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**HOW THE C.I.U. CAN
HELP YOUR CLUB
AND ITS
MEMBERS**

The WMCIU

The CIU was founded in 1862. There are almost 2,000 clubs, including social clubs, working men's clubs, ex-service and political clubs, which are all members of this organisation.

The CIU is the largest non-profit making social, entertainment and leisure organisation in the UK, representing the interests and views of 2 million club members. It is an advisory and defensive organisation, neutral in party politics and non-sectarian.

Although frequently referred to as "the Union", it is not a trade union and deals solely with private non-profit making members' clubs.

Clubs can play an active role in the CIU by participating in Branch Council meetings and attending the Annual Conference where delegates enjoy lively debate and vote on matters affecting the Union's Constitution.

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WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF C.I.U. MEMBERSHIP?

- The opportunity for members to purchase Associate and Pass Cards, in order to be able to visit 2,000 affiliated clubs throughout Great Britain.
- A monthly Journal giving news and views on other clubs and articles of club management and legal advice.
- The opportunity to attend Branch and National Meetings, meeting fellow club members and exchanging ideas with other club officials.
- Regular information from local and national office's helping officials run their clubs efficiently.
- Participating in local, area and national games quizzes and all types of sports against fellow club members.
- An Annual Report containing useful reference information.
- Participation in local and national seminars and lectures covering all aspects of club administration.
- Subsidised trips to race meetings.
- Beneficial arrangements with breweries, banks and other suppliers through deals registered on behalf of clubs.
- Opportunities to stand for elections at local or national level.
- Up to date information and advice on matters of law affecting clubs.
- Better relationships with police, local authorities, government bodies etc.
- Solicitors would be required to help the club with rule changes at a cost of several hundred pounds. The Union's Rules Department does this free of charge.
- Who would organise and pay for arbitrations if the club was not in the Union?
- Member clubs can purchase all Union publication and stationary from their Branch at competitive rates.

Over the years the knowledge and experience gained by those involved with the Union has benefited all our members and we hope this will continue for many years to come.

Club Journal

A monthly publication supplied free of charge to all clubs in membership of the Union

Additional copies available at 70p per issue. The Journal is also available to individual club members for an annual subscription of £7.

The Journal contains presentation photographs, clubs fund raising activities and is a way of finding out what other clubs in the Union are doing. It also provides useful information to club officials on club management issues.

Many club suppliers advertise in the Club Journal and it is a useful vehicle for keeping clubs and their members up to date with club related issues.



Beneficial Arrangements with Suppliers

Member clubs enjoy special arrangements with suppliers of all kinds of club products.

The Union negotiates nationally on behalf of member clubs to provide a variety of supplies to member clubs.

Where no national deal has been negotiated branches can often give member clubs useful information on regional suppliers and the knowledge and experience they have can be invaluable to clubs.

The Union's Annual Report

The Annual Report is a comprehensive and informative document which gives the work of the Union over the previous year and includes management articles, education and recreation information, and useful contact details for members of the National Executive and Branch offices

The Annual Report not only summarises many of the club management articles that appear in the monthly Journal, but also gives details of the Union's annual accounts, awards, National games results, lists of Club Management Diploma students, as well as contact details for Branches and National Executive Committee representatives.

All clubs in membership of the Union receive a free copy of the Annual Report and it is discussed at the Annual Meeting held in Blackpool when delegates from any member club can ask for further information on the contents.

Benefits to Club Members

Clubs in membership of the Union are able to offer their members:

The ability to purchase the Associate and Pass Cards, enabling them to visit any of the other clubs in membership of the Union throughout Great Britain.

By purchasing the Union's Associate Card and Pass Card, club members can visit any of the other clubs in membership of the Union. These cards enable club members to enjoy the benefits of associate membership. Club members are also able to participate in national games, education schools etc.

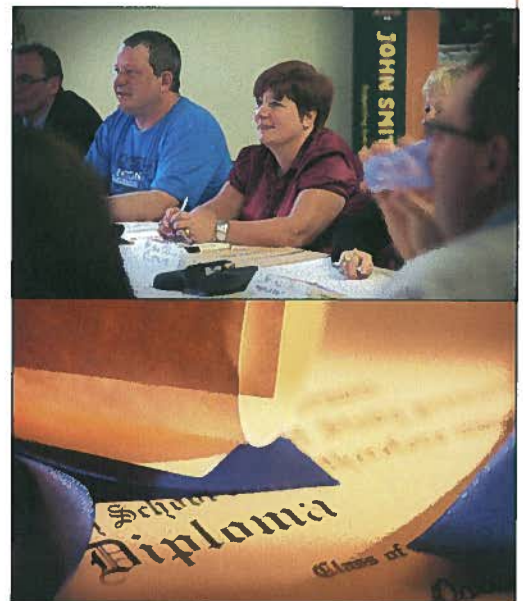


Education

Officials and members can attend National Schools to keep abreast of legislation and be made aware of the requirements of club officials in areas such as employment, licensing, gambling etc.

The Union is built upon the mutual exchange of information and the Union schools are a great way for club officials or members with a desire to help their club by standing for election to the committee, to gain useful information that they can take back to their club. The Schools are always friendly and lively venues for debate and discussion where students can gather information and pass on their own experiences in a stimulating environment.

As well as the National Schools, club member's who wish to become involved in the management of their club can apply to take the Union's Club Management Diploma, a recognised and highly respected course covering club law, accountancy and best practice.



Awards for Long Service

Many clubs have officials who have served the club and its members selflessly for many years and being able to recognise this with one of the Union's Honours gives clubs and members alike a sense of pride and dedication to the club movement.

Recreation



Clubs can participate in **local and national games** leagues playing pool, snooker, dominoes, cribbage, fishing and many more. These have, over the years, become increasingly competitive and many professional snooker players started as amateurs representing their local club.

The Union offers members reduced rates at race meetings and hold meetings throughout the country with exclusive facilities for CIU club members.

Club Officials

- Club officials can attend Branch and National meetings enabling them to meet with fellow club members and exchange ideas and experience.

Branch meetings enable officials to gain knowledge from others with greater or wider experience and also enable members to attend the Annual Conference if nominated as a delegate by their club.

- Members can stand for election at Branch or National level.

Clubs in membership of the Union give their members the ability to stand for election, not only as a member of the club committee, but also at a Branch or National level. Club officials who value the wider club community have made a valued and long remembered contribution to the well-being of all clubs within the Union, not only their own.

Networking and Exchanging Information

The Union's Branches hold regular Council Meetings and disseminate information to their branch clubs on a regular basis.

Local Branch offices circulate clubs in their region with relevant local information and hold regular Branch Council meetings or Branch Lectures where member clubs can gain useful information on legislation which may help them run their club more efficiently. Lectures are given on subjects such as employment law, gaming, arbitrations, all of which can provide useful knowledge to club secretaries or club officials

Legal Issues Affecting Member Clubs

The introduction of changes in legislation may affect clubs and the way they are monitored. Resources are limited and therefore the Union is unable to advise every member club. However, should an issue have a possible adverse affect for all clubs in membership of the Union then as much assistance as possible is provided. Through the Union's network of National Executive representatives and Branch Secretaries, information is filtered through to clubs and officials through the Club Journal, Council Meetings and Branch circulars.

A Wealth of Knowledge and Experience

The Union's Branches and National Executive members, as well as its staff, have a collective wealth of knowledge and experience which is available to all clubs in membership.

The Union, both nationally and locally, has many years of knowledge and experience – links with local licensing authorities, police and government bodies, and can assist and advise clubs on how best to deal with issues like employment, health and safety requirements, and a myriad of other subjects which clubs now find themselves facing.

The Union is called upon to give the views of private members clubs to many Government departments, most recently to the Department of Culture Media and Sport in relation to the Licensing and Gambling Acts. The Union's reputation within Government is strengthened by its involvement with the Committee of Registered Clubs Associations (CORCA) and the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members Clubs.

Since CORCA's inception the Union has had a leading role in the administration and direction of this lobby group and has forged links with many Members of Parliament. Because of this involvement the Union is able to ensure that Government legislation continues to recognise the unique nature of Union clubs.

Financial Conduct Authority and Clubs

The Union's Rules Department offers a rule amendment service to member clubs at no cost.

The Union has for many years been recognised by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), previously the Financial Services Authority (FSA), as a body with the necessary knowledge and experience to ensure that clubs rules are in line with their regulatory standards. This has resulted in the Union's Rules Department being able to provide a service to member clubs allowing amendments to rules to be registered free of charge.

The Union's National Executive is aware of changes in legislation which may require rule amendments (most recently rules relating to licensing and audit) ensuring that the appropriate wording meets the FCA's requirements.

Arbitration Service

The Union's arbitration service enables member clubs to fulfil their obligations required under their rule book at a minimal cost – something which clubs may find difficult and costly to provide independently.

Parliamentary Links



The Union has strong links with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members Club

The Parliamentary registered All-Party Group has always been a strong supporter of the Union and its member clubs. The Group has been in existence for over 20 years and members of the Group have attended Union functions, speaking at the Annual Meeting in Blackpool on several occasions.

**If you would like to know more
information or you have any queries please
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