

## President's Annual Report for 2019

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the NATO Golf Club (NGC) will take place on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 at 1900 hours in the NATO Staff Centre restaurant area. The short meeting will be followed by a dinner (casual and social). The NGC Secretary will send out a letter regarding the AGM details shortly (agenda and our reports) and the letter will also be posted on the NGC website, <https://www.natogolfclub.org/>

Last AGM resulted in quite a bit of new people in the Executive Committee. While it is clearly you as the members that have to judge us and our work, but from a Presidents point of view they have all been part of positively transforming of our club. In particular our new Captain has really changed things! In addition to a new Captain, Michael Centre, the AGM last year elected a new Secretary; Ann-Clair Bremard, new Property Managers; Katrin and Wolfgang Wien, reconfirmed our excellent Treasurer; Rich Froh and finally elected me as your President. Thank you all for your work and efforts to ensure that the club can offer good events for all the members! After many years of support to the club as a Webmaster Luc Vandewinckel stepped down. Thank you Luc so much for your work!

I have to step down as President in July 2020 because I will be posted back to Norway after 4 years at the HQ. We therefore need to elect a new President.

- The Danish Military Representative to NATO LtGen Max A.L.T. Nielsen has accepted to be nominated for the President's position (please see his CV attached).
- The remaining members of the current Executive Committee are willing to stand again for their positions:
  - Michael Centre as Captain
  - Ann-Clair Bremard as Secretary
  - Katrin and Wolfgang Wien as Property Managers
  - Rick Froh as Treasurer
- All positions must be **elected or re-elected each year**, so we can accept nominees for those positions as well if anyone wants to contribute to the running of the club.
- By our Constitution, any member may serve on the Committee but the President must be a Regular Member - that is someone serving on a NATO Staff or in a National Delegation. Nominations for any of the Committee posts are to be sent to the Secretary ([secretary@natogolfclub.org](mailto:secretary@natogolfclub.org)) or raised at the AGM.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at this important NGC Club event, the AGM is a good combine of business and pleasure. To help us run your Club, we value and need your opinions and contributions. Commitment to the NGC is our number one agenda item going forward for 2020.

### Highlights from 2019:

For me the biggest happening for the club was our new and revamped webpage, this combined with a keen Captain has provided us with a better tool to engage the members. It is our goal that this page shall be the "one stop shop" for all info and day to day interaction. So if you need info, want to sign up for an event or want to check who won last year, you will find it all on the webpage (<https://www.natogolfclub.org/>)

We have had a good turnout at our events last year and we even manage to win several events against other strong clubs like IGC! The NGC main focus is obviously to play golf and enjoy this as much as possible. I think that a growing club in number of members, while we manage play a good mix of events is prove of this!

Another positive point has been the stable and strong Executive Committee that now have settled into a good working rhythm and as you can see on the webpage, most of the clubs golfing events in 2020 are already posted here. Please put them into your calendar and come and play with us.

La Bawette Golf Club has serve as the home course for the NGC providing reduced membership and green fees for NGC members. Additionally in 2019 we have made agreements with Brabantse Gold Club (10 min from the HQ) to be associated with them too. This is a club that already have a lot of foreign members and cater very well for English speakers. Further info on prices etc. will be available on the webpage.

#### Some words on the Future:

We have a great group of NATO golfers who are fun to be around and enjoy the fellowship. There is a mix of members ranging from 4.4 to 36 in HC, with quite different aims for their golf. Some want to play as competitive as possible, while others are more seeking the social aspect and play for fun. Our role in the Executive Committee is to ensure that we can cater for all and balance the events so that we offer something to all members. Therefore we will use different playing format in our competition, that hopefully allow for this, but you need to give us feedback to get it right!

We are fortunate to have a dedicated Executive Committee who are passionate to support the NGC. We organized a challenging series of events thought the Executive and member-sponsored events and we grew the club throughout 2019. We are financially stable witch the Treasurer report shows in detail..

As ever, your Executive needs your feedback. If we miss the mark, don't vote with your feet, talk to us! Please email your ideas to us at [President@natogolfclub.org](mailto:President@natogolfclub.org). Finally thanks to my fellow Executive members for their stewardship and support.

Happy golfing!

**Arvid Halvorsen**  
**NGC President**

## Max A.L.T. Nielsen

Lieutenant General  
Military Representative to  
NATO and EU



### DATE OF BIRTH:

November 6. 1963

### PRIVATE:

Married to Berit Thorsø Nielsen. Two children and three grandchildren.

### MILITARY EDUCATION:

1983	Conscript
1984	NCO School
1985	Control, Reporting and Fighter Control Education
1986 - 1988	Officers Basic Course
1991	Junior Joint Staff Course
1991 - 1992	Officers Advanced Course
1995 - 1996	Air Command and Staff College, US
2011	NATO Defense College, Rome, IT.

### MILITARY CAREER:

1984	Sergeant
1987	Lieutenant
1988	First Lieutenant
1992	Captain
1996	Major
2001	Lieutenant Colonel
2005	Colonel
2008	Brigadier General
2014	Major General
2017	Lieutenant General

### ASSIGNMENTS:

1984	Section Commander, Training Platoon/Air Base Skrydstrup
1987	Platoon Commander, Training Squadron/Air Base Aalborg
1988	Fighter & SAM Control Officer, C&R Group, 602 SQN Airbase/Skrydstrup
1992	Air Defence Operations Officer/ICAOC 1 Finderup
1993	Staff Officer, Training Branch/Tactical Air Command Denmark
1994	Staff Officer, Policy Branch/Tactical Air Command Denmark
1996	Chief of Air Operations Branch/Tactical Air Command Denmark
1998	Staff Officer and Deputy Head, Policy Branch/Defence Command Denmark
2000	Staff Officer Operations, 1st Office/Ministry of Defence.
2001	Chief of Staff & Acting Commandant/Royal Danish Air Force Academy
2002	Chief of Operations Branch/Defence Command Denmark
2005	Military Assistant to the Deputy Commander/NATO Training Mission-Iraq. Baghdad
2005	Chief of Executive Office/Defence Commander Denmark
2008	Chief of Staff/Tactical Air Command Denmark
2011	Deputy Danish Military Representative to NATO
2012	Senior Military Assistant to the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee
2014	Commander Tactical Air Command Denmark
2015	Chief of Air Staff/Defence Command Denmark
2017	Vice Chief of Defence & Chief of Defence Staff/Defence Command Denmark
2019	Military Representative to NATO and EU

### DECORATIONS:

Commander of the Order of Dannebrog  
Badge of Honour for Good Service in the Air Force Medal of Merit of the Home Guard  
Defence Medal for international Service 1948 - 2009 The Nordic Blue Berets Medal of Honor, Silver  
The Non-Article 5 NATO Medal, NATO Training Mission - Iraq  
Ordre National de la Légion D'Honneur, Officer