

Oriental Club New Membership Categories for Members of the GBA

The Oriental Club's current Special Associate Membership rate for Full Members of the GBA is due to be revised from the end of Dec 2017. In brief:

- All existing members will move to Full Membership, and thus be able to propose wives/partners as Associate Members.
- Existing members have been divided into three categories, listed below.
- Serving officers (Category 1) and Retired Officers (Category 3) will continue on the existing system.
- Those no longer serving but working (Category 2) will be on a new system and their discounted fees will reduce over time, although they remain exempt from Joining Fees.
- Category 3 will be closed to new membership: the other categories will remain open to new members.

Members will receive an individual letter on the arrangements pertaining to their particular category. If anyone finds himself incorrectly categorised, he should take this up with the Club.

Certain exceptions have been negotiated and those concerned will be informed of this in due course. We continue to enjoy "most favoured status".

The new categories will be as follows:

Category 1 - Serving Officers

- Full serving officers are eligible to continue on the Associate Gurkha rate of £270 and their status will be changed to Full Membership from 2018 (the Associate rate is subject to an annual increase).
- They will be entitled to propose spouse and partners as Associate Members.
- This arrangement will continue for new applicants. (*Comment: GBA Full Members continue to be excused Joining Fees and Full Membership subscriptions*).

Category 2 - No Longer Serving Officers – Working

- The below applies to both existing and future Gurkha applications.
- 2018 - Continue on the Associate Gurkha Rate and their status will be changed to Full Membership. They will be able to propose Associate Members (the Associate rate is subject to an annual increase). (*Comment: GBA Full Members continue to be excused Joining Fees*)
- 2019 - 50% discount on their specific subscription category e.g. Town, Country, Overseas.
- 2020 - 25% discount on their specific subscription category e.g. Town, Country, Overseas.
- 2021 - Discounted period ends – pay the full subscription for their specific subscription category e.g. Town, Country, Overseas.

Category 3 - Retired Officers

- Retired Gurkha Members are eligible to continue on the Associate Gurkha rate of £270 and their status will be changed to Full Membership from 2018.
- They will be entitled to propose spouse and partners as Associate Members.
- This category will be closed to New Members.