

CORPS FOOTBALL

'WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?'

Next RMA FC fixture is Sat 14th Dec 2019 v HAC in London. All welcome

Chairman's Welcome

A very warm welcome to our second newsletter, it has been a hive of activity both on and off the field since our last one. The main event being the RMA weekend in September, which included our inaugural Dalditch Cup match on the Saturday, followed on the Sunday with CSgt Ian 'Dutchy' Mulholland, the branch Standard Bearer, present our standard for dedication on the RMA parade. A very proud moment for Dutchy, as well as our Secretary and myself having witnessed the dedication. Preparations are in full swing for the next fixture as well as the Malta 2020 tour, both events I encourage you all to support and get involved in. With the branch making huge strides forward with our membership, we have appointed a Welfare Officer and a Membership Secretary to continue the sterling work done by our Secretary, Pom. I would like to thank Pom for all his hard work and welcome Robbie and Mitch to the team.

Director of Football

Following our successful fixture against Phil Margrett's legends team we now look forward to our next fixture against Honourable Artillery Company at Armoury House London on Sat Dec 14th 1330hrs KO with Thaine 'Danish' Hacon, Harry 'H' Richardson & Ian 'Mitch' Michelsen all looking to make their RMA debut's. I encourage all members to get involved, either as a player or spectator.

Secretary's Corner

Souls on Board as of October 2019 stands at 116. I would invite all members to ensure they read the RMA Laws and Bye-Laws. These can be found on the RMA website.



2019 Inaugural Dalditch Cup Winners

The Branch committee would like to say a heart felt thank you to the Staff, Players & Supporters who contributed to the successful inaugural Dalditch Cup at the recent RMA weekend. Your contributions ensured we raised much needed funds for the branch via a raffle and bar takings, as well as the RMA FC securing a 4-2 win with goals from Sgt Shea Saunders (2), WO2 Dean Quinn & Major Tommy McPhee, against a very competitive Phil Margrett's legends team. Thank you all!!!



Branch Standard Dedication

Your Branch Standard Bearer, Ian 'Dutchy' Mulholland, at the Standard Dedication parade.

Treasurer's War Chest

Get Your name in lights. The branch is going from strength to strength. We now require much needed funding to continue to grow. All branch income is self generated, we are putting together a fund raising strategy, however, to get to this point we have had members making significant personal contributions, as well as the committee personally funding branch outgoings. I would encourage all members to start an annual **Personal Voluntary Contribution** to the branch for a minimum of £10. All contributors will be named in the newsletter. The first stars for a huge thank you goes to **Dutchy Mulholland** and **Stu Gould** for their most welcome contributions.

Account details are:

Account Name: RMAFC

Sort Code: 30-96-26

Account No. 41750560

Please use your name as the reference.



Player Spotlight

Name: Richard Paul Hope

Position: Centre Forward

Appearances: 119

Goals: 87

Debut: 1993 v RAF Strike Command

Final Cap: April 2012 v West Point Military Academy.

Represented: Royal Marines, Royal Navy, Combined Services.

Welcome aboard

Please join us in welcoming aboard our newly appointed Welfare Officer, WO1 Robbie Buglass RM, and Membership Secretary, CSgt Ian Michelsen RM. Both positions will provide the branch with much needed dedicated support. For all welfare issues Robbie can be reached at, branchwelfare-rmafc@outlook.com. For all membership issues, Mitch can be reached at, membersec-rmafc@outlook.com.

20 years ago

The RMFA beat Fleet Command 1-0 to win the Inter Commands final at HMS Drake, Plymouth, with a Mark Pepperell strike. In the group games the RM beat Naval Air 1-0 (Freddy Lomas) & Portsmouth Command 3-2 (Ian Pomeroy, Lee Aston, Steve Haycock). The RMFA would go on to win 4 Inter Commands in a row, 1999 - 2002, equalling a record set by Portsmouth Command in the 1960's.



2019 Royal Navy Inter Regional Champions

Royal Marines Football Association

After coming close in the previous 2 finals, it was third time lucky for WO1 Shaun Welburn's Corps team, as they beat Northern Region (Scotland) 4-1. Goals from Sgt Stu Morgan (Pen), AB Mike Smith, Sgt Ben Hebditch & Mne Tom Colclough secured the trophy. With notable RMFA performances, it was Cpl Sam Cherry who was awarded the Man of the Match trophy. It's great to see the IR Cup back in the RM trophy cabinet where it belongs alongside the Navy Cup, which was won this year by Commando Logistic's Regiment RM. Long may it continue. Well Done lads!!!

Malta 2020?

Detail's of our 2020 tour to Malta will be finalised soon.

Provisional dates are currently, 21-25 May 2020. If you are interested in attending please email Pom at, branchsec-rmafc@outlook.com.