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# SEMAPHORE SHORT

MONDAY 11 OCTOBER 2021



## **Royal Navy Ski Champs – You're invited**

The RN Alpine Ski and Snowboard Championships is the Royal Navy's annual sporting event for downhill Alpine Skiing and Snowboarding, open to all Royal Navy personnel, Maritime Reserves and Veterans as well as their friends and family.

For the 11th year, the championships will return to Tignes Le Lac [from the 8<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2022](#). Across the course of the two weeks, attendees of all

standards – including complete beginners, will participate in a range of lessons and training sessions before partaking in a suitable competition, relevant to their standard.

This year the Royal Naval Association will be taking a non-competitive team and you are invited. If you'd like to join the party, please email Carl at [rnawintersportsig@gmail.com](mailto:rnawintersportsig@gmail.com) with your name, branch and membership number and he will be in touch with further details.

The championships welcomes all levels, from absolute beginner to the Royal Navy representative teams.

[Learn more here](#)



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## South Atlantic Medal Holders

We want to ensure that we have the correct details for you on our database and this month's spotlight is on those Shipmates who hold the South Atlantic Medal. We would like to invite you to email Sara at [admin@royalnavalassoc.com](mailto:admin@royalnavalassoc.com) with your name and confirming that you hold the South Atlantic Medal, and we shall ensure that this is reflected on the membership database. We will shift focus to other medals on a month-by-month basis.



## **World Uckers Championships 2021**

The World Uckers Championship is taking place in the Victory Arena at the National Museum of the Royal Navy in Portsmouth on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2021. 32 Teams (64 players) will play off against each other to decide the Champions.

'Snakes Eyes' is at 1030 and play will continue during the day. We would be delighted to welcome anyone who would like to come along and support the event. If you would like to attend, please email [Admin@royalnavalassociation.com](mailto:Admin@royalnavalassociation.com) with your name, place and date of birth and car registration number (if you're coming by car). Entry through Trafalgar Gate – the main gate into the National Museum.

A raffle draw is being held on the day, which you can enter virtually, with a 1<sup>st</sup> winning prize of a 5ltr Barrel of Pussers Rum, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: a rare bottle of 15-year-old Pussers, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: a personalised Uckers Board! Tickets are £1.00.



## What's on this week (11<sup>th</sup> October – 17<sup>th</sup> October)

- Monday Night Fireside Chat: HMS Ark Royal (1937 – 1941)

The weekly Fireside Chat will be hosted again on Zoom **tonight**, where we will be joined by Mike Milne who will take us through the life, death and rediscovery of HMS Ark Royal (1937 – 1941).

Join us at the regular time of **1800** with a tot in hand.

### Join the Fireside Chat here

- Tuesday afternoon: Climate Change UK

The annual United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26) will be hosted in Glasgow in November 2021. The aim is clear: to reach net zero by 2050, ensuring that the amount of carbon we add to the atmosphere is no more than the amount we remove.

In the countdown to COP26, join leading BGS geoscientists on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 1400 for a special lecture where they will discuss:

- anticipated impacts of climate change in the UK to the year 2100
- regional controls on historical and future groundwater drought severity
- mitigating the increasing threat posed by shallow geohazards, such as landslides and clay shrink–swell
- adaption through the sustainable use of urban subsurface spaces

### Register here

- Wednesday evening: The Boer War and its Legacy

The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland would like to invite you to an online talk by Dr Spencer Jones on 'The Boer War and its legacy' on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8pm.

The Anglo-Boer War (1899-1902) was a bitter and controversial conflict that marked a watershed in the history of the British Empire. Britain had gone to war in 1899 confident of a swift victory against the outnumbered Boer irregulars. But the conflict confounded these

expectations.

Dr Spencer Jones is an award-winning historian and author. He is Senior Lecturer in Armed Forces and War Studies at the University of Wolverhampton and serves as the Regimental Historian for the Royal Regiment of Artillery. His works include 'From Boer War to World War: Tactical Reform of the British Army, 1902-1914' and 'Stemming the Tide: Officers and Leadership in the British Expeditionary Force, 1914'. His most recent work is 'At All Costs: The British Army on the Western Front, 1916'.

This event is taking place on Zoom. Sign-up closes 24 hours before the event and an invite will be sent to everyone registered 24 hours before the beginning of the event.

[Register here](#)

- [Saturday Night: Virtual Tot Time](#)

Every [Saturday Night](#), for over 12 months now, members from the Wrexham Branch have been hosting a Virtual Tot, inviting members worldwide to join in with them over Zoom. It's proven a lifeline and outlet for many of the RNA community, and they don't intend to wrap it up any time soon. To be involved, click on the link below...

[Find out more](#)

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**Facebook**

If you haven't done so already, join the growing community group on Facebook where our members spin dits, host Zoom nights and update each other on branch activities. It's the best place to get your news hot-off-the-press...

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