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Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday raises over £3,000 for Union's Education Programme



Pictured, left to right: Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive of Wetherby Racecourse, presents the cheque to Union President George Dawson CMD, Union Vice-President John Tobin and Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD

The 2016 Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday saw over 1,500 club members from all over the country enjoying a fantastic day out at Wetherby Racecourse in Yorkshire on Saturday, November 12.

With the racecourse and its caterers, CGC Events, each donating £1 to the CIU Education Programme for every Union member attending, the grand total raised reached a princely £3,080.

"We were once again delighted to welcome CIU members to their annual Raceday," said Wetherby Racecourse Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson. "There was a fantastic atmosphere in the CIU marquee and I hope all those who attended enjoyed a quality afternoon of racing as well as top Yorkshire hospitality."

There were seven races on the card, including the Dransfields CIU Charity

Raceday Handicap Hurdle which was run over a distance of three miles and won by 11/2 shot Lough Salt.

Chris Haley, Managing Director of race sponsor and CIU Preferred Supplier of gaming machines, Dransfields, said: "It was a pleasure to support this annual CIU event and catch up with so many of our friends from Union clubs."

George Dawson CMD, Union President, added: "Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday is one of the highlights of the Union's calendar and it was great to see over 1,500 of our members supporting this annual event."

"In addition to an entertaining day's racing and the chance to meet old and new friends, this day helped to raise funds for the Union's Education Programme with over £3,000 raised this year.

"We are grateful to Wetherby Racecourse and their caterers CGC for making this generous donation, as well as for their time, effort and help in putting on such a great day.

"We'd also like to thank John Smith's for their generous beer offer and their continued support of this CIU event.

"In addition, we must express our gratitude to Dransfields for their continuing support of this event."



Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (centre) hands over the trophy for the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle

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CIU National Quiz Regional Heats dates

The venues and dates for all the Dransfields CIU National Quiz Regional Heats have now been finalised.

- North East - North Biddick Club, Tuesday, January 17
- South East - Epsom Common WMC, Wednesday, January 18
- South Wales - Rogerstone & Bassaleg Social Club, Wednesday, January 25
- Lancashire - Lamberhead Green WMC, Thursday, January 26
- Yorkshire - Crigglestone Workmens Club, Tuesday, January 31
- Midlands - Kenilworth Sports & Social Club, Sunday, February 12

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