

Incoming Captains Address AGM 2024

Thank you Roger; firstly for my Captains Blazer, which I shall wear with honour at functions during the year and secondly, many thanks for your unrivalled help and support during this year. You have frequently delved into your 'little black book' from which you have extracted and imparted a multitude of valuable although sometimes completely irrelevant information!

Of course, compared to many Senior Section Members, I am the 'New Kid on the Block', only having joined in 2022, and I would like to thank all those on the Seniors Committee who, like Roger, have put up with me asking question after question on decisions and processes, to which, many of the answers were blindingly obvious.

I can honestly say the Section is in excellent hands and I am so pleased all the Committee Members have decided to retain their positions and put up with me for next year.

I am very much looking forward to being your Captain for 24/25 and I will do my very best to hold this title with honour and sincerity.

I am anticipating some great Club Matches against our friends from other Clubs and, as with previous Senior Captains I will try to involve all Senior Members who are prepared to play in both home and away fixtures. These fixtures are already in place and I will circulate availability sheets early in the New Year. I have started to cook sausage rolls in anticipation of our Home Matches, and whilst early feedback has been encouraging, I won't be entering Bake-Off next year!

I have booked my Senior Captains Away Day for 29th April and this will be at Blankney Golf Club which is located between Sleaford and Lincoln. It's a lovely course which is well worth playing and I was a Member there back in the 1980's.

Our course here in Thorney has seen a number of changes during the year. The poor state of the greens, fairways and rough following the dreadful weather in January and February, and a perceived lack of maintenance gave rise to many complaints during May and June, however, our comments and criticisms were eventually taken on board and significant improvements have been put into place. Let's hope lessons have been learned and the course during 2025 continues to come up to all our positive expectations.

Finding a Vice Captain who had not already sat in the Captain's Chair was more than I was able to accomplish, however, I am delighted Gerry Cannings has agreed to return as Vice-Captain for the second time. With Gerrys knowledge and the support of the Committee, I am very confident the Section will be as well organised as it has been in recent years.

My Senior Captain's Charity this year is to be the Peterborough Hospital Breast Cancer Unit. I lost my first wife to cancer in 1999 when my daughter, Holly, was only 12 and subsequently three years ago Holly herself contracted Breast Cancer when her own kids were aged 8 and 13. The PDH Breast Cancer Unit were exemplary in treating Holly's fight through Surgery and subsequently Chemotherapy; the after-effects of which have left Holly disabled and on medication for life. All the money our Section collects will go direct to, and only to, the PDH Breast Cancer Unit and I thank you in advance for your support.

Finally, I am now pleased to present Roger, with a Thermal Winter Golf Jacket, to which the Section have made a contribution as a token of our thanks for his organisation and unbeatable spirit and over the last year as Seniors Captain. I know with Roger as Immediate Past Captain and Gerry as Vice, I am in extremely good company.

Andy Izod
TLGC Senior Captain 2025