

ROYAL ENGINEERS GOLFING SOCIETY



Celebrating
the REGS
Centenary

2025

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Welcome to the Royal Engineers Golf Society pamphlet, a celebration of our remarkable success over the years and our recent triumph in expanding our membership through a highly successful recruitment campaign that has and is attracting increasing numbers of serving and retired Sappers. As we reflect on our achievements, it is evident that Royal Engineers Golf is thriving and poised for an even brighter future.

With 2025 being our 100th anniversary, we have reached a significant milestone that warrants celebration. The REGS Committee are working hard to make sure this year's events are a celebration, culminating in an overseas tour. Throughout the decades, countless individuals have contributed to the growth and success of our society. While it is impossible to mention each person by name, it is important to acknowledge that their dedication and passion have paved the way for REGS's continued prosperity.

Thanks to the unwavering commitment of our members, Royal Engineers Golf Society has flourished, attracting new talent and fostering a sense of camaraderie among all who share a love for the great game. Our recent recruitment campaign has been a resounding success, resulting in a significant increase in our numbers, especially of younger, serving members. This achievement strengthens our society and ensures that the legacy of Royal Engineers Golf will endure for generations to come.

As we move forward, we can take pride in knowing that the Royal Engineers Golf Society is in capable hands. The enthusiasm and dedication of our current members, combined with the rich history and traditions of 100 years of Royal Engineers Golf, provide a solid foundation for continued growth and success. Importantly, REGS continues to enable generations of Sappers to meet, learn from each other's experiences – of golf and of military engineering – and will continue to foster teamwork and professionalism in the Corps of Royal Engineers.

Here's to the next 100 years of Sapper Golf!

Colonel Steve Davies

President
March 2025

REGS Committee - 2025

Honorary Chairman	Col Steve Davies
Captain	WO1 Jay Pearson
Vice-Captain	SSgt Chris Rosie
Serving Vice President	Maj Barry Marshall
Retired Vice President	Mr Steve Faulkner
Hon Sec / Treasurer	WO2 James Butler
Sponsorship	WO2 Barrie Green
Website	Sgt Ali Hennessey
Social media	SSgt James Stafford

REGS Committee – 1925

President	Director of Fortifications & Works (Ex Officio)
Vice President	Lt Gen Sir George H Fowke KCB KCMG
Captain	A Senior Colonel who joins the Society
Hon Sec/Treasurer	Maj HAL Hall MC
Lt Col CG Ling DSO MC	Representing London & Games Fund
Lt DCG MacDonald	Representing SME Chatham
Lt Col BL Eddis DSO	Representing Cambridge
Maj HAL Hall MC	Representing Aldershot
Lt Col DS Collins DSO	Representing Southern Command
Brig JAH Bigge CB CMG	Representing Retired Officers
An Officer to be found to represent Northern Command	

REGS Officers over the years

Over the years since REGS was formed there have been a series of dedicated and industrious members looking after the Society.

Whilst many offices have remained the same since 1925 others have been introduced or their roles revised.

Presidents	Between 1925-2018
Chairmen:	From 2017 – present day
Captains	1925 – present day
Vice Captains	Introduced in 2014
Hon Sec/Treasurer	Introduced in 1925
Serving Vice President	Introduced in 1976
Retired Vice President	Introduced in 1976
Website	Introduced in 2006

REGS Presidents 1926 - 1985

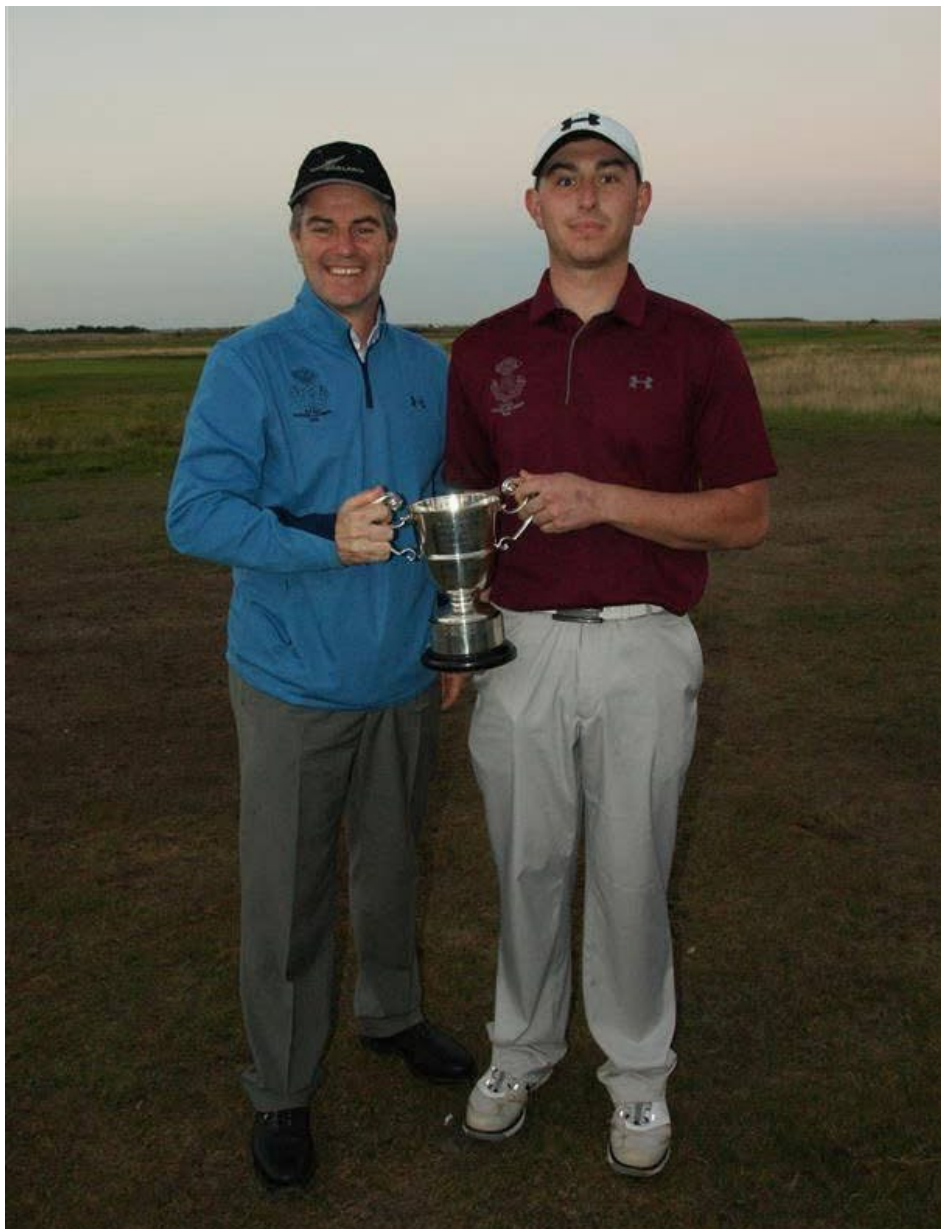
1926	Maj Gen HF Thuillier CB CMG	1956	Brig JC Wickham
1927	Gen Sir Bindon Blood GCB	1957	Brig JC Wickham
1928	Gen Sir Bindon Blood GCB	1958	Maj Gen R Brown
1929	Brig CV Wingfield Stratford CB	1959	Maj Gen R Brown
1930	Brig CV Wingfield Stratford CB	1960	Maj Gen R Brown
1931	Brig CV Wingfield Stratford CB	1961	Maj Gen R Brown
1932	Brig TAH Bigge CB CMG	1962	Maj Gen R Brown
1933	Brig TAH Bigge CB CMG	1963	Brig WH Aitken
1934	Gen Sir Bindon Blood GCB	1964	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1935	Gen Sir Bindon Blood GCB	1965	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1936	Gen Sir Bindon Blood GCB	1966	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1937	Brig TAH Bigge CB CMG	1967	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1938	Brig TAH Bigge CB CMG	1968	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1939	Lt Gen Sir H Ellis	1969	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1940	No appointment	1970	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1941	No appointment	1971	Lt Gen Sir J Cowley KBE CB
1942	No appointment	1972	Brig CD Steel CMG OBE
1943	No appointment	1973	Brig CD Steel CMG OBE
1944	No appointment	1974	Brig CD Steel CMG OBE
1945	No appointment	1975	Maj Gen FG Caldwell OBE MC
1946	Maj Gen WH Beach	1976	Maj Gen FG Caldwell OBE MC
1947	Maj Gen WH Beach	1977	Maj Gen FG Caldwell OBE MC
1948	Maj Gen WH Beach	1978	Maj Gen FG Caldwell OBE MC
1949	Maj Gen WH Beach	1979	Brig JW Bridge
1950	Lt Gen Sir KN Crawford	1980	Brig JW Bridge
1951	Lt Gen Sir KN Crawford	1981	Brig ACD Lloyd
1952	Lt Gen Sir KN Crawford	1982	Brig HF Everard
1953	Lt Gen Sir KN Crawford	1983	Brig HF Everard
1954	Lt Gen Sir KN Crawford	1984	Brig LFH Busk
1955	Brig JC Wickham	1985	Brig LFH Busk

REGS Presidents 1986 - 2017

1986	Brig ACD Lloyd	2002	Brig HA Rollo
1987	Brig ACD Lloyd	2003	Brig HA Rollo
1988	Brig ACD Lloyd	2004	Brig HA Rollo
1989	Brig HH Kerr OBE	2005	Brig HA Rollo
1990	Brig HH Kerr OBE	2006	Brig HA Rollo
1991	Brig HH Kerr OBE	2007	Col DA Caulfield
1992	Brig PM Hill OBE ADC	2008	Col DA Caulfield
1993	Brig PM Hill OBE ADC	2009	Col DA Caulfield
1994	Maj Gen GW Field CB OBE	2010	Col DA Caulfield
1995	Maj Gen GW Field CB OBE	2011	Col DA Caulfield
1996	Maj Gen GW Field CB OBE	2012	Col AJP Barr
1997	Brig OS Craig OBE	2013	Col AJP Barr
1998	Brig OS Craig OBE	2014	Col AJP Barr
1999	Brig OS Craig OBE	2015	Col AJP Barr
2000	Brig OS Craig OBE	2016	Col AJP Barr
2001	Brig HA Rollo	2017	Brig J Ridge OBE

REGS Chairman 2017 - 2025

2017	Col Steve Davies	2022	Col Steve Davies
2018	Col Steve Davies	2023	Col Steve Davies
2019	Col Steve Davies	2024	Col Steve Davies
2020	Col Steve Davies	2025	Col Steve Davies
2021	Col Steve Davies	2026	



The Chairman Col Steve Davies with LCpl Alex Matthews and the Cowley cup at Royal St George's Golf Club

REGS Serving Vice - Presidents 2000 - 2025

2000	Col AA Peebles	2013	Maj P Conn
2001	Col AA Peebles	2014	Maj P Conn
2002	Lt Col MK Allen	2015	Maj P Conn
2003	Lt Col MK Allen	2016	Maj P Conn
2004	<i>No record</i>	2017	Maj P Conn
2005	<i>No record</i>	2018	Maj G Carroll
2006	<i>No record</i>	2019	Maj G Carroll
2007	Col D Whiting	2020	Maj G Carroll
2008	Col D Whiting	2021	Maj G Carroll
2009	Lt Col RW Topping	2022	Maj G Carroll
2010	Lt Col RW Topping	2023	Capt BD Marshall
2011	Maj P Conn	2024	Maj BD Marshall
2012	Maj P Conn	2025	Maj BD Marshall

REGS Retired Vice - Presidents 2002 - 2025

2002	Lt Col (Retd) PW Scoble	2014	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain
2003	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2015	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain
2004	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2016	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain
2005	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders	2017	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain
2006	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders	2018	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain
2007	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders	2019	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain
2008	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders	2020	Mr S Faulkner
2009	Col (Retd) RM Stancombe	2021	Mr S Faulkner
2010	Col (Retd) RM Stancombe	2022	Mr S Faulkner
2011	Col (Retd) RM Stancombe	2023	Mr S Faulkner
2012	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain	2024	Mr S Faulkner
2013	Lt Col (Retd) MA Brain	2025	Mr S Faulkner



REGS Vice President Major Barry Marshall



REGS Vice President (Retired) Mr Steve Faulkner

REGS Captains 1926 - 1985

1926	Col RJ Done DSO	1956	Lt Col WBJ Armstrong
1927	Maj Gen CG Gwynn CB CMG	1957	Maj Gen JG Cowley
1928	Lt Col CE Colbeck MC	1958	Lt Col KH Stevens
1929	Col Sir W Coote-Hedley KBE CB CMG	1959	Lt Col IS Keelan
1930	Col GH Addison CMG DSO	1960	Lt Col IS Keelan
1931	Maj JS Liddell CMG DSO	1961	Col KH Stevens
1932	Lt Col BL Eddis DSO	1962	Col KH Stevens
1933	Brig CR Johnson CMG DSO	1963	Col AG Peart
1934	Lt Col HAL Hall MC	1964	Brig AG Peart
1935	Col CE Colbeck MC	1965	Brig AG Peart
1936	Brig EG Wace CB DSO	1966	Col RF Semple
1937	Maj WHH Aitken	1967	Col RF Semple
1938	Brig JC Wickham DSO	1968	Col RF Semple
1939	Col AW Stokes DSO MC	1969	Col RF Semple
1940	No appointment	1970	Lt Col JGT Polley
1941	No appointment	1971	Lt Col JGT Polley
1942	No appointment	1972	Lt Col JGT Polley
1943	No appointment	1973	Brig D Ross
1944	No appointment	1974	Brig D Ross
1945	No appointment	1975	Maj F Raine
1946	No appointment	1976	Maj F Raine
1947	Brig BT Godfrey-Faussett	1977	Col JW Bridge
1948	Brig R Brown	1978	Col JW Bridge
1949	Col WHH Aitken	1979	Maj RJB Williams
1950	Col JE Marsh	1980	Maj RJB Williams
1951	Brig RD Keane	1981	Maj RJB Williams
1952	Brig JG Cowley	1982	Lt Col HH Kerr
1953	Col JVC Moberly	1983	Lt Col PM Hill
1954	Col AW Kiggell	1984	Lt Col TJ Hutchinson
1955	Maj Gen CP Jones	1985	Lt Col J Leivers

REGS Captains 1926 - 1985

1986	Col PM Hill OBE	2006	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders
1987	Col PM Hill OBE	2007	Maj RW Topping
1988	Col PM Hill OBE	2008	Lt Col (Retd) RLD Robinson
1989	Maj AJ Jones	2009	Lt Col (Retd) RLD Robinson
1990	Maj AJ Jones	2010	Maj T Sherlock
1991	Maj AJ Jones	2011	Lt Col T Sherlock
1992	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2012	Mr AJ McDermott*
1993	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2013	Mr AJ McDermott
1994	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2014	WO2 G Atkins**
1995	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2015	WO1 G Atkins
1996	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2017	Maj M Curtis
1997	Maj (Retd) CJ Webb	2018	Maj M Curtis
1998	Maj (Retd) CJ Webb	2019	Maj M Curtis
1999	Lt Col RJ Jenkinson	2020	WO2 A Smith
2000	Lt Col RJ Jenkinson	2021	WO2 A Smith
2001	Col RJ Sandy	2022	WO2 A Smith
2002	Col RJ Sandy	2023	WO1 J Pearson
2003	Maj (Retd) DDF Purvis	2024	WO1 J Pearson
2004	Maj (Retd) DDF Purvis	2025	WO1 J Pearson
2005	Maj RW Topping	2026	

REGS Vice-Captains 2014 - 2025

2014	Sgt A Smith	2020	Sgt C Rosie
2015	Sgt A Smith	2021	WO2 J Pearson
2016	Sgt A Smith	2022	WO2 J Pearson
2017	LCpl C Rosie	2023	SSgt C Rosie
2018	LCpl C Rosie	2024	SSgt C Rosie
2019	Cpl C Rosie	2025	SSgt C Rosie



The current REGS Captain WO1 Jay Pearson & Vice-Captain SSgt Chris Rosie at Royal St George's GC

REGS Honorary Secretaries 1926 - 1985

1926	Maj HAL Hall MC	1956	Maj RB Davies
1927	Capt EJB Buchanan DSO	1957	Maj RF Semple
1928	Capt AL Wilson MC	1958	Maj P Labey
1929	Capt KH Lockhart	1959	Maj EH Yeo
1930	Capt KH Lockhart	1960	Maj JG Vanreenen
1931	Lt CR Price	1961	Maj JG Vanreenen
1932	Capt HE Pike	1962	Maj JGT Polley
1933	Capt HE Pike	1963	Maj HF MacSwiney
1934	Capt HE Pike	1964	Capt RJB Williams
1935	Capt EIC Jacob	1965	Capt RJB Williams
1936	Maj EIC Jacob	1966	Maj PC Bird
1937	Capt AW Kiggell	1967	Capt HP Routh
1938	Capt RH Reynolds	1968	Maj F Raine
1939	No appointment	1969	Maj F Raine
1940	No appointment	1970	Maj F Raine
1941	No appointment	1971	Maj F Raine
1942	No appointment	1972	Maj F Raine
1943	No appointment	1973	Maj F Raine
1944	No appointment	1974	Maj F Raine
1946	Lt Col AW Kiggell	1975	Maj F Raine
1947	Lt Col AW Kiggell	1976	Maj F Raine
1948	Maj RAP Wehner	1977	Maj F Raine
1949	Maj RAP Wehner	1978	Maj F Raine
1950	Maj RAP Wehner	1979	Maj F Raine
1951	Maj RAP Wehner	1980	Maj TJ Zorichak
1952	Maj PV Huyshe	1981	Maj TJ Zorichak
1953	Maj IS Keelan	1983	Lt Col TJ Hutchison
1954	Maj IS Keelan	1984	Lt Col TJ Hutchison
1955	Maj RB Davies	1985	Capt RJ Jenkinson

REGS Honorary Secretaries 1986 - 2025

1986	Maj AJ Jones	2006	Capt R Briggs
1987	Lt Col PW Scoble	2007	Mr AJ McDermott
1988	Lt Col DI Reid	2008	Mr AJ McDermott
1989	Capt DDF Purvis	2009	Mr AJ McDermott
1990	Maj WD Whiting	2010	Mr AJ McDermott
1991	Maj WD Whiting	2011	Maj CJ Barnard
1992	Maj WD Whiting	2012	Maj CJ Barnard
1993	Capt TM Scott	2013	Maj CJ Barnard
1994	Maj (Retd) CJ Webb	2014	Maj CJ Barnard
1995	Maj (Retd) CJ Webb	2015	Maj CJ Barnard
1996	Maj H Orr	2016	Maj CJ Barnard
1997	Maj (Retd) DDF Purvis	2017	Sgt BSC Green*
1998	Maj (Retd) DDF Purvis	2018	Sgt BSC Green
1999	Capt RW Topping	2019	SSgt BSC Green
2000	Capt RW Topping	2020	SSgt BSC Green
2001	Capt RW Topping	2021	WO2 BSC Green
2002	Capt RW Topping	2022	WO2 BSC Green
2003	Lt Col MA Wood	2023	WO2 BSC Green
2004	Lt Col MA Wood	2024	WO2 BSC Green
2005	Capt R Briggs	2025	WO2 J Butler

*First SNCO to be elected REGS Honorary Secretary



REGS Hon Sec WO2 Butler

Corps Champions & Bigge Snuff Box 1925 - 1978

Played for at the Autumn meeting. Awarded to the Serving Member with the lowest scratch score over 36 holes

1925	2Lt JVC Moberly	1952	Capt MW Jenkins
1926	Bt Maj ISO Playfair	1953	Col JVC Moberley
1927	Lt JVC Moberly	1954	Maj IS Keelan
1928	Lt JVC Moberly	1955	Capt GJT Polley
1929	Capt WHH Aitken	1956	Capt GJT Polley
1930	Lt BS Armitage	1957	Lt Col LA Thorpe
1931	Capt HE Pike	1958	Maj BDA Knight
1932	Lt JVC Moberly	1959	Lt Col IS Keelan
1933	Capt EIC Jacob	1960	Col KH Stevens & Lt Col IS Keelan
1934	Maj WAM Stawell	1961	Maj GJT Polley
1935	Capt JVC Moberly	1962	Maj GJT Polley
1936	Capt JE Marsh	1963	Col AG Peart
1937	Capt AW Kiggell	1964	WO2 M Keane
1938	Lt WBJ Armstrong	1965	Lt Col RF Semple
1939	no competition	1966	Brig KH Stevens
1940	no competition	1967	Lt Col GJT Polley
1941	no competition	1968	Col RF Semple
1942	no competition	1969	WO2 HA Caulfield
1943	no competition	1970	WO2 HA Caulfield
1944	no competition	1971	Lt Col GJT Polley
1945	no competition	1972	Spr W Moody*
1947	Col JE Marsh & Lt Col AW Kiggell	1973	2Lt PB Merry
1947		1974	LCpl W Moody
1948	Col WHH Aitken	1975	Lt PB Merry
1949	Capt RF Semple	1976	Lt PB Merry
1950	Capt RF Semple	1977	Maj PM Hill
1951	Maj IS Keelan	1978	Maj RJ Birch

Corps Champions & Bigge Snuff Box 1979 - 2025			
1979	Spr J Duffy	2002	Cpl B Loomer
1980	Maj C McF Peebles	2003	Cpl B Churchill
1981	Capt AJ Jones	2004	Cpl B Churchill
1982	Brig LFH Busk	2005	Cpl B Loomer
1983	Lt Col HH Kerr	2006	Cpl B Churchill
1984	Capt RJ Jenkinson	2007	Cpl J Nicholson
1985	Sgt SM Minton**	2008	Lt D Eyre
1986	SSgt SM Minton	2009	SSgt G Atkins
1987	SSgt SM Minton	2010	Cpl B Churchill
1988	Brig HH Kerr	2011	WO1 S Hutton
1989	LCpl S Faulkner	2012	Lt Col P Stanley
1990	WO2 WA Hannah	2013	Lt Col P Stanley
1991	SSgt AJ Brownrigg	2014	WO2 A Smith
1992	Spr S Hutton	2015	Cpl G Gurung
1993	WO2 SM Minton	2016	SSgt K Simmons
1994	Cpl J Hannay	2017	Cpl B Churchill
1995	LCpl S Hutton	2018	Sgt G Gurung
1996	WO2 AJ Brownrigg	2019	Sgt S Bennett
1997	Lt Col RJ Jenkinson	2020	Cpl R Over
1998	SSgt AS Laslett	2021	Sgt S Bennett
1999	WO2 AJ Brownrigg	2022	Cpl B Churchill
2000	SSgt AS Laslett	2023	Cpl G Dewar
2001	LCpl D Parry	2024	SSgt Jit Thapa

*First OR to be crowned Corps Champion

** First SNCO to be crowned Corps Champion

Retired Members Salver

Played for at the REGS Autumn Meeting (Corps Championships).

Awarded to the Retired Member returning the best Scratch Medal score over 36 holes.

Presented by Capt (Retd) MJ Medforth in 1986

1986	Lt Col (Retd) GJT Polley	2006	Maj (Retd) DDF Purvis
1987	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2007	Mr JR Evans
1988	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2008	Mr D Parry
1989	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2009	Mr D Parry
1990	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2010	Mr D Wratten
1991	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2011	Mr S Faulkner
1992	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2012	Mr S Faulkner
1993	Mr HE Watkinson	2013	Mr S Faulkner
1994	Mr JR Evans	2014	Mr S Faulkner
1995	Mr JR Mathis	2015	Lt Col (Retd) P Stanley
1996	Lt Col (Retd) PW Scoble	2016	Mr S Arundel
1997	Mr JR Evans	2017	Lt Col (Retd) P Stanley
1998	Brig (Retd) HH Kerr	2018	Mr S Tusz
1999	Mr JR Evans	2019	Mr S Faulkner
2000	Mr JR Evans	2020	Mr K Simmons
2001	Mr JR Evans	2021	Maj (Retd) C Barnard
2002	Mr JR Evans	2022	Lt Col (Retd) RW Topping
2003	Lt Col (Retd) RJB Williams	2023	Mr S Baxter
2004	Lt Col (Retd) RJB Williams	2024	Mr G Hannah
2005	Capt (Retd) AJ Dent	2025	



The 18th hole at Royal Cinque Ports GC, home of the Corps Championship between 1980-2008

The Aldershot Bowl

Played for at the Autumn Meeting and awarded to the player (either Serving or Retired) returning the best Medal Handicap score over 36 holes.
Presented to the REGS by members of the Aldershot Command Golf Club in 1964.

1966	Lt Col WDC Holmes		1996	Mr S Tusz
1967	WO2 HA Caulfield		1997	LCpl K Thorp
1968	Lt Col KN Orrell		1998	Mr JT Baldock
1969	Maj GA Reed		1999	Spr B Churchill
1970	WO2 HE Watkinson		2000	Cpl S Hutton
1971	WO2 JA Heard		2001	Spr DJC Chew
1972	Capt FR Jones		2002	Cpl MD Brown
1973	2Lt MK Allen		2003	Cpl DA Jamieson
1974	Mr RC Kilpatrick		2004	Mr S Tusz
1975	Mr JA Heard Esq		2005	Maj T Sherlock
1976	Lt Col JP Thorp		2006	Sgt G Atkins
1977	Lt Col DO Caton		2007	Lt Col (Retd) DI Reid
1978	Col KJ Marchant		2008	LCpl R Smith
1979	SSgt D Pomphrey		2009	Maj T Sherlock
1980	Sgt J Wilson		2010	Maj (Retd) M Curtis
1981	Spr NA Broomfield		2011	Mr WJ Gannaway
1982	Cpl JF Hopkins		2012	Cpl R Frazer
1983	Brig LFH Busk		2013	Spr A Moore
1984	Lt Col RJB Williams		2014	Lt Col T Sherlock
1985	Cpl SJ Tusz		2015	LCpl J Cross
1986	Lt Col PW Scoble		2016	LCpl D Farrimond
1987	Sgt SD Iles		2017	Cpl J Cross
1988	Lt Col DI Reid		2018	SSgt Mohan Thapa
1989	WO1 PD Clorley		2019	Mr M Barron
1990	Mr DR Eales		2020	Capt C Needham
1991	WO2 JR Evans		2021	Spr D Pellow
1992	Brig PM Hill		2022	SSgt Puran Rana
1993	Mr JR Evans		2023	Cpl S Thebe
1994	Cpl J Hannay		2024	WO1 J Rochester
1995	LCpl S Hutton		2025	



Prize winners at the 2016 Corps Championships at Frilford Heath GC



REGS stalwarts and committee members

Silver Salver

Played for at the REGS Spring Meeting. Awarded to the player (either Serving or Retired) returning the best Stableford Scratch score over 36 holes.

1964	Lt Col RF Semple	1995	Cpl BA Boyter
1965	Lt Col RF Semple	1996	Capt T Sherlock
1966	Brig KH Stevens	1997	WO2 AJ Brownrigg
1967	Lt Col JGT Polley	1998	Mr JR Evans
1968	Col RF Semple	1999	Cpl J Taylor
1969	Lt Col JP Thorp	2000	Spr B Churchill
1970	Lt Col JP Thorp	2001	Cpl B Loomie
1971	Lt Col WBJ Armstrong	2002	Mr JR Evans
1972	Maj ASC Gemmell	2003	Cpl B Loomie
1973	2Lt PB Merry	2004	Cpl B Churchill
1974	Mr JA Heard*	2005	Cpl B Churchill
1975	Lt PB Merry	2006	Capt (Retd) A Dent
1976	Mr JA Heard	2007	Cpl B Churchill
1977	2Lt RJ Jenkinson	2008	<i>No record</i>
1978	Lt RJ Jenkinson	2009	<i>No record</i>
1979	Spr Duffy*	2010	Cpl B Churchill
1980	Capt HA Caulfield	2011	Cpl B Churchill
1981	Capt MK Allen	2012	Cpl B Churchill
1982	Capt MK Allen	2013	Cpl B Churchill
1983	Capt RJ Jenkinson	2014	Cpl B Churchill
1984	Maj T St J Yates	2015	Mr S Faulkner
1985	Capt RJ Jenkinson	2016	Cpl B Churchill
1986	Maj HA Caulfield	2017	Cpl B Churchill
1987	Maj MK Allen	2018	SSgt K Simmons
1988	Maj HA Caulfield	2019	Cpl B Churchill
1989	Sgt AJ Brownrigg	2020	SSgt G Gurung
1990	Brig HH Kerr	2021	SSgt G Gurung
1991	Sgt AJ Brownrigg	2022	Spr G Torrie
1992	SSgt AJ Brownrigg	2023	LCpl A Matthews
1993	SSgt AJ Brownrigg	2024	SSgt G Gurung
1994	Mr AJ McDermott	2025	



The iconic 13th hole at Tidworth Garrison GC venue for the Spring meeting since 1991

The Presidents Cup

Played for at the REGS Spring Meeting. Awarded to the player (either Serving or Retired) returning the best Stableford Handicap score over 36 holes.

Presented by Brigadier CD Steel.

1972	JP Thorp	1999	AA Peebles
1973	JP Thorp	2000	AA Peebles
1974	WF Linham	2001	N Burke
1975	GA Reed	2002	GS Liddle
1976	JP Thorp	2003	R Judd
1977	DJ Brockett	2004	AJ McDermott
1978	AJ Jones	2005	S Ashton
1979	JP Thorp	2006	R Judd
1980	C McF Peebles	2007	P Jones
1981	HA Caulfield	2008	<i>No record</i>
1982	AJ Brownrigg	2009	<i>No record</i>
1983	LFH Busk	2010	T Ryan
1984	KH Stevens	2011	T Ryan
1985	RA Hall	2012	<i>No record</i>
1986	KC Howells	2013	R Frazer
1987	ACD Lloyd	2014	P Stanley
1988	RE Judd	2015	MA Wood
1989	JB Speak	2016	C Rosie
1990	OC Radford	2017	C Rosie
1991	J Coulson	2018	C Hamblett
1992	JCH Moorhouse	2019	K Simmons
1993	JD Parsons	2020	S Tusz
1994	JCH Moorhouse	2021	M Hughes
1995	KJ Marchant	2022	A Lackie
1996	DI Reid	2023	S Faulkner
1997	PJ Wheeler	2024	S Noble
1998	DR Eales	2025	

The Wickham Cigar Box

Presented to the REGS by Brigadier JC Wickham DSO. Now played for now at the Spring Meeting and awarded to the Serving Member returning the best 18 hole Stableford score in either of the two morning singles rounds.

1955	Lt AH James	1991	WO2 KR Thompson
1956	Lt AH James	1992	WO2 J Coulson
1958	Capt DO Caton	1993	SSgt D Richards
1959	Lt RJB Williams	1994	WO1 TS Nolan
1960	Lt WC Eggleston	1995	Maj DDF Purvis
1961	2Lt PM Hill	1996	WO2 WJ Gannaway
1962	Capt MG Hunter	1997	Sgt RT Lockwood
1963	Lt PM Hill	1998	WO2 M Barron
1964	Lt PM Hill	1999	Capt RW Topping
1965	Lt HH Kerr	2000	WO2 N Husk
1966	Capt RJB Williams	2001	WO2 E Pritchard
1967	Capt JM Lyall	2002	WO2 E Pritchard
1968	Lt TJ Zorichak	2003	Cpl MD Brown
1969	Lt Col MW Jenkins MBE	2004	WO2 E Pritchard
1970	Capt FE Snape	2005	SSgt K Simmons
1971	Capt PM Hill	2006	WO2 E Pritchard
1972	Maj RJB Williams	2007	Maj T Cork
1973	Maj RJB Williams	2008	<i>No record</i>
1974	Lt Col PM Hill	2009	WO1 G Carroll
1975	Lt Col GW Robinson	2010	Sgt D Devenish
1976	Capt BJ Birch	2011	<i>No record</i>
1977	Col JW Bridge	2012	<i>No record</i>
1978	WO2 RD Cripps*	2013	Lt Col T Sherlock
1979	WO2 R Hayton	2014	Sgt M Shaw
1980	Maj C McF Peebles	2015	Sgt A Smith
1981	WO2 R Parker	2016	Cpl Sanman Thapa Magar
1982	Cpl WG Martin**	2017	Cpl Sanman Thapa Magar
1983	Lt Col TJ Hutchison	2018	Maj M Curtis
1985	SSgt AJ McDermott	2019	Cpl Jit Thapa
1986	Lt Col RJB Williams	2020	Sgt A Lackie
1987	Col PM Hill	2021	SSgt D Mathie
1988	Maj Gen R Peck	2022	LCpl T Eady
1989	Sgt M Wood	2023	Maj G Carroll
1990	SSgt DW Rokitta	2024	WO2 J Butler

*First Warrant Officer to win **First JNCO to win

Retired Members Cup

Played for at the REGS Spring Meeting. Awarded to the Retired Member returning the best 18 hole Stableford score in either of the two morning singles rounds.

1993	Mr MW Jenkins	2009	Mr AJ McDermott
1994	Mr D Wratten	2010	Mr W Gannaway
1995	Lt Col (Retd) PW Scoble	2011	<i>No record</i>
1996	Mr AJ McDermott	2012	<i>No record</i>
1997	Mr MW Jenkins	2013	Mr W Gannaway
1998	Mr RE Judd	2014	Mr S Arundel
1999	Capt (Retd) I James	2015	Mr D Wratten
2000	Mr RE Judd	2016	Mr D Wratten
2001	Col (Retd) K Marchant	2017	Mr D Wratten
2002	Col (Retd) K Marchant	2018	Mr D Wratten
2003	Mr RM Suttill	2019	Mr M Barron
2004	Maj (Retd) M Curtis	2020	Mr S Faulkner
2005	No record	2021	Mr C Boakes
2006	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders	2022	Mr M Hughes
2007	Mr J Evans	2023	Mr J Rowe
2008		2024	Mr J Dykes

Jim Grear Tankard

Played for at the REGS Spring Meeting. Awarded to the Player over 65 who has the best Stapleford score over the two morning singles rounds.

Presented by Brig Jim Grear OBE in 2002

2002	Mr J Ellis	2014	Maj (Retd) T Ryan
2003	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2015	Capt (Retd) K Ruffle
2004	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2016	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders
2005	Mr J Wright	2017	Mr W Hannah
2006	Mr J Wright	2018	Mr JR Evans
2007	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2019	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders
2008	Col (Retd) K Marchant	2020	Maj (Retd) T Ryan
2009	Lt Col (Retd) A Bunting	2021	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders
2010	Lt Col (Retd) PW Scoble	2022	Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders
2011	Maj (Retd) HA Caulfield	2023	Mr H Till
2012	Maj (Retd) DDF Purvis	2024	Mr H Till
2013	Col (Retd) R Sandy	2025	



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The Paul Scoble Trophy

Played for at the Summer meeting and awarded to the best Stableford score.
The trophy was raised in honour of Paul Scoble a long standing REGS member.

2019	LCpl A Wellstead		2022	WO2 J Pearson
2020	Cpl J Stafford		2023	Spr C Garvey
2021	Spr E Holmwood		2024	Cpl S Thebe



Duncan and Katherine Scoble presenting LCpl Adam Wellstead with the first Scoble Trophy in July 2019. The Trophy was donated by the Corps Mess at Chatham. Lt Scoble had won the trophy (Cross Country) as a Junior leader and OC of his JL Sqn.

Inter Unit Trophy

Played for at the REGS Spring Meeting. Awarded to the Unit team (4 players, best 3 scores to count) who aggregate the best score over the two morning singles rounds.

1975	CRE Barton Stacey	2000	25 Engr Regt
1976	R Mons RE (M)	2001	1 RSME Regt
1977	3 Div Engrs	2002	3 RSME Regt
1978	Depot Regt RE	2003	25 Engr Regt
1979	33 Engr Regt (EOD)	2004	25 Engr Regt
1980	MOD Engrs	2005	1 RSME Regt
1981	12 RSME Regt	2006	1 RSME Regt
1982	22 Engr Regt	2007	42 Engr Regt (Geo)
1983	<i>No record</i>	2008	<i>No record</i>
1984	<i>No record</i>	2009	<i>No record</i>
1985	RSME	2010	<i>No record</i>
1986	RSME	2011	26 Engr Regt
1987	Depot Regt RE	2012	<i>No record</i>
1988	MWF	2013	42 Engr Regt (Geo)
1989	59 Indep Cdo Sqn RE	2014	Wimbish Station
1990	1 & 3 Trg Regts RE	2015	<i>No record</i>
1991	Depot Regt RE	2016	Wimbish Station
1992	Depot Regt RE	2017	Wimbish Station
1993	22 Engr Regt	2018	22 Engr Regt
1994	Military Works Force	2019	170 Engineer Works Group
1995	1 RSME Regt	2020	No competition
1996	25 Engr Regt	2021	29 EOD GSU
1997	3 RSME Regt	2022	170 Engineer Works Group
1998	HQ EinC (A)	2023	36 Engr Regt
1999	CRE (Airfields)	2024	Engineer Works Group

Royal Engineers Winners of the AGA Matchplay Championship

Lt JVC Moberley 1928

Col WHH Aitken 1950

Lt Col KH Stevens 1953

Lt P Merry 1976

Cpl Jim Taylor 1999 (and 1991 & 1994 before transferring to the Corps)

Cpl Blue Loom 2002

Lt Col Martyn Allen 2003

Cpl Ben Churchill 2008, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016

Spr Graham Torrie 2022

Cpl Ross Greenwood 2024



Sapper winners at the Army Matchplay Championships in 2016.



LCpl Graeme Torrie Champion AGA Matchplay Championship 2022.



Cpl Ross Greenwood Champion AGA Matchplay Championship 2024.

The Annual match against the Royal Artillery

Lt Gen Sir John Cowley, President of the Society between 1964 and 1972 presented the Cowley Cup for the annual match between the Gunners and the Sappers, in happy memory of many great days spent under the colours of the Corps by Tom & George Biggs.

The fixture has taken place at Royal St George's Golf Club in Sandwich since 1895 and is the longest running amateur match between two sides played on the same course.

Since the inaugural match in 1895, there have been 119 matches played, of which the Sappers have won 79 matches, the Gunners 39 matches and there have been 11 halved matches

Intrigued by the history of this great fixture, there follows an extract from the Royal Engineers Journal dated May 1st 1895:

"The first annual match took place on Wednesday April 24th, on Sandwich Links, in fine golfing weather, and resulted in a victory for the Royal Engineers by 10 holes in the aggregate.

The conditions in the match were: Eight players a side, selected from officers on the active list on full pay, or half pay awaiting employment, the players to be arranged in order of merit.

For the singles, each to play against his opponent having the same position in order of merit on the other side; and in the foursome matches, the pairs to be taken down the list, also in the order of merit on each side. The side obtaining the greatest number of holes in the aggregate of the singles and foursomes to win the match.

The matches were very evenly contested, no less than three out of the eight singles being halved. Dumbletons fine score of 83 brought him in a winner by 8 holes; and Dumaresq, with 86 took 7 holes from his adversary.

In the foursomes, the play was very even, the strong combined play of Bennet and Ruck placing 5 holes to the credit of our side.

There were a good number of spectators, almost entirely belonging to the RA, and the greatest interest was taken by all in the progress of matches.

We are much indebted to the Committee of St George's Golf Club for allowing the matches to take place on their links, which were in capital order."

Sapper V Gunner match Results 1895 – 1980

Royal Engineers 37 Wins, Royal Artillery 29 Wins, 6 Matches Halved

Sapper V Gunner match Results 1981 – 2024

1981	Royal Engineers	2003	Royal Engineers
1982	Royal Engineers	2004	Royal Artillery
1983	Royal Engineers	2005	Royal Engineers
1984	Match halved	2006	Royal Engineers
1985	Royal Artillery	2007	Royal Artillery
1986	Royal Artillery	2008	Royal Artillery
1987	Royal Engineers	2009	Royal Engineers
1988	Royal Engineers	2010	Royal Engineers
1989	Royal Engineers	2011	Royal Engineers
1990	Royal Engineers	2012	Royal Engineers
1991	Royal Engineers	2013	Royal Engineers
1992	Royal Artillery	2014	Royal Artillery
1993	Royal Engineers	2015	Royal Engineers
1994	Royal Artillery	2016	Royal Artillery
1995	Royal Engineers	2017	Royal Engineers
1996	Royal Engineers	2018	Royal Engineers
1997	Royal Engineers	2019	Royal Engineers
1998	Royal Engineers	2020	Royal Artillery
1999	Royal Engineers	2021	Royal Engineers
2000	Halved	2022	Royal Engineers
2001	Royal Engineers	2023	Royal Engineers
2002	Royal Engineers	2024	Royal Engineers

Scores to date: Royal Engineers 79 wins, Royal Artillery 39 wins, 11 matches halved.



Royal Engineers celebrating their 2024 win at Royal St George's Golf Club

Highlights from the REGS Minute Books

1925. At a meeting held at 1130 am in Room 159 of the War Office on 30th June 1925, the Royal Engineers Golfing Society was formed with a mandate to organise competitions, Society and Regimental matches, with the object of improving the standard of golf in the Corps.

1926. Postage costs for the year ending 1926 amounted to Three Pounds One Shilling and Sixpence! *Rest assured that they cost a considerable amount more today.*

1926. The following courses were considered as possible venues for forthcoming Spring Meetings: Walton Heath, Sunningdale, Worplesdon and Woking.

1926. At the same AGM, a vote was carried that decided to play bogey foursomes in the afternoon rounds of the Spring and Autumn Meetings, in which members chose their own partners for the first afternoon and draw for partners for the second. *The same method of selecting partners for the afternoon foursomes still exists today.*

1927. The AGM of 1927 was held at Cooden Beach Golf Club near Bexhill-on-Sea. An additional ruling was passed to allow the Committee to meet the charges on account of green fees of opposing teams, whenever funds permitted!

1928. Handicaps were obviously as much a bone of contention in the twenties as they are today. The first mention appears stating that members must play off their lowest club handicap irrespective of any handicap that may be entered in the REGS list of members. *(They must have known Steve Tusz was coming)*

1928. With a veritable plethora of cash reserves (amounting to £68), it was decided that for the next two meetings, no entrance fees should be charged. You will be surprised to hear that this was carried unanimously!

1928. Lt JVC Moberley is the first Sapper winner of the Army Matchplay championship.

1928. A motion was carried that directed the Committee to carry out investigations with a view to adopting Deal permanently for the Autumn Meetings, and a course in the London – Aldershot area for the Spring Meetings.

1928. Courses considered for the Spring Meeting of 1929 were Liphook, Sunningdale, Ashdown Forest and Cobham Park, in that order.

1928. *Oh the present day joy of spellcheckers. The statement of account for 1928 showed an income of £14 for 'Lift Membership' Subscriptions!*

1929. A change to the method of selecting partners for the afternoon foursomes was decided. The first day bogey foursomes pairings were now going to be drawn such that short handicap players were 'seeded' to play with long handicap players with only 3/8 handicap difference being allowed.

1930. Still financially healthy, it was decided not to charge any entrance fees for the 1930 meetings.

1930. The Corps decided **not** to arrange a match against the RAF this year.

1931. Match subsidies were first introduced for REGS matches where it was decided that Green Fees up to a value of £2 10/- per match would be paid by the Society.

1931. Still flush with capital, the Society agreed that no entrance fees would be charged for the 1932 meetings.

1931. The position of the Society's funds was discussed with regard to Income Tax and Investments, and the Hon Sec was instructed to make certain enquiries!

1931. The suggestion of having a bogey singles competition instead of one of the foursomes was discussed, but the AGM was strongly against the idea.

1931. The retiring Secretary, Lt CR Price was left to arrange the selection of a new Hon Sec!

1931. It was decided that the medal rounds for the Corps Championship should be played from the Medal and not the Championship Tees.

1932. The first entry appears on the Statement of account for Green Fee subsidies at Bramshott Golf Club for the princely sum of £1 0/- 0d.

1932. With no reduction in the Society's assets, it was agreed that no entrance fees would be charged for the 1933 meetings. An interesting caveat appears however, in that it was agreed that any member coming to play without letting the Hon Sec know by the Saturday prior to the commencement of the meeting would be charged an entrance fee of 5/-.

1933. First mention of the existence of the Seniors v Juniors match at Deal and that it should be played off handicap. *(I have been unable to ascertain the qualifying criteria for selection of the above two teams!)*

1933. The Hon Sec was instructed to tell the ensuing President and Captain that if they decide to give prizes at the various meetings then they are not expected to spend more than £2 10/-.

1933. A motion was carried (unanimously) stating that as far as possible, members should stay at the same hotel during meetings.

1933. A line entry for income in the 1933 statement of account shows an income of 15/- as 'fines for late entries'.

1934. Suggestions that competitors should be allowed to wipe their ball on the putting green and also to be able to tread down a pitch mark on the putting green were **not** passed.

1934. It was agreed that financial assistance would be given to the RE teams entering the Army Golf Meeting.

1935. A Matchplay format was introduced into the three day Autumn Meeting with losers entering a bogey competition or a 18 hole medal competition depending where they entered.

1935. It was decided that for this Autumn Meeting only, members playing in competitions would not be disqualified for taking shelter in storms of rain or hail!

1935. In discussing the matter of prizes at the various meetings, it was decided to abolish medals and cups as prizes if the Committee could decide upon a suitable alternative.

1935. Furthermore, the proposal by Col Wickham that prizes should take the form of orders for goods in shops was defeated.

1936. An entrance fee of 2/- to cover all competitions was introduced for all meetings.

1936. It was agreed, and carried, that the Autumn Meeting would be held at the weekend to ensure a good attendance!

1937. The Autumn Meeting was held at Rye GC and the subsequent AGM directed the Hon Sec to, in future provide information regarding availability of accommodation and costs thus making it easier to choose the venue for forthcoming meetings. *(The days of the poor old Hon Sec were numbered even then!)*

1938. The Chairman drew the attention of the meeting to the death of Sir Walter Coote-Hedley who was one of the original founding members of the Society.

1938. Ashtrays given as recent prizes bore the cypher of King George V and it was agreed to retain this cypher in future because a new die would cost £6 and the Society had been founded in the reign of George V.

1938. Entrance fees for competitions were reduced from their previous levels of 2/- to 1/-.

1938. Capt Smith suggested that more or better prizes should be given and as a consequence, the presentation of 2nd prizes was introduced.

1938. The use of the Stableford scoring system was suggested by Col Colbeck and was adopted in all bogey competitions.

1946. The minutes of the last AGM in September 1938 were read and confirmed and the Hon Sec was asked to explain why there were no 2nd prizes available at the current Autumn Meeting held at Camberley Heath GC.

1946. Previous rules of the Society limited membership of the REGS to 'Officers who are serving or have served on, a permanent commission' The AGM was asked to consider admitting officers with Short Service or Emergency Commissions, and Officers of the Territorial Army. The decision was deferred until information was obtained from AG7 about the possible numbers involved.

1946. The Committee were empowered to decide the amount of the entrance fee to meetings subject to an upper limit of 5/- for the whole meeting.

1946. A short history of the REGS Accounts was prepared for the period of formation in 1925 to 31 Dec 45.

During the period 1925 – 1929, a large number of Life Subscriptions were received, with the result that a considerable credit balance quickly formed.

By Aug 27, the Credit Balance was £151

By Aug 28, the Credit Balance was £169

By Aug 29, the Credit Balance was £175

During the period 1929 – 1945, Life Subscriptions averaged 17 a year, but from 1932 to 1939, they averaged only 8 a year.

During the War there was no expenditure and interest on investments, less income tax, raised the Credit balance by approximately £20, leaving a working balance of £17 in the bank.

1947. An excess of expenditure over income led to a reduction in the scale of prizes for meetings. Subsequently the cost of the prizes for the Autumn Meeting of 1947 was £8, 15/-. (The cost of prizes for the 1999 Autumn Meeting by comparison was £560.00)

1948. The handicap of Lt RF Semple was cut from 7 to 4

1948. A team from the REGS entered the Evening News Amateur Golfers Tournament. The team of two was selected as those with the two leading scores at the Spring Medal. *Sadly, there is no further information recorded on the progress of the REGS team, unless any of you know otherwise?*

1949. A list of names of Senior Serving Officers was put forward to form a roster from which the Captain of the Society would be chosen each year. The list would also be used as a guide to the selection of future Committees and Honorary Secretaries.

1949. The Chairman remarked upon the poor attendance at the Corps Championship for 1949 and considered the trouble to be largely financial. *Times don't change, do they!*

1950. An extraordinary General Meeting was called to discuss the poor financial situation and shortening the meetings from three to two days. It was agreed that the Spring Meeting would be cut to two days and would be held on a Thursday and Friday in future.

1950. In response to a proposal to move the Autumn Meeting away from the seaside, it was agreed that the Spring Meeting would be held on a course near a Military Mess and the Autumn Meeting on a course accessible from London. It was also agreed that 'Greensomes' would not be included in future meetings.

1950. The Honorary Secretary was made responsible for 'getting money' from the RE Games fund to pay the expenses for the RE teams entering the Army Challenge Cup.

1951. It was agreed to run an 'Open Day' for all amateur golfers who had served or were serving in the Corps. The running of the day was seen as being outside the scope of the Committee and a special committee was appointed to run the event.

1952. In reply to a request regarding new members, the Honorary Secretary gave the numbers of recent new members as five in 1950, fourteen in 1951 and four in 1952.

1952. The then Honorary Secretary, a certain Major PV Huyshe, recorded in the AGM minutes a vote of thanks to the Assistant Secretary, Mrs Huyshe!

1953. The Golf Foundation scheme of 1953 was a scheme to improve the golfing standards of young people. The Hon Sec was instructed to find out if YO's at Chatham were young enough to be eligible. *No Comment!*

1954. In response to the plea from the Hon Sec regarding difficulties with getting a full side for matches, it was agreed that more publicity was needed to emphasise the fact that 'rabbits just as much as tigers' were wanted for the teams. *A certain amount of deja vu here.*

1954. It was agreed that a different Match Manager who would have to ensure a full team would run each match.

1955. Lt AH James asked if any financial assistance could be given to Junior Officers who play in matches and the Spring and Autumn Meetings. Following much discussion, it was agreed that Lieutenants and Second Lieutenants would be granted £1 each towards their expenses for the Autumn Meeting.

1955. It was suggested that the REGS should have a 'home course'. The Hon Sec was instructed to find out how much the Gunners paid Sunningdale and whether we could not do the same sort of thing!

1956. Because the Society did not have an annual subscription and were dependent upon the RE Games Fund, it could not afford to pay what was seen as being as much as £100 a year to be able to call a certain Golf Course our 'Home Course'. The idea was subsequently abandoned.

1956. The Hon Sec was tasked with choosing a weekend at the beginning of April for the Spring Meeting that did not clash with the Halford-Hewitt Competition. *(The Annual Public Schools Golf Competition played at Royal Cinque Ports GC)*

1956. The matchplay competition regularly held at the Spring Meeting was discontinued.

1957. It was agreed that the Spring Meeting should move from a weekend to a midweek slot thus widening the choice of clubs. It was also agreed that future Autumn Meetings should be held before the end of Summer Time.

1957. All Subalterns continued to be given £1 each subsidy towards their expenses for the Autumn Meeting.

1958. Lt Gen Cowley drew attention to the fact that there were few, if any, officers from RMCS or SME attending recent meetings. The Hon Sec was tasked with contacting the SME representative to work out a scheme to encourage young officers to attend the various meetings.

1958. Conditions of membership of the Society were revised. All members of the Institute of RE, and Associate Members, may be invited to join the REGS with the approving authority being the Committee at that time.

1959. The introduction of an Annual Subscription of £1 from all members was considered. It was decided not to implement such a scheme at the present time but to review the situation in a further year or so. In the meantime the Hon Sec was asked to contact the RE Games fund to ask for authority to allow the Society to spend its grant in the way the Society considered best for its members.

1960. The RE Sports and Games Fund increased the REGS grant by £25. As a result, each member taking part in a Society match was given a subsidy of 10/- to offset travelling and 'other expenses'.

1961. An approach from the REA sounded out the possibility of OR's joining the Society. "This was not a matter to be undertaken without a lot of thought and members were asked to express their views".

1962. The first 'Serving' versus 'Retired' match took place. No details however of the outcome.

1962. Brig Carr asked if the Society would receive more money from the RE Games Fund due to the increases in expenses at the Army Meeting. The Chairman of the RE Games Fund pointed out that far from being allotted more money, the Society was likely to have to face a cut.

1962. Speaking on the 'controversial' subject of OR's participation, the Captain stated that the referendum had shown that the Society was overwhelmingly in support of the proposal to allow OR participation, with one or two caveats!

1962. The situation regarding OR's participating in Society events would be reviewed again in 1966 to see if any changes were required.

1963. Because of the considerable value of the Bigge Snuff Box, it was felt unlikely that any individual would like to be responsible for it during his tenure and it would be held in the RE HQ Mess with the Corps Champions name inscribed each year upon it.
1963. The rules of the Society were revised to allow OR's to be eligible to play in the Corps Championship.
1963. Lt Col Bennetts asked if it was time for the introduction of an Annual Subscription. The matter was deferred to the following year's AGM.
1964. The Aldershot Bowl was presented to the Society by the Aldershot Command Golf Club in appreciation of the considerable amount of work put into the club by the Corps.
1964. In considering Walton Heath or Royal Cinque Ports for the venue of the next Autumn Meeting, it was decided to opt for Deal because of the more favourable rates. The Captain went on to remark that there was general feeling that Deal would become the regular course for the Autumn Meeting.
1964. Despite the Captain outlining the fact that there was a financial requirement for an Annual Subscription of £1, it was stated that 'whoever played – paid' and therefore after considerable discussion, the whole idea was dropped.
1965. The decision was made to present the Aldershot Bowl to the winner of the 36 hole handicap medal competition at future Autumn Meetings.
1965. It was again reported that Match Managers were finding it extremely difficult in raising teams for REGS matches, as people were "just having to work too hard"!
- 1965 A wind speed indicator was presented to Rye GC.
1965. An entry fee of 5/- was raised for all REGS competitions to allow the Hon Sec to purchase better prizes.
1965. The Captain reported that the Secretary had been enquiring into a suitable design for an REGS tie, the exact design of which would be left to the committee to decide.
1966. In this World Cup Winning Year, the Captain reported that although both serving and retired members played in REGS fixtures, he was disturbed that there had been only six appearances of Captains and Subalterns from a total of fifty eight serving officers.
1966. It was decided to move the date of the Annual General Meeting from the Autumn Meeting to the Spring Meeting as the Spring Meeting was invariably held in or around the Aldershot area and attracted a larger attendance than the autumn Meeting.

1967. An Annual Subscription of £1 was introduced to subsidise matches and at the same time it was agreed that life subscription should cease.

1968. It was confirmed by the Captain that 'old members' were not obliged to pay the new subscription but 'new ones' would be required to do so.

1968. The AGM of 1968 closed after only ten minutes and is considered to possibly be the shortest REGS AGM on record!

1969. The Gunner match was won after a great recovery on the second day, thereby having the Corps as the first winners inscribed on the trophy presented by Lt Gen Sir John Cowley.

1969. Maj Reed suggested that the absence of junior Officers and Soldiers from meetings could be due to the fact that some Commanding Officers did not consider Golf to be duty in the same way as other sports. The EinC was asked to issue a directive on the subject.

1969. The grant to Subalterns playing in the Spring and Autumn Meeting was increased from £1 per meeting to £1 per day.

1969. A vote of thanks was given to WO DE Dunlop who came along to run the Spring Meeting during his terminal leave.

1970. Soldiers were allowed to participate in the Spring Meeting for the first time.

1971. A decision was made to decide ties differently to the 'normal' method and that ties would be decided on the best score for the last nine holes, then the last six, then the last three and then the last one.

1971. A proposal to increase the maximum handicap for REGS meetings from 18 to 20 was not accepted and it was decided that it should remain at 18.

1972. There was agreement that in future Stableford Competitions, stroke allowance should include fractions instead of the nearest whole number.

1972. The Treasurer stated that the cost of prizes had risen by some 40 to 60% during the last five years but entry fees had remained at 25p. It was agreed that entry fees for competitions should be decided by the Committee but should not exceed 40p.

1973. Subsidies for all REGS matches were raised to £2 per member and those for meetings were decided to be pro-rata according to rank.

1974. Not all REGS matches were well supported and it was felt that unless there was some improvement, it might become necessary to cancel some of them.

1975. Lt Col Robinson raised the matter of the lack of Serving Officers on the Committee, but went on to say that he meant no reflection on the Retired Officers of the Society without whose participation the Society could not exist.
1975. The matter of raising the Annual Subscription was raised and the opinion was that doubling the Annual Subscription would do more harm than good.
1976. It was agreed to increase the size of the Committee permanently by having one Serving Vice President and one retired Vice President.
1976. The President said that the membership rules had changed gradually since the days when it was an Officer only Society. He now considered it time to open membership to all Serving and Retired members of the Corps, irrespective of rank.
1976. Lt Phillip Merry won the Army matchplay Championship, the Corps Championship and the Black Watch medal in the 1976 Army and AOGS championships.
1977. Attendance at the Spring Meeting at Woking was down on normal and this was attributed to the high costs. Despite this, it was agreed to continue playing the meeting over two days at the same course.
1978. Annual Subscriptions were raised from £1 to £3.
1978. Certain REGS matches continued to be poorly supported with managers ringing members at the last minute in an effort to raise a team. It was agreed to discontinue matches for which the raising of a team proved difficult.
1979. Lt MK Allen was runner up in the Army Championship.
1979. Lt Col Thorp suggested that there ought to be a restriction of the number of prizes that could be won at any meeting by one player.
1979. The Captain had obtained a design for a Corps sweater incorporating a golf motif with REGS wording.
1980. All three RE teams made the final of the AGS Spring Meeting where the 'A' team lost to the Gunners and the 'B' team beat the 'C' team in the final of the Egypt Cup.
1981. In the AGS Egypt Cup competition, the RE 'B' team again won the event, beating the Royal Signals in the final. En route to the final they beat the Gunners in an exciting extra-holes match with some dubious arithmetic!
1982. An illuminated map of the course at Rye incorporating a wind direction indicator was presented to Rye GC.

1982. Capts Allen and Jenkinson and LCpl Brownrigg represented the Army versus the TA.

1982. Green Fees for the Autumn Meeting at Deal increased to £15 per day. The Secretary expressed concern that the increasing expense of attending all Society fixtures was leading to a reduced attendance.

1982. The Corps wins the Inter Corps Championships for the first time, beating the RAOC 'A' team in the final of the Royal Irish Rangers Bowl.

1983. Discussion took place on the subject of changing the venue of the Autumn Meeting, as attendance at Deal in recent years was poor. The AGM voted unanimously against this proposal.

1983. The REGS match against the Guards Division was dropped from the fixture list.

1984. No minutes recorded on file.

1985. The sample of material for the new REGS tie was passed around the 1985 AGM and acceptance of the design was carried – almost unanimously. (Proposed by Lt Col RJB Williams and Seconded by SSgt AJ McDermott)

1986. It was discovered that the sample tie in 1985 was a direct replica of the Kings Regiment tie and the Corps Dress Committee instructed the Society to produce another design.

1986. The format of playing foursomes in the morning and singles in the afternoon of the Corps Championships was discussed and it was agreed to change to singles in the morning and foursomes in the afternoon. Attendance at the Autumn Meeting at Deal was a very poor twenty-two.

1986. A questionnaire was sent out to all members seeking their views on items of general interest to the membership.

1986. Capt Mike Medforth presented a Silver Salver to the Society, to be awarded to the Retired Member returning the best 36 hole Scratch Medal over 36 holes at the Autumn Meeting.

1987. In response to the questionnaire, it was suggested that a team competition be held at the Autumn Meeting. A proposal by WO2 Conduct to hold a meeting in the North of England was defeated when put to the floor.

1988. Much discussion took place regarding holding the Spring Meeting at Woking due to the ever increasing cost. It was agreed to continue with the meeting at Woking but to make an attempt to abate the rising costs.

1988. The Annual Subscription was increased for the first time since 1967 to £10 a year with the proviso that only those members who paid the full £10 subscription would be circulated with details of the Society, and those who continued with their old subscriptions would not receive any Society correspondence.

1988. Match Managers were encouraged to include at least two Other Ranks in their team selections.

1989. The Summer Meeting was split into two regional events with the 'Northern' meeting at Telford in July and the 'Southern' meeting at Tidworth in August.

1989. A report from Corps Golf in BAOR was presented, with surely the highlight being that Cpl Moss produced the best gross medal round followed by WO2 Topping!

1990. Arrangements were made to move the venue of the Spring Meeting from Woking to Tidworth for the 1991 season.

1990. Brig Semple expressed concern at an apparent drop in standards and it was agreed that jacket collar and tie would be the order of the day at lunch times in the clubhouse.

1990. Planning began on the arrangements to celebrate the Centenary of the Sapper/Gunner match in 1995.

1990. The Royal Hong Kong Golf Trophy was damaged by JLRRE and had to undergo repair by the Corps Silversmith. A Regimental enquiry took place to ascertain the circumstances in which the damage occurred.

1991. The Spring Meeting at Tidworth was so well attended with 86 members taking part, that some players were unable to take lunch on the first day because of the short time available between rounds. For the second day, players were permitted to take their lunch without changing into Jacket and Tie.

1991. The first Past Presidents and Captains match against Huntercombe GC Past Presidents and Captains took place.

1991. Sgt Alistair Brownrigg was appointed Vice Captain of the Army Golf Association.

1991. The Secretary was concerned that REGS Match Managers were mainly Retired Officers over sixty years old and that in future we may have to face a 'mass retirement', however it was agreed that the present system was so successful that no preventative action should be taken.

1992. The leather bound REGS record book used since the Society was formed in 1925 was replaced with a blue hardback A4 HMSO lined pad!

1992. Some Match managers ran three separate matches and this was considered undesirable (like some of the managers in question!). New Match managers were sought by the Society.

1992. Two companies, Mabey & Johnson and Wilson Hogg Robinson, provided sponsorship for the Spring Meeting of 1992.

1992. The 'McDermott Proposal' for a Retired Members trophy at the Spring Meeting was outlined.

1992. As attendance at the recent 'Northern' Summer Meetings had been disappointing, with a maximum of 19 over the last three years, future meetings were cancelled.

1993. Capt (Retd) Mike Medforth arrived at the Autumn meeting with a new Metal headed driver!! Everyone wanted to try it out and a large gathering was seen on the 1st tee having a hit during the lunch interval.

1993. The Honorary Secretary proposed the introduction of Direct Debits for the collection of Annual Subscriptions.

1993. The REGS v Royal Signals match at Catterick was removed from future fixture lists.

1993. The Royal Hong Kong Cup had gone missing from the display cabinet at 3TRRE. The outcome of the Board of Enquiry was awaited.

1993. The Committee discussed increasing Annual Subscriptions. (This did not take place!)

1993. Preparations for the Gunner Centenary celebrations continued and plans included a normal match, an ex-players match and a dinner in the RE HQ Mess.

1994. The forecast excess of expenditure over income of some £1000 was due to the purchase of the new lambswool Corps Golf Sweaters and it was hoped that the members would support the sale of the stock.

1994. Maj Martyn Allen reached the final of the Army Matchplay Championship only to lose to Trooper Jim Taylor of 17/21 Lancers. *As Martyn was our 'man in RE Records', within two months of the final, Trooper Taylor became Sapper Taylor!*

1995. It was decided that past Secretaries would be presented with a pair of cufflinks as a memento of their time in office for those who had completed a minimum of two years in the chair.

1995. The inaugural match against East Devon GC took place and a fixture was arranged against Royal Cinque Ports Golf Club.

1995. The Centenary Gunner match was won 16 – 8 by the Sappers. A nostalgic foursomes match (of 32 a side) took place for all those who had played in this historic fixture with Lt Col Ian Keelan and Lt Col Pat Huyshe, who first partnered each other in 1939, leading the Sapper Team.

1996. Lt Col Chilton raised complaints about the cost and condition of the course at Woking and he recommended an alternative venue be sought for future Summer Meetings.

1996. Brig Tony Kerr plays in his final Sapper Gunner Match.

1997. WO2 Brownrigg suggested that only Junior Ranks should receive Green Fee subsidies at meetings and after much discussion, the proposal was agreed.

1998. The RE Sports Board reduces the REGS grant by £1000.

1998. In recognition of the long association with Royal Cinque Ports GC, a drinking fountain was presented to the Club.

1998. Tidworth Garrison GC sets a limit of 60 for future Spring Meetings in line with restrictions to all visiting Societies. After consultation, the number is raised to a maximum of 72.

1998. The Wickham Cigar Box that went 'missing' in 1997 is found after the Honorary Secretary pulls many 'strings'. This unfortunate experience leads in part to the decision to stop winners of trophies from keeping them in their possession for their year of tenure.

1999. It was confirmed that the REGS match against the AAC this year would be the last fixture. *It is pleasing the record that in 2025 this fixture is still being played*

1999. A presentation fund was implemented with the specific purpose of being used to finance future presentations to various Golf Clubs. Income for this fund would be from those individuals who took part in the various matches against the Clubs.

1999. Lloyds Bank (the REGS bankers since 1925) had been approached with a view to using Direct Debit to collect Annual Subscriptions. The initial setting up costs were currently prohibitive and it was decided to continue to use Bankers Orders.

1999. Lt Col Pat Huyshe attended the Spring Meeting for the 60th year and to mark the occasion he was presented with a set of Corps Cufflinks.

1999. Subscriptions were raised from the previous level of £10 to £20 per year, the first rise since 1988. News of the increase was not greeted well with all the membership.

1999. Cpl Jim Taylor wins the Army Strokeplay Championship at Little Aston Golf Club.

1999. The Corps team wins the Inter Corps Championships at Royal Porthcawl, the first win since 1982.

1999. WO2 Alistair Brownrigg wins the Corps Championships in his last year as a serving member.

1999. WO2 Lofty Barron 'hijacks' the AGM and asks certain questions regarding subsidies and team selections. The Honorary Secretary is tasked with carrying out research into the alleged inconsistencies regarding subsidies.

1999. The Honorary Secretary foolishly suggested that an event should be staged to mark the 75th Anniversary of the Society; the rest as they say is history!

2000. Maj (Retd) Dave Purvis presented with a set of RE cufflinks as a token of appreciation for his term in office as Honorary Secretary.

2000. The Massacre at Balbirnie takes place.

2000. Mr Jeff Evans discovers the meaning of losing by a 'Dog Licence' in his match against the Royal Marines.

2000. History is made at the AOGS Summer Meeting at Deal and Sandwich. The three RE teams win all three major 'Corps Trophies'. The 'A' team winning the Ordnance Cup, the 'B' team winning the Royal Engineers & Sunningdale Cup and the 'C' team, winning the Egypt Cup.

2000. East Devon GC presented with a magnificent set of notice boards produced at the RSME.

2001. The President encourages Match Managers to ensure to other ranks are included in teams and that changes are made each year to those representing REGS.

2002. The digital age has arrived with the purchase of a laptop computer for the Hon Sec.

2002. The Corps were runners up in the Inter Corps competition at the AGA championships.

2002. The cost of playing at 'top class' venues is beginning to raise its head with Huntercombe putting up its fees to a level deemed unacceptable and so the Summer meeting was moved to Rochester and Cobham GC.

2003. Rochester & Cobham GC was a very successful venue for the Summer Meeting.

2004. The Summer meeting continued at Rochester & Cobham GC following the successful move there in 2003.

2006. A special dinner was held in the Clubhouse of Royal St Georges GC to celebrate the 100th match between the Sapper and Gunners. It was a special occasion with five Generals, a Brigadier, two past Captains of REGS and the Secretary of RStGGC.
2006. A special congratulation to Cpl Ben Churchill for winning the Dorset County Golf Championship becoming the first Sapper to win a County Golf Title.
2008. Lt Col RW Topping outlined plans for the REGS website.
2008. The President announced that REGS had been awarded Corps funds for an overseas tour.
2009. The President congratulated the Hon Sec on his presentation of an excellent set of accounts.
2009. Cpl Nicolson proposed that the Corps Championship be returned to medal play and this was agreed by the committee.
2010. It was proposed that there would be a REGS tour, possibly to Tukey in the autumn.
2011. The President made a plea for more people to get involved with the running of REGS saying that 'a Society without the committee having continuity and new members coming forward puts the Society at risk.'
2011. The Summer meeting was to be held at Wokefield Park GC and the Autumn meeting at West Malling GC.
2012. REGS was involved in a supporting role for the golf at the RE Games.
2012. Following a brief discussion on the current policy regarding the award of Corps Colours (3 Sapper v Gunner matches) the President requested that this policy be reviewed, noting that the qualifying criteria seemed very tough and there was no colours for other contribution to REGS.
2012. The Autumn meeting/Corps Championships was moved to Frilford Heath GC. REGS got an exceptionally good deal from the club, thanks to the Frilford Secretary Jimmy James.
2013. The Autumn meeting at FHGC was held in particularly challenging conditions with rough long and very wet.
2014. The President was sad to pass on the news that three members of REGS had passed away since the previous AGM, Harry Caulfield, Mike Stancombe and Garth Hewish. Harry Caulfield was an integral part of REGS for many years and Mike Stancombe was a long serving Match Manager and Committee member.

2014. WO2 Gaz Atkins was elected REGS Captain. This was a first for REGS as all previous Captains had been officers.

2015. Cpl Ben Churchill won a record equalling 5th win at the Army Matchplay championships and Cpl Abi Kennedy lost out to her sister Kirsty (now in the Corps) in the ladies final. Smudge Smith won the plate event and LCpl Richie Over won the Stapleford event.

2015. It was noted that the Society has well over 200 members increasing annually, although it is concerning to have so few serving officers.

2016. For the first time a female golfer was selected to represent the Sappers in the annual Sapper Gunner match. Congratulations to Cpl Abi Kennedy who was welcomed by all players and Royal St Georges. The Tercentenary Sapper Gunner event also brought together past Presidents, Veterans and current players. Ben Churchill won his 6th Army Matchplay title. The Captain wanted to thank SSgt Smudge Smith for his help in running the Sapper Gunner match and additional help over many years.

2017. Col AJ Barr handed over as President to Brig J Ridge and it was agreed to also appoint Col Steve Davies as Honorary Chairman.

2019. Ben Churchill wins the Army Strokeplay title for the 7th time. Congratulations to the Corps team for making the final of the Inter Corps final for the 2nd year in a row and being narrowly 3 – 2 by the infantry for the 2nd year in a row

2020. COVID disruption. REGS still managed to conduct all three major meetings and the Hon Sec is commended by the Chairman and receives CRE commendation.

2021. The president commended the committee on their efforts in maintaining RE Golf through the uncertainty of COVID 19. REGS were the first sport within the Corps to return after the pandemic.

2021. REGS present commemorative bench to Tidworth Garrison Golf Club, marking 30 years at the venue.

2022. A one minute silence was observed during the prize giving at the Autumn Meeting held at the Warwickshire GC following the announcement of the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

2022. Lt Col (Retd) Topping finally won the Retired Members Salver at the Autumn meeting held at the Warwickshire GC.

2023. Ian Bishop from On Course Foundation addressed the members at the FORE event. Ian gave an insight into the work that is carried out by the charity and why it was set up. The charity has been running for 12 years and has helped over 1400 service men and women.

2024. Cpl Graham Torrie won the Army Strokeplay title and Cpl Ross Greenwood won the Army Matchplay championship and was runner up in the Strokeplay event. The Autumn meeting was held at Monmouth GC (*which was very hilly*) and Royal Monmouth GC



Lt Col Downham Presenting the Scoe Trophy on behalf of our sponsors Anderson Green

The Saunders Putter

The Putter was given to REGS by Mr WHJ Saunders and mounted on a presentation board as an annual award for an outstanding contribution to REGS over a number of years.

2023 Maj George Carroll

2024 SSgt Gaz Gurung



Reflections from the first 100 years

Lt Col (Retd) RW Topping. During my tenure as Honorary Secretary of the Society around the turn of the century, things were very different to what they are on the technology front we are used to today.

The Christmas Newsletter was the means of communicating the fortunes of the Society for the past year, and the fixture list for the forthcoming year was also sent out with it before Christmas, but that meant printing out hundreds of hard copies and posting them to the home address of each member of the Society.

The cost of stamps wasn't as dear as it is today, but the production of the newsletter meant a conveyor belt in the Topping household, with me printing out labels and affixing them to envelopes, my wife putting the documents into the envelopes, my eldest daughter sealing the envelopes and my youngest daughter affixing the stamps, before a trip to the post box with hundreds of A4 envelopes!

I also remember being stationed at RAF Lossiemouth and having to drive to Deal in Kent for the Autumn Meeting, a journey of some 670 miles by road, with the car loaded with the trophies, prizes and my clubs! Again, this was before everyone had smart phones, and armed with just a Nokia 'dumb' phone, I set off on the journey, only to receive a few calls from people saying they couldn't now attend the meeting. I had to then pull over, get out the laptop and try and amend the start times, and call each individual, as again, this was before everyone had emails and the like. After the 12 hour plus journey south, I played both days and then drove back to Lossiemouth on the Friday evening, making it only as far as the Scottish border before I had to pull over and get some sleep.

A bit different to the times we now live in!!

Capt (Retd) IJ Saunders. It was my good fortune to be introduced to REGS by bumping into Dick Leonard, who had been a QSMI on my YO's course (and was now a Lt Col) as we put on our golf shoes in the clubhouse at North Hants. He encouraged me, with Paul Scoble's help to get me to join REGS. I have enjoyed the friendship and golf within REGS since 1991.

I had the honour to Host the 100th Sapper Gunner match dinner, in October 2006, in the hallowed Dining Room at Royal St Georges GC, with 3 Generals, 2 Brigadiers, 2 former REGS Captains and the Secretary of the Club in attendance. Quite an intimidating event and I was very grateful for Harry Caulfield's advice on what to say! I very much enjoyed managing the AGC and RN matches with reasonable team success for many years.

I have seen REGS change and develop over my 30+ years in the Society, from everything going out as hard copy, to email (except for Paul Scoble) and now to Facebook and WhatsApp. From feeling quite modern in 2000 I now feel one of the dinosaurs!

WO2 Barrie Green. I count myself as being extremely lucky, to have been selected to be a member of the REGS committee. I started on the website and then became assistant secretary, I was then secretary for over 8 years! Those before me had dealt with many difficult challenges; my main challenge was modernise the society and make it more inclusive. Over the years we have overseen the move to digital scoring and social media publication. We phased out cash and cheques and reached out to the wider Corps for membership. In my tenure we have seen a shift away from the Officer heavy membership, towards a younger and more vibrant society. This shift will never be at the expense of our senior members, who will always be welcome. The Brain, Saunders, Bingham, Ryan, Jenkinson and Wood(to name but a few of our legends) have given so much to this great society, their contribution will never be overlooked. My legacy will be the professionalisation of the RSG team and its continued success, something that I am extremely proud of. I look forward to the next era of golf under our new and vibrant committee. Yours as always in GOLF.

REGS Matches and Meetings

REGS plays a number of matches against other Corps and Arms and there are three two meetings.

The Spring meeting is held at Tidworth Garrison GC, The Summer meeting is usually at golf clubs in the Midlands and The Autumn meeting/Corps Championships at clubs in the south.

Matches are played at courses including Liphook, New Zealand, Huntercombe, Sandford Springs, Newbury and Crookham, Cotswold Hills and The Army Club.



The 1st hole at the prestigious Liphook Golf Club.



The view from the 1st tee at Royal St George's Golf Club.

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