

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 a 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. Championships in the U.S.A. in 1976, for which the party from Australia comprised 68 people, it was decided that the leftie 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)
			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.)
1982	Tasmania	Royal Hobart	K. Peart (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 stableford 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.

The Society is governed by a Committee of approximately 12 people who are located throughout the U.K. This Committee in concert with the Life President, J. K. Turner; the Captain, Tom Hayes; and Secretary/Treasurer, Roger Woods, 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	Morecambe G.C.	Open Meeting organized by Morecambe Corrie Fisters
Sun	29 April	Portpatrick Golf Week until Sunday	6th May
Thurs/ Sun	3/6 May	Portpatrick 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	16 Aug	North Wiltshire G.C.	Devizes - Wessex Trophy
Thurs	6 Sept	Mornmouthshire G.C. Abergavenny	Welsh Championship & Mees Cup
Thurs	27 Sept	Rotherham G.C.	Yorkshire Cup
Thurs	11 Oct	Welwyn Garden City G.C.	President's Cup

The Honorable Life President, John Turner, 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 acknowledgment of the winners of each of the yearly events. The names of these champions and fine gentlemen follow on the next several pages.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Malcolmson</u>	<u>Mees</u>	<u>Founders</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Treglown</u>
1949					
1950	C.W.Spencer				
1951	A.E.Hills				
1952	W.R.Graylin	B.Warriss			
		W.Welch			
1953	W.Welch	F.Reitz			
1954	J.E.Winkworth	K.H.Thomson			
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			F.Reitz	J.Walker	
1962			J.Walker	A.Mackay	
1963		R.W.Howell	A.Mackay	A.Mackay	N.Nicholls
1964		J.K.Turner	F.Retiz	J.Lee	J.Walker
1965		R.Saint	J.Beet	B.Warriss	J.Lee
1966	O.Brown	V.J.Roberts	L.Bainbridge	J.Lee	B.Saunders
1967	M.Quinlan	B.Saunders	C.Morley	J.Walker	R.Saint
1968	E.Bracken	J.Andrew	B.Saunders	M.Jeans	R.Saint
1969	C.Third	J.Andrew	R.Hook	E.A.Hills	V.Marcantio
1970	P.Daly	E.Bracken	J.King	A.Jupp	E.A.Hills
1971	M.Jeans	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.Ganniclefft	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	Len Chesters	Ted Graffy		J.Wardle	A.Tune
1979	J.Carrington	Ted 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:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Bob Charles</u>	<u>Northern</u>	<u>Scottish</u>	<u>Freddie Reitz</u>	<u>Autumn</u>
1963	R.Saint				
1964	M.Glavin				
1965	J.King				
1966	R.Saint				
1967	A.Hinwood		G.Swinton		
1968	J.Cox		H.Tait		
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.Stansbury	G.Swinton	T.Bullock	D.Mackintosh
1977	T.Hayes	D.Munroe	T.Bullock		D.Krzyzanowski
1978	I.Stephenson	J.Mauhinney	D.Young	W.Dallas	D.Campbell
1979	A.Tune	B.Saunders	J.Baines	D.Krzyzanowski	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:

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

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

**AUTHORS 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 Woods, 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.

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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.

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