



The NATO Golf Club (NGC) is thriving and continues to serve as an exceptional venue for NATO-affiliated personnel of all skill levels to enjoy and improve their golfing experience. Former Presidents have frequently noted the club's unique ability to bring together the entire NATO community, including members of the International Staff, the International Military Staff, those engaged in missions or delegations, and individuals supporting NATO in various capacities. Through fostering connections, the NGC empowers its members to gain a deeper appreciation of the factors that contribute to NATO's distinction as the most successful alliance in history.

I have often experienced the wonderful camaraderie on the course, where we play together and build strong relationships that have, on multiple occasions, positively impacted my professional life.

As your President for 2025, my goal was to provide the best opportunities for us to play golf together, engage with one another, and strive to be our best. I believe we have achieved that, and I'm proud of the connections we've built along the way. Moving forward, I am excited to see how these relationships enhance our experiences both on and off the course.

The Executive Committee

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 9 April 2025, the NGC quorum present confirmed the members of the Executive Committee which had to change due to personnel rotations. Jonathan Gunter took over as Club Captain, and Katrin and Wolfgang Wien took responsibility as Property Managers. Darryl Rupp, Rich Froh and Arvid Halvorsen continued in their positions as the Club Secretary, Club Treasurer and Club President.

We will again need to make some adjustments to the Executive Committee for this year, due to the normal job rotation. I'm happy to report that we have many new members who want to contribute to the success of the NGC and are willing to help out in whatever way is needed to do so.

For 2026, I am proposing the following members and composition of the NGC Executive Committee, to be confirmed at the upcoming AGM on 21 April 2026:

Club President: Arvid Halvorsen

Club Captain: Trevor MacLane

Vice Captains: Julian Lindley-French and Bogdan Horvat

Club Treasurer: Rick Froh

Property Manager: Wolfgang Wien & Katrin Wien

Club Secretary: Darryl Rupp

It is great to have so many members willing to be so involved in the success of the NGC!

Highlights from 2024

As every season this one has had some great golf and here are some highlights from the tail end of the 2024-2025 season, and the start of the 2025-2026 season.

At the end of the 2024-2025 season:

- Darryl Rupp became the Club Champion in category 1, Katrin Wien took category 2 and the winner in category 3 was Dianne Turton. The Club Championship played at Golf Chateau de la Tournette. The turnout was quite good, but we would love to see even more golfers next year fighting for the Club Championship
- Steve White won the Closing Cup, again, in great style.

At the start of the 2025-2026 season:

- Matt Silver, our Australian friend, walked away with the Barry Carr Memorial Trophy as the winner of the Opening Cup for the NGC. This event had a great turn-out and players representing 10 nations attended!
- The Captain's Cup occurred in October 2025 at Royal Bercuit Golf Club, an absolutely fantastic course. Ramon Miranda took home the trophy after a very solid round of golf.
- The Friendly at Rigenée GC was yet another super golf day.
- NGC and SGA battle continued, as NGC claimed the trophy on a damp November day at Brabantse. This battle is on its third iteration after it was restarted in 2024.
- Rich Froh won the Christmas Cracker in great style. A daily good turnout on a nice day

Looking Forward to the rest of 2026

I believe we have discovered a successful formula and established a good rhythm by playing once a month at various courses around Brussels. My hope is that the next Executive Committee will build on our current success and encourage more consistent participation in NGC activities.

Although attendance at our events and social gatherings has been modest, there appears to be a positive trend emerging for some activities. One focus area for improvement is to gradually engage more golfers in the friendly atmosphere and light-hearted competition that NGC offers.

We are also excited to be planning another weekend trip and continue providing great products and merchandise for those interested. More details on this will be shared soon.

Final Thoughts

The entire Executive Committee encourages your thoughts, ideas, and suggestions, so please don't hesitate to reach out whenever you'd like. I want to express my heartfelt gratitude to all the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work and dedication to the NGC this past year.

I hope all NGC members stay safe and healthy and enjoy playing as much golf as they desire!

Arvid Halvorsen
President
NATO Golf Club