

John Picken Shield – Sheringham GC Thursday 9th April 2026

This being NGC's 50th year it was a pleasure to return to Sheringham for the John Picken Shield. The close relationship that John Picken had with the NGC as Captain in 2002 and as Secretary is well noted. Him having been Captain at Sheringham completed the link.

The weather was pretty good, some sunny spells and with a lightish breeze. 47 players were attending, providing a good cross section of members from most Norfolk clubs.

After golf the food was a Beef and Wherry pie, followed by Treacle tart and ice cream. Very good and very tasty.

President Terry Hewitt proposed the loyal toast and this was followed by a warm welcome to SGC from the club Captain Jon Batten.

Before announcing the results, NGC ties were presented to new members, Jon Batten (Sheringham GC), Mark Twogood (Thetford GC), Alan Hough (Heacham Manor GC) and Tim Williams (Thetford GC).

Results: Nearest the pin prizes:

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| 6 th | Michael Collison |
| 8 th | Gordon Cartwright |
| 11 th | Tim Williams |
| 15 th | Gordon Cartwright |

3rd place overall with 35 points Graeme Cowie

2nd place overall with 36 points Bill Boniface

1st place overall and winner of the John Picken Shield with 37 points Gordon Cartwright

Gordon had successfully defended his 2025 title, the first time anyone has defended their JPS title and now with 3 wins in total, Gordon is the most successful golfer in the JPS since its inception in 2004.

The Captain thanked Sheringham for the excellent condition of the course and the first-class food. He thanked all those that played a part in organising the day.

He then wished everyone a safe journey home.



