

# CORPS FOOTBALL

*'WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?'*

Next RMA FC fixture is 22nd May 2020 v Malta FA Masters. All welcome

## Merry Christmas 2019 & Happy New Year 2020

In the words of George Kent **'We are the lucky ones'**. Christmas is about spending time with family and friends. It's about creating happy memories that will last a lifetime. May this festive season sparkle and shine and may all of your wishes and dreams come true. I hope the RMA Football Club family contribute to you having a fantastic 2020.

## Chairmans Welcome

Welcome to our latest Branch newsletter, we have been busy since our last newsletter, having applied for FA 'Chartered Standard' status, hosted the Maltese FA Masters in the UK, RMFA/RMA Serving Masters winning a hard fought match 4-2. Planning is in full swing for Malta 2020, all branch members are welcome, please register your interest with the Branch Sec by 10 Jan 2020. Preparations have begun for our inaugural AGM, to be held in Portsmouth in early 2020, more to follow. It only leaves me to wish you and yours a very safe Christmas and a peaceful 2020.

## Message from RMA FC Branch President Major General Garry Robison CB

I am honoured and delighted to have been invited to take up the appointment of Branch President for the RMA Football Branch and do so with much enthusiasm. During my time in the Corps I thoroughly enjoyed playing Unit football (many years ago), and in later years being President of Corps Football and Vice President of Navy Football and have missed the interaction with players, coaching staffs, and management on retiring in 2011.

Since then I have been working in the United States and have not had the opportunity to get back on the pitch with the Veterans' team or play in the annual Globes versus Laurels fixture at CTCRM! But I shall return to the UK full time in 2020 and thus will be able to attend more of the Branch activities and get to renew old friendships once again.

I'm already signed up for the Malta tour in May, but am under strict instructions from my wife NOT to take part on the pitch –“you can leave that to the youngsters” she said. My thanks to Steve, Pom, Fozzy and all the committee members for their dedication and hard work in standing up the Branch and setting it up for success in the years ahead. I look forward to getting back on the touchline and catching up with you all next year.



## Treasurer War Chest

**Get Your Name In Lights.** All branch income is self generated, we are putting together a fund raising strategy, you can help. I would encourage all members to either start an annual Personal Voluntary Contribution to the branch for a minimum of £10 or a one off donation.

Many thanks to our latest donors **Trevor Ford, Ian Pomeroy, Claire Pomeroy, Ian Michelsen, Stephen Marr.**

Account Name: RMAFC. Sort Code: 30-96-26. Account No: 41750560.  
Please use your surname as the reference.



## Player Profile

**Name:** Ian Pomeroy  
**Born:** Plymouth 1966  
**Position:** Midfield  
**RMFA Appearances:** 88  
**RMFA Goals:** 10  
**Debut:** 1986 v RAF Strike Command  
**Last Cap:** 2006 v Cullompton  
**RMFA Player of the Year:** 2001 & 2002  
**Fav Food:** Sunday Roast  
**Fav Drink:** Kronenburg 1664  
**Fav Movie:** Zulu  
**Fav Actor:** Clint Eastwood  
**Fav Actress:** Jennifer Aniston



## HAC 2 RMA FC 3 (Hacon 2, Hope)

**Saturday 14th December 2019 at Armoury House London**

The boys put in a spirited 'backs to the wall' display against a much younger Honourable Artillery Company Reserves/Masters team, who have just finished a 20 game season, to record a memorable 3-2 win on a ground that holds so much sentiment in the history of our Corps. Armoury House, London is where, on 28th October 1664, the Duke of York and Albany's Maritime Regiment of Foot was formed when the Corps Convening Order was signed. The Squad that performed heroics were Robbie Buglass, Thaine Hacon, Shaun Johnson, Kev Readings, Mikey Husbands, Stu Gould, George Kent, Ian Pomeroy, Mark Pepperell, Richie Hope, Dave Robertson, Trevor Ford, Shaun Foster, Stevie Marr, Ian Michelsen.

## Membership (Spotter) Corner

The RMA FC Membership continues to go from strength to strength. After the initial rush when the Branch was formed on 26 Dec 2018, it has now steadied down to around 4 new members each month.

As of the 17 December, Branch membership stood at an impressive 123. Legacy dictates that the majority of RMA members are retired RM's all being over 55. That is simply not the case, our oldest member is an impressive 79 and our youngest member is a mere 24. The demographic (thats age, for all the PW's and PTI's) breakdown is as follows:

### **Ages**

70+, 4 members, 60-69, 10 members, 50-59, 32 members, 40-49, 35 members, 30-39, 32 members, 20-29, 10 members. Average age of the RMA FC membership is **44** years old.

There are four types of membership, these are explained more on the main RMA website <https://rma-trmc.org/> Basically they are: Full, Associate, Supporting and Cadet membership.

Please visit the RMA website and see if any of your family or friends qualify and if they'd like to join.

If you're still unsure email me Ian 'Mitch' Michelsen (RMA FC Members Secretary) - [membersec-rmafc@outlook.com](mailto:membersec-rmafc@outlook.com)



**MEMORY LANE**  
**1999 ROYAL NAVY INTER COMMAND WINNERS**  
**ROYAL MARINES 1 (PEPPERELL) FLEET 0**

**Back Row L to R**

Ian Lawton (Physio), Phil Simmister, Lee Aston, Mark Williams, Dean Jones, Steve Haydock, Nev Nixon, Shaun Foster (Capt), Lee Weatherall, Danny Cole, Paul Curry (Manager), Mick Geldard (Chairman).

**Front Row L to R**

Lee Murphy, Richie Asson, Daz Mellows, Freddy Lomas, Ian Pomeroy, Mark Pepperell, Mark Fisher, Kevan Roberts, Adam Pilkington

For more photographs, stories & statistics please visit the Royal Marines Football website at <https://rmfootball.wixsite.com/royalmarinesfootball>