



National Association of Left handed Golfers of Canada

The 11th Annual National Association of Left Handed Golfers of Canada Championship was held at Chilliwack Golf and Country Club in Chilliwack B. C. Registration was held Friday night at the Chilliwack Golf Club to Meet and Greet our players and guests. Thanks to the Golf Club for their hospitality. Hot hors d'oeuvres and a plentiful assortment of cheeses and crackers and fruit were enjoyed with drinks available at the no host bar. Handicap cards were checked and the informal entertainment by our good friend Steve Melnichuk and his travel size guitar. Harmony abounded with Terry joining in and an amazing number of new voices, newcomer Ivan Amos and Chilliwack golfers included.

31 men and one lady lefty along with 4 lady spouses teed off at 1:00 Saturday with sun warm and a light welcoming breeze. Four hours later the sky turned dark and lightning and thunder moved in. The lady spouses and two groups of lefties completed 18 holes. The horn sounded and 6 groups of lefties moved to cover as the lightning and rain descended. Play was suspended until 6:30 am Sunday morning to finish those groups. A shotgun start at 8:04 started the second round. the weather was favourable and the tournament was completed ay 1:00.

A delicious Buffet followed at 6:00. Players and guests enjoyed the meal prime rib, salmon and chicken with salads and desserts of special golf balls and mousse and fruit.

Red Williams, Vice President, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Annual General Meeting included election four directors.

Red Williams, North Vancouver , B.C., Marv Seelye, Anacortes WA, Richard Marriott, Victoria, B.C. were re-elected and Roy Pinsent, Chilliwack, B.C. was elected for a two year term. Continuing for the second year of their term of office are John Brodrick, Victoria B.C. Lloyd Hanna, Victoria, B.C. and Erv Froese, Abbotsford, B.C. Bob Zimmerman will remain Past President for this year. Thanks to Darren Resig for serving as Treasurer for two years, organizing the trophies and receiving the entries for this years tournament.

Special recognition of the 17 first year participants including a lady lefty Parkash Ragsdale. Another lady had registered but had to withdraw. Hope we can find some competition for Parkash in the future. It has been many years since a lady lefty has participated in the competition. 15 players were Chilliwack Golf Club members. Among them 15 year old Scott

Gibson played in the Open Division. Mike Deda brought in two new golfers from Kelowna. Well done. Travelling the furthest to attend our tournament was newcomer Trevor Millions from Edmonton 11 hours 44 minutes driving 1063 km followed by Steve and Terry Melnichuk from Milwaukie Portland 5 hours and 23 minutes 504 km. Times and distance according to google maps.

Thanks also to Ross Bebe who donated two clubs he custom made. Also thanks to Dan Shea, Executive Manager of Golf Town Victoria, B.C. for providing seven \$25 Gift Certificates. and continued support of subsidized golf club purchases.

Tournament Grand Champion

Dean Lewis 149

Open Division

Low Gross First Place - Dean Lewis 149

Low Net First Place - Scott Gibson 141

55+ Division

Low Gross First Place - Charles Acton 155

Second Place - Erv Froese 157

Low Net

First Place - Ross Bebe 141

Second Place - Roy Pinsent 145

70+Division

Low Gross First Place - Steve Melnichuk 156

Second Place - Marv Seelye 168

Low Net First Place - Al Colborne 134

Second Place - Bill Moth 136

Other participants' names were drawn and everyone had the choice of the table of prizes including Golf clubs made by Ross Bebe, 3 and 5 Fairway Woods, Goftown Gift Certificates, Towels, NALG Shirts or caps.

Special thanks to Photography by Bev and Jim Laffin. Bev caught everyone's best shots on Saturday and Jim captured the winners on Sunday afternoon. Guests included Dee Robertson renewing friendships with NALG Members and Chilliwack Club members. Dee and Keith Robertson, a founding member and Secretary-Treasurer of NALG Canada who passed away in 2006, were members at Chilliwack for many years.