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The magazine for all CIU members

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A CHANCE FOR CLUBS TO HIT THE JACKPOT

The introduction of Machine Games Duty (MGD) offers clubs an opportunity to try out new gaming machines without having to risk any money up front.

The new tax is payable only on profits from machines and replaces the old flat rate Amusement Machine Licence Duty (AML). The cost of this had been increased regularly by successive governments and had reached the point where it was no longer viable for many clubs to have more than a couple of machines. In some cases the upfront charge of £2,500 plus the VAT and the rent payable to the supplier was more than the club was receiving from the machines. More and more clubs, however, are using the profit-sharing arrangement pioneered by the Union's recommended gaming machine suppliers Dransfields, which involves the club paying no rent to the supplier but instead sharing the machines' profits.

"The new system means clubs can install machines and have no upfront costs," says Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley. "It's a great opportunity to try out a new machine for members with no risks involved at all."

In addition to this good news non-commercial private members' clubs are able to have one Category B3A machine, with a top prize of £500 and with income exempt from MGD. The new rules should mean that clubs will once again be able to take up their full entitlement of three club gaming machines (of which one can be a B3A). Those clubs with quiz machines will need to be careful not to include any gaming content otherwise it will use up one of the club's quota of three machines. Clubs are reminded that if you have offered machines for play on premises not covered by an MGD registration you could be liable to a penalty if you do not have a reasonable excuse.

• Following a recent review, the Government has issued a consultation document proposing changes to stakes and prizes as follows:

Category B3A Machines: an increase in the Maximum Stake Limit from £1 to £2. Maximum prize to remain at £500.

Category B4 Machines: an increase in Maximum Stake/Prize Limit from £1/£250 to £2/£400.

Category C Machines: an increase in Maximum Prize Limit to £100. Maximum Stake to remain £1.

More details on this and on the CIU National Quiz, which Dransfields are again sponsoring, on Pages 10 and 11.



There is no MGD or VAT to pay on B3A machines



Union Vice-President John Tobin meets Chris Haley (left) and Alan Jackson on the Dransfields stand at Blackpool Pleasure Beach.

This year's Blackpool weekend again starts with the North West heat of the CIU National Quiz at Stanley Road WMC on Thursday, April 4.

The 22nd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place between 1pm and 5pm on Friday, April 5 at Blackpool Pleasure Beach. Delegates will receive a token giving them a pint of Foster's lager at the Heineken stand, a pint of Bulmers cider at the CIU Insurance Services stand, a pint of Theakston's ale at the CAMRA stand and a pint of John Smith's bitter at the Dransfields stand. The Conference, or annual council meeting to give it its official title, will be held at the Winter Gardens on Saturday, April 6. Delegates will receive a final agenda along with the Conference Brochure and their delegate pack later this month. The National Executive's proposals for restructuring the Union have been circulated to all Branches for their consideration and will only be put to members after the NEC have gauged the reaction from the Branches.

INSIDE...

The Union is in talks with Redcar and Cleveland Council about the future of Saltburn House. See Page 16.

The Union is holding two spring schools at the Trades Club in Doncaster, arguably the country's swishest club. Applications closed on March 1 but there may be room at the last minute for the Club Law Weekend from March 8-10.

The deadline for the Club Finance Weekend on March 22-24, featuring lectures by Bill Robinson and Ian Silcock, both of whom are examiners on the CMD Accountancy course, is March 11. Poster and application form – Page 12.

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Executive out in force



Northumberland Branch President Alan Hardy and Branch Secretary Dave Richardson visited Coxlodge & Gosforth Social Club in Newcastle along with National Executive member Sid Hicks and Branch Executive members Peter Scorer, Graham Swarbrick and Rob Yeats, and presented the Certificate of Merit to

Committee member Tom Holliday. Pictured (back row, left to right) are: David "Doc" Holliday, Assistant Secretary Derek Brown, Chairman Ronnie Bruce, Peter Scorer, Graham Swarbrick, Sid Hicks, Rob Yeats and Club Secretary John Coppinger. Front row: Dave Richardson, Tom Holliday and Alan Hardy.

'Veep' visits Battersea



North West Metropolitan Branch Secretary and National Vice-President John Tobin presented awards to two Committee members at Battersea Labour Club in South London. He is pictured with Steve Willmet, who received the Long Service Award and Nobby Cook, who received the Certificate of Merit.

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Good turnout for Higgy

Durham National Executive member Colin Armstrong presented a Long Service Award to Alan "Higgy" Ward, Treasurer of Tanfield Lea WMC, near Stanley. A large audience braved the deep snow, a regular occurrence in these parts, to honour "Higgy" for his 25 years of service to the club. He was joined by his wife Pamela and daughter Marina, who both received bouquets from the club. Alan, who was nicknamed "Higgy" because it was thought his style of playing pool resembled that of Alex "Hurricane" Higgins, is pictured with (left to right) Club Chairman Bill Pearson, Branch Executive member Derek Lumley and Colin Armstrong.



Branch's new home

Northumberland Branch has a new home in the west of Newcastle. The Branch office has moved from Lynam House in Gosforth, which was its home for nearly 50 years to offices at Blucher Social Club. The new offices have been converted with the help of Branch President Alan Hardy, a qualified joiner. "It's proved very popular as it's a lot easier for people to park when they come to buy supplies," said Branch Secretary Dave Richardson, who is pictured (below) with his colleagues Debbie Baptist (left) and Chris Thompson.



The hero of Waterloo

The village of Blucher and its pit were founded in 1816 and named in honour of the Prussian Field Marshal Gebhard Blucher, who had helped the Duke of Wellington win the Battle of Waterloo the previous year. Most historians believe Napoleon would not have been defeated without the intervention of Blucher and his 50,000 Prussians and the Iron Duke himself described it as "a damned nice thing – the nearest run thing you ever saw in your life", usually paraphrased as "a damn close-run thing." Blucher pit shut in 1956. The pit at nearby Walbottle, which had originally been sunk in 1740, was renamed Duke Pit. The Northumberland Branch has a previous connection with Blucher Social Club as the club's long serving Club Secretary Ken Green was Branch Secretary in the late 80s and early 90s.

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The old joke used to be that the only way to stop crime was to nationalise it.

It seems hard to believe now but for more than 50 years drink was nationalised with the Government owning breweries and pubs. In an attempt to keep munitions workers reasonably sober beer became state controlled in 1916 in three areas: Carlisle and nearby Gretna, Cromarty Firth in northern Scotland, and Enfield in London.

The idea was that because the landlord was earning a wage from the state, he had no incentive to increase his profits by selling more beer to workers who were already the worse for wear. In fact, to stop the workers buying more beer than was strictly necessary, between 1916 and 1919, there was a "no treating" rule, meaning you could not buy beer in a round, and pubs were closed between 3pm and 6pm on weekdays and 2pm and 7pm on Sundays, a law that was never repealed until the 1980s.

DROP HAY

After the Second World War, the Labour Government tried to expand the "state management scheme" of beer to the new towns, including Newton Aycliffe and Peterlee in County Durham. In 1948 a Bill was put forward by the Home Secretary James Chuter Ede, which created a dilemma for one of his MPs, Sydney Lavers, a leading figure in the Federation Brewery and later its Chairman. Mr Lavers was certainly a man of action. As MP for Barnard Castle in County Durham he received a telegram from a farmer in Teesdale during the terrible winter of 1947 saying they had no hay, and he organised the air ministry to drop them some.

"The Fed" had started in 1919 as a co-operative brewery with the shareholders being the CIU clubs of Northumberland and Durham. It successfully supplied the working men's clubs of the North-East until it was bought by Scottish & Newcastle, now part of

When the Cabinet promoted darts

It has always been crucial for the Union to involve itself in national politics, arguably none more so than today, because alcohol and clubs have always attracted the interest of politicians.

For the last 30 years clubs have been represented by the All-Party Parliamentary Group of MPs, who have had some notable successes. In this feature we look at a time when the Government ran its own breweries and even tried to encourage people to play darts.



(Picture: Northern Echo)

Durham Branch Vice-president Jackson Hewitson shakes the hand of Mrs Tom Dowson, who had been Stewardess at Hunwick WMC for 29 years. Syd Lavers is fourth from the left at the back and Club Secretary Tom Ward, who is still playing for the club snooker team at 90, is on the left and in his first stint as Secretary in 1951.

Heineken, in 2004. Mr Lavers' big idea was to expand the brewery by building new working men's clubs.

When Labour proposed bringing state beer to Durham, Mr Lavers' dilemma was how could he support his party when it was introducing a rival to his brewery?

So he went to Carlisle to investigate and his findings have been recorded in Hansard. He said he was impressed by the quality of the

Government beer, although he found the pubs rather dark.

"I should like the managers of the State scheme to come to Durham and see our working men's clubs, with their bright colour schemes and new plastic furniture," he said. He was also concerned that the state pubs had no facilities for dominoes or darts, presumably because dominoes encouraged gambling and darts were dangerous.

'PROLETARIAT'

Home Secretary Mr Chuter Ede for his part said he wished to promote darts. "It is not merely a game requiring great physical skill, but it is the one way I know of teaching the higher mathematics to the proletariat.

"When I think of the school records of some of these people who work out those subtraction sums so quickly, I am amazed at the value of this practical instruction."

Mr Lavers went on to complain that the Carlisle pubs did not allow music or singing. "I must tell the Home Secretary that if Durham is provided with a State-managed public house in which people are not allowed to sing, the experiment will not be a success," Even so, Mr Lavers joined Mr Chuter Ede in voting for the 1949 Licensing Act, which set aside millions of pounds for pubs to be built by the Government in the new towns

In 1952 the new Tory Government, however, led by Sir Winston Churchill, repealed the state control of pubs in new towns but it was not until 1971 that the Carlisle state brewery was denationalised and sold to Theakston's, like the Fed eventually becoming part of Scottish & Newcastle.

THE CHAIRMEN OF THE NORTHERN CLUBS FEDERATION BREWERY

<p>First George Greener 1919</p> 	<p>Second Thomas Agnew 1921</p> 	<p>Third George Mather 1937</p> 	<p>Fourth Joseph Hunter 1944</p> 	<p>Fifth Sydney Lavers 1951</p> 
<p>Sixth Robert Blythe 1972</p> 	<p>Seventh Thomas Kemp 1973</p> 	<p>Eighth Victor Dillon 1974</p> 	<p>Ninth James Ramshaw 1984</p> 	<p>Tenth John Coppinger 2001</p> 

This tableau of the 10 chairmen of The Fed hangs in the office of the last chairman, John Coppinger, Secretary of Coxlodge & Gosforth Social Club on Tyneside

HEINEKEN

PROFIT FROM A PREMIUM PORTFOLIO



CHEERS: (L-R) Heineken Regional Manager Peter Robinson and Middlesbrough RAOB Club & Institute Secretary Dave James toast two new opportunities to profit



CHOICE: Deneside WMC Chairman Alec Harrison endeavours to ensure that the club offers its members a good range of bottled ciders and premium packaged lagers

Clubs up and down the country are benefiting from Heineken's extensive knowledge of drinks market trends as well as the company's ability not only to supply but also develop new brands within any growing market sector.

With the on trade value of bottled cider and premium packaged lagers amounting to billions of pounds, Committees are being encouraged to tap into these two growing sectors and give their members what they are now demanding.

Alec Harrison, Chairman of Deneside WMC in Seaham, Co. Durham, says: "We have around 250 members of all age groups and we endeavour to cater for their every requirement - be it the forms of entertainment we lay on such as live acts, bingo, poker and quizzes - or the choice of beers and ciders they want to see available over the bar.

"Heineken keep us up to date with market trends and we are therefore aware of the growing popularity of bottled ciders and speciality lagers. This is why we maintain a selection of the company's brands such as Bulmers variants alongside Heineken, Desperados, Sol and Kronenbourg 1664, which all have their own individual following among our membership.

"We have had tastings when



Deneside WMC Concert Secretary Lawrence Tasker (right) with Heineken Regional Manager John Bulch

told about new products and some have proved popular with our younger members and the ladies so they have remained on our order list.

"Heineken's knowledge of the beer market is second to none, as is their portfolio of brands and what's more they back their brands up with high profile advertising and promotional materials which keep the various products at the forefront of consumers minds which, of course, results in people asking for them by name time and time again."

Dave James, Secretary at Middlesbrough RAOB Club & Institute agrees. "We have more than 2,000 members of all age groups and to us sales of the Bulmers range account for a significant part of our overall turnover.

"We have found that depending on the occasion, the under-30s and our lady members are experimenting with the whole range of flavoured variants and encouraging their friends to give them a try.

"Heineken supplies us with a good range of POS and promotional materials to ensure the brand has a high visual impact behind the bar and have advised our Stewardess Marilyn Robinson on the best way to stock our fridges and create back-bar displays to achieve this.

"We know we are going to sell what we buy in and by ordering in excess of 40 cases of Bulmers a month, not only do we get a good deal from Heineken, but we are able to



pass on significant savings to our members over the bar which many other clubs and certainly pubs in the area can't compete with.

"It's important to offer a good choice and Heineken has the resources and expertise to develop the right brand variants to satisfy the changing tastes and demands of our members."

Peter Usher, Buying Group Director for Heineken in the UK says: "The cider and premium packaged lager markets are changing with consumers becoming more experimental, developing sweeter palates and demanding premium products with a

difference on different occasions.

"For example, we estimate that 80 per cent of cider growth will come from flavoured cider by 2015 and we are continuing to invest millions of pounds developing new and exciting variants in our Bulmers range which will further stimulate the cider market and bring increased sales to all clubs stocking the range.

"These are drinks categories club committees cannot afford to ignore so make sure you aren't missing out on some premium rewards from our market-leading range by talking to your Regional Manager."



Deneside WMC Committee member John Scollen says packaged cider and lagers are important to the club's turnover



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Disabled employees need 'reasonable adjustments'

A key requirement of the Disability Discrimination Act 1995 was for employers – including clubs – to make reasonable adjustments to accommodate the needs of a disabled individual. This requirement is also part of the Equality Act 2010 and it means your club is required to think broadly of adjustments that could be made and to give the matter serious thought. The club can discuss possible adjustments with the disabled employee but cannot rely on the employee alone to think of adjustments. The requirement is to make "reasonable adjustments." "Reasonable" is considered with the size and resources of the club in mind.

Reasonable adjustments might include:

- making physical adjustments to the workplace
- allocating some duties to another employee
- moving the disabled employee to another job
- altering the hours of work
- moving the disabled employee to another place of work
- allowing time off during working hours for treatment or rehabilitation
- arranging training for the employee
- acquiring or modifying equipment
- altering instructions or reference materials
- providing a reader or an interpreter
- providing supervision.

The Equality Act 2010 made it unlawful to issue pre-employment medical questionnaires before offering employment. Prior to offering an individual a job health-

related questions can be asked only to:

- help decide whether there is a need to make reasonable adjustments to the selection process
- help decide whether an applicant can carry out an essential part of the job
- monitor diversity amongst applicants
- take positive action to help disabled people
- ensure that an individual has a disability where there is a genuine requirement to have a disability

Challenging "old-fashioned" thinking

- Disability should not be confused with all long term illness, as disability can affect health in different ways.
- Disability should not be seen in a narrow way – for example, a very small percentage of people with disabilities are wheel chair users.
- Not all disabilities are obvious. More people acquire disabilities than are born with them. Disability affects people in different ways in different circumstances. The problems that arise may relate to the physical design of the environment they are in. However, problems may also relate to operational customs and practices at work, such as hours of work or time keeping.
- The club image and reputation can be seriously damaged or enhanced by negative or positive experiences relating to disability.
- Mental health problems such as depression and anxiety affect a

significant proportion of the population, and stress-related illness is increasing.

- It is possible to make simple changes to jobs and the way they are carried out in order successfully to employ someone with a physical or mental impairment or learning difficulty without serious cost or even at no cost at all.
- Good practice shows that there can be easy ways to recruit and retain talented people with disabilities, which can often bring more general benefits in other ways.
- Not everyone with a disability under the legal definition would see themselves as disabled and many disabled people fear disclosing such information for fear of being unfairly treated. Such apprehension is bad for everyone and businesses and clubs need to focus on building trust through honest and transparent ways of working which can build everyone's confidence. To be successful at managing disability clubs need to train all employees to behave responsibly and treat people with respect and dignity. Clubs also need to encourage Stewards to adopt a "can do" mind-set by providing them with information concerning good practice and legal obligations. Stewards may also need advice about open and respectful discussions with individuals to find out how reasonable adjustments can be made.

An action plan

1. Audit existing policies and practices.
2. Develop a revised good practice policy which complies with legal duties and ensure that this is communicated to everyone.
3. Clarify Stewards' and employee responsibilities.
4. Keep up to date with good practice and legal developments.
5. Network with other clubs interested in progress in diversity to share learning and ideas and keep up to date and ahead of your competitors.
6. Listen to your disabled employees and members to make sure you know about their needs and preferences and help ensure policies and practices are relevant and up to date.

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Your chance to claim some cash back from the taxman

The four main categories I have been working on recently where clubs can reclaim VAT are: Linneweber 1, Linneweber 2, cultural exemption and drinks given away

Linneweber 1

This refers to claims for VAT overpaid on clubs' gaming machines before 6 December 2005 after German woman Edith Linneweber won a successful case in the European Court of Justice. It was then taken up on behalf of clubs in this country by Chris Haley, Managing Director of the Union's recommended supplier Dransfields.

Many clubs submitted claims with the assistance of an advisory pack bought from the Union while others submitted their own claims. The vast majority have received a repayment of the overpaid tax plus interest but some clubs, however, failed to follow the correct procedures and HMRC are now rejecting requests for repayment to those clubs for a variety of reasons.

I have acted for approximately 70 clubs in this position and depending upon the reasoning behind HMRC's rejection I have successfully recovered money in more than 35% of the cases, with the remainder hinging upon case law that will be revealed shortly. I am happy to look at the paperwork for any club which has submitted claims but found HMRC have refused to pay.

The case law in this issue (HMRC v Rank Group Plc) is not yet settled, but it is hoped this will be resolved within the next six months. Until then HMRC are making repayments with the proviso that if they are successful they will reclaim them. I think the chances of them being successful are slim to non-existent, but as in any legal issue there can be no guaranteed certainty.

Linneweber 2

This hinges upon Rank being successful in their case (Linneweber 1) with HMRC and the issue and opportunity for clubs is the same – that gaming machines on which VAT has been declared (up to and including 31 January 2013) are so similar to other gaming machines (such as B3A machines) which do not attract VAT, that the user would consider they were using similar machines. On this basis the EU principle of fiscal neutrality is breached and VAT declared on



Clubs continue to pay too much VAT to the tax authorities and there remain several opportunities to recover money from the Revenue & Customs (HMRC). The Union's VAT expert IAN SPENCER pinpoints a few areas where clubs have the opportunity to recover their money including how one club hopes to regain £15,000 of VAT on drinks given to the Committee. Much, but not all of Ian's work is on a no-win, no-fee basis. To contact him see his advertisement on this page.

other gaming machines should be repaid.

Claims are capped at four years but can still be submitted now. The longer the delay in submitting a claim, therefore, the lower the amount of repayment that can be requested.

Cultural Exemption

This is an idea I identified about two years ago as being appropriate for clubs that organise live "cultural entertainment of a musical or theatrical nature." In practice this means any live act where money is taken for entry and VAT paid. Recovery can be made for the past four years and there is a continuing saving to be made in that clubs need no longer declare VAT on such income.

Drinks given away

I've acted for about five clubs who had declared VAT on the retail value of drinks given to Committee members when attending Committee meetings. There is no legal requirement to do this and I have persuaded HMRC to repay them.

There is a four-year cap on repayments but I am currently pursuing HMRC on behalf of one club in the North East. In 1993 they were assessed for VAT which HMRC said should have been paid in preceding years. We are also claiming for VAT the club paid over 14 years as a result of HMRC's incorrect instruction. If this is successful the club will receive repayment in excess of £15,000.

The effect of generating exempt income means every club will have to calculate their exemption every VAT quarter. The basis of the calculation is to determine whether VAT costs incurred in generating exempt income exceed certain levels. If they do there are irrecoverable VAT costs but if they are not all VAT can be recovered. My experience, however, indicates that in only a few clubs will costs exceed the allowed limits.

• Our series on fraud in clubs will continue next month.

Steward stole £24,000

A steward who stole from a club which trusted him to collect and bank takings, stock the bar, pay staff and look after the accounts, has been given a suspended prison sentence.

Newcastle Crown Court was told the steward had worked at the club for 20 years and the Club Secretary considered him a personal friend. But when he started struggling with his personal finances the steward began helping himself to the club's money. By the time he came clean about the amount he had stolen, more than £24,000 was missing.

The court heard that in November 2010 the club became aware the steward was having financial problems and he was allowed to cash-in some of his holiday pay. In April 2011 an audit revealed there was a shortfall in the banking of £1,095. The steward said he didn't know where the money was but he was given a disciplinary warning and repaid the cash.

During a further audit in November 2011 the club's paying-in book could not be found. The steward said he kept it at the Post Office but was told he must return it. Later that month he appeared at the door with the paying-in book and admitted he had taken more than £20,000.

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PERFECT PINT

Obviously, training of staff in the handling of all cask and keg beers is an essential part of providing the perfect pint. This is critical in the case of cask beers as they are live products continuing to work until drawn into the glass for consumption. Brewers all contend that they provide a perfect product and they are mostly right. The problems generally start after the draymen have left. Brewers have a vested interest in the quality of beer served and many offer free cellar management courses. It is in their interest as well as that of the club. The CIU recommends Heineken in the UK as a preferred brewer and would urge clubs to use their products and insist on cellar training for every cellar manager who has not been formally trained.

Every club should also approach its own supplier if that is not Heineken.

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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS



South East Midlands Branch President BARRY SLASBERG explains how clubs can improve their beer with the help of the Union's National Account companies.

used to be one of the most expensive suppliers of gas, but a phone call will probably surprise as to their current competitiveness. Cellar temperature is another problem frequently encountered. There is a narrow band of acceptable temperature, above and below which beer quality is compromised. To advise clubs to insist on modern cellar cooling systems would seem absolutely stupid simply on cost grounds. However, a chat with another CIU-approved supplier, Envtec Services Ltd, may surprise hugely. They are often able to provide finance through the Carbon Trust and as their advertisement opposite shows, the capital cost is quickly outweighed by energy savings all over the club, not just in the cellar.

BEER LINES

Proper cleaning of beer lines is of paramount importance. Many will argue that the steward knows best as the professional and that should in no way be ignored. Many stewards, however, have been very agreeably surprised by another approved CIU supplier, CellarBright. They offer a line cleaning service that has the potential to save stewards time on line cleaning and save a large amount of wastage, thus more than paying for itself. It is also vital that glasses are clean and not still warm.

Finally, the staff at the sharp end, serving our members, will either make or break all that has gone before. Pulling a pint correctly is the final step in providing that perfect pint. Pulled wrongly all the hard work gone before is down the drain. All bar staff should be formally trained by the Steward and not allowed to work alone until their effectiveness is proven in the Steward's eyes. It must not be forgotten that a real part of pulling the perfect pint is a smile and courteous behaviour towards the members.

The above may seem like some sort of mass advertisement. It is indeed a bringing together of information about many of our CIU-approved suppliers, but for the benefit of clubs rather than the suppliers.

What I hope it shows is that the CIU is giving every single club in the Union the tools to help itself aspire to and achieve excellence and thus a better chance of success.

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The Union's recommended gaming machine suppliers Dransfields have been at the forefront in helping clubs through the introduction of Machine Games Duty (MGD).

As we report on Page 1, clubs are no longer required to declare Output VAT on their machine income and Amusement Machine Licence Duty (AMLDD) has been abolished.

MGD is payable only on machine profits and its introduction is good news for clubs. Using the profit-sharing arrangement pioneered by Dransfields, where clubs pay no rent but instead share in the machine profits, clubs can now try out a new machine for members with no risk involved at all.

The new duty was introduced following a series of defeats for the HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) on the question of VAT on gaming and lottery machines, and in what became known as the Linneweber case (See Page 7) where Dransfields helped Union clubs to reclaim thousands of pounds.

The company has followed this through by working closely with the HMRC implementation team, producing its own Guide to MGD, which was issued with *Club Journal*, and with features on MGD, B3A machines and other opportunities on the revamped Dransfields website.

"We sent a copy of our Guide to every Union club – even ones that weren't our customers," said Managing Director Chris Haley.

"It's been a very busy time helping clubs complete their MGD Registration, we've been sending our local Area Reps to district meetings and we've received 30 to 40 calls a day from clubs needing assistance. We've talked them through how to register and most said they found us more helpful than the HMRC helpline!

"At least three quarters of our customers registered on time for

MGD and I think we can be relatively happy with that result. Our task now is to help our remaining customers get registered. Any that fail to do so will be charged penalties by HMRC so they must get it done as soon as possible."

The previous taxation regime had meant that despite gaming machines being thought of as a staple feature of clubs the upfront fixed cost of the licence had resulted in the Treasury effectively taking the first £2,500 that the machine earned. Taken together with VAT on the takings and machine rent payable to the supplier there was sometimes little left for the club.

It therefore was often a case of concentrating all machine income into one or two machines so that the licence fees were minimised. Many clubs also took the understandable decision to minimise their licence fees by installing machines with 5p stakes or pub-style machines with maximum £70 jackpots.

With the abolition of the licence fees clubs will once again be able to take up their full entitlement of three club gaming machines (one of which can be a Category B3A machine with income exempt from MGD).

Following the introduction of MGD the major quiz games designers are amending their software to include Category C/D games such as may be found in pubs. While these games will no doubt produce additional revenue, the inclusion of these games effectively means that the quiz machine will then use up one of a club's three machines entitlement. So, for example, if a club already has three gaming machines then they cannot have a quiz machine that includes Category C/D games. In these circumstances a club should ensure that their quiz machine does not include Category C/D games and only offers traditional quiz games.



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QUIZ SUPPORT

CIU NATIONAL QUIZ



It could pay to keep an eye on who's doing well at your quiz machine. That's what the quiz team at last year's CIU National Champions, Ashford Road Social Club from Swindon, did. They noticed that the name MBW kept appearing as one of the best scores on their quiz machine and made some enquiries. MBW turned out to be Mark Bytheway (left), who before his untimely death from cancer in 2010 had gone on to win Brain of Britain and be crowned World Quiz Champion, though he

regarded winning the CIU title in 2008 with Ashford Road to be the summit of his career.

As always this year's CIU National Quiz has an emphasis on fun with prizes spread across the board – from the team finishing second last through the winners of our cheeky and sometimes rude spot prize questions up to the £500 top prize for the eventual champions.

Thanks to sponsorship from gaming machine and quiz machine suppliers Dransfields prizes have been held at the same generous levels as last year. The top prize in each of our regional finals is £160 with £80 for second and £60 for third, and there's even a £20 prize for the team finishing second last. Those that don't finish in the top three can win cash in our Sport and TV & Films rounds – so there are at least six prizes to be won between a maximum of 20 teams.

In addition our popular spot prizes, usually bottles of spirits, go to the person with the closest guess to such cheeky questions as "how many women did Mick Hucknall claim to have slept with between 1985 and 1987?"

The first regional heat will be held at Stanley Road Club in Blackpool on Thursday, April 4. The top three from this and our other heats, which are to be finalised, will qualify for the national

final at Alvaston & Crewton Social Club in Derby on Sunday, September 8.

For further information ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 2650049 or email cj@powdene.com

• Mick Hucknall (pictured) told the Daily Mirror he slept with "three women a day every day" from 1985 to 1987 making a total of 3,285. How many more might it have been if he hadn't been ginger?



Ashford Road Club Captain Tim Westcott and team mates Keith Andrew, Kevin Ashman and Eric Kilby are pictured with Alan Jackson from national sponsors Dransfields, Union President George Dawson and Paul Davies from co-sponsors The Co-operative Bank.



2013 CIU NATIONAL QUIZ ENTRY FORM

We wish to enter a team in the 2013 Dransfields CIU National Quiz

Name of Club

Address.....

..... Postcode

Contact name

Daytime Tel. Email

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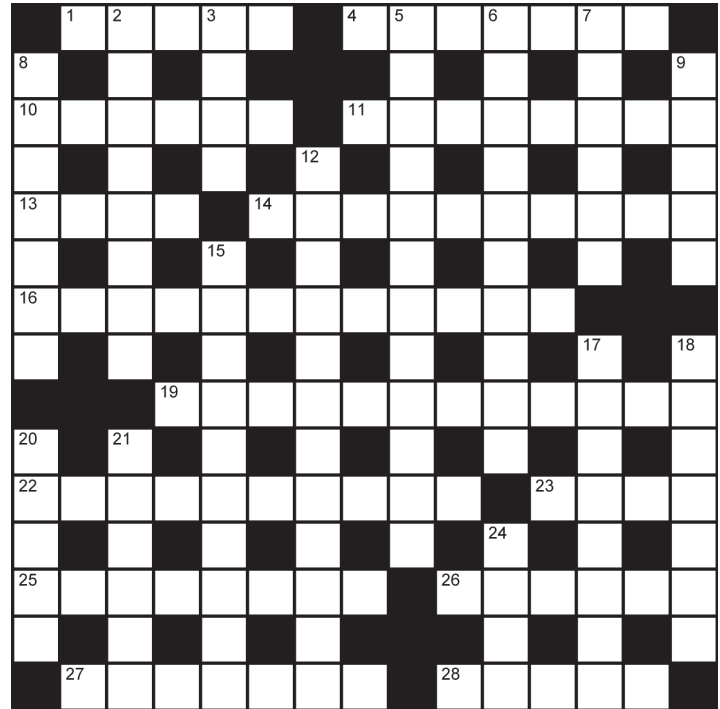
- Copy that's just sound. (4)
- Drip is it? Oddly, it can dishearten. (8)
- 'Dekko' is thus, if taken the wrong way. (6)
- Can help 'moggy' vision and night driving. (4-3)
- Leastways, it's passé. (5)

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- Mature, in a way that's to ponder over. (8)
- Old fiddle for making ravioli dish. (4)
- Disease that will make you red hot flushed? (7,5)
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- Reclaim bibelot as drink container. (6)
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 A warm and friendly welcome is extended to all Associate members and guests. Ideal for parties and outings from the coast, we have frequent live entertainment on Saturdays, bingo on Wednesdays and Sundays. Sky TV, snooker and pool. Club open all day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coach parties and catering by arrangement.

SUNDRIDGE PARK WMC

134 BURNT ASH LANE, BROMLEY.
Tel: (020) 8464 3638 (Office); (020) 8460 6348 (Club)
 Located close to A21 and A20. A warm welcome is extended to all visitors. Two bars serving a wide range of drinks. TV in bar and the lounge. Purpose-built snooker room with four tables. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday evenings. Coach parties by prior arrangement with the office.

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4 Wainscott Road, Wainscott, Rochester, Kent ME2 4LB.
Tel: (01634) 717 464
 A warm welcome is extended to all CIU associates. Live music & bingo on a Saturday night. A range of facilities including snooker, pool & darts. We welcome coach parties by prior arrangement with the steward. Buffet refreshments can be arranged. We are close to all the motorways via the Medway towns.
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 14 days' notice in writing to the Secretary Steve Graydon. Tel: Club (01422) 373 023.
www.ellandwmc.web.com
 Telephone pre-bookings to be confirmed in writing to the Secretary.

Belle Isle WMC

Belle Isle Road, Leeds LS10 3PE.
 Warm and friendly club with large car park, good value beer and large concert room. Live bands Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Coaches welcome.
Contact Secretary on (0113) 2718 768.

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SWARCLIFFE WORKING MEN'S CLUB

Swarcliffe Avenue, Leeds LS14 5DE
A warm and friendly welcome always assured in the comfortable surroundings of our recently refurbished club. Live entertainment every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. Relax in the quiet of the lounge or try a game of snooker on one of our three superb tables.

Big screen Sky Sports TV.
Planning a day at the races?
York, Wetherby, Ripon.

We are 2 minutes from the A64 and 5 minutes from the M1. Breakfast and evening meals for large parties available by appointment.

Contact: Glen Doyle (Secretary)
(0113) 2959100

LEICESTER & EAST MIDLANDS

Nottingham Oddfellows Club

89 Humberstone GATE, Leicester.
TELEPHONE: (0116) 262 0181
262 5404 (Evenings) - CIU Affiliated

- ★ City Centre Club
- ★ Coach park right outside premises
- ★ 2 minutes from centre of Leicester

Coach parties and parties always welcome. Food supplied hot or cold - 7 days' notice or please phone prior to visit. Children welcome. Dances Monday, Tuesday and Friday. Entertainment available.

Phone or write to Secretary Eric Johnson

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429 SAFFRON LANE, LEICESTER, LE2 6UF
Welcomes all CIU members to our friendly club here in Leicester. Only 5 minutes from the M1 junction 21 and close to the racecourse and the football, rugby and cricket stadiums.
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LONDON

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OFFICE: (020) 7624 3701; CLUB: (020) 7624 3603
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THE HAMMERSMITH CLUB

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10 mins' walk from Fulham FC and less than 25 mins by local transport to Chelsea and QPR. A warm and friendly welcome to away fans looking for good hospitality and a relaxing drink. Also 20 mins to Westfield, Europe's largest shopping centre and 30 mins to West End theatres. Contact us on (020) 8748 5760 or visit www.hammersmithclub.net

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Extends a warm welcome to all Associate members and guests. Situated 10 minutes from the A40 and 20 minutes from Wembley Stadium. We have live bands every Saturday and Sunday night. Catering on request. Coach parties welcome with prior notification to Kath or Roy Roberts. Telephone: (020) 8422 1222.

Hayes WMC

Pump Lane, Hayes, Middlesex UB3 3NB.
Telephone: (020) 8573 1721
e-mail: bobdaybell@aol.com

Why not visit the flagship of clubs in the South? Ascot, Kempton Park & Sandown racecourses all nearby. Live bands every Friday and Saturday night. Late night cabaret last Saturday of every month, at least 3 acts, charge for entry, late bar. Catering available weekends, orders taken in advance to your requirements. Visit our website:

www.hayesworkingmensclub.com
for our full entertainment programme. Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with the secretary.

ISLEWORTH CLUB

Goodenough House, 109 St John's Road, Isleworth, Middlesex TW7 6PN. Telephone: (020) 8560 2569
We are good enough - are you?
5 minutes from Twickenham Rugby and only 15 minutes from Kempton and Sandown. Call in on your way and give us a try. Pick your winners from our varied selection of popular beers which are available in either our large Concert Room or Lounge. Close to the M4 and M3. Please give prior notice for parties. Coach parties are welcome.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION TWICKENHAM

95 Popes Grove, Twickenham TW1 4JT
Coming to Twickenham then why not visit the RBL Twickenham?
For opening times and food offerings visit our website. All are welcome at our friendly popular club. For coaches and large groups please telephone or email in advance.
Tel: (020) 8892 6728 Email: rbltwickenham@hotmail.co.uk www.rbltwickenham.com

Wealdstone Social Club

Railway Approach, Harrow, HA3 5BX.
Tel: (020) 8427 3334
www.wealdstonesocialclub.t83.net
email: secretarywso@btconnect.com
For 15 min connection to WEMBLEY STADIUM. Coach parties welcome.
Free parking evenings/weekends.
Please arrange with Secretary for bookings. Function Hall available for private parties.

MANCHESTER & CHESHIRE

Sale Excelsior WMC

2 Symons Road, Sale M33 7FJ
Friendly club handy for Old Trafford and Etihad Stadiums. Sky Television Live entertainments at weekends
Mini-coaches welcome
Snacks can be arranged
0161 973 4920

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE & CAMBRIDGESHIRE

St James Working Mens Club

Weedon Road, St James, Northampton.
A warm welcome awaits all club members. Lounge, Games Room and large Concert Room. Parties welcome, catering if required by prior arrangement. 5 minutes M1, Junction 15A. Please contact Secretary Mrs P. Webster.
Tel: (01604) 456 602 www.stjameswmc.co.uk

SHEFFIELD & SOUTH YORKSHIRE

ARMTHORPE CORONATION CLUB

Tranmoor Lane, Armthorpe, Doncaster DN3 3BS.
Handy for racecourse and Doncaster Rovers. Close to M18. Big screen TV, entertainment every weekend.
Ring Club Secretary Alan Jones on (01302) 831 393

Arundel Ex-Servicemen's Club

City Road, Sheffield
A friendly club close to Town Centre Facilities include a 500 seat Concert Room, two other lounges and a Games Room. Great Cabaret every night except Tuesday and Wednesday. Coach parties please contact Mr B. Simmonite. Children allowed up to 10 years Catering for Buffet if required.
Telephone: (0114) 239 7151

CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC

Chestnut Avenue Carcroft, Doncaster DN6 8AG
Extends a warm welcome to all CIU affiliated members. Coach Parties welcomed by prior arrangement. 1 mile from A1 and close to M1, M18 and M62. Top class entertainment every weekend. Handy for Doncaster Races and trips returning from North or South coastal routes. Big Screen Sky TV and premier football. All enquiries to John Oldroyd, Secretary on (01302) 725 497.
www.carcroftvillagewmc.org.uk

Hawthorn Recreational & Social Club

Goodison Boulevard, Cantley, Doncaster. Tel: (01302) 535 995
Easily accessible for the Racecourse.
Big screen Sky TV.
Artistes on Saturdays.

INTAKE SOCIAL CLUB

Craithie Road, Doncaster DN2 5EG.
We are the closest club (5 minutes' walk) to Doncaster Racecourse. (See Page 19 for offers). Bar snacks available. Tremendous value-for-money bar prices.
Contact Secretary Tom Forester in advance on: (01302) 320 036 or email intakesocialclub@yahoo.co.uk

SURREY

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111 Spring Rise, Egham, Surrey TW20 9PE.
"North Surrey CAMRA Club of the Year 2008 & 2009"
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Located 5 minutes from J13 M25, handy for Windsor Castle and races, Kempton, Ascot, Epsom and Sandown. 5 mins from Egham Station on the Waterloo to Reading line. Three real ale and cider festivals a year. www.eusc.co.uk
Tel: (01784) 435120 or (07738) 714572
(Real Ale Festivals and Party Bars also arranged)

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142 Esher High Street, Esher, Surrey.
Telephone: (01372) 467 758
Sandown Race Course within walking distance. Kempton Park and Epsom also nearby.
A warm welcome is extended to all associate members.

Walton Working Men's Club

21A Church Street, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 2QP.
Extends a warm welcome to Associate Members. Near M25/M3, Sandown and Kempton Racecourses, Hampton Court, Wentworth, Twickenham Rugby and Thorpe Park. Ideal fishing - River Thames. Dancing to live music Saturdays/Sundays. Coaches. In writing to the Secretary.
Telephone: (01932) 220 361.

THAMES VALLEY

THE ASHTON CLUB

24A SHEEP STREET, BICESTER, OXON
A friendly welcome is extended to all. Snooker, pool, darts, dms, bingo, Sky TV, functions etc. Coach parties welcome, 40 mins from Newbury, Towcester racecourses, 5 mins from Bicester village shopping centre, and 5 mins from J9 M40. Open all day. For more information please call the manager on (01869) 252160

Banbury Trades & Labour Club

32 West Bar Street, Banbury, Oxon OX16 9RR.
Tel: (01295) 215 7119 (H); (01295) 254 168 (Club).
A warm welcome is extended to all Associates. Coach parties welcome with 14 days prior notice to Secretary Joan Conley. Live entertainment on Saturday night. Food available. Please contact Secretary with your booking.

WALES

CARDIFF WEST END SOCIAL CLUB

COWBRIDGE ROAD WEST, ELY, CARDIFF CF5 5BY.
A very friendly welcome to CIU Associates and their families from CARDIFF'S PREMIER SOCIAL CLUB.
10 minutes from M4.
15 minutes to city centre.
Millennium Stadium, Cardiff International Arena, St. David's Hall/Centre, Cardiff Bay.
Live entertainment every Saturday Night with Bingo/Raffle/Tote/Disco
FULL SKY SPORTS/RACING UK
Hot and cold food available.
COACH PARTIES MOST WELCOME.
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Bettws Social Club

Lambourne Way, Bettws, Newport, Gwent.
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Less than 10 minutes from junction 26 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment. Live entertainment every Saturday evening. Catering can be provided by arrangement. Tel: (01633) 858 780.

Going to Premiership Swansea City or racing at Ffos Las? Visit MORRISTON WMC

11 Slate Street, Swansea SA6 8AA.
A friendly club which makes visitors welcome.
Liberty Stadium 15 minutes, Ffos Las 45 minutes, Ospreys 15 minutes. 10 minutes from M4 Junction 45.
Coach parties welcome with advance notice.
Ring (01792) 771580

Rogerstone and Bassaleg Social Club

1 Tregwilym Road, Rogerstone, Newport NP10 9DW.
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests, less than 10 minutes from junction 27 of the M4. Coach parties welcome by prior appointment, live entertainment every Saturday evening.
Telephone: (01633) 893 508.

WARWICKSHIRE & COVENTRY

BEDWORTH EX-SERVICEMEN'S SOCIAL CLUB & INSTITUTE

Rye Piece, Bedworth, Nr. Nuneaton, Warwickshire. Tel: (024) 7631 3236
Extends a warm welcome to all associates. Restaurant facilities Monday to Saturday - Bar snacks also available. 6 minutes from junction 3 of M6. Approx. 5 miles to Coventry City. Saturday/Sunday night entertainment, live music, bingo, bar and lounge. Contact Secretary for bookings.

Willenhall Social Club

Robin Hood Road, Coventry CV3 3BB. Secretary: (024) 7630 1222 or 7630 3278.
Welcome to all Associate Members. Entertainment every Saturday and Sunday night in concert room (seats 600). Bar, games room and luxury lounge facilities. Large car park. Hot and cold snacks available.
10 minutes from City Centre.
No Children Allowed.
Coach parties apply to Secretary.

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HEN LANE SOCIAL CLUB
Beacon Road, Holbrooks, Coventry CV6 4DS.
5 minutes from M6 Junction 3, 10 minutes' walk from Ricoh Arena, minibus from club on match days. Excellent function room and facilities. Hot and cold snacks available at all times. Prior notice required for coach parties and catering (menu sent on request).
Please contact the Secretary.
Tel: (024) 7672 4830; Office: (024) 7672 4832.

UNICORN SOCIAL CLUB
Holbrook Lane, Coventry CV6 4DE. (5 mins from M6 J3). Just 15 minutes' walk from the Ricoh Arena, home of Coventry City Football Club. Excellent function room and facilities including games room and bar with large screen satellite TV. Modern air-conditioned facility with live music every Saturday evening and hot and cold food available. Prior notice required for coach parties, including official supporters' clubs.
Please contact the Secretary at: unicorncoventry@yahoo.com or by telephone on (024)76 684741

WEST COUNTRY

WESTON-SUPER-MARE WMC
Orchard Street, Weston-super-Mare.
Telephone: (01934) 418 202
A warm welcome is extended to Associates and their families in Weston's premier club. Situated in the town centre and close to the sea front.
Live entertainment every Saturday and Sunday evening, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon
Bingo (Friday, Saturday and Sunday). Buffets arranged.
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Please contact the Secretary giving prior notice of visit. Open all day.

Poole Labour Club
22 Wimborne Road, Poole, Dorset
Tel: (01202) 674 059 / 686 256
Offers the 3 S's to all affiliated members, Sea, Sand and Speedway! Centre of Poole, 20 minutes from Bournemouth, 2 minutes from Poole Stadium for Speedway and Greyhound Racing. Good beer, warm welcome, open all day. Entertainment on Saturday nights, Tuesday Tea Dances. Darts, Skittles, Snooker, Pool and Dominoes games can be arranged. Certain restrictions apply to children.
Contact Secretary for details.

WEYMOUTH WMC
MITCHELL STREET, WEYMOUTH,
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Less than 5 minutes from the beach!
We welcome all CIU affiliated members. Music Friday & Saturday evenings, with Bingo fliers on these nights. Plus the usual club activities.
Restaurant now open.
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www.weymouthworkies.co.uk

Passing through the Cotswolds?
Then why not visit
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Telephone: Secretary (01452) 610 025
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Near Birmingham B48 7LD.
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Contact: A. Morrison, Secretary on (0121) 445 2121.
Large parties please notify 14 days in advance.

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Contact the Secretary. (0121) 747 5256 / 747 2943

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118 School Road, Yardley Wood,
Birmingham B14 4JR.
Club Tel: (0121) 474 2026 Sec: (0121) 474 3725
Visit our brand new website:
http://www.yardleywoodsoci.club.com/
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Associate members welcome.

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Broadwell Road, Easterside,
Middlesbrough TS4 3PP.
(Opposite The James Cook University Hospital)
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www.beadsclub.co.uk

Going to watch Sunderland or Newcastle United?
Visit
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Grange Road, Carrville, Durham DH1 1AJ
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Coach parties by arrangement.
Tel: (0191) 386 1487

BLAKELAW & DISTRICT SOCIAL CLUB
6 Cragston Way, Newcastle NE5 3SW.
Friendly club on northern edge of Newcastle. Handy for A1, Racecourse and St James' Park. Coach parties welcome.
Food can also be arranged.
Contact Secretary Alan Campbell on (07986) 706354 or blakelawsc@googlemail.com

CENTRAL WMC
7 Beaumont Street, Darlington
Tel: (01325) 464054
Sited near town centre, five minutes from A1(M). Associate members and coach parties are welcome as are football and racing followers.
Please give prior notice.
Live entertainment and catering by private arrangement. Room available for birthdays, engagement parties, wakes and weddings.

King Street Social Club
Phoenix House, 27 King Street,
North Shields NE30 1BZ.
Telephone: (0191) 2900473.
Sited on the main road from North Shields to the coast. Main bingo sessions are Tuesday and Friday evenings and Sunday morning.
Top class live entertainment every weekend supported by resident band "Soul Machine".
Coach parties welcome with prior notification to the Secretary David Farrell. Telephone (0191) 2900474.

Middlesbrough RAOB Club (The Buffs)
51 Wilton Street, Southfield Road, Town Centre
A19-A66 2 minutes. Redcar races, 10 minutes.
Middlesbrough FC 5 minutes. Games Room, TV Lounge and Lounge. Live entertainment Saturday and Sunday. Disco Wednesday and Friday. 50/50 Dancing Tuesday and Thursday. A warm welcome to all affiliated members including coach parties with prior notice to the Secretary. Telephone: (01642) 860 511.

New York Club & Institute Limited
22-26 Blossom Street, York YO24 1AJ.
Tel: (01904) 612 244 newyorkclub@btconnect.com
Secretary: Frank A. Healy BA HND CMD
300 yards from station on way to racecourse. Warm and friendly welcome to all Associate Members and guests. A great place to call into before or after your visit to York. Beer garden and 42" screen with Sky TV.
Parties and buffet-style catering by prior arrangement.

Northallerton & District WMC
Elder Road, Northallerton, DL6 1NH.
Tel: (01609) 772390
Email: Northallertonwmc@hotmail.co.uk
Sited in the picturesque county town of North Yorkshire, with easy access to A19 and the A1, we extend a warm welcome to CIU associates. Only 15 mins from Catterick, Ripon and Thirsk racecourses. Racing and football channels showing on four TVs.
Live entertainment and bingo Saturdays and Sundays.

North Biddick Social Club
Bonemill Lane, Fatfield, Washington NE38 8AN.
Excellent riverside location. Five minutes from A1(M) with excellent car/coach parking facilities. Games room with 2 snooker tables and 2 pool tables. Restaurant facilities and buffets catered for. Why not call on your way to see football games or cricket games in the area? Coaches welcome by prior arrangement with Secretary Michael Normile on
(0191) 416 0148
Why not visit our website at
www.northbiddickclub.co.uk

OSBORNE WMC
Osborne Road, Chester-le-Street,
County Durham DH3 3DS.
200 yards from the station and short walk to the Riverside Cricket Ground. Evening car and coach parking facilities. Live entertainment every Saturday night. A great place to call in after your day at the races. Bingo Mondays and Fridays.
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POPPLETON ROAD WMC
132 Poppleton Road, York YO26 4UP
(01904) 793398
A warm friendly welcome assured to all CIU affiliates and guests. Wide selection of beers available, ideal for the races and close to the city centre. Bingo and raffle Fridays. Live entertainment and bingo, Saturdays and Sundays.

City of York Tramways Employees'
- Club and Institute -
1 Mill Street (off Piccadilly), York YO1 1PY.
5 minutes from town centre
Entertainments Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Prize games. Concert room (seating 275). Games Room, Bar and live Sky Sports TV. Visiting Associates are welcome. Parties by arrangement.
Telephone: (01904) 623 953.

To advertise contact
Chris Brewis
on (0191) 265 0040
or email: cj@powdene.com

Union in talks over Saltburn

It was reported in last month's issue that the Union's holiday and convalescent centre, Saltburn House, on the north Yorkshire coast closed on January 31. The National Executive came to this decision because despite the best efforts of the Head Office and Saltburn House staff it was felt that continued financial losses over a period of many years had made it impossible for the centre to remain open. Total losses in the years from 2008 to 2012 add up to £861,296.



CIU SALT BURN HOUSE

The centre was built by Darlington industrialist Henry Pease as a private mansion soon after he founded the town of Saltburn in 1861. Legend has it that he saw a vision of a heavenly city reminiscent of the description of Jerusalem in the New Testament's Book of Revelation, and the "jewel streets" on the cliff top near Saltburn House - Coral, Garnet, Ruby, Emerald, Pearl, Diamond and Amber Streets - are said to be a legacy of this vision.

QUAKERS

The Peases were a Quaker family so the town had no pubs or clubs. By the time the Union bought the house, however, members could enjoy a drink next door at the Milton Street Club and in the 1990s the centre opened its own bar. The 14 members of staff at Saltburn House have all received the redundancy pay they are entitled to, including pay in lieu of notice and statutory holidays. The Union Executive and Head Office Manager Stephen Goulding are in talks with Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council and other business interests to explore potential commercial uses for the Saltburn House site. Members will be updated of any significant developments in these discussions.

Albert Fellowes

Castle Bromwich Remembrance Club in Birmingham regret to announce the death of their Club President Albert Fellowes.

Albert joined the club as Steward in 1992 before joining the Committee and then becoming President in 2000. In a special testimonial former Club Secretary Syd Arkless wrote of his time as Steward: "Albert quickly established himself as a great favourite with the bar staff who immediately warmed to the relaxed atmosphere he created. He had the unique ability to supervise three bars at once while at the same time enjoying every ball of a Test Match or every moment of a televised game of football.

"The quality of his coffee, if not always the beer, is legendary. He is also keen on fostering good customer relations especially if they happen to be female and over 65. At any Life Members' Dinner he can be seen as the sole male occupant of a table happily entertaining the ladies allowing the officers to fulfill a more important function propping up the bar.

"The catering abilities of himself and his daughters are extraordinary. No matter what you order, be it sandwiches or a frugal buffet, the result miraculously turns into a wedding feast. His lunchtime rolls, where he is spending money on himself, betray his more economical traits, however. Then, a skin graft thickness of ham or cheese can be observed, carefully camouflaged between two huge chunks of bread.

"For any club that has a comfortable chair and a large ashtray adjacent to the bar Albert would be the ideal occupant." It goes without saying he will be greatly missed.



David Howliston

It is with deep regret that Tanfield Lea WMC in County Durham announce the death of former Chairman David Howliston at the age of 88.

David and his father Gilbert alternated as Club Chairman but never served together on the committee. David was a club member for well over 50 years and was a keen domino player, who was well known throughout Durham clubland, particularly in the Tuesday Night League.

David worked in agriculture and was particularly proud of his ploughing prowess, often pointing out fields where he had worked.

A widower, David had been married to his wife Audrey for more than 50 years. Condolences go to their son Jim and daughters Brenda and Jean. He will be greatly missed by members and family alike.



Norman McCormela

The North Road Social Club at Boldon Colliery near Sunderland – better known as The Shack – regret to announce the sudden death of their much loved and respected Chairman Norman McCormela. A miner at Boldon Colliery, Norman was a Red Beret in the Parachute Regiment during World War Two and was also interested in photography. He served the club as Chairman and as a Committee member for a total of 22 years. He will be sadly missed.

Chris Jarrett

The Shack also regret the sad loss of long serving Committee man Chris Jarrett, who passed away after a long and hard fought illness. Chris, who also worked at Boldon Colliery, died only two weeks after receiving his 25-year badge and will be sadly missed.

Kentish men peg out first

The combined semi-final and final of the National Cribbage Pairs championship, supported by John Smith's were held at Bedford North End Club on February 9.

The winners were T Waller and C Bradshaw from Footscray Social Club, Kent, who defeated A Harris and J Kane from Kingsley Park WMC, Northampton in the final.

The losing semi-finalists were B Brewster and D Simmonds from Walderslade WMC, Kent and R Lyne and D Olnier from Bedworth Ex-Service Club, Warks. Carol Goddard represented the National Executive.

A full report and pictures will be included in the next issue.

The Dominoes 5s & 3s semi-finals and final, which were postponed because of bad weather, were held on February 16 at Leicester Railwaymen's Club and won by S Smith & C Stainsby (Darlington Club), who beat A Porter & C Edwards (Abbey Hulton Suburban Club, Stoke) 3-1.

The first National Team Darts semi-final was also held on February 16 at Penygraig Labour & Progressive Club between Mid Rhondda WMC and Aberavon Port Talbot Liberal Club and resulted in a 4-1 win for Mid Rhondda WMC.

The second semi-final between Newbold WMC, Chesterfield and Bannockburn Miners, Stirling was held at Byker St Peter's Social in Newcastle on February 23.

A full report on all these matches will appear in the April issue.

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsions

Not now members of the following clubs. These should not be admitted as Union associates.

Charles O'Brien (No. 90)
Hammersmith Club, West London
Phil Forknall (No. 80)
Hammersmith Club, West London
Mr. R. Waller,
Brighton Trades Labour Club
Mrs. J. Rea,
Brighton Trades Labour Club
Mr. K. Farmer,
Brighton Trades Labour Club

Clubs Withdrawn

Ibstock Working Men's Club & Institute
(Leicestershire Branch)
Old Windsor Club
(North West Met. Branch)
Tascos Social Club
(West Mids. Branch)
Kibworth Working Men's Club
(Leicestershire Branch)
Pallion Workingman's Club
(Durham Branch)
Nantyffyllon Non-Political Club
(South Wales Branch)

Suspensions Expiring on Dates Mentioned

G. Coulter (No. 672)
Chadsmoor Progressive WMC,
Staffs (6th July, 2013)

Clubs Closed

Balderton Working Men's Club
(Leicestershire Branch)
Park Social Club
(Doncaster Branch)
Elsecar Midland Club
(South Yorkshire Branch)
Blaydon & District Club & Institute
(Durham Branch)

Clubs Expelled (Proprietary)

Rotherham Trades Club
(South Yorkshire Branch)
Handsworth (Yorks) WM Club
(South Yorkshire Branch)

Club closure is good news

It's not often we report the closure of a club as good news but that's the case with the Jaguar Sports & Social Club in Birmingham. The non-Union venue next to the Jaguar Land Rover plant in Castle Bromwich is to be bulldozed to allow the luxury carmaker's factory to expand and create more than 1,000 new jobs, thanks mainly to recent sales successes in China.

The curtain came down in style on the club after nearly 50 years – to the raucous strains of We'll Meet Again.

The company is helping the club to look for a new location in the area.

Northern blues festival

The Northern Social Club near Ashington in Northumberland is the venue for the second Northern Blues Festival.

The Festival kicks off at 3pm on Friday, March 29 and features Gypsy Dave Smith and The Grooveamatics among others.

More information from the club on (01670) 814720.

Get ready for Cheltenham

This month's Cheltenham Festival provides clubs with an opportunity to entertain members for extended hours and, even better to fill the club on four weekday afternoons. There is only one way a club can provide the full Cheltenham experience as satellite channel Racing UK is the only channel showing all 27 races live and exclusive. The schedule includes preview shows on March 4 and March 11, daily coverage starting at 9.30am and plenty more, meaning members needn't miss a minute of the action. The floor of the New York Club near York Racecourse was covered in turf (right) and the club was decked out in the colours of the Festival when the club won a competition with Racing UK in 2010.

York City Branch Secretary Frank Healy, who is also Secretary of the New York Club, says: "The Festival is the best week of the year in our club thanks to the extended coverage and insight provided by the Racing UK team. Some members take the whole week off work and we are expecting visitors from as far away as Scotland and Ireland.

"We start with a Cheltenham preview evening on Sunday, March 10 with Racing UK's Tom O'Ryan and Colin Russell of the Racing Post. Then the week ends off with the Six Nations and St Patrick's Day.

"I think Racing UK is fabulous and I've encouraged other clubs in the Branch to install it."



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To register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club ring **Jean Garrett** on (0191) 2650040. As well as receiving regular updates and the full list of offers you will receive a free copy of *Club Journal*. A selection of offers are printed here. Northern Racing has been taken over by Arena Leisure so their courses are offering deals individually. Remember that even if a meeting is not listed here you can obtain a party discount direct from the course. Satellite racing channel RACING UK is offering all CIU clubs a 30 per cent discount. For further information ring 0870 351 8834. (All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

Race Discounts

CARLISLE:..... Saturday 30th March.....	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 30th March.....	£11 (normally £20)
REDCAR:..... Easter Monday, 1st April	£11 (normally £15)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday, 13th April	£10 (normally £20)
BATH:..... Friday, 19th April (eve).....	£10 (normally £15)
NEWBURY:..... Saturday, 20th April	£12 (normally £16)
THIRSK:..... Saturday, 20th April	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 27th April (eve).....	£11 (normally £20)
LEICESTER:..... Saturday, 27th April	£9 (normally £16)
RIPON:..... Saturday, 27th April	£12 (normally £15)
WETHERBY:..... Sunday, 28th April	£10 (normally £15)
THIRSK:..... Saturday, 4th May	£10 (normally £15)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday, 4th May	£10 (normally £20)
BATH:..... Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May ...	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 11th May	£11 (normally £20)
THIRSK:..... Saturday, 11th May (eve)	£10 (normally £14)
BATH:..... Wednesday, 15th May (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
NEWBURY:..... Saturday, 18th May	£16 (normally £20)
THIRSK:..... Saturday, 18th May, Irish Day,	
..... special offer.....£10 plus a free pint (normally £18)	
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday, 18th May (eve).....	£10 (normally £20)
LEICESTER:..... Monday, 20th May (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 25th May	£12 (normally £22)
YORK:..... Saturday, 25th May	£16 (normally £20)
UTTOXETER:..... Sunday, 26th May	£10 (normally £20)
CARLISLE:..... Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May..	£10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER:..... Bank Holiday, Monday, 27th May ...	£9 (normally £16)
REDCAR:..... Bank Holiday Monday, 27th May	
..... Zetland Gold Cup Day	£11 (normally £15)
WETHERBY:..... Thursday, 30th May (eve).....	£10 (normally £15)
BATH:..... Friday, 31st May (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:..... Friday, 7th June (eve)	£11 (normally £20)
BEVERLEY:..... Saturday, 8th June	£11 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 8th June	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Thursday, 13th June (eve)	£7.50 (normally £13)
BATH:..... Saturday, 15th June	£10 (normally £15)
YORK:..... Saturday, 15th June	
..... Macmillan charity day.....	£16 (normally £20)
LEICESTER:..... Thursday, 20th June (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
NEWBURY:..... Tuesday, 25th June (eve)	£12 (normally £16)
BATH:..... Wednesday, 26th June (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
LEICESTER:..... Thursday, 27th June (eve)	£7 (normally £12)
UTTOXETER:..... Sunday, 30th June	£10 (normally £20)
BATH:..... Tuesday, 2nd July (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
NEWBURY:..... Thursday, 4th July (eve)	£12 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK:..... Friday, 5th July (eve)	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 6th July	£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:..... Tuesday, 9th July (eve)	£10 (normally £18)
BATH:..... Thursday, 11th July (eve)	£10 (normally £15)
NEWBURY:..... Saturday, 20th July	£16 (normally £20)
RIPON:..... Saturday, 20th July	£12 (normally £15)

CIU Racing Club Booking Form

Number of tickets required (minimum 6) _____ Price per ticket £ _____

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____

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Club: _____

Club Address: _____

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Contact Name: _____

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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for January:

Jesse Tonks of Bedworth Ex-servicemen's, Warwickshire; David Collins of Underbank WMC, West Yorkshire; Derek McDonnell of Old Oscott WMC, Birmingham; Susan Smith of Turnbridge WMC, Huddersfield; and Mike Downie of Silverdale WMC, Staffs.



Darts players provide top flight entertainment

Club members in Manchester enjoyed an evening of top flight entertainment when they received an exclusive invitation from Sky to a night of darts with Wayne "Hawaii 501" Mardle.



Sky Sports pundit Wayne, known for his colourful shirts, staged an exhibition match with fellow professional Kevin "The Artist" Painter hosted by MC Adie Mason at the Top Club in Little Hulton..

Sky exclusively invited clubs in the area to the evening of top darts, food and drink and the chance to meet other club representatives. Guests were also given the opportunity to throw arrows in a master class with the professionals and took away a signed photo of themselves with the players on the night.

"It's great that people came along and got involved," said Wayne. "Club members came out in force and got up on stage and played darts. Sport is the lifeblood of this club, and clubs up and down the country, and if clubs and pubs can offer sport and bring families in and offer meals then that will help them be a success."

Sky gave guests a unique darts experience with a stunning demo that had guests ducking and diving as the darts came flying at them in 3D. To top things off one lucky guest won the free prize draw and walked away with a 47" LG 3D TV for their club.



Wayne "Hawaii 501" Mardle and Kevin "The Artist" Painter. No prizes for guessing which is which.

Crib finals pack them in across three counties



The trophy known as "the nettie seat", a phrase from North East England like its originator Branch Vice-President Ray Davidson (centre), is presented by him to Derek Allen and Roy Pring from Colchester Belle Vue Social Club, who won the competition for those eliminated in the first round of the pairs.

The North East Metropolitan Branch has staged successful cribbage finals at clubs in three different counties. More than 40 players competed at each of the Branch finals in Cambridgeshire, Middlesex and Essex.

The Singles Competition took place at Chatteris WMC near Ely and was won by Julie Wright (right) from Colchester Belle Vue Social Club. The Team Competition took place at Ponders End WMC in Enfield and was won by the team from March United Services Club, who are pictured (below right) receiving the trophy from Branch Executive Member John Tabor.

The Pairs Competition took place at Colchester Belle Vue Social Club, and was won by Eddie Woollard and Gary Wiggins from March United Services Club, who are pictured with Branch Vice-President Ray Davidson and Branch Games Secretary Sean

Belton.

The Branch, which stretches from the East End to Norfolk, is often confusingly referred to as the North East Branch – though to some

Londoners, of course, Colchester is the North East. Adding to the confusion is the first round losers' competition for the nettie seat – the idea of Ray Davidson, who is originally from Sunderland.

