

Resolution Number 43
The National Association of Left-Handed Golfers

WHEREAS, the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers came into being in 1936 due to the efforts of one man; and

WHEREAS, that man, Ben Richter a golf professional at Triple A Golf Club, St. Louis, Missouri, set about to organize a southpaw organization and succeeded with the organization's and tournament's founding that year; and

WHEREAS, in 1923 Ben became the head Professional at Triple A Golf Club in St. Louis and;

WHEREAS, in 1935 he sent out a call to all left-handers to assemble, unite, organize and "get the southpaw show on the road;" and

WHEREAS, Ben Richter set out to attract all left-handers in the states, he mailed requests for names to 1,300 fellow PGA professionals at their home clubs and enlisted golf manufacturer's representatives to carry blank application forms in their sample cases; and

WHEREAS, altogether Ben Richter secured about 5,000 names and sent invitations to participate in the First National Left-Handed Championship Tournament at Norwood Hills Country Club, 147 lefties responded and assembled to play in September 1936; and

WHEREAS, the 79th National Tournament of the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers will be held June 16-19, 2014 and will coincide with the City of St. Louis' 250th Anniversary.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of St. Louis that we pause in our deliberations to recognize and honor the National Association of Left-Handed Golfers and we further direct the Clerk of this Board to spread a copy of this Resolution across the minutes of these proceedings and to prepare a commemorative copy to the end that it may be presented to our honorees at a time and place deemed appropriate by the Sponsor.

Introduced on the 23rd day of May, 2014 by:

Honorable Thomas Albert Villa, Alderman 11th Ward
Honorable Beth Murphy, Alderwoman 13th Ward

Adopted this the 23rd day of May, 2014 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
Clerk, Board of Aldermen

Lewis E. Reed
President, Board of Aldermen