

China Fleet Trust

PRESS RELEASE

The China Fleet Trust is a charity which exists to provide recreational and leisure facilities to its Beneficiaries in order to promote the overall efficiency and welfare of the Armed Forces. The Trust's extensive facilities are located in Saltash, near Plymouth, and are operated on its behalf by the China Fleet Country Club Ltd. The Club welcomes civilians who can join as members thereby ensuring the ongoing financial viability of the Club and provides the income to invest in the maintenance and improvement of the Club's facilities for its Beneficiaries.

The China Fleet Club Beneficiary Committee, which consists entirely of serving Royal Navy & Royal Marines Non Commissioned personnel, represents the interests of current beneficiaries, namely all non-commissioned officers and ratings of the Royal Navy (which includes the Royal Marines). In light of structural, organisational and operating changes in the Armed Forces and in line with similar changes made by other service charities the Committee proposed that the current beneficiary pool be extended to better promote the Trust's charitable objectives.

The Committee considered that, given the Future Reserves Programme and in recognition of the increasing role that Reservists have played in operations during the last decade, all RN & RM Reserve Non Commissioned personnel and their families should be included as beneficiaries.

The Committee also felt that employment in the RN&RM, both during and following service should attract greater recognition commensurate with the principles of the Military Covenant and that the importance of the families of all such personnel should be recognised. It thus proposed that additional beneficiary classes be established to reflect this.

Following further detailed analysis and wide consultation, The China Fleet Trust has accepted all the Committee's proposals and is pleased to announce that with effect from 1st June 2014:

- All Non Commissioned RN and RM Reserve personnel and their immediate families will join serving Non Commissioned RN and RM personnel by becoming beneficiaries of the China Fleet Club;
- All former RN and RM personnel, serving RN and RM Officers and other Services attached to or embedded within RN and RM units together with their immediate families be awarded a beneficiary status that offers special rates and month by month packages with no joining fee.
- Serving RN & RM Non Commissioned personnel & Reserves will maintain primacy and continue to be represented by their current Committee Members and the Committee Chair will represent the interests of the new beneficiary categories.

The Club will be holding a Free Open Day on Sunday 29th June with lots of family entertainment to celebrate this significant occasion and welcome its new beneficiaries to the China Fleet Family. Additionally, you can visit the Club at any time and if you would like to see what's on offer visit our website at www.china-fleet.co.uk. Or if you would like a tour to experience the Club, do please contact us on 01752 848668 and ask for Leisure/Membership services.