# NATO GOLF CLUB President’s Report 2024

The NATO Golf Club (NGC) continues to thrive, and it continues to provide a great opportunity for personnel associated with NATO to play golf, with a variety of skill levels, but with the main focus on improving and enjoying the game. As pointed out by several previous Presidents, the NGC is special in that it transects the entire NATO community, whether you are on the International Staff or the International Military Staff, in a mission or delegation, or supporting or working with NATO is some other capacity. The NGC builds those bridges and allows each member to have a greater awareness of everything that makes NATO the most successful Alliance in history.

In these turbulent times, I have many times experienced the great camaraderie on the course where we play together and also form solid bonds that more than once have benefited me professionally at work.

My goal, as your President for 2024 was to provide the best opportunities to play golf together, interact and together be the best we can be. I believe we have accomplished that.

**The Executive Committee**

At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on 18 April 2024, the NGC quorum present confirmed the members of the Executive Committee which had to change due to personnel rotations. Darryl Rupp, our President took up the Club Secretary position, Jeff Smith continued the role of Captain, and I assumed the role as President. Additionally, Jonathan assumed the role of Property Manager. And of course, Rick Froh continued his steadfast service as the Club Treasurer.

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 willing to help out in whatever way is needed to do so.

For 2025, I am proposing the following members and composition of the NGC Executive Committee, to be confirmed at the upcoming AGM on 9 April 2025:

**Club President: Arvid Halvorsen**

**Club Captain: Jonathan Gunther**

**Club Treasurer: Rick Froh**

**Property Manager: Wolfgang Wein, Katrin Wein**

**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 2023-2024 season, and the start of the 2024-2025 season.

* Darryl Rupp became the new Club Champion and Arvid Halvorsen won as the Category 1 Champion at the Club Championship played at Golf Chateau de la Tournette. The turnout was a bit low and we would love to see even more golfers next year fighting for the Club Championship
* Steve White won the Closing Cup in great style.

**At the start of the 2024-2025 season:**

* Steve White, in his trusted shorts, walked away with the Barry Carr Memorial Trophy as the winner of the Opening Cup for the NGC.
* The Captain’s Cup occurred in October 2024 at Royal Bercuit Golf Club, an absolutely fantastic course. Joe O’Leary took the Cup after countback! It was a fight to the end, with 4 players under net 80 in score
* The Friendly at Rigenée GC was yet another super golf day. Season points were awarded for well-played golf and the fight for the top position is ongoing
* Steve White, won the Christmas Cracker, making this his second win in the season 24-25, and I believe his secret weapon is his shorts! Even in December he showed up at Hainaut showing off his legs!

**Looking Forward to the rest of 2025**

I think we have found a recipe and a good rhythm where we play once a month on different courses around Brussels. My hope is that the next Executive Committee will be able to build upon what we currently have, and to gain more consistent involvement in NGC activities. The turnout for our events and social activities remains modest, but there seems to be a growing trend on some of the events. So, one area we can seek to improve is to gradually try to get more golfers involved in the friendly atmosphere and friendly competition at NGC.

We are again planning a weekend trip, and new products and merchandise are coming for those that are interested. More information on that will come out soon.

**Final Thoughts**

Everyone in the Executive Committee welcomes your thoughts, ideas, and recommendations. Please feel free to reach out to us at any time. I extend my gratitude to all those on the Executive Committee this past year, and all of their hard work in support of the NGC. I hope that all of the NGC members stay safe, stay healthy, and play as much golf as they wish!

Arvid Halvorsen

President

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