

Founders Day, Golden Jubilee Celebration  
Thetford GC  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

We were extremely lucky to be able to celebrate the Norfolk Golf Captains Golden Jubilee exactly 50 years to the day at Thetford GC, which is where the association held its inaugural meeting in 1976.

For this day it was decided to play a team match – The President V The Captain. Those players who had previously held a President or Captain position were duly selected for the respective teams. Other players were randomly allocated to teams, and the Captain and President were then engaged in motivational efforts to obtain best performances!

During Bacon Rolls and pre-golf coffee Captain Nigel tossed the gauntlet to President Terry in the form of a £100 bet/donation for the charity (Priscilla Bacon Lodge in Norwich)

Nigel and Terry announced their teams and the skies cleared to present a nice afternoon for golf.

Thetford GC had greened up quite a lot since the recent prolonged dry spell and the greens were up to their usual high standard. Many NGC members passed positive comments on the recent changes to the course.

For the dinner served in the upstairs room overlooking the 18<sup>o</sup> fairway and green. Chef Tony Walton had prepared a wonderful carvery and offered either cheese or Apple Crumble to follow.

Members were very appreciative of the wine which was kindly provided by two of the NGC's previous Presidents – Robin Maris and Paul Filby.

The first after-dinner speech was a belated welcome to TGC from past club Captain and President Richard Goodenough. He spoke kindly about the NGC and commented on the first 50 years. As he stated, the original founders would have been very pleased and proud to have instigated and formed this organisation. He encouraged us to ensure the NGC continued to flourish. Richard also thanked all the previous and current secretaries/treasurers, without whom the NGC would undoubtedly have struggled.

Richard was followed by 2026 President Terry Hewitt, who expounded the merits of the NGC and all those that have ensured the continuing success of the Society. He thanked Thetford GC, the Manager Harriet Smith, Directors and members for hosting this important day. Nigel Elmar, 2026 Captain, thanked the green staff and caterers for making the day such a good experience. One new member, David Sayer, from Royal Cromer was duly presented with his NGC tie.

Nearest the pin prizes were then announced. The prizes had been provided by the collective Past Captains of Thetford GC. This was organised by Roger Squirrell, Richard Goodenough and Peter King. On the first hole the winner was Gordon Cartwright, on the third Kwai Li, the eleventh Alan Hill and sixteenth John Stimpson.

The Hon sec then called on various players in the different four-balls to provide the score and a brief few words about their games. The overall result was the President's team 6½ the Captain's team 3½. The Trophy was then presented to the President by the Captain and Robin Maris very generously provided each member of the winning team with silver threepenny pieces that have crafted into ball markers.

The Captain handed over his £100 for the Charity and the President wished everyone a safe journey home. A great day was enjoyed by all.

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*The photographs below were taken by Kwai Li and copies of individual snaps are available from Kwai or the Secretary.*















## NORFOLK GOLF CAPTAINS

1976-2026  
Golden Jubilee Celebration Founders  
Day Trophy

Played at: Thetford GC,  
Brandon Road, Thetford, Norfolk, IP24 3NE.  
On Tuesday 19th May 2026

Arrival from 11.30am,  
Bacon rolls Tea/Coffee from 11.45am,  
and 2-course meal, with wine after golf  
Please let the secretary know if you  
have any dietary requirements  
Jackets and Ties

### President Vs Captain

18 holes golf, 4BBB match play 4BBB,  
Full Handicap, 90% of difference strok-  
ing off lowest hdcp, Yellow tees Slope  
130, Course rating 71.8, Par 72

Prizes for nearest pins on par threes,  
1st, 3rd, 11th and 16th. also a small  
prize for the team winners.



## The Norfolk Golf Captains Golden Jubilee Celebration Founders Day Trophy

1976-2026

A warm welcome to all members of  
the Norfolk Golf Captains

Thetford Golf Club

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2026

## TEAM PRESIDENT

Hewitt / Thacker

Goodenough / Robson

Hill / Li (1/2)

Filby / Whiting (1)

Maris / Cork (1/2)

Waters / Cartwright (1)

Stimpson / Gove (1/2)

Nixon / Harvey (1)

Howell / Sutton (1)

Hewitt / Grisbrook (1)

Totals 6 1/2

## TEAM CAPTAIN

Elmar / Alderton (1)

Brown / Green (1)

King / Atherton (1/2)

Woolley / Maylard

Goodchild / Hoare (1/2)

Ball / Collison

Hardingham / Holman (1/2)

Wright / Norton

Sayer / Gurr

Greef / Taylor

Totals 3 1/2

## FINAL SCORES

President: 6 1/2

Captain: 3 1/2



## Norfolk Golf Captains Past Officers

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Year of Office	Presidents	Captains
1976	W.R.F. Jennings	E.H. Dodds
1976	T.P. Wiltshire	J.W. Durrell
1976	J.H. Rounce	R.H. James
1980	G.G. Ferguson	J. Yull
1981	B.J. Coxeter	J.R. Little
1982	F.J. Baker	J.E. Wright
1983	C.G.B. Smith	H.R. Wilkinson
1984	E. Reeks	G.J. Neeps
1985	T.O. Johns	H. Bilts
1986	H. Blakey	P.H. Charlton
1987	N. Lambert	J.R. Bell
1988	J. Royce	J.W. Bamford
1989	F.J. Blight	K. Rusto
1990	W.M. Seed	D.J. Hood
1991	O.C.M. Jarvis	E. Malcolm
1992	G.J. Neep	D.E. Bush
1993	G. Burgess	J. McGuire
1994	J.G. Rush	P. Abbott
1995	P.H. Reeves	K.L. Handcomb
1996	E.J. Brister	B.C. Brand
1997	C.W. Lahey	D.A. Palmer
1998	J. Farnhill	J.J. Alderton
1999	M. Gill	J.D. Hawkin
2000	C.J. Watford	R. Barrill
2001	R. Wayte	M. Burne
2002	J.W. Braden	J.Q. Picken
2003	L. Marquis	W. Small
2004	R. Hoskin	D. Chapman
2005	J. Alfatt	R. Pritchard
2006	M. Jay	E. Warmes
2007	M. Lake	M. Collison
2008	V.J. Hall	I. Stanford
2009	A. Buller	H. Hardingham
2010	F. Myers	M. Fuller
2011	A. Nichols	K. Bass
2012	M. Bell	R. Reynolds
2013	A. Hill	M. Sowerby
2014	J. Rice	K. Margitson
2015	J. Stimpson	R. Woolley
2016	I. Alderton	R. Ball
2017	R. Maris	H. Gaskell
2018	P. Filby	H. Maylard
2019	T. Pyle	P. Warren
2020	T. Thacker	G. Goodchild
2021	T. Thacker	G. Goodchild
2022	S. Marsh	P. Hacking
2023	G. Cartwright	P. Holman
2024	G. Cowie	G. Baker
2025	K. Woolley	J. Norton

### Honorary Secretaries and Treasurers of the Norfolk Golf Captains:

Secretary and Treasurer	1976-1993	Hilary Wilkinson
Secretary and Treasurer	1993-2000	John Picken
Secretary and Treasurer	2000-2009	Frank Myers
Treasurer	2009	Frank Myers
Secretary	2009	Ian Alderton
Secretary and Treasurer	2010-2014	Ian Alderton
Secretary and Treasurer	2014-2017	Alan Hill
Treasurer	2017-	Jack Norton
Secretary	2017-	Paul Filby

The Norfolk Golf Captains places on record their gratitude and thanks to Thetford Golf Club and all their staff and Directors, for their support and help in arranging and hosting today's meeting



Our sincere thanks today go to the collective past Captains of Thetford Golf Club for providing the nearest the pin prizes. We are also thankful to two of the NGC's past Presidents for providing the wine for dinner. Robin Maris (President 2017) and Paul Filby (President 2018)



Below is an extract from the inaugural Meeting of the Norfolk Golf Captains Society, held 19<sup>th</sup> May 1976. The objects remain as true today as they did in 1976

6). **OBJECTS OF THE SOCIETY:**

- A. To promote Goodwill and Fellowship, between present and past Captains.
- B. In so doing so strengthen and maintain a closer bond between members clubs.
- C. To further the interest of Golf.
- D. To promote good neighbourliness with other Societies of similar nature.

**MENU**

Chef's carvery, Potatoes and seasonal vegetables, followed by a Cheese plate with grapes & chutney, Coffee/Tea

**TOAST**

**THE KING**

Mr. Paul Filby

2026 *Hon. Secretary Norfolk Golf Captains*

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**WELCOME TO THETFORD GOLF CLUB**

Mr. Richard Goodenough

*Past Captain and Past President*

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**THE 2026 NGC PRESIDENT**

Mr. Terry Hewitt

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**THE 2026 NGC CAPTAIN**

Mr. Nigel Elmar

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Results and the Presentation of Prizes and the Founders Day trophy.

