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Union General Secretary
Ken Green CMD speaks
at the 2015 Annual
Meeting in Blackpool



Blackpool 2015 provides feast of activities for CIU members

Hundreds of CIU members headed to Blackpool in April as Conference weekend saw two days of intense club-related activity taking place at the famous seaside resort.

The afternoon of Friday, April 10 saw a very well-attended Beer & Trades Exhibition staged at the Norbreck Castle Hotel's Norcalymphia suite as club members took the opportunity to network with National Accounts and club suppliers, enjoy complimentary drinks courtesy of Carlsberg and Heineken and partake in bingo, pool darts and a prize draw.

The annual Executive Dinner also took place on Friday with a number of VIPs, including the Mayor of Blackpool and former Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe, in attendance at the Blackpool Hilton.

Saturday, April 11 saw a total of 666 delegates attending the 2015 Annual Meeting in the Ballroom of the Norbreck

Castle Hotel as 10 proposed Motions were debated and voted upon.

In his Presidential address to delegates, George Dawson CMD warned of the threat posed to clubs by potential increases in corporation tax and what he termed the "increasing attempts of the establishment to attack our mutuality and to treat us as a business for profit".

Mr Dawson urged individual clubs facing difficulties in this area to seek advice and guidance from their Branch Secretaries and the NEC, stating: "We are here to help".

The President also broached the issue of PRS fees in his address and advised club officials to familiarise themselves as much as possible with the current tariff before responding to calls from PRS agents in order to avoid being hit with "enormous bills".

• For the full report of the 2015 Annual Meeting see pages 8-15



Gosforth Empire win CIU quiz crown

Gosforth Empire Social Club from Newcastle upon Tyne are the new Dransfields CIU National Quiz champions after clinching the title at the Final in Blackpool on Conference weekend.

As well as winning the £500 first prize, the victorious team also won tickets to the Premier League match of their choice.

• For more on the Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final see page 5