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## **NEWSLETTER – THE CAVALRY CLUB – 1/2004**

Dear Member,

New Year's Greetings from the Committee to all our Members – past, present and future!

### **COMMENT:**

As the Cavalry Club enters its 60<sup>th</sup> year of existence, having survived highs and lows, as all Clubs do, the time is opportune to review its relevance to the concept of its 'Founding Fathers'.

The idea of the 'Club' was born in 1944 when the Army was being downsized; when friendships forged soon to be lost, was the vista facing the soon to be 'demobbed'. Hence the birth of the Cavalry Club, to ensure continuation of connections made – easier then with Officers' Messes a plenty! Harder now with a single Cavalry Officers' Mess remaining? And yet, as the challenge changes the spirit remains!

In the excellent booklet, commemorating the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the foundation of the Cavalry Corps the writer referred to the continued relevance of the Club ..... "more relevant now"! The current writer concurs with the timely sentiments expressed, for it's only through the Cavalry Club that any hope of 'bonding' between retired and serving Officers may continue i.e., that which was lost through the dissolution of Units and closure of Cavalry Officers' Messes i.e., Griffith, Fitzgerald and Plunkett.

As the 60<sup>th</sup> AGM of the Cavalry Club fast approaches (November 2004) the Committee is mindful of past achievements e.g., The Cavalry Ball (how daring!), and looking to the future the theme for 2004 is 'Regional Re-connections' under the aegis of the Club i.e., events celebrating the first 60 years of the birth of the idea of the Club. Each region is asked to support this concept by organising at least one event.

In conclusion, the current writer invites a younger member of the Club or indeed a future member to take up the pen in 2004 and write a comment on the Centenary celebrations of the Cavalry Club – and why not – it's perfectly achievable!

### **59<sup>th</sup> AGM**

The 59<sup>th</sup> AGM was held in the auditorium, Cathal Brugha Barracks on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003, with the kind permission of GOC, 2 Eastern Bde. There was a good turnout, followed by an excellent meal. Congratulations to all concerned in its organisation. The main item on the agenda was the adoption of updated Rules of the Club. Following a review process, previously reported and having reached amendment No. 17!!, the

Committee agreed that the Rules should simply be rewritten. Following some minor final changes at the AGM, the updated Rules were adopted. A copy of the Rules are enclosed with this mailing. The Committee hopes that a printed Rulebook with a history of the Club will issue in 2004.

Immediately following the adoption of the Rules, the Meeting determined that all existing Associate Members be elected to Honorary Membership of the Club.

### **COMMITTEE**

The following members were elected to the Committee for 2004:

President	:	Capt. C. McQuaid (Rtd.) - 087.915 0545
President Elect *	:	Lt. M. Morris
Secretary	:	Comdt. G. Cooney
Member	:	Comdt. E. Kelly (Rtd.)
Member	:	Comdt. R. Duggan
Member	:	Capt. M. Bohan

\* Lt. M. Morris agreed to continue as Treasurer until the next AGM.

### **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

The undermentioned 'events' are provisional and not necessarily listed chronologically:

- Regional Re-Connection Events - South / East / Curragh / West.
- Annual Golf Outing – Curragh.
- President's Visit to Regions.
- Presidents' Lunch – 13 May 2004
- A "Night" at the Races.
- Club Outing - visit to U.N. School.
- Members' Suggestions.
- Cavalry Day.
- A Night at the Opera / Theatre / Concert / Dogs.
- 60<sup>th</sup> AGM and Dinner, November 2004.

### **WEBSITE**

The webmaster has been invited to attend a Committee Meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>, 2004 when it is hoped to agree improvements. The site address is **[www.cavalryclub.ie](http://www.cavalryclub.ie)**

### **RETIREMENTS**

A Stand Down parade will take place in Cathal Brugha Bks on 19 February 2004 at 2000hrs to mark the retirement of Comdt Noel Maher (11 Cav Sqn).

A Retirement presentation to Lt Col Niall Daly will take place in the Officers' Mess, Collins Bks, Cork on 11 March 2004 at 1600hrs.

The memberships would like to wish both of these former Presidents of the club well in their retirement from the Cavalry Corps.

### **PROMOTIONS**

The Committee, on behalf of the Members, wishes to congratulate Comdt. Eamonn Cullagh and Comdt. Ollie Barbour on their listing for promotion to Lt. Col. In 2004; and, Capt. Pauraic McCarthy & Capt. Paul McLoughlin to Comdt.

### **OVERSEAS**

New Year's Greetings and best wishes for a successful mission and safe return to our colleagues serving overseas.

### **HONORARY MEMBERSHIP**

The Committee is pleased to advise members that Brig Gen Pat Nash, GOC 1 Southern Bde, former Cavalry Officer, has accepted "with delight" honorary membership of the Club. It's hoped to mark the occasion by a presentation of mementoes of honorary membership to Brig. Gen. Nash early in the New Year.

### **CONDOLENCES**

The Committee, on behalf of the Members, extend their sincere sympathy to the family of Comdt. Owen Quinn (Rtd.), an esteemed former President. May he rest in peace.

### **APPRECIATION**

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to Col. Brendan McCann, Lt. Col. Pat Fingelton, **DCav.**, Comdt. Gerry Cooney and the staff of the Offices of the Director of Cavalry for all their support and assistance, which is very much appreciated and invaluable to the future development of the Club.

### **CLUB MERCHANDISE**

Club ties are available at €20, as are miniature sterling silver collar badges / tiepins in a presentation box at €25 per pair.

..... *Carpe Diem* .....