



Royal Marines Association Golf Society
'The Royals & Ancients'

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Aims of the Society

The aim of the society is for its members to play golf and socialise with their oppos. Society golf events will provide regular meeting opportunities to enable members to remain in face-to-face contact in order to provide support to each other.

As a specialist (sports) branch of the Royal Marines Association -The Royal Marines Charity (RMA-TRMC) the society will also support the RMA-TRMC.

Membership

Membership of the society is free and open to anyone who fits the membership criteria (see below) subject to the approval of the committee.

Given its close association with the RMA-TRMC the society's members will predominantly be former (in most cases retired) RM.

The society also actively seeks and encourages members from the serving Corps, those with an association with the Corps, female members, and younger members (see criteria below).

To join the society members must be members of the RMA and therefore the society's membership criteria is as for the RMA-TRMC which can be found on the RMA-TRMC website, and as summarised below.

- Full membership is open to former/serving members of the RM/RMR/Band Service or anyone who has filled a line number in a RM unit.
- Associate membership is open to anyone who is a parent/spouse/civil partner/child of a full member. This membership can be extended to others in specific circumstances (see RMA Website. Graduates of the All-Arms Commando Course and their immediate families can also be associate members.)
- Supporting membership is open to anyone who does not have a direct relationship with the RM.

The type of RMA membership does not impact the membership of the society, all are treated the same – badly! The Membership and Handicap Rep is to hold details of all members. By accepting membership, members acknowledge that personal details will be held centrally and protected. These will not be shared or used for purposes other than to manage the society. No financial details will be retained.

Behaviour and Reputation

It is paramount that members (and their guests) behaviour is cognisant of our position as guests of the club and as ambassadors of the Corps. The RM Brand is highly regarded, and our members (and their guests) behaviour must always seek to enhance it.

Organisation

The society will be run by the Committee for the benefit of its members and details of the committee are in the table below.

Committee members must be elected by the members and may serve continuously provided they are confirmed annually at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Any society member may volunteer for a committee role.

Committee meetings will be held on an 'as required' basis and any member may attend and observe them.

RMA GS Committee as at April 2025		
Representative	Name	Role
Chairman	Paul Eddings	to coordinate Committee activity and guide the development of the GS
Membership and Handicap Rep	George Martin	to manage the membership database/software and maintain handicaps
Fixtures Coordinator	Ian Edwards	to book and coordinate events
Treasurer	Paul Denning	to manage the finances
Merchandise Rep	Paul Stevenson	To manage merchandise
Website Rep	vacant	To Manage the website
Regional Reps	TBC	To manage location specific matters

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

An AGM will be held annually, and the date and agenda will be notified in advance. Any member wishing to add items to the agenda for the AGM may do so via the website or email

Events

The committee will approve events, and the Fixtures Coordinator will coordinate the annual calendar which will be published on the website.

The main 'season' for events will be March – October, though events can take place outside this period.

Event places will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Requests for participation in events can be made via the website or by email.

Payment for events/merchandise

Payment for monthly events will be in cash direct to the golf club concerned on the day. Payment for other activities and merchandise will be through the Society Bank Account.

Whilst every effort will be made to refund payments for event participation/merchandise without cost this will not always be possible due to venue/supplier cancelation policies.

Therefore, once requests for participation in events/merchandise are accepted, members are committed to pay.

Geographic Regions

Although the origins of the society are in Devon, events may be located wherever sufficient interest exists to justify their organisation. Currently, all committee members are Devon based; however, Regional Representatives may be added to the committee as the society expands into other locations.

Ideally, most events should be held at venues close to members' homes to minimise travel time/costs.

The society's 'home' club is Tiverton for 'South West' based members.

Rules of Golf

All society matches will abide by the Rules of Golf and in accordance with the local rules of the venues where events are played.

Format of play and rules of the competition on the day will be advertised locally by the organisers.

Handicaps

There is no minimum handicap requirement for members or guests.

The Membership/Handicap Rep is to maintain a record of members' handicaps. Society specific handicaps will be allocated and adjusted in accordance with the society's Handicap System (see website).

The society Handicap Committee (see website) will rule on all matters relating to handicaps.

Finances

The Treasurer is responsible for accounting for the society's finances and ensuring they are run in accordance with the RMA-TRMC rules. The financial record will be audited annually by the RMA-TRMC.

The core financial model is to 'pay and play' and therefore most events will be self-financing. Members should pay cash for events.

Donations

Donations may be made by members to the society through the RMA-TRMC using the society's direct debit form which is on the website. Advice on how to donate is available on the website and by asking any committee member.

Guests

Members may bring guests to any event with the approval of the committee. They will pay day rates for the golf as members do. Guests may win prizes covered by the day rates but not those paid for by the GS. Details will be made clear on the day.

Website

The society has its own website (rmags.co.uk) and has pages on the RMA-TRMC website under 'Branches'.

Merchandise

A variety of merchandise is available for purchase from the society which can be viewed on the website.

Insurance

The RMA GS as an entity is covered on the RMA-TRMC insurance. This will cover Employers' Liability and Public Liability only. It will not cover personal liability, kit and golf equipment. Individuals should take out personal insurance for such cover.

The RMA insurance will only cover society matches that appear on the Calendar of Events.

Signed:



Date: 20 April 2025

Chairman