‘Down Home’, the Old North State.”

Mrs Leonora Monteiro Marto
May 20th '04

The tournament conducted under the guidance of Bill Sharpe, Jr., was an overwhelming success. The medallist and match play winner was Alex Antonio. His win over Alvin Everett made him a three-time Champion. This feat of three or more wins places him in special company – only three others have duplicated this accomplishment in our thirty-eight years of National Tournament history.

1947 –

The 1947 Tournament, the Twelfth Annual Left-Handed Amateur Championship was held at the Chicago Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, August 19th through 22nd. Ninety-eight players teed it up in what was reported as unusually hot weather, causing many to withdraw due to the terrific heat. The qualifier had to be cut to eighteen holes. Under these conditions, it would be expected that the scores would be as high as the temperature, however, such was not the case. The low three qualifiers, Loddie Kempa of Stillwater, Oklahoma, Ted Olsee of Grand Rapids, Michigan and Alvin Everett of Rome, Georgia all shot 72 even par.

In the 1947 Fall Issue of the National Left-Hander, Bob Romberger reports that the tournament winner was in doubt until the thirty-fifth hole of the final round. Emerging as champion was Bob Buchanan, a student from Purdue University, who outlasted Loddie Kempa 2 and 1. Bob's medal score was one over par, a fine total and certainly one of championship caliber.

1948 –

The 13th National Tournament was held August 14th through 19th at French Lick Springs, French Lick, Indiana. 91 golfers attended the event from 25 different states. Robert Romberger reports that Loddie Kempa from Stillwater, Oklahoma defeated runner-up Don Scott from Columbus, Ohio 9 and 7 for his first national championship title.

1949 –

The 14th National Tournament returned to French Lick Springs and was held there the week of August 15th through 18th. The Championship Division had an entry of 82 while the Vacation Division had 35 for a total of 117 tournament participants. It is reported that bad weather prevailed for three days. The qualifying scores were high due to the inclement weather conditions; however, the match play in both divisions was as hotly contested as ever before. The field was representative from a national standpoint with players from 14 states making the championship flight. These left-handers really hit the ball well. Victor East, speaker at the banquet, complimented them and named Jack Walters of Tacoma, Washington as Walker Cup material. Jack went to the semi-final before losing that to that great match master, Alvin Everett of Rome, Georgia, who won the championship title for the third time. With his third title, Alvin joined Alex Antonio in the exclusive three-time winners club. Not to be overlooked in his loss in the finals to Alvin, Bobby Malone, the 24-year old Texas Christian University senior served notice that he would be back again. The record shows that he did return and some 25 years later captured the National Title for himself and the proud state of Texas.

1950 –

The Fifteenth National Tournament was held at the Bloomington Country Club, Bloomington, Illinois. Bob Buchanan from Indianapolis, Indiana defeated runner-up Jack Walters, Tacoma, Washington for his second National Title. Bob had previously won the 1947 National Title at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club, Chicago, Illinois.

1951 –

The Sixteenth National Tournament was hosted by the Ohio State Lefty Organization and held at Tippecanoe Country Club in Youngstown, Ohio. The winner was Ross Collins from Dallas, Texas, and runner-up was Ken Mast from Bluffton, Ohio.

1952 –

The Seventeenth National Tournament returned to the East, the first time since 1938 when it was held at the Westchester Country Club, Rye, New York. This event, the Thirteenth Annual Amateur Championship was held August 2nd – 7th at Shawnee-on-Delaware, Pennsylvania. Bob Romberger, Editor of the National Left-Hander reports in the 1952 Tournament Issue that Ross Collins, Dallas, Texas was again the winner of the National Title defeating Jack Butler, Atlanta, Georgia on the 35th hole of Match Play.

1953 –

For the third time in a six-year period, the National was held at French Lick Springs. The Eighteenth Annual Event got underway with a field of 114 eager participants divided among three divisions. Ross Collins of Monticello, Arkansas, defending champion and winner of the last two Nationals lost out in the semi-finals to Norman James of Hickory North Carolina.

Kenny Mast of Bluffton, Ohio was medallist with a 70-74 for a 144. He had this fortune of breaking his putter just before match play began and had to borrow a strange putter. This no doubt affected his game for he lost his first match to another good golfer, Charles Laurie of Auburn, Indiana, who for the past four years had to play either the defending champion or medallist in the first round. Those with a 160 or better qualified while the others were placed in minor flights.

Jack Walters of Tacoma, Washington, who had been attending the National events since 1937, finally realized his fondest dream, for this time he came to win and this he did by shooting the best rounds of his long career. He won his final match with Norman "Pinky" James with a one over par in the first 18 holes and one under par for the thirty-two holes played. In the following years Jack continued his championship form winning again the National Title in 1960 at his home course, Fircrest Golf Club in Tacoma, Washington.

1954 –

The Nineteenth Anniversary of the National Left-Handed Amateur Championship was held at the beautiful Miami Valley Golf Club in Dayton, Ohio, during the week of August 9th through 12th. A record field of 147 golfers from 27 states began the week with high expectations. At the conclusion, Don Wearley of Toledo, Ohio emerged as winner over Dave Baldwin of South Orange, New Jersey. President Ray Stockmeyer and his twin brother, Bill, due to the excellent committee headed the success of this anniversary event.

1955 –

The selection of the Washoe Golf Club in Reno, Nevada marked a first in the annals of the Left-Handed Amateur Championship. Staging of this major event in Reno saw a change in Tournament format from match play to 72 holes medal play and initiated the first of several National Tournaments west of the Rockies under the sponsorship of the California Left-Handed Golfers Association and directed by its able President, Al Douglas, the Twentieth Annual Tournament became a reality. Al's committee of Nels Cullenward and Bill Kimbrel of San Francisco and augmented by Senator Kenneth Johnson of Carson City, Nevada, provided a memorable week for the 159 lefties golfers from 23 states in the U.S. and Canada. In the end, Jim Metrovich, a Reno Casino employee held on to a slim lead to defeat the 1954 National Titleist Don Wearley of Toledo, Ohio. The finish climaxed a four-day tournament that featured close scores in all 13 flights of the meet. Robert Romberger of Toledo, Ohio, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers summed up the four day Reno Tournament in these words:

"Our entry list showed the general spirit of this Annual Tournament. The 100 stroke golfers did not hesitate to enter the meet, although many of them knew that they had no chance to win. They made the trip to Reno in the spirit of fun and good fellowship that has marked every tournament of the NALG."

1956 –

The Twenty-first Annual National Tournament was played the week of August 8-11 at the Catawba Country Club in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina. The course, a beautiful 6,850-yard track designed by Donald Ross provided a super challenge to the record field of 218 contestants.

Under the direction of Dr. Charles Cloninger, President of the Carolinas and 1956 President of the N.A.L.G., the participants enjoyed a week of the famous southern hospitality and friendliness. Pete Mitchell and his able tournament committee did a great job running the tournament without a hitch. The winner, Harry Shoemaker from Signal Hill Mountain, Tennessee battled his way through a tough field of 35 players in the Championship flight to edge out Jack Walters of Tacoma, Washington by a margin of seven strokes. Harry's total of 285 was three under par – by any measure, a very creditable performance. It was a big win for Shoemaker certainly the biggest of his career. His only previous victory had come in the 1953 European Air Force Championships, though he had posted low amateur honors in both the 1954 German and European Opens.

1957 –

Dallas, Texas became the site for the Twenty-second National Championship. The Tournament was held the week of June 18th through the 21st at the Dallas Athletic Country Club on the outskirts of Dallas. The course measuring 7,029 yards from the championship tees lies in rolling terrain interspersed with trees and five strategically spotted lakes. The Texas Tournament Committee under the direction of Manuel Debusk treated the 126 contestants to a memorable week of great weather and Texas hospitality. Comments from those who enjoyed the occasion to play golf in the great state of Texas confirmed the observation that indeed everything is big in Texas, including the hearts of the Texas people. In his summary of 1957 National Tournament, Dale Bidwell reports that Harry Shoemaker again claimed the title with a total of 295 strokes. His second consecutive National title proved that the Tennessee lefties were a group of dedicated performers. As noted, the record shows that the Texas contingent did equally well placing J.C. Thorpe of Corpus Christi as runner-up and Bobby Malone of Fort Worth in a very close third place finish. Subsequent years will show that the Texas lefties will claim their share of the National titles in 1962, 1964 and 1975.

1958 –

The Twenty-third Annual National Tournament was held July 2nd through 6th at the Plantation Golf Club at Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. The Tournament Director, Mr. Tom Day, Manager of the Plantation, brought his years of experience in conducting such major events as the Florida Open, Florida P.G.A., State Amateur and State Seniors to the N.A.L.G. for this their first venture to the Sunshine State. John Murphy, President of the N.A.L.G. reports that Harry Shoemaker gained the National Title for the third successive year outlasting a valiant effort by runner-up J.C. Thorpe of Corpus Christi, Texas. In winning his third title, Harry Shoemaker became the third person in N.A.L.G. history to achieve this outstanding feat.

1959 –

The Twenty-fourth Annual National Tournament was held during the summer at the Soangetha Country Club in Galesburg, Illinois. Leonard Woods was President and a member of the Soangetha Country Club. Under his able direction, the tournament was an unqualified success. The new National Lefty Champion was Ed Sweetman, a 22-year old Guilford College Senior from Greensboro, North Carolina. Young Sweetman, who led the first day and who was tied for the top spot at the 36-hole mark, came from a two-stroke deficit to beat Ken Medders of Resaca, Georgia by one stroke. Sweetman had rounds of 69-74-76-73 for a total of 292 over the 6,139-yard course, which plays to par 71, and Medders had 72-75-72-74 for a total of 293. Third round leader, Bob Johnson of Charleston, West Virginia, took 79 in his last round and finished in a tie for third place with Melvin Chisum of Pampa, Texas. Jack Walters of Tacoma, Washington, newly elected president of the organization and 1953 titleist, posted a 297 and Harry Shoemaker followed with a 298.

1960 –

The picturesque and challenging Fircrest golf Club in Tacoma, Washington was chosen for the site of the Twenty-fifth National Tournament. Under the direction of Jack Walters, President of the N.A.L.G. and capable guidance of Frank Demski, tournament director, a near record field of 193 golfers was assembled for the August 2nd – 5th championship event. As Jack had promised, the players enjoyed the pleasure of playing one of the finest golf courses in the great northwest, and possibly in the 50 states. The tournament committee, hand-picked by Jack from among the right-handed Fircrest membership, saw to every detail even down to the authentic outdoor open-pit alderwood salmon bake and the pow-wow and dance by the Indians of the Lumni Tribe. How anyone could have concentrated under such pleasurable conditions was indeed most difficult to comprehend. With all the responsibilities and distractions attendant with directing the tournament, it is a marvel that Jack Walters could have even thought of golf, much less played. In spite of all this, and after the smoke had finally cleared, Jack Walters, host and N.A.L.G. President, stepped forward and was awarded his second National Title. Jack had tied with Bob Wilson of Auburn, Washington with 292 at the end of regulation 72 holes. In the playoff, Jack fired a 74 to edge out Wilson who had an 80.

1961 –

The Twenty-sixth National Tournament was held the week of July 23-28 at the Sedgefield Country Club in Greensboro, North Carolina. The return to Sedgefield, site of the 1946 National, brought a record field of 229 golfers to enjoy again the experience and friendship offered by the Carolinas Division. Norman “Pinky” James, President of the N.A.L.G. and Wayne Whitton, President of the resolve and skills of every participant. In addition, it is reported that they had a hand in assuring that the tournament week was blessed with unusually good weather. Such conditions could not have been better and saw a return of Ed Sweetman of Greensboro as low medallist and his second win as national Champion. Gene Ferrell from Mobile, Alabama was runner-up.

1962 –

The Twenty-seventh Annual Tournament was held the week of June 19th –22nd at the Golfcrest Country Club in Houston, Texas. Joe R. Turner, President of the N.A.L.G. and Texas Association of Left-Handed Golfers welcomed a full field of 185 golfers to their second Texas National. After the completion of 72 holes of match play, Alvin Odom, Jr., of Beaumont, Texas emerged as winner and claimed his first National Title. Fred Blackmar of Corpus Christi was runner-up. In the championship flight comprised of 29 participants, the Texas contingent of 14 in number demonstrated their golfing ability by claiming both medallist and runner-up positions together with twelve top finishes in a flight containing such outstanding National Champions as Harry Shoemaker and Jack Walters.

In his history of the Texas Association, Dale Bidwell reports that immediately following his win; Alvin Odom announced his intention of entering the professional ranks. While most previous winners of the National Title preferred to remain amateurs, the declaration by Alvin Odom served as evidence that lefties have the talent to compete at the professional level and intends to do so. As will be seen later, other lefty winners have elected to follow Alvin’s lead and are currently on the Professional Tour.

1963 –

The Twenty-eighth Annual Tournament was held the week of June 18th through 22nd at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club and Pebble Beach Golf Club located on the California world-famous Monterey Peninsula. Under the leadership of Al Douglas, President of the N.A.L.G. and ably supported by Charles Fishel and George Deason, a record breaking field of 289 golfers began a week

of memorable golf. Nelson Cullenward, Northern California Lefty Medallist reports that only a stroke separated the leaders on the last day. Nelson dropped two strokes out of contention when his shot to the par 3, 12th hole on the Dunes Course, flew the green earning him a double bogie. On the 17th hole it looked like Tom Pinkley of Visalia, California, was the winner after Bob Wilson's tee shot sliced out-of-bounds. However, luck was with the durable logger from Lyle, Washington as his errant shot bounced off a tree coming to rest in the middle of the fairway. From there, Bob Wilson regained his leadership position edging out Tom Pinkley for the National Title. Nelson Cullenward, always a title contender, placed third behind runner-up Tom Pinkley.

1964 -

The site for the Twenty-ninth Annual Tournament was the Sherwood Forest Country Club in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Robert Wilder, President of the N.A.L.G. and his committee provided a memorable experience to the field of 135 golfers who teed it up during the week of June 14th through June 19th. As reported in the Baton Rouge Morning Advocate, the tournament was hotly contested, and at the end, dominated by a couple of good old boys from Texas. Stuart Cancellor from Midland, Texas outlasted Craig Raymond of Sequin, Texas for medallist and was awarded the National Title. Craig Raymond was declared runner-up.

1965 –

The Thirtieth Annual Tournament was held the week of June 27th through July 2nd at the Bermuda Dunes and Tropicana Country Clubs in Las Vegas, Nevada. A near record field of 243 braved the hazards of the two championship courses and the casino's festive atmosphere to participate in Nevada's second National Lefty event. Governor Grant Sawyer proclaimed the week as Lefty Golf Week and enlisted all citizens of the State of Nevada to cooperate in every way possible to make the National Left-Handed Tournament a success. From all reported sources, the hospitality of the Las Vegas citizens was outstanding. Fred Blackmar from Imperial Beach, California survived a valiant try by B.L. Bourne of Kileen Army Base, Texas to win the Amateur crown and titleist for the thirtieth annual event. The tournament was conducted under the guidance of Vince Cortes, N.A.L.G. President. Credit for the successful operation should be given to both Vince and his most able tournament committee headed by Dick Eckelman of the Southern California Left-Handed Golfers Association.

1966-

For a period of several years, the British Columbia Division of the N.A.L.G. had petitioned for the pleasure of hosting the National Tournament. Finally after much discussion and effort by Willard Gilmour and his lefty friends, the long waited for announcement was made. The Thirty-first National Amateur Championship was to be held the week of July 17th through the 22nd at two of British Columbia's finest courses – Victoria's Royal Colwood Golf and Country Club and Upland's Golf Club. Both courses were destined to prove their championship caliber to the field of 305 contestants that arrived eager and hopeful on the 282-mile long Vancouver Island. In Victoria, a city where winters are mild and summer temperatures rarely rise above the 70's, it is natural that parks and gardens are numerous. During the tournament week, it is reported that some 500 downtown lamp standards were adorned with hanging baskets of bright and colorful flowers. The special evening visit to the world famous Butchart Gardens was reported as a breathtaking experience to all those who witnessed the vast bowl of color. Amid such colorful attractions and surrounded by the gracious and hospitable Canadians, the contestants began their week to select a new champion. After the four days of golfing had passed, Tim Reisert of Las Vegas, Nevada was declared the winner and National Titleist. A fellow Las Vegas, Morris Ferstman was runner up. No amount of praise would be adequate for the outstanding job that was performed by Willard Gilmour, President of the N.A. L.G.,

Milt Dow, Tournament Chairman, and his most competent tournament committee. The visit to Victoria was judged as a memorable experience and one that will be long cherished by the 1966 National participants.

1967 –

The Thirty-second National Tournament was held at the Silver Lake Country Club in Orland Park, Illinois. Dr. G. N. Noss of Paducah, Kentucky won the National Title in a close win over Larry Caton of Norman, Illinois.

1968 –

The nation's capitol was the site of the Thirty-third National Amateur Championship Tournament. Charles Elderkin, President of the N.A.L.G. welcomed the field of 182 participants who found the Washingtonian Country Club to be a worthy site for the 33rd National event. Bill Whitaker of Bangor, Maine bested the field to emerge as winner and National Titleist. Ken Weavil of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, a close second, was declared runner-up.

1969 –

The Thirty-fourth National Amateur Championship was played over the Twin Hills Country Club in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the week of June 23rd through the 27th. A field of 172 golfers found the tree-tight Twin Hills Country Club to be both a challenge and a worthy site for the thirty-fourth anniversary of the N.A.L.G. National Championship. A native Oklahoman, Gary Terry from Shawnee, Oklahoma emerged the champion with a score of 295. Runner-up was Ben Hagins of Fordyce, Arkansas. The Junior Champion was Kevin Bench, Dallas, Texas, and number four son of General Bench who finished fourth in the Senior Division. Kerry Schwenke, Palm Beach, Florida, medallist, was runner-up. The Senior crown was captured by Paul Mose, Arlington, Texas who defeated Jim Young, Kokomo, Indiana on first hole of play-off after tie at end of 72 holes at 315. The unusual and highly enjoyed Member-Lefty 36 hole tournaments as a preliminary was won by team comprised of Don McLaughlin, Righty Member of Twin Hills Country Club, Oklahoma City, Bill Monoe, Burnaby, British Columbia, Jack Freeman, Oklahoma City, Norm Oldenburger, Oak Harbor, Washington, and Meadors Jones, Pauls Valley, Oklahoma. Bill Sharp was inducted into an unknown tribe as Chief Big Slice with due ceremony. All had a wonderful time. Dr Blue and all of his committee members, including the ladies, deserved a "Well done!"

1970 –

The site of the Thirty-fifth National Championship was the Arrowhead Country Club in Montgomery, Alabama. The weeklong event that was held June 13th through the 17th witnessed a field of 169 aspiring participants all-eager to be the best in their respective flights. Richard Tinsley of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina turned in a fine performance to earn his first National Title. The second place winner was runner-up Mike Drury of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

1971 -

Myrtle Beach, home of over two dozen-championship courses was selected as site of the 1971 National event. The course chosen by the Carolinas Division was the Duane-Palmer designed Myrtle Beach National Golf Club. Bob Dargen of Camden, South Carolina survived a week of competitive golf to emerge as winner and claim the National Title. Glynn Perkins of Virginia Beach, Louisiana was no less a champion, the only difference between titleist and runner-up being a few putts that refused to drop.

1972 –

The site of the Thirty-seventh National Championship Tournament was the Soangetaha Country Club in Galesburg, Illinois. The event was scheduled the week of July 10th through the 14th and witnessed a field of 161 lefties gathered together once again at the challenging Soangetaha Country Club to select a champion. After four days of close competition, Richard Tinsley repeated his flawless form and triumphed over Bob Dargen, the 1971 National Titleist, for his second National Amateur Championship Title. Bill Henninger, President, assisted by Len Woods, host, provided a memorable week of good golfing and fine entertainment.

1973 –

The Thirty-eighth National Championship returned to the Great Northwest and to the former site of the 1960 Tournament at Fircrest Golf Club, Tacoma, Washington. Under the able direction of Jack Walters and his exceptional committee comprised of Fircrest members, the field of 224 lefty golfers once again experienced a week of memorable golf, hospitality and entertainment. The week of July 31st through August 3rd was filled with activities for both the participants and their wives and was climaxed by the now famous Indian salmon bake and outdoor dance performed by the Lumni Indians on the rolling greens that overlook the picturesque course. From among the representatives of thirty states emerged the new champion, Jack Ruhs of Bellport, New York. Dan Morgan, a resident of nearby Seattle, was a close second and claimed the runner-up Champion position.

1974 –

A near record field of 248 contestants converged on the Brookhaven Country Club, Dallas, Texas for the Thirty-ninth Annual Amateur Championship. The event held during the week of June 25th through the 28th afforded the visiting lefties the opportunity to again enjoy the renowned Texas hospitality, to make new acquaintances, and to renew old friendships. The tournament was under the very able direction of Homer O'Neal, President of the N.A.L.G. Joe Black, host professional of the Brookhaven Country Club, assisted him. These two fine gentlemen supported by a host of Texas lefties made certain that every detail was addressed and by their collective effort ensured the success of the tournament. After a most pleasurable week of golf and entertainment, the scoreboard showed Bob Michael of Sarasota, Florida, the winner of the championship flight and new National Titleist. Runner up to Bob was Ben Hagens of Benbrook, Texas.

1975 –

The Fortieth National Championship returned to the challenging Myrtle Beach National Country Club, site of the 1971 Left-Handed Amateur Championship. The Carolinas Division welcomed a field of 195 participants eager to test once again the 6,138-yard track on Sand Pine Ridge. Apparently the abundant water and undulating bent grass greens were like hometown to Bobby Malone of Fort Worth, Texas as he survived a valiant try by Ken Weavill of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Bobby's low score earned him the National Title. Dale Bidwell reports in his History of the Texas Association of Left-Handed Golfers that Bobby won his first Texas Championship in 1941 at Mineral Wells at the age of sixteen. In 1979, Bobby won for the third time, the Texas Left-Handed Championship at the Quail Creek Country Club, San Marcos. Bobby's championship performance over a thirty-eight year period continues to be an inspiration to all of us of lesser ability.

1976 –

The Forty-first National Amateur Championship returned for the second time to California's Monterey Peninsula, previous site of the 1963 Championship. The event staged during the week of July 27th through 30th marked the first time in the history of the National Championship where four separate courses were utilized in the tournament format. The record field of 326 players was tested on the championship Spyglass, Old Del Monte and Rancho Canada East and West Golf Courses. The tournament under the direction of Tom James, President of the N.A.L.G., provided both a historic and memorable golfing experience to all those who attended. Forty states were represented, as well as participants from Canada, New Zealand and Australia. Emerging from this record international field was Ray Cragan of Albuquerque, New Mexico. His triumph over Jeff Thomas of Boise, Idaho won him the National Title and the invitation, by way of Tom James, to play in the Annual Bing Crosby Pro-Am Tournament the following January. As with Ray Cragan, an invitation to the Crosby Pro-Am Tournament was arranged through Tom for the succeeding five National Champions. As of 1981, six lefty champions have been so honored.

1977 –

Innsbrook Country Club at Tarpon Springs, Florida was the site of the Forty-second National Championship. A field of 160 contestants gathered at the Tampa/S. Petersburg golf complex to test the Island, Sandpiper and Copperhead courses. The tournament, conducted during the week of June 23rd through July 1st was under the Florida Association. After a week of challenging golf played under a warm Florida sky, Bob Michael from Sarasota, Florida, emerged from the field as winner and claimed his second title as National Champion. Ken Weavill of Winston-Salem, North Carolina was runner-up repeating his previous efforts in the 1968 and 1975 National events.

1978 –

The Forty-third Anniversary of the National Championship Tournament returned to the State of Texas and was staged at the Galveston Golf and Country Club in Galveston. A field of 173 participants assembled for a week of golf to determine both the National Titleist, as well as the Texas Champion. James Hanneman, President of the N.A.L.G. had actively pursued the early planning of the National Championship, but suffered a fatal heart attack on April 19, 1978, just two months prior to the scheduled event. Homer O'Neal and Frank Elder then assumed the responsibility and managed the tourney at Galveston. Bob Michael of Sarasota, Florida repeated his winning form of 1974 and 1977 and was declared National Champion for the third time. Ted Collins from Selma, California and a Northern California Titleist was runner-up.

1979 –

Madison, Wisconsin was selected as the site for the Forty-fourth Annual National Tournament. The event was held at the Yahara Hills Country club in Madison during the week of June 18th through 22nd. The field of 212 players enjoyed four days of fine golfing in the first tournament in the great state of Wisconsin. The winner was again Bob Michael of Sarasota, Florida. His fourth win, including the last three consecutive wins, places him in the select group of three time winners along with Alex Antonio, Alvin Everett, and Harry Shoemaker. These fine gentlemen have, over a period of forty years, demonstrated persistence and will to win over the best of competition. Dave Wernicke of River Hills, Wisconsin, a worthy champion in his own right, was the runner-up in this the 44th annual event.

1980 –

The Southern California Left-Handed Golfers Association was the host of the Forty-fifth National Championship. Palm Springs, California was selected as the tournament site. The tournament was played over two of the best courses in the Palm Springs area. A field of 249 golfers from 22 states and Canada found the challenges of the Palm Desert and Bermuda Dunes courses comparable with any of the past national competition sites. The tournament was conducted under the direction of Don Stokes, President, and Bill Johnson, Tournament Chairman. Reports indicate that they did an outstanding job as witnessed by the rash of record-breaking scores. In the championship flight, Bob Cooper of Monroe, Louisiana, barely edged out Bob Michael, previous four-time National Champion, to claim his first National Title. Bob Cooper's performance served notice that he was indeed destined to be a major contender in the future events.

1981 –

The Forty-sixth National Amateur Championship was held the week of June 22nd through the 25th at the Myrtle Beach National Golf Club, previous site of the 1971 and 1975 National events. The return to the challenging pine-lined fairways, lakes and seaside dunes, saw a near record field of 227 dedicated veterans assembled to test one more the Palmer-Duane designed masterpiece. After a week of intense competition, Bob Cooper once again emerged as champion. His victory over runner-up Bob Michael, previous 4-time National Titleist, earned him the proud position as the National Champion.

1982 –

Avalon Inn Country Club of Warren, Ohio was the site for the Forty-seventh Annual National Championship. The event held during the week of June 21st through the 25th, witnessed a field of 227 golfers eager to test the two Peter Dye designed wooded and lake-studded courses. Hall Fowler from Woodstock, Georgia accepted the challenge, and with four near perfect rounds of 71-70-73-70, claimed the National Crown. Hall's total of 284, even par for the 72-hole event, placed him eight strokes ahead of his closest rival, Bob Cooper, previous two-time winner. In winning, Hall was quoted as saying that he had beaten a great player and now had something to be very proud of. All his fellow competitors, as well as the people of Georgia, The Empire State of the South, shared his sentiments.

1983 –

The Forty-eighth National Amateur Championship returned once again to the Great Northwest. This event was held during the week of August 2nd through the 5th at the challenging Olympia Country Club and Tumwater Valley Golf Courses. The tournament was conducted under the able management of Dick Kanda, President of the N.A.L.G. and his fine tournament committee, headed by his right-handed friend Woody McCarty. A record field of 363 players enjoyed a week of beautiful weather and gracious hospitality. After a week of close competition, Chuck Davis of Honolulu, Hawaii parlayed his four rounds of near par golf to claim his first National Title. A close second, Al Jernigan of Macon, Georgia survived a valiant bid by Hall Fowler, 1982 Champion, to emerge as runner-up. Hall took 3rd place in the Championship Flight. The visit to Olympia by the players and wives will be long remembered, along with the past visits to Tacoma/Fircrest in 1960, Victoria in 1966 and Tacoma/Fircrest in 1973. Those friendships renewed in the great Northwest and new friendships made will long endure beyond the memory of the scores attained or the brief and fleeting moments of excellence.

1984 -

The Forty-ninth National Amateur Championship was held in Arlington, TX. The event was held at Bear Creek Golf Course. Winner of the Open Division was Chuck Davis with Stan Still as runner-up.

1985 -

The Fiftieth National Amateur Championship was held in Reno, NV. The event was held at Lakeridge Golf Course and Wildcreek Golf Course. Winner of the Open Division was Stan Still and Chris Wood was runner-up.

1986 -

The Fifty-first National Amateur Championship was held in Orlando, FL. The event was held at Magnolia, Palms and Lake Buena Vista Golf Courses. Winner was Al Jernigan and Stan Still was runner-up.

1987 -

The Fifty-second National Amateur Championship was held in Phoenix, AZ. The event was played on Orange Tree Golf Course and Camelback Country Club. The winner was Al Jernigan and Rudy Beruman was runner-up.

1988 -

The Fifty-third National Amateur Championship was held in Hot Springs, AR. The event was played at Arlington Golf Course and Majestic Golf Course. The winner was Stan Kavanage and Al Jernigan was runner-up.

1989 -

The Fifty-fourth National Amateur Championship was held May 30 through June 2, 1989 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The event was played on the Bay Tree (Gold and Green). The Open Division winner was Stan Kavanage with Marlon Buckner as runner-up.

1990 -

The Fifty-fifth National Amateur Championship Tournament was held Tuesday, June 26 through Friday, June 29, 1990 in Kelowna British Columbia. The event was played at the Kelowna Country Club and Gallagher Golf Course. The Open Division winner was Kirk Smith with Marlon Buckner as runner-up.

1991 -

The Fifty-sixth National Amateur Championship was held June 2-7, 1991 at the University of Georgia Golf Course and Jennings Mill Country Club in Athens, GA. The Open Division winner was Tom Harrell with Kirk Smith as runner-up.

1992 -

The Hidden Valley Resort, Gaylord Country Club and Michaywe Resort in Gaylord, MI hosted the Fifty-seventh National Amateur Championship on August 18-21, 1992. The Open Division winner was Morgan Pridemore with Kirk Smith as runner-up.

1993 -

The Fifty-eighth National Amateur Championship was held June 29 through July 2, 1993 in Albuquerque, NM. The event was played at the University of New Mexico Championship Golf Course and the Ladera Golf Course. The Open Division winner was Corey Spadey with Bubba Judy as the runner-up.

1994 -

The Fifty-ninth National Amateur Championship was held June 28, through July 1, 1994 at Palm Beach Gardens, FL. The event was played on the PGA National Course. Winner of the Open Division was Rudy Beruman with Lee Larimore as runner-up.

1995 -

The Sixtieth National Amateur Championship Tournament was held in Trail, British Columbia on June 27-30, 1995. The event was played on Rossland-Trail Country Club and Castlegar & District Golf Club courses. Then winner of the Open Division was Larry Grant with Rod Ferguson as runner-up.

1996 -

The Sixty-first National Amateur Championship Tournament was held June 24-27, 1996 at Indian Lakes Resort in Chicago, IL. The winner of the Open Division was Jim Whitley with Jon Kelley as runner-up.

1997 -

The Sixty-second National Amateur Championship was held in Las Vegas, NV on June 22-27, 1997. The event was held at the Pauite Resort on two courses, the Snow Mountain and Sun Mountain. The Open Division winner was Kirk Smith with Jim Whitley as runner-up.

1998 -

The Sixty-third National Amateur Championship Tournament was held at Palm Coast, Florida on June 23-26, 1998. The event was played on the Matanzas Woods course. Open Division winner was Kirk Smith (289) one over par, from Washington State repeated as National Champion, he won at Las Vegas winning over Jim Whitley in five extra holes last year. This year he opened a long early lead and coasted to a nine stroke win over Twig Wood (298) from North Carolina.

1999 -

The Sixty-Forth National Championship Tournament was held at LaQuinta, CA on June 21-25, 1999. The event was played on the PGA West Stadium Course and the Dunes Course. The open Division Winner was Kirk Smith (315). This was the fourth time he has won the Championship. He went into

the final day trailing Jon Kelly (316) by seven strokes. He shot a 79 and John Kelly an 87 giving Kirk the Championship by one stroke. The East/West Challenge was introduced at this Championship for the first time. It was played on the Monday prior to the tournament. The format was two players from the East playing a four-ball match against two players from the West. The East won this match, but the West said they are coming back.

2000 -

The sixty fifth National Championship was held at the "Legends Resort" Myrtle Beach, SC. On June 20-23, 2000. The event was played on three courses, Moorland, Parkland and Heathland, the winner of the Open Division was Buck Buckner with a 72 hole score of 296. Twig Wood held a three-stroke lead over Buck and five strokes over Mike Bellamy entering the fourth round. Twig shot a final round score of 80, Buck fired a 75 and Mike Bellamy a smooth 73 to put he and Buck into a playoff. Buck birdied the first playoff hole to win the open title. The second East/West challenge was held on Monday, with the East capturing the title once again.

2001 -

The sixty sixth National Championship was held at the TreeTops Resort in Gaylord, MI June 25-28 2001. This event was played on two great golf courses, the Smith Signature and Fazio Premier. This also the home of the PGA'S Par-3 Shootout where this year Lee Treveno had a hole-in-one worth \$1,000,000.00 yes one million. The Par-3 Shootout is held ThreeTops Course a great nine-hole course. The 2001 National Champion was Jim Whitley of Geneva, IL with a 72 hole score of 293. The runner-up was Nick Ikenberry of Chandler, AZ with a 72 hole score of 306.

The third East/West Challenge was held on Sunday, with the East winning the title once again. The West players said we would get them in 2002 in Las Vegas.

2002 -

The sixty seventh National Championship was held at Angel Park and The Legacy in Las Vegas, NV, June 24th through the 28th, 2002. Both courses were in great condition. The weather was not to hot for the month of June. The competition however was very hot and for the first time I can remember there was a sudden death playoff in both the Open and Senior Divisions.

The 2002 National Champion was Joe Brogdon of Macon, GA; Joe is also a member of the NALG Board of Directors. At the end of 72 holes Joe Brogdon and Trey Owens were tied at 287. Joe won the title on the second playoff hole.

The fourth East/West Challenge was held on Monday, June 23rd. Ed Martin who was in charge of pairing up the teams decided to pair them by handicap rather than geographical. This worked really well because after 18 holes the match was decided by one point.

2003 -

The sixty-eighth National Championship was held in Olive Branch, Mississippi October 6th through the 10th. It was played on two beautiful golf courses, Cherokee Valley and the Plantation Course. The weather was great with the exception of the final day when we encountered some rain early, but the skies cleared and we had a very competitive finish.

This year for the first time we had four divisions, the National Championship Division, Senior Championship Division, Masters Championship Division and the Open Championship Division. The new system seemed to be received very well. The tournament was also conducted in October for the first time.

The 2003 National Champion was Mike Bellamy of Little River, SC. At the end of 72 holes Mike Bellamy and Joe Brogdon (The 2002 National Champion) were tied at 297. Mike won on the first play-off hole.

2004 -

The 69th National Championship was held at Middletown, Ohio at the Weatherwax Courses with Felix Bertucci, who hails from Gulfport Mississippi, was a wire-to-wire winner having led, or tied for the lead, after each round of the 72-hole tournament. His winning total of 304 which was 2 strokes better than that of runner-up and 1996 & 2001 Champion, Jim Whitley of Geneva, Illinois. Doug Moorehead, a local 19 year old, claimed the third spot with a 307 total.

In the Senior Division, Jim Mason of Mineral Wells, West Virginia took the title by two shots over 2 time defending Champion Jack Ruhs of Palm City, Florida. Mason led the tournament by 3 shots after two rounds but a third round 81, marred by a penalty for playing the wrong ball, left him 2 shots off the 54 hole lead held by Dennis Faulk of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas. A final round 74, bettered only by a 73 from Kent Sanders of Liberty Indiana, moved him past Faulk and Ruhs and into the winner's circle. Sanders and Faulk wound up tied for third with Sanders winning the scorecard play-off.

Tom Coyne of Osprey, Florida, won the Masters Division. Tom's 307 total was 4 better than runner-up Max Gnagy of Hamilton Indiana and 5 better than Dale Buss of Rancho Cordova, California. Tom was tied for the lead after 36 holes and then fired an even-par 72 to head into the 4th round with a 6 shot lead. Though both Max and Dale bettered Tom's final round 79, neither could pick up the enough strokes to overcome Tom's 6-stroke advantage. This was Max Gnagy's 2nd consecutive runner-up finish after having won the title in 2002.

CHAPTER V

HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES LEFTY-RIGHTY CHAMPIONSHIP

Three men, Harry S. “Ted” Stone, Executive Vice –President of the Carolinas Division of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers, Clyde Small, outstanding golfer from Morganton, North Carolina, and Norman “Pinky” James, 1961 N.A.L.G. President, met on September 1, 1961 in Hickory, North Carolina, for the purpose of discussing the possibility of holding a Lefty-Rigthy golf championship. From this meeting came these results.

The Board of Directors of Catawba Country Club was petitioned for the use of their club facilities to hold a three-day (Friday, Saturday, Sunday) Lefty-Righty Golf Tournament to be known first as the Carolinas Lefty-Righty Team Championship. The Catawba Country Club Board of Directors unanimously granted the request. This event was scheduled and held September 25, 26 and 27, 1961, with 39 teams participating. Jess Barbour, lefty, and Billy Joe Patton, righty, won this event by nine strokes. They shot a phenomenal score of 66-65-66 = 196. This total is still a record for a three-day event. As a result of this first Lefty-Righty, a second tournament was scheduled for the following year.

On a cold November 1, 2, 3, and 4, the second Lefty-Righty Tournament was held. This event was billed as the Southern Lefty-Righty Team Championship. A field of 53 teams participated with the team of Norman James, lefty and Lee Pickens, righty, shooting consistent golf to win this event by eight strokes, 68-67-68 = 203. So successful was this tournament it was felt that it was now time to call the Lefty-Righty a national championship.

On November 27, 1962, at the DeSota Lakes Golf and Country Club, Sarasota, Florida, the Carolinas Division petitioned the Board of Governors of N.A.L.G. to hold annually in the Catawba River Valley of North Carolina a lefty-righty tournament to be called the United States Lefty-Righty Team Golf Championship. The plan called for Mimosa Hills Golf and Country Club to be co-host with the Catawba Country Club in staging this annual United States Lefty-Righty Tournament. The Board of Governors of N.A.L.G. unanimously granted the request.

The first United States Lefty-Righty Golf Championship was staged in 1963 with 78 teams participating. Bob Johnson, lefty, and Dick Foutche, righty, from Charleston, West Virginia, won this event with scores of 66-69-71-69 = 275. Johnson and Foutche again won the championship in 1964 with a score of 70-68-68 = 206. The final round was washed out so the tournament reverted to a 54-hole event.

In 1965, Frank Van Laanen of Green Bay, Wisconsin Bay, and Lew Oehmig, righty, of Chattanooga, Tennessee teams participating, won the third United States Lefty-Righty, with 106. These two outstanding golfers opened the third United States Lefty-Righty with a record score of 63. They followed this round shooting 69-74-71 = 277.

The fourth United States Lefty-Righty Tournament in 1966 was record year for this event. Van Laanen and Oehmig again won with a record score of 67-67-68-67 = 269. Nine teams other than the winners equaled or beat the former record of 275. This field of 154 teams (a record) drew players

from the United States, Canada and England. Of the many outstanding golfers and celebrities entered, Bob Sterling of Hollywood, California, was a favorite.

The fifth United States Lefty-Righty Tournament in 1967 was notable in many respects. This national championship event had reached such a high level of popularity that it was necessary to limit the number of entries. The field was sold out a month before tournament time. The committee limited the entries to 132 teams. Twenty more teams were entered; however, when Lenoir Country Club graciously agreed to let then foursomes play their course. This made a total of 152 participating teams. Again players came from all over America, Canada, and the Philippine Islands. The most important facet of the 1967 (fifth) tournament was the participation of a new club, the Cedar Rock Club of Lenoir, North Carolina. Cedar Rock Country Club has facilities unexcelled anywhere. All functions and ceremonies were held there with great success. The citizens of Lenoir and the members of Cedar Rock Country Club gave fine cooperation. This event will be one to remember for years to come. As always, Mimosa Hills Golf and Country Club extended their gracious hospitality to the visiting players. For the first time in history, a triple tie between three teams occurred.

The thrilling sudden death triple play-off saw defending champions, Van Laanen and Oehmig, fall on the first extra hole. The second extra hole saw the consistent team of John Tiddy and Terry Jones, righty, from Charlotte, N.C., lose to Ken Weavil and Charles Snipes of Winston-Salem, N.C. Weavil sank a five-foot uphill putt on the par 4-second hole as several fans watched in the gathering dusk. This tournament was the greatest ever. Because of an extensive greens and clubhouse repair program, the Catawba Country Club did not participate in 1967. The Sixth United States Lefty-Righty broke all records for entries and enthusiasm. 182 teams from all over America battled for honors on the three host clubs. Again it was regretted that many team entries had to be returned (no room available).

Two Air Force Majors from Moody Air Force Base, Georgia, dominated the Sixth Annual Tournament in 1968 over the three Catawba Valley Courses, Mimosa, Cedar Rock and Catawba with a best ball score of 278, ten under par. Close on their heels were the Schwencke brothers, teenagers – Kim and Kerry of Palm Beach, Florida with 279, Kerry being the lefty member of the team. A record field of 364 players from 23 states played in this most popular tournament.

The team of Ted Olsee and Ned Burger from Grand Rapids, with a score of 291 captured the Senior Division. Two holes-in-one were made during the tournament – one by Howard Benfield on the 17th hole at Cedar Rock and Elmer Johnson on the 13th at Mimosa. All players, families and guests thoroughly enjoyed the Western North Carolina brand of hospitality and fun. Ted Stone and Pinky James (promoted to Kentucky Colonel) outdid themselves as hosts.

The team of Dick Masten and Duane Streets of Indianapolis, Indiana with a four-day score of 277 won United States Team Championship the 1976. The runner-up team of Claude Lawhorn and Joe Marion of Advance, N.C., nearly matched the winner score, missing by only 2 strokes, coming in at 279.

CHAPTER VI
HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES
OF THE
STATE ORGANIZATIONS AND DIVISIONS OF THE N.A.L.G.

The history and activities of the State Organizations and Divisions of the N.A.L.G. that appear in this chapter represent all of the available information that this author was able to obtain. At best, this total represents only a small part of that which is believed to exist. Hopefully, in time with more input, a more complete picture can be assembled. Each and every lefty member is encouraged to send what he can about his organization to his state or division secretary or to the National Secretary, Ken Ahrens, 10149 Hammerly #714, Houston, Texas 77080.

ARIZONA (LEFTY ARIZONA GOLFERS)

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The Lefty Organization in Arizona was formed in 1961 by a group of 7 enthusiastic “Lefties” ... Harold Raphael, Johnny Bulla (the Pro who acted as advisor), George Druliner, Bob Forquer, Karl Connally, Weldon Baker and Conner Johnson. These 7 “Lefties” began recruiting other Lefties, and the First Lefty State Championship for Arizona was held April 29-30 at Century Country Club. Approximately 36 players participated and Don Green won the first Championship. “Pinky” James of the N.A.L.G. was very instrumental in arousing enthusiasm for the first Two State Championships. At that time, the Arizona Organization had no name. For the first two or three years, it was just known as those “Lefty Golfers associated with the N.A.L.G.” Then in 1963 the organization selected the name “Lefty Arizona Golfers (L.A.G.) and sort of broke away from the parent N.A.L.G. Since that time the organization has held the “Lefty State Championship” without interruption every year. Additionally, 2 to 8 other golf tournaments have been held yearly. In 1983 the organization held a total of 7 events. In 1984, plans are underway to hold 8 to 10 events.

The membership has fluctuated up and down over the year, from a start of some 30 members to a high of up to 70-75 members and down to as low as 28 members have. The present “Paid-up” membership for 1983 is 93 members, with expectations to go well over 100 members in 1984.... Lefty Golf is growing in Arizona.

Jack Walters and Tom James have been helpful supporters of the lefty efforts in Arizona. Over the years, there has always been a nucleus of active lefties who have belonged to the N.A.L.G. and who have been represented in most of the “National” Lefty Tournaments year after year. In 1983, there were 9 or 10 members playing at Olympia, Washington.

Bob Forquer and Jack Braddock were instrumental in holding the group together in the early years, being both active and supportive. Then Roy Mefford came along and became interested both as a player and an officer. Roy sparked the organization along for quite a few years. In appreciation of Roy’s work he was made a “Lifetime Member” in 1975.

The Arizona “Trophies” are travelling trophies, going into the Winner’s possession each year. In order to retire a “Trophy”, it has to be won 3 times in succession, and then becomes the property of the “Winner”. Don Green and Andy Roth are the only lefties to have retired a Trophy thus far in the 22-year history. The Senior Championship did not start until 1970 and Howard Walrath is the only senior to have retired a Trophy since that time.

Of the original 1961 Charter members, only Bob Forquer and Howard Walrath are still active in the L.A.G. as senior players and officers.

From late 1982 and through 1983, one of the members, Sam DiLullo, has provided the organization with a "Tourney Master" computer system which he operates. This system provides rapid results for practically any type of Golf Tournament that is held. The Arizona Lefty Organization has been very happy with the performance of the "Tourney Master" system. In addition to individual and team scores, handicaps are instantly figured in all results. Also it provides a record of scores for both Teams and individuals in Tournament play. From this record, it will be possible to maintain a check on handicaps. This kind of innovation might well be looked into for use in other states and perhaps for the "National Golf Tournaments" of the N.A.L.G.

The following summarizes the Lefty State Champions and Officers since the founding of the Arizona Organization in 1961.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tournament Site</u>	<u>State Champion</u>	<u>Senior Champion</u>
1961	Century Country Club	Don Green	
1962	Century Country Club	Jack Braddock	
1963	Mesa Country Club	Don Green	
1964	Arizona Country Club	Ken Engle	
1965	Tubac Country Club	Ken Engle	
1966	Phoenix Country Club	Don Green	
1967	Biltmore Country Club	Don Green	
1968	Biltmore Country Club	Don Green	
1969	San Marcos Country Club	Bob Duncan	
1970	Biltmore Country Club	Jack Braddock	Ray Crilley
1971	Sun City N. & S. C.C.	Bob Fortner	Ray Crilley
1972	Goodyear Country Club	Rob Kramer	Howard Walrath
1973	McCormick Ranch G.C.	Andy Toth	Howard Walrath
1974	McCormick Ranch G.C.	Rudy Beruman	Howard Walrath
1975	McCormick Ranch G.C.	Andy Toth	Howard Walrath
1976	McCormick Ranch G.C.	Andy Toth	Pat Ravanesi
1977	Goodyear Country Club	Andy Toth	Art Young
1978	Camelback Country Club	Rudy Beruman	Art Young
1979	Camelback Country Club	Andy Toth	Charles Funk
1980	Camelback Country Club	Andy Toth	Howard Walrath
1981	McCormick Ranch G.C.	Rudy Beruman	Earl Christensen
1982	Tuscon National C.C.	Rich Mueller	Charles Funk
1983	Tucson National C.C.	Charles Rawlins	Ed Sisti

<u>Year</u>	<u>President</u>	<u>Secretary & Treasurer</u>
1961	Harold Raphael	George Druliner
1962	Harold Raphael	Harold Raphael
1963	Don Green	Bob Forquer
1964	Don Green	Bob Forquer
1965	Vernon Shipp	Vernon Shipp
1966	Bob Forquer	Bob Forquer
1967	Don Green	Bob Forquer
1968	Jack Braddock	Bob Forquer

Year	President	Secretary & Treasurer
1969	Bob Forquer	Jack Braddock
1970	Bob Forquer	Bob Forquer
1971	Jack Braddock	Roy Mefford
1972	Jack Braddock	Roy Mefford
1973	Doug Tomlinson	Roy Mefford
1974	Doug Tomlinson	Roy Mefford
1975	Howard Walrath	Roy Mefford
1976	Howard Walrath	Roy Mefford
1977	Andy Toth	Art Young
1978	Andy Toth	Charles Spencer
1979	Rudy Beruman	Joe Neumann
1980	Roy Mefford	Charles Sepncer
1981	Charles Funk	Howard Walrath
1982	Charles Funk	Howard Walrath
1983	Bill Montgomery	Howard Walrath

1975 “Life Membership” to Roy Mefford

CALIFORNIA (NORTHERN CALIFORNIA LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS ASSOCIATION)

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The Northern California Left-Handed Golfers Association was founded in 1945 by three gentlemen, the late Bill Shaver, the late Jack Burg and Tom James. Shaver, then a noted ice hockey referee and assistant professional at the Richmond Golf Club, became the first president. Jack Burg became the secretary-treasurer and Lefty O’Doul and Ty Cobb of baseball fame, the first vice-presidents.

Nelson Cullenward, sports writer for a bay area newspaper, prevailed on the Oakland Post Inquire to sponsor a Northern California Lefty Championship Tournament. The first of two tournaments was held at Berkeley’s Tilden Park in 1945. 143 players paid \$1.00 for a year’s membership and played 36 holes to determine the first lefty California champion. Nels Cullenward emerged as low medallist with Tom James as runner-up. A fun banquet was held on Sunday night following the tournament at the Palm Gardens Restaurant in Albany, golfers’ hangout. The prizes provided by the Post Inquire were awarded to the winners. Most all of the players attended the banquet including the still active charter members, Nels Cullenward, Tom James, Ken Parks and Frank Castellotti.

After the untimely death of Bill Shaver, Al Douglas of Napa took it upon himself to keep the organization alive and functioning. A mailing list of the lefties was secured by sending a letter to all the P.G.A. Professional Golfers in the Northern California area asking them to cooperate by sending a list of their lefty club members. They all responded, with the result that an up-to-date mailing list was compiled showing 367 lefties, all belonging to clubs and potential members to the new founding organization. These lefties were contacted and nearly 100 showed up for the 1949 California Championship. Through the support and cooperation of such professionals as Harold Stone, Pat Markovich, Pat Patton and many others, the Northern California Association started an annual Pro-Lefty Tournament, the first of five, which were played at Richmond Country Club with Pat Markovich as host professional.

The Association has grown through the years. It is now a sound financially and stable organization that not only sponsors the Annual Western States Championship Tournament in September, but several other events including one-day lefty tournaments, two-day Lefty-Righty tournaments and a two-day California State Championship.

In past years, the Association has sponsored two National Championships, both at Monterey, California. Planning for the third is currently underway for the 50th Annual National Amateur Championship, the Golden Anniversary of the N.A.L.G. to be played in Reno, Nevada in 1985.

The Association is proud of the contributions made by the early founders and of the dedication and support of the many others, who have, over the years continued to further the cause of lefty golf in Northern California. Certainly, among those who have made major contributions are gentlemen like Nels Cullenward, who not only helped guide the early destiny of the Association, but also was the State Champion during 12 of the first 13 years. His winning performances in the second Western States Championship in 1959, his win with Tom Culligan, Jr. in the 1960 Silverado Invitational and his memorable win with George Archer in the 1965 Bing Crosby Invitational Pro-Am did much to focus favorable attention on the lefty golfers in California. Nels also served at the National level in 1949 on the N.A.L.G. Board of Governors.

Others who have helped further the cause of the Northern California Association include George Deason, Tom James, the late Al Douglas, the late Frank Hart, the late Frank Cornell, Ralph Bernstein, Frank Castellotti, the many Directors – Dennis Mealey who introduced this author to the Association and the late and inspiring Joe Basili, plus all the Presidents, who each in turn, made their special contribution. A few like George Deason, who did a remarkable job as both Secretary-Treasurer of the Northern California Association, as well as Secretary of the National in 1963, deserve special mention. In recognition of his meritorious service, George was awarded the Alvin Everett Trophy by the N.A.L.G. in 1963 for outstanding service to lefty golf.

Of equal merit, Tom James has over the years been one of the most avid and active supporters of lefty golf. Tom was one of the founding fathers back in 1945 and is still today one of the best known and well liked lefty ambassadors or lefty golf throughout the world. His singular effort on several occasions has made possible the invitation to the National Amateur Champion to play in the Bing Crosby Pro-Am. As an entertainer, Tom Rivals the best and continues to exemplify the spirit of good fellowship to all visiting portsiders.

The record of winners of the California State Championship is not complete however; the available date is presented below.

CALIFORNIA CHAMPIONS *

1945	Nels Cullenward, Runner-up Tom James
1946	Jack Burg, Runner-up Nels Cullenward
1947	Nels Cullenward
1948	Nels Cullenward
1949	Nels Cullenward
1950	Nels Cullenward
1951	Nels Cullenward
1952	Nels Cullenward
1953	Nels Cullenward
1954	Nels Cullenward
1955	Nels Cullenward
1956	Nels Cullenward

1957 Nels Cullenward
1958 Nels Cullenward
1959 Dick Eckelman, Runner-up Nels Cullenward
1960 John Carlin
1961
1962
1963
1964
1965
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1966 Al Cole
1967 Ralph Bernstein
1968 Ted Collins
1969 Ted Collins
1970 Ted Collins
1971 Ted Collins
1972 Ted Collins
1973 Ted Collins
1974 Larry Grant, Runner-up Ted Collins
1975 Ted Collins
1976 Ted Collins
1977 Ted Collins
1978 Ted Collins
1979 Ted Collins
1980 Ted Collins
1981 Ted Collins
1982 Ted Collins
1983 Ted Collins

- 1945 – 1958 Northern California Champions
- 1959 – 1983 California Champions

N.C.L.H.G.A. OFFICERS

Year	President	Secretary-Treasurer
1945	Bill Shaver	Jack Burg
1946	Nels Cullenward	Jack Burg
1947	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1948	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1949	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1950	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1951	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1952	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1953	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1954	Al Douglas	Bill Kimbrel
1955	Ken Johnson	Bill Kimbrel
1956	Joe Anderson	Al Swan
1957	Nels Cullenward	George Deason
1958	Al Douglas	George Deason
1959	Al Douglas	George Deason
1960	Al Douglas	George Deason
1961	Al Douglas	George Deason
1962	Gene Williams	George Deason
1963	Charles Fishel	George Deason
1964	Reed Harris	George Deason
1965	Frank Hart	Pete Johnson
1966	Frank Hart	Pete Johnson
1967	Frank Hart	Pete Johnson
1968	Frank Castellotti	Frank Hart
1969	Frank Castellotti	Frank Hart
1970	B.H. "Bud" Anderson	Frank Hart
1971	William W. "Wes" Harberts	Frank Hart
1972	Allan Gilbert	Frank Cornell
1973	John R. Mulkern	Frank Cornell
1973	John R. Mulkern	Frank Cornell
1974	Allan Gilbert	Frank Cornell
1975	Allan Gilbert	Frank Cornell
1976	Robert L. Broughton	Frank Cornell
1977	Robert L. Broughton	Frank Cornell
1978	Charlie Bloed	Frank Cornell
1979	Charlie Bloed	Frank Cornell
1980	Bob Johnson	Frank Cornell
1981	Ralph Bernstein	Colin Hutcheon
1982	Ron Griffin	Colin Hutcheon
1983	Fred Oehler	Tom Dance

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Howard Merrill and Dunc Williams who now lives in New Westminster, B.C, founded the British Columbia Association of Left-Handed Golfers in 1941. In discussions with Dunc, Willard Gilmour reports that Dunc was the President for the first five or six years and that the early tournaments were held mainly at the Peace Portal Golf Club and at the Vancouver Golf Club respectively. The B.C. Association was fortunate in having Dunc as the first president. His organizational talent and athletic ability was certainly a great asset to the newly formed club. Dunc was one of Canada's foremost tennis players in the 1930's and after winning the Western Canada doubles title in 1941 he retired from tennis and turned his attention to golf. In addition to his interests in golf, Dunc is also a Life Master in Bridge and has played against all the great players. While he has not played golf for 20 years, Dunc still has an active interest in the game and keeps in shape by participating in his favorite duplicate bridge circles.

Others who have served as either President or Secretary of the B.C. Association since Dunc are Les Harvie, Willard Gilmour, George Murry, B. McGibney, Wally Gomlay, Gordon Weber, and Ray Nelson. The current President is Ken Stewart, and the current Secretary is Herb Dawson. Their addresses are as noted above.

As for the B.C. Titleist, the available records show that the following gentlemen won the B.C. Championship crown:

1941	Ed Horsman	1958	Jack Walters
1942	Jack Walters	1959	
1943	Lloyd Felker	1960	
1944	Lloyd Felker	1961	Dan Morgan
1945	Dave Mitchell	1962	
1946	Jack Walters	1963	
1947	Harold Armstrong	1964	Dan Morgan
1948	Jack Walters	1965	
1949	Jack Walters	1966	
1950		1967	Simon Fraser
1951		1968	
1952		1969	
1953	Jack Walters	1970	
1953		1971	
1954		1972	Dan Morgan
1955	Jack Walters	1973	
1956	Dan Morgan	1974	
1957		1975	
		1976	

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CAROLINAS (LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE CAROLINAS)

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In the fall of 1936 there was a foursome of left-handers playing golf at the Sedgefield Country Club. In this foursome were Mr. John K. Voehringer, Jr., and Mr. W.W. Sharp, Jr. It happened that this foursome had one of the lowest scores ever recorded by amateurs in the history of the Sedgefield Country Club. By virtue of this great round of golf, this foursome challenged any left-handed foursome in this vicinity and the south to a match. A great deal of interest was stimulated.

At this time Mr. Voehringer decided to organize the Left-Handed Golfers' Association of the Carolinas, and donated the beautiful John K. Voehringer, Jr., trophy. The first meeting was held on May 12, 1937, at the Sedgefield Inn. The Association was organized and the following officers were duly elected: Vice President, Mr. John Heller, Sedgefield, Secretary; Mr. Sharp, Greensboro, Treasurer.

During the past 47 years the Association has conducted some very excellent tournaments. The annual tournament is usually held in May, and play is on a fifty-four medal play basis. In addition to the annual Carolinas' championship, the Association holds several one-day tournaments during the year.

In 1942 the National Left-Handed Championship was to be played at the Sedgefield Country Club and sponsored by the Carolinas' Association. It was decided to postpone this championship for the duration of the war. After peace was declared, the Carolinas Division asked the National Association to allow the Division to put on the 1946 National Championship. The tournament conducted under the able guidance of Bill Sharp, Jr., was judged an overwhelming success.

The following is the parade of Presidents and Champions since 1936.

Year PRESIDENTS

1936	John K. Voehringer, Jr., Greensboro, NC
1937	John K. Voehringer, Jr., Greensboro, NC
1938	Fred O. Tilson, Greensboro, NC
1939	W.W. Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
1940	W.W. Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
1941	W.W. Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
1942	-1945 World War II
1946	L. Vic Huggins, Chapel Hill, NC
1947	W.W. Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
1948	W.G. Carter, Colombia, SC
1949	William L. Johnson, Raleigh, NC
1950	Willis Henderson, Charlotte, NC

1951 J.O. Barbour, Morganton,
 1952 F.E. Harlee, Jr., High Point, NC
 1953 F.E. Harleen, Jr., High Point, NC
 1954 Vern Benfield, Valdese
 1955 William Wrenn, Silver City
 1956 Ted Stone, Hickory
 1957 Norman "Pinky" James, Hickory
 1958 Posey Jones, Mt Airy
 1959 John M.T. Holliday, Galivants Ferry, SC
 1960 Mason W. Smith, Charlotte, NC
 1961 Gorrell Stinson, Winston-Salem, NC

Year CHAMPIONS

1936 Fred O. Tilson, Greensboro, NC
 1937 W.W. Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
 1938 J. Otis Arney, Morganton
 1939 George L. Jones, Jr., Asheville, NC
 1940 W. W. Sharp, Jr., Greensboro, NC
 1941 R.S.Foley, Stoneville
 1942 –1945 World War II
 1946 J.O. Barbour, Morganton
 1947 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1948 R.S. Foley, Stoneville
 1949 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1950 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1951 W.S. Carter, Columbia, SC
 1952 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1953 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1954 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1955 R.S. Foley, Stoneville
 1956 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1957 Jimmie Dezern, Durham, NC
 1958 Norman "Pinky" James, Hickory
 1959 Ray H. Grubman, Charleston, SC
 1960 Ed Sweetman, Greensboro, NC
 1961 Willis Henderson, Charlotte, NC

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Dick Greenwell of Evansville, Indiana reports that he had attended the 1963 National Lefty Open Tournament as a professional and at the same tournament met Hank Culp another lefty professional from Indianapolis. Shortly after the tournament, they met in Mooresville and organized a state association of left-handed golfers. Dick won the 1963 and 1964 Indiana Lefty Open Tournament. Shortly thereafter, the tournament was changed to amateurs only. Dick got his amateur rating back in 1967 and since then has been playing in the State and National Amateur Championships.

The list of the other state champions cannot be presented at this time due to lack of information.

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The first southpaw tournament in New England was reported in 1925. Brice S. Evans, a towering portsider who had won a Canadian and New England reputation as a long ball hitter, had the low score among the twenty aspirants who attended the premier event. For the next several years, an annual event was held which brought together lefty representatives from any of the New England States. In 1932 it became apparent that many of the gang would enjoy other tournaments in addition to the annual championship. On the last day of the annual event, it was decided to form a permanent organization. Bill Cunningham was elected President and F.E. Johnston, Secretary.

In 1933 the newly organized association conducted tournaments in New Hampshire and Maine, in addition to the usual New England Championship and this program has continued through the years with the Championship spread out to a three-day event.

In the National Left-Handed Golfer for July 1937, F.E. Johnson reports that the New Hampshire State Tournament was held at the Portsmouth Country Club on June 23rd followed by a special attraction of lobster, clam and an outdoor bake. On July 24th and 25th, the Maine Championship was held at the Poland Spring Hotel Course, one of the most beautiful summer spots in New England. An evening banquet, dancing, and entertainment followed the championship event. (Author's note: The entry fee for the two days was \$2.50 plus a special hotel rate for the living accommodations.)

The Lefty's Association official seal depicts the 19th hole at Sandy Burr as being in the cellar with a couple of good size jugs for warmth and one old fashioned Edison blub hanging down from the

rafters for light. This seal was drawn up in gold and presented to Bill Cunningham on the occasion of his 20th year as president.

The Association has had many vice-presidents, three treasurers and, as of 1958, four secretaries and of course, members from all walks of life among them such notables as Edsel Ford of the Ford family and Bill Dickey of the New York Yankee fame.

For many years, five tournaments a year are held at various golf clubs throughout New England, one each month starting in May with the New England Championship being held in August and ending up with a member-guest in September, at which time many right-handed golfers and notables are guests.

In the National Left-Handed Golfer, Winter Issue 1958, Sumner R. Wolley, Treasurer of the New England Association of Left-Handed Golfers points out that over the years, probably the most famous tournaments and all-around good times were the trips to the magnificent Poland Springs House in Maine for a 3-day session in which the wives and sweethearts were included, and if one did not have one or the other, one was provided. Golf probably was secondary for two out of the three days; however, the championship of Maine was contested for and the winner was awarded a large silver cup to be much admired by all.

The annual dinner held at some in town Boston hotel early in January is the big attraction for all sports lovers, as many sports celebrities are there as guests and speakers, together with the local sportswriters and get the real off-the-record inside dope on many an athlete and athletic club. Many anecdotes and situations are also recalled at this time. All national and international political problems of the world are settled! The meeting breaks up in the wee small hours with a rendition of "There'll always be a Lefty."

At the October 13, 1983 Pembroke Mass Tournament, Glenn Dick, Dan Casey and Rick Willis were re-elected to President, Secretary-Treasurer and Tournament Directory for another year.

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From all available sources and information obtained to date from John Yeasley in Gresham, Oregon, and Ben Dolp in Portland, it appears that the Oregon Association was founded in 1924 by three gentlemen, the late Harry Jett, the late Wes Sundeleaf and the late Joe Kovalak, all top players and active in the early functions of the Oregon Association. Z.I. "Dan" Danzker reports that Ben Dolp was the State Champion for many years during the later period of the 1920's through the 30's and

into the 1940's. The history of the Oregon State Champions is incomplete, however, the available records show that Jack Walters of Fircrest Washington was the Oregon State Champion in 1937, 1939, 1956, 1957, 1960 and 1970. The records also show that Daniel Morgan of Seattle, Washington won the Oregon State Title in 1963, 1965 and again in 1973. Jim Schramm was the Oregon Champion in 1964.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST (PACIFIC NORTHWEST LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS ASSOCIATION)

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In the summer of 1927 at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club, Joe Gilpin of Tacoma, Vaughn Bosley, Frank Hull and "Shorty" Marshall from Seattle, and Jim Fuller from Aberdeen, Washington, organized the Washington State Left-handers Golf Association. They qualified 36 holes and then match play. In the later years, the name was changed to the Pacific Northwest Left-handers Golf Association. The tournaments were played at the Tacoma Country and Golf Club until World War II. Following the war, play was moved to the Fircrest Golf Club where Jack Walters started running it. Play was changed to 36-holes medal and the first day, as no one could afford to take off four days. Courses were easy to get those days.

The permanent secretary now is Jim Schramm. The association does not have directors. President and Secretary decide where to play and try to schedule the golf courses three years in advance. The field is kept around 130 entries and is usually full.

The association celebrated the 50th anniversary at Fircrest Golf Club, August 1977. It was a mini-national 54 holes and from all reports, it was very successful, as were the Nationals at Fircrest in 1960 and 1973,

The current President, Jack Walters, is also the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Association. Under his direction, the National Association has grown in stature and recognition throughout the world. It is a tribute to Jack's dedicated effort that he has been honored both by his community and by his lefty peers. On the occasion of this entry into the Tacoma-Pierce County Hall of Fame in 1963, the editor of the Golf World Magazine, Thomas H. O'Neil, stated the following:

"Lefthanders have had a long pull for acceptance on the golf course and Jack Walters of Tacoma has been instrumental in breaking the barriers. His accomplishments are so varied That his home area recently recognized a lifetime of service by inducting him into The Tacoma-Pierce County Hall of Fame.

"The honor was not accorded for portside proclivity alone. His stature in the world of sport is matched by his stature in his community, according to the awards committee. Not only is he a nationally recognized amateur star, but also he has served unselfishly in support of sports in his home area. Another sportsman of great stature, Joe E. Brown, made the presentation at the annual man of the year fete.

"Walters carried impressive golf credentials into the Hall of Fame: 16 times Pacific Northwest lefty champion; six times Tacoma GA city champion; six times Fircrest GC, Tacoma, champion; five times Oregon state lefty champion; five times British Columbia lefty winner; two times National Association of Left-handed Golfers amateur champion and twice runner-up; first Western states lefty winner and a member of NALG hall of fame."

Jack's accomplishments did not end in 1963 but continue today in his competitive play and as standard-bearer of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers. As good will ambassador to the lefty associations in Australia and New Zealand, he has done much to bring these world organizations closer to us. As witnessed by the participating in the two previous World Tournaments, he has been most successful in his efforts. Jack and Willard Gilmour of Vancouver, British Columbia, are collaborating on the fourth World Tournament to be held in Canada in summer of 1985. From all indications, it should be the biggest and best to date.

The amateur champions of the Pacific Northwest Association are presented below.

1927	Jim Fuller	1948	Jack Walters	1966	Dan Morgan
1928	Jim Fuller	1949	Jack Walters	1967	Bob Morris
1929	Jack Walters	1950	Jack Walters	1968	George Lanning
1930	Harold Nicholas	1951	Jack Walters	1969	Jim Schramm
1931	Stowell Challacombe	1952	Art Scarpello	1970	Bob Morris
1932	Stowell Challacobme	1953	Jack Walters	1971	Mike Kemppainen
1933	Jack Walters	1954	Bob Morris	1972	Dan Morgan
1934	Joe Kershner	1955	Art Scarpello	1973	Fred Urquhart
1935	Jack Walters	1956	Jack Walters	1974	Dan Morgan
1936	Jim Todd	1957	Bob Romnes	1975	Simon Fraser
1937	Jack Walters	1958	Jack Walters	1976	Herb Knudson, Jr.
1938	Jack Walters	1959	Jack Walters	1977	Fred Urquhart
1939	Ed Horsman	1960	Bob Wilson	1978	Dennis Diede
1940	Bill Keyes	1961	Bob Morris	1979	Fred Urquhart
1941	Jack Walters	1962	Art Scarpello	1980	Dan Morgan
1942	Jack Walters	1963	Bob Wilson	1981	Dennis Diede
1946	Jack Walters	1964	Dale Platt	1982	Dennis Diede
1947	Hobart Price	1965	Art Scarpello	1983	Dennis Diede

The Senior Champions and winners of the Verne Kuske Memorial Senior Trophy are presented below.

1968	W.J. Oldenburg
1969	Paul W. Clymer
1970	Viv T. Kidd
1971	Frank A. Mattausch
1972	Loren Allard
1973	Art Scarpello
1974	Art Scarpello
1975	Paul W. Clymer
1976	Paul W. Clymer
1977	Jack Walters
1978	Art Scarpello
1979	Art Scarpello
1980	Ray G. Anderson
1981	Ray G. Anderson
1982	Ray G. Anderson
1983	Simon Fraser

TEXAS (THE TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS)

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FORWARD:

The history of the Texas Association of Left-Handed Golfers as presented in this document is only a small capsule summary of that contained in Dale Bidwell's book, A History of the Texas Association of Left-Handed Golfers. Any attempt to further duplicate the excellent effort of Dale Bidwell would only deprive the reader of the real pleasure in learning about the Texas Lefties. Dale's book is available from Ken Ahrens for all those who desire to learn more about the lefty golfers from the great state of Texas.

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Because they were denied the opportunity of playing in the annual Houston Municipal Golf Tournament back in the summer of 1938, two lefties got their "dander" up and organized the Texas Association of Left-Handed Golfers.

However, it took lots of work to actually get the Association off the ground by the pair of determined left-handers. But persistency and hard work by the pair – the late Ray Dorchester and Parker Presley – produced one of the finest left-handed associations in the nation.

Sooner than it takes to tell about it, the pair wrote to every golf course in the state, asking for names and addresses of lefties. A list of 600 left-handers was secured in a matter of two months and then began the selling job of organizing a tournament.

The Brae Burn Country Club of Houston offered its course to the lefties and, through the kindness of Jimmy Demaret, the first tourney was held in August 1938. Only 16 players participated but it was a red-hot tourney.

In 1939, Glen Lakes Country Club in Dallas was the site and in 1940 it came to Seguin's Max Starcke Course before moving to Mineral Wells in 1941. In 1942 the tournament site was Glen Garden in Fort Worth. Then, World War II halted the tourney temporarily.

The tourney was resumed in 1946 at Seguin when city officials asked the Association to make Seguin the permanent site of the annual tournament. And, with the exception of two years, 1957 and 1962, the tourney was held in Seguin until 1969. From 1970 until 1980 the tournament was held at various courses. In 1981 and 1982 the tournament again returned to Starcke Park, Seguin, Texas.

Many people are responsible for the ever-expanding Texas Association of Left-Handed Golfers. To Bert Keller of Seguin goes the credit for inspiring the Association to move to Seguin. And to W.A. (Lefty) Stackhouse and the late Bill Fields for keeping it there.

Other lefties who played an instrumental part include Roy Ribelin of Dallas, Fred Skelton of Jacksonville, Judge Gilmartin of Fort Worth, Gill Miller and Jack Lodge of Houston, Manny DeBusk of Dallas, Homer O'Neil of Fort Worth and Joe Turner, former executive vice-president from Houston.

But lefties will always owe a debt of gratitude to the departed Ray Dorchester and Parker Presley, now serving as the executive vice-president and treasurer of the Association, for their efforts in the beginning.

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CHAPTER VII
HISTORY AND ACTIVITIES
OF THE
LEFTY WORLD ORGANIZATIONS

AUSTRALIA (NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF LEFT-HANDED GOLFERS OF AUSTRALIA)

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N.A.L.G.A. was conceived at Nudgee on August 8, 1964 when George Ewart organized lefties four comprising himself, Bill Bowden, John Daniher and Gary Downs to play in the J.P. Mulholland Memorial Day.

From this grew the Australian Association, which now has divisions in Queensland (1964), Victoria (1966), Tasmania (1966), N.S.W. (1967), Central Queensland (1968), A.C.T. (1975), North Queensland (1975), South Australia (1977), Riverina (1978), Gold Coast/Northern N.S.W. (1981).

The first National Championship was held at the Brisbane Club in 1966 and was won by Roger Dwyer of Virginia Club.

After a very successful visit to the N.A.L.G.A. Championships in the U.S.A. in 1976, for which the party from Australia comprised 68 people, it was decided that the lefty organization should be linked internationally.

Through the efforts of Doug Crosby (N.S.W. President) and Terry Lennox (N.S.W. Secretary) the first international Left-Handers tournament was organized in Sydney in March 1979.

The event was a huge success with 130 coming from the United States and Canada, a big contingent from New Zealand and competitors from all divisions of Australia.

The second international was held on Maui, Hawaii in 1981. New Zealand hosted the 3rd International at Wairakei and Lake Taupa in February 1983. Canada is the venue for the 4th International in 1985.

In 1980, a party of 21 attended the Championships of the British Left-Handers Society in the United Kingdom and the close links established there will continue to flourish.

Although N.A.L.G.A. has not yet achieved the heights of its U.S. counterpart by obtaining long term sponsorship and having golf equipment "NALGA Approved". It is, however, expanding rapidly and many new districts are being formed.

THE CHAMPIONS

<u>Venue</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Winner</u>
1966 Queensland	Brisbane	R. Dwyer (Queensland)
1967 New South Wales	Oatlands	W. Wright (N.S.W.)
1968 Victoria	Cranbourne	J. Davis (Vic. Pro)

Venue	Club	Winner
1968 Victoria	Cranbourne	W. Wright (N.S.W. Am)
1969 Tasmania	Riverside	P. Read (N.S.W.)
1970 Queensland	Surfers Paradise	S. Mackay (Queensland)
1971 New South Wales	Strathfield	D. Roberts (N.S.W.)
1972 Victoria	Cranbourne	R. McLennan (Victoria)
1973 Tasmania	Kingston Beach	E. Booth (Tasmania)
1974 Queensland	Surfers Paradise	I. Davis (Queensland)
1975 New South Wales	The Lakes	G. Bainbridge (N.S.W.)
1976 Victoria	Kingston Heath	B. Ewert (N.S.W.)
1977 Tasmania	Tasmania	E. Booth (Tasmania)
1978 Queensland	Keperra	T. Keirnan (Queensland)
1979 South Australia	Riverside/Royal Adelaide	B. Yarnold (Riverina)
1980 A.C.T.	Federal/Royal Canberra	H. Wilson (N.S.W.)
1981 Victoria	Long Island/Patterson River	D. Roberts (N.S.W.)

THE LEN NETTLEFOLD CUP

This is a teams event in which each State or Division nominates a team of four amateur players with each team scoring on the World Cup basis, i.e., “The best three 18 holes gross score returned each round will be counted.”

Previous winners have been:

1967	New South Wales (On play-off with Victoria)	1976	New South Wales
1968	Victoria	1977	New South Wales and Tasmania tied
1969	Tasmania	1978	Queensland
1970	Queensland	1979	New South Wales
1971	New South Wales	1980	New South Wales
1972	Victoria	1981	New South Wales
1973	New South Wales	1982	Tasmania
1974	Queensland		
1975	New South Wales		

Doug Bachli

In 1954, Doug Bachli won the British Amateur Championship. He became the first Australian to do this and remains the only Australian to achieve this feat.

Doug is a member of The Victoria Golf Club in Melbourne where he was many times Club Champion. He represented the State on numerous occasions and has represented Australia in international events.

Doug has been associated with the N.A.L.G.A. organization almost since its inception, firstly through his connection with our National carrier Ansett Airlines of Australia, and secondly because of his active interest in the promotion of golf generally.

Doug has presented us with a permanent trophy for a handicap four-ball stable-ford event, which we have decided to call “The Doug Bachli Four-Ball Classic”.

Doug is a right-hander but we forgive him this handicap and will always welcome him as a friend of N.A.L.G.A.

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The British Left-Handed Golfers Society was formed in the early 1950's and began to expand in the early 1960's due mainly to the efforts of the current Life President, John Turner. The membership is spread all over the United Kingdom. The Society schedules tournaments in most areas with the annual Championship event being held in the Midlands. As in all other lefty organizations, the British Society is actively looking for new members with the hope of attracting as many lefties to join as possible.

The Society is affiliated with the English Golf Union and also with the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers which has a large following in America, Canada, Australia and New Zealand. Golfers from these organizations have often played in the British tournaments and are always welcomed in the United Kingdom.

The Season is mainly April to October and covers some 13 Trophy events, including the Scottish and Welsh Championships together with an Open Championship Meeting (Tournament Event) held annually in the Midlands for the Bob Charles Scratch Cup (donated by Bob Charles) and for the Malcolmson Handicap Cup. In addition to the above, the Society holds an International Match in competition with the Irish Left Handers over a long weekend at the beginning of the Season at Portpatrick, Nr. Stranrear.

A Committee of approximately 12 people who are located throughout the U.K governs the Society. This Committee in concert with the Life President, J.K. Turner; the Captain, Tom Hayes; and Secretary/Treasurer, Roger Wood, establish the Seasonal Meetings, and conduct the business of the tournament golf as necessary. Roger I. Wood, current Secretary/Treasurer reports that the Society has approximately 250 members in the U.K. and expects that this number could reach 1,000 with some active recruiting effort.

The Annual Subscription is 10 pounds, which goes toward postage/printing and also helps subsidize the tournament prizes.

The British Society through the office of Roger Wood, Secretary/Treasurer, announces the venues for 1984 as follows:

Thurs	12 April	Beau Desert G.C. Cannock, Staffs	Wilson Henry Cup
Sun	29 April	Morrecambe G.C.	Open Meeting organized By Morecambe Corrie Fisters
Sun	29 April	Portpatrick Golf Week until Sunday 6 th May	

Thurs/ 29 April			
Sun 3/6 May		Portapatrik Golf Long Weekend Carmarthen G.C.	Open Meeting & Members' Cup L/H only
Thurs 31 May		Helsby G.C. Warrington	Cheshire Putter
Mon 11 June		Belfry – 1984 Championship	Brabazon Course
Thurs 5 July		Burnham & Barrow G.C.	Somerset Treglown Salver
Thurs 19 July		Brocton Hall G.C. Stafford	Captain's Day/ Midlands Cup
Thurs 16Aug		North Wiltshire G.C.	Devizes – Wessex Trophy
Thurs 6 Sept		Monmouthshire G. C. Abergayenny	Welsh Championship & Mees Club
Thurs 27 Sept		Rotherham G.C.	Yorkshire Cup
Thurs 11 Oct		Welwyn Garden City G.C.	President's Cup

The Honorable Life President, John Tuner, cordially invites the participation of all lefty golfers to play golf in the U.K. and to enjoy the challenge and keen competition as provided by the British Society of Left-Handed Golfers.

The history of the British Champions is not complete without an acknowledgement of the winners of each of the yearly events. The names of these champions and fine gentlemen follow on the next several pages.

Year	Malcolmson	Mees	Founders	Members	Treglown
1949					
1950	C.W. Spencer				
1951	A.E. Hills				
1952	W. R. Graylin	B. Warriss W. Welsh			
1953	W. Welsh	F. Reitz			
1954	J.E. Winkworth	K.H. Thompson			
1955	F. Reitz	J.T. White			
1956	L. A. Bates	A.E. Hills			
1957	D.G. Roberts	C.D. Dunn			
1958	T. White	W.R. Graylin			
1959	C.J. Baker	R.W. Howell			
1960	R.W. Elliott	A.E. Hills	J. Newman		
1961			R. Reitz	J. Walker	
1962			J. Walker	A.Mackay	
1963		R.W.Howell	A.Mackay	A. Mackay	N.Nicholls
1964		J.K.Turner	F.Reitz	J. Lee	J. Walker
1965		R. Saint	J. Beet	B. Warriss	J. Lee
1966	O. Brown	V.J.Roberts	L. Bainsbridge	J.Lee	B. Saunders
1967	M. Quinlan	B. Saunders	C. Morley	J. Walker	R. Saint
1968	E. Braken	J. Andrew	B. Saunders	M. Jeans	R.Saint
1969	C. Third	J. Andrew	R. Hook	E.A. Hills	V.Marcanti
1970	P.Daley	E. Braken	J. King	A. Jupp	E.A. Hills
1971	M. Jeanes	W.M.Henry	E. Bracken	E. A.Hills	A. Hinwood
1972	D. Latter	A.Jupp	J. Staunton	P. Stuart	M. Glavin
1973	A. Tune	R. Burn	E. Shimwell	H. Hubert	C. Metcalf
1974	E. Wright	R. Bryan	A. Hart	F. Allen	W.M. Henry
1975	K. Smith	B. Stacey	D.Gannicleefft	J. Johnson	D. Hughes
1976	R. Taylor	N. Roydon	D. Blaney	P. Palmer	J. Wardle
1977	H. Illesley	S. Horsborough		D. Dowsett	J. Wardle
1978	L. Chesters	T. Graffy		J. Wardle	A. Tune
1979	J. Carrington	T. Graffy	S. Quinn	T. Hayes	C. Pages
1980	P. Forrester	P.Vernon		M. Hassall	R. Williams
1981	A. Minshall	M. Hassall		S. Quinn	P. Sharman
1982	J. Aspley	V. Fox		K. Bonser	T. Hayes
1983	B. Aubery			R. Wood	

Winners for the following cups were:

Year	Bob Charles	Northern	Scottish	Freddie Reitz	Autumn
1963	R. Saint				
1964	M. Glavin				
1965	J. King				
1966	R. Saint				
1967	A. Hinwood		G. Swinton		
1968	J. Cox		H. Taft		
1969	J. Newman		M. Geoghegan		
1970	P. Walsh	W. Trueman	G. Swinton		
1971	A. Hinwood	E. Bracken	G. Swinton	T. Bullock	
1972	W. Ellis	B. Ingham	J.K. Turner	T. Bullock	W. Brown
1973	I. Stephenson	W.M. Henry	A. Anderson	R. Roy	D. Campbell
1974	I. Stephenson	R. Blench	E. Campbell	W. Brown	E. Campbell
1975	I. Stephenson	R. Blench	M. Geoghegan	D. Campbell	G. Clark
1976	D. Ganniclefft	V. Stansury	G. Swinton	T. Bullock	D. Mackintosh
1977	T. Hayes	D. Munroe	T. Bullock		D. Kryzyzanowski
1978	I. Stephenson	J. Mauhinney	D. Young	W. Dallas	D. Campbell
1979	A. Tune	B. Saunders	J. Baines	D. Kryzyzanowski	G. Coutts
1980	K. Wilson	S. Quinn			
1981	Tom Hayes	S. McCarten	D.E. Campbell	A. Milne	R. Brown
1982	H. Illsley	S. Quinn	M. Douglas	H. Chisholm	J. Maclenan
1983	A. Tune	A. Haines	J. Mackay	D.E. Campbell	W. McBean

Other cup winners are as noted:

Year	Wilson Henry	Presidents	Munroe Sheild	Welsh Championship
1974	J. Beet			
1975				
1976	J. Beet	C. Bailey		
1977	J. Beet	J. Case		
1978	B. Stacey			
1979	B. Warren	T. Hayes		
1980	M. Geoghegan	R. Williams	T. Bullock	A. Winch
1981	P. Sharman	R. Nook	D. Kryzyzanowski	T. Hayes
1982	J. Carrington	R. Cameron	D. Brown	J. Aspley
1983	N. Barker	J. Baines	R.A. Brown	T. Hayes

Year	Bert Edwards	Midlands Cup/ Captain's Day	Wessex Trophy	Yorkshire Cup
1981	Gordon Clark			
1982	Jack Mawinney			
1983	J. Ramsey	K. Bonser	M. Callaway	D. Jones

ARTHURS NOTE:

The National Association of Left-Handed Golfers welcomes the British Society to the Fourth Annual International Tournament in Canada in 1985. Details are available from your Secretary, Roger Wood, Esq.

CHAPTER VIII

SUMMARY

This author wishes that more information were available in the development of this book. It is impossible to write an accurate history without the pertinent facts. The missing data is somewhere in the dusty files or resting in the memory of a not forgotten competitor. The record deserves to be completed – let every lefty spend a few moments to contribute to the completion of the history of his organization and the N.A.L.G.

The author wishes again to thank the individuals who have helped to make this assignment a creditable effort. Without the help and encouragement of Jack Walters and Ken Ahrens, and the assistance of Ralph Bernstein and Nels Cullenward, and the interest and support of Willard Gilmour, John Yeasley, Dick Greenwell, my wife Hazel and my secretary Kay Bruck, I could not have done the job.

The National Association of Left-Handed Golfers is entering a new era. This era will be marked by record participation in State, National and World Championships, closer ties with the British, Australian and New Zealand Associations, and an increasing awareness that there is something special in the character of the lefty golfer.

Jack R. Mulkern
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