



Royal Marines Association Costa Blanca Branch (Spain)

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“Scribes” would like to take this opportunity to thank Maddie Pinfold for taking the minutes of the previous meeting without which this newsletter would not have been produced.

The start for the monthly meeting was delayed due to the awful weather conditions. Torrential rain made many roads impassable therefore travel to and from the venue was delayed.

The Chairman Phil Prince commenced the meeting at 1852 and asked that those who could, to stand and remember old comrades and those members of the Corps on active service, particularly those KIA. Sgt A Houltram aged 33, SBS, 29th August, and two members of our sister Regt the “Rifles” who lost two SNCO’s. A/Sgt Stuart McGrath aged 28, 16th September and A/Sgt Paul McAleese aged 29, 20th August.

There followed a minutes silence.

The weekend of 26th/27th September the RMA had the Annual Re-Union at Lymington. Dave Lawton and Bert Moyse attended. This year was a somewhat special event as it was the dedication of “The Wall of Remembrance”. This wall was built and dedicated to the members of the Corps who have died in the service of their country since the year 2002. Many who attended reported that this was quite a moving occasion, and we expect that in due course a full report and photos will appear on our website and in the G & L.

Since Bill Nixon our merchandising rep was away, Phil asked that anyone interested in Corps Cummerbunds should contact Bill on his return. Note: Corps Colour bow tie to be worn with the cummerbunds. Bow tie from the Corps museum.

Secretary’s report. News letter handed out to members. The correspondence file was available to members, but no other information.

Treasurers Report. Statement of accounts was left on the notice board. No other questions were asked of the treasurer.

Welfare. Jim Rowan of course still requires care and Penny is doing a wonderful job under trying circumstances. Of a lighter note Penny attended the Corps Dinner and had a great time, giving her a well needed break.

Dave Lawton reminded members about the repatriation help the RMA gives to members. Complete details will be given when known.

Social Report don't forget the quiz night 3rd October at Casa Ventura against the RN. 7.30 Start

Christmas lunch is currently poorly supported so get your names down ASAP. Last year was a great success. The November meet will be your last opportunity to buy tickets.

Members voted by a majority for a Valentines Dinner. €14 per head.

Membership Report. Membership remains stable. Note: If you have any changes in your personal details let Maddie know.

Globe & Laurel Dave requires good quality photos and articles for the G & L and our website. Remember our website is a main point of contact for our members and Fellow Royal Marines around the world. If you have something of interest see Dave!

Corps Birthday Dinner Held at the International Camp Site, La Marina 24th October. A total of 110 people attended the dinner, of which 14 from the UK, 2 from Andalusia and 2 from RAFA.

A special thanks has to go to **Bob Pinfold Chairman Dinner Committee** and his "Crew", Jack & Jean Freeman, Bill & Kath Nixon, Eddie & Brenda Cowan. Much good work went into this event and it showed. Once again this was a great night, food excellent and good company, and to have RMA CEO Charlie Hobson and Trish Hobson as principal guest's made the dinner more memorable.

Not forgetting Dave Lawton, who during the weekend organised social events around the Corps Dinner. **Thursday 22nd October** Following our committee meeting at Corky's Bar a buffet was provided and gave us an opportunity to meet some of our UK guests. **Friday 23rd October** Dave organised a leisurely walk from the Nautilus Cafe to La Zenia Hotel entering numerous bars enroute. Enough said!!

The weekend raised £ 200.00 and this will be sent to RMA Central Office for the RMA Trust Fund. Well done to all concerned!

Sunday 25th Our Annual Go-Kart Challenge. "Barny" Barnard was the eventual winner with the worthy note that the CEO RMA Charlie Hobson put in the fastest time for a Brigadier that has visited us. The challenge is on! Thanks must also go to Taff Appleby for supplying the prizes for the event. Final refreshments were taken at the New Asturias Restaurant. This was once again a great effort by Dave in support of the Corps Birthday celebrations. Nice one Dave

A.O.B.

Charity Christmas cards are available from Joan Prince at a reasonable price.

We have an appeal from the Costaleros for donations of dry goods. Suggestion was made at the meeting to donate money. Proposal will go forward at the next meeting

NO OTHER BUSINESS MEETING CLOSED

EVENTS

RMA/RNA QUIZ NIGHT 3RD NOVEMBER CASA VENTURA 7-30 PROMP

COFFEE MORNING 28TH October Bob & Maddie Pinfold 1100 Note New time!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8th November RBL Orihuela Costa 1015 Mil Palmeras Church

REMEMBRANCE DAY (ARMISTICE DAY) 11 November RBL Torrevieja Branch

1015 seated La Siesta Church

CHRISTMAS DRAW & DINNER December 8th Portico Mar Restaurant

Guardamar 1pm-1-30

RACE NIGHT January- Date and venue to be confirmed.

VALENTINES NIGHT February 14th

Private adds Company adds and Jokes

Approaching a woman in a singles bar the "Bootneck" says "Hi, darling how about a date?"

"Forget it" she said, "I never go out with perfect strangers."

"Were both in luck then", he said, "I'm far from perfect"

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A farmer was on trial for shooting his wife when he found her in bed with a neighbour. He was asked why he didn't follow the tradition of shooting the lover instead of the wife.

With the rural logic he relied: "Tis better to shoot a woman once than a different man every week"

"I can remember the time I gave up both booze and sex at the same time. In all of my life that was the worst half hour I've ever spent"

THATS IT!!!!