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**The Website**

As I mentioned previously NalgSA has been successful in its suggestion to amalgamate the websites across the country into one. NALG is made up of 9 divisions across Australia and to have 8 divisions contribute pages to the national website is most pleasing.

The NALG – the **N**ational **A**ssociation of **L**eft-handed **G**olfers Australia can be found by using your web browser and enter NALG or to go straight to the website enter https://www.lefthandedgolfaustralia.com.

In the top menu you will see Divisions and if you click to get the drop down menu you will see each divisions contribution. Some are brief but others are quite well populated with information. I will try to keep South Australia’s section up to date with the latest results and news.

In the NALG section I draw your attention to two events.

The **Nationals** to be held on the Bellarine Peninsula at both the Queenscliff Golf Club and the Lonsdale Links Golf Club from Sunday 10th to Friday 15th of November. If you are considering going to the Nationals please book your accommodation now to avoid any disappointments down the track. This is a popular destination given its proximity to Melbourne

The “**Worlds**” hosted by WALG to be held in Vietnam 2024 from April 7th to 13th at Danang. The event will played over a range of courses in close proximity to accommodation choices. The event is sold as a package deal with accommodation, golf, transfers and bus shuttle service each day all-inclusive. The costs seem very reasonable. The courses are stunning. The courses are Montgomerie Links, BRG Danang, Ba Na Hills and Hoina Shores

All entry forms are located on the NALG website.

**Past Events**

The last match played at the Barossa Golf Club saw the delayed staging of the 2023 State Championships. The event very well attended and some keen golf played. Members stayed on at the restaurant at the Tanunda Pines for some great food and to conduct the AGM.

The winners were:

**State Champion** 2023 – Dave Ryles Gross 77

Runner Up - Peter Crawford Gross 83

3rd Place – David King Gross 95

**The George Hicks Trophy** (for the most consistent player throughout 2023)

Winner Tony Gepp

**The Les Seary Perpetual Trophy** (Veterans Trophy)

Winner Peter Crawford Gross 83 Nett 73

**The Veterans Trophy for Best Nett Score**

Winner John Grant Nett 83

**Stuart Blackwell Trophy** ( Best Stableford at Tanunda)

Winner – Peter Crawford 35 pts

**The Riverina Challenge**

The event is on again and will enter its 4th year in 2024. The dates are March 16th to 17th at the Murray Downs Country Club. So lock in those dates, book your holidays and seek some accommodation.

At present SA leads Riverina 2-1 in what is a keen competition.

To register for this event please email the President – peter.crawford007@gmail.com

We need a good turn out to again lift the Challenge Cup.

**The AGM**

The following positions were resolved at the AGM held at the Tanunda Pines venue.

President – Peter Crawford (1 year to serve)

Secretary – David King (1 year to serve)

Treasurer – Philip Others (1 year to serve)

Captain – Pat White (2 years to serve)

Committee – Barry Byfield (1 year to serve)

At the AGM our immediate past Captain Jenny Watson was thanked for her outstanding contribution to NalgSA. She has been a delight to work with and her input and organization have been greatly appreciated by all members.

Jenny steps down from the role after 6 years of service mainly due to medical reasons. We wish her well in her recovery and hope she continues to do battle in the NalgSA events.

Thanks also were passed on to husband Geoff for his assistance in helping Jenny.

**Sad News**

I am not sure how many of you knew this but our NALGA President Bob Murphy’s daughter Peta Murphy sadly passed away on December 4th 2023 after a battle with cancer. She was the Federal Member for the Victorian seat of Dunkley which she held for Labor from 2019 to 2023. She was elected with an increased margin in 2022. Peta was the chair of numerous Parliamentary select commitees and a champion for better breast cancer treatment .

Please find attached the fixtures for 2024. All events are now confirmed by the clubs and can be locked in.

Can I urge all members to continue to offer advice, commentary to help improve what we do? Clashes in timetables re Vets, Club Championships, Pennants, significant personal milestones (70th birthdays) etc. are good to know of in advance so fixtures can be altered with considerable time in advance.

The recruitment of new members needs to be ongoing so keep up the good work.

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