



## The Sirmoor Rifles Association (The Sirmoor Club)

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Dear Sirmoori

### UPDATE OF THE SIRMOOR RIFLES ASSOCIATION (SIRMOOR CLUB) MEMBERS SECURE AREA

**Situation.** The current provider of software and hosting for the Sirmoor Club Secure Area, is due to close with effect 31 August 2018. In order to retain a Secure Area for Sirmoor Club members, a new secure area is being developed within the new SRA Wordpress website. The impact of this change is that each member who wishes to visit the secure area, must log-in with a user name (associated with their registered e-mail address) with a new password.

**Threat.** For those who are interested in the technical side or read the horror stories about major corporation websites being hacked, you may wish to know that we use the Industry leading Firewall and Anti-hacking software called Wordfence. The website faces 33 attacks per day (1,025 a month) that resulted in an average of 1,200,000 attacks blocked! See the two illustrations taken on 28 Feb 18 that gives some idea of the challenges facing the webmaster. It is quite a challenge and one that is taken seriously.

**Sirmoor Club Secure Area.** Currently of the three Sirmoor Associations, only the Sirmoor Club has a Secure Area where the following documents can be viewed:

- Sirmoor Club Address Lists with personal contact details
- Sirmoor Club Cte Meeting Minutes and Accounts
- Sirmoor Club AGM Minutes and Accounts
- 2GR Register of Offices (Part 2)
- Miscellaneous Photographs

**Action Required.** In order to make this major change to the secure infrastructure, all Sirmoor Club Members are asked to:

- Choose a 'Username' that you would like associated with you, i.e.:
  - o E-mail: [example@outlookexpress.com](mailto:example@outlookexpress.com)
  - o Username: nigel52 (Example only)

**And send them direct to webmaster Nigel St George [nigelstgeorge@outlook.com](mailto:nigelstgeorge@outlook.com). NOTE:** Once registered it is possible to change the e-mail address, but the username cannot be changed.

- The webmaster (Nigel SG) will register your 'Username' against your existing registered email address and name (as verified by Hon Sec) and send an email with a link to generate and change your password.
- **When requesting your password, the system will display a random selection of letters, numbers & hieroglyphics. Delete this 'impossible to remember' password and type in a password of your own choosing which needs to be strong, should contain upper & lower case letters, numbers and at least one symbol. (Passwords Note: as an alternative to the above use a name or place in conjunction with your Service Number e.g. falklands234467)**
- You will then be joined to a Group, 'SRA Sirmoor Club Members' that will give you access to the new Sirmoor Club Secure Area. **NOTE:** Sirmoor Club (Nepal) and Sirmoor Sathis can create their own secure pages if necessary.

#### **Timelines**

- Feb - March      Wordpress Secure pages developed
- 01 March        New Wordpress Secure pages open to registered users
- March – May     Sirmoor Club Members register new user name and password to
- 01 Jun            Old Secure Page to close with reminder notice
- Jun – Aug        Last chance to register
- 31 August        Old Secure sponsored Secure Pages deleted.

**Conclusion.** We hope you will agree that it is important that the Trustees and Website Management take security very seriously and wish to keep the above details secure whilst at the same time allowing the rest of the website to have public access. Thank you for your cooperation, Nigel SG will make the process as smooth as possible.

Regards



**CYBER ATTACKS ON 2<sup>ND</sup> GOORKHAS WEBSTE ON 28 FEBRUARY 2018**

**Firewall Summary: Attacks Blocked for 2ndgoorkhas.com**

Block Type	Complex	Brute Force	Blacklist	Total
Today	0	12	21	33
Week	11	71	76	158
Month	71	369	585	1,025

