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Hoo's raised £5,000

Members of Hoo Village Institute in Kent have raised more than £5,000 for the Wisdom Hospice in Rochester.

The money was raised by club members throughout the year with various events including a Family Funday, coffee mornings, tombolas, raffles and racenights.

Our picture shows the cheque for £5,063.50 being presented by President Peter Turner and Treasurer Ken O'Neill to Martyn Reeves, Chief Executive of the Friends of Wisdom Hospice, who was accompanied by Pat Wade, the Friends' Hoo Area Ambassador.

INSIDE

Clubs can benefit from the increase in maximum stakes and prizes for Category B4 gaming machines – the first increase in the top prize for over 20 years. It will also enable manufacturers to come up with some long overdue innovations in gaming machine designs. **Full story – Page 9.**

Sir Greg Knight, the former joint Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group is one of four MPs celebrating 10 years as the world's only Parliamentary rock band, MP4. **Rock Around the Clock – Page 4.**

Lancashire clubman Wilf Machin should be added to the Union's list of great men after he remortgaged his house to help his club. **Club of the Month – Pages 10, 11**

The Union is urging clubs to ensure they have their say in its future by making sure they nominate delegates for this year's Conference in Blackpool before the deadline of March 24.

The Conference, or Annual Meeting to give it its proper name, on Saturday, April 5, is the chance for the ordinary club member to put forward their view on how the Union should be tackling the various problems facing clubs. It will also be the chance to vote on the new draft constitution being proposed by the National Executive. Each club can send up to three delegates.

"We know a lot of clubs are struggling to find the money to send delegates to Blackpool but it's your club's chance to have their say," said Union President George Dawson. "It's like having the vote; if you don't send anyone, you can't complain about what's decided."

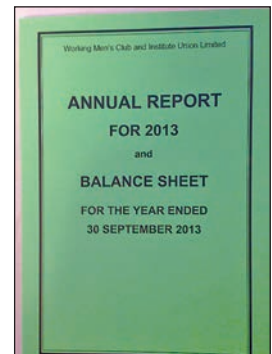
This month also sees the publication of the Union's Annual Report, which includes everything a club member needs to know about the Union including information on legislation affecting clubs, the Union's long service awards and its varied sports competitions. This year's report also includes information about the Financial Conduct Authority, which has replaced the old FSA (Financial Services Authority) and on the revitalised All-Party Parliamentary Group, which remains committed to impressing on the Government the community character of our clubs and seeks opportunities to lessen the regulatory and financial pressures on clubs which threaten their survival

Delegates who have registered by March 24 will be sent a final agenda along with the Conference Brochure and their delegate pack. The delegate pack includes tickets for a delegate plus guest to attend the 23rd CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition at Blackpool Pleasure Beach on the eve of the conference, Friday, April 4.

On arrival at the Exhibition delegates and their guest will receive tokens giving them the chance to enjoy Foster's lager, Bulmers cider or John Smith's bitter from Heineken, our sole recommended supplier of ciders and beers. Delegates also have the chance to enjoy a cask beer from CAMRA, the Campaign for Real Ale.

The evening before, Thursday, April 3, Stanley Road Club in Blackpool also sees the launch of the 15th CIU National Quiz, now firmly established among quiz players as probably the country's top team quiz and certainly its most fun one. Along with some entertaining spot prizes and cash prizes for at least six teams out of a maximum of 20 this year's quiz includes a new category with a special prize that will go to the club that provides the best team of newcomers.

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PROUD AND HONOURED

Jimmy is pictured with (left to right): President Bryan Hawkes, Treasurer Graham Westerman and Secretary Gordon Pearson.



Life member Jimmy Deegan was given a big surprise at his club's senior members' annual party.

Jimmy, who turned 90 last April, was made an Honorary Vice President of Harrogate Londesborough Club and presented with a scroll commemorating the accolade. He was delighted with the honour especially when Club Secretary Gordon Pearson explained it was a very rare award and that he was only the third recipient in the club's 115-year history.

"Jimmy has been a great member for 21 years," said Gordon. "We wanted to do something very special for a very special member of the club."

Jimmy thanked all present and expressed his gratitude to all from the Committee and members for an unforgettable day.



Leicestershire Branch Vice-President Baz Weir is pictured after receiving his Distinguished Service Award for 40 years' joint service to the Branch and to Eyres Monsell WMC in Leicester. Baz joined the Committee at Eyres Monsell in 1978 and was Finance Secretary for 20 years and President for 18. He has also served nine years as Vice-President of the Branch.

HAYES WORKING MEN'S CLUB LATE NIGHT CABARET

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Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson visited Shankhouse Social Club in Cramlington and presented a Long Service Award to Ray Riches and two Certificates of Merit to Harry Mercer and Derek Cherry marking a total of 45 years of service to the Committee. Ray's wife Sharon was also presented with a plant. Pictured (left to right) are: Dave Richardson, Branch Executive member Rob Yeats, Harry Mercer, Sharon Riches, Derek Cherry and Ray Riches.



Dave Richardson and Rob Yeats also visited Seghill Comrades Club and presented a Long Service Award to Chairman Davey Nailless.

Down with the old and up with the new

Demolition work started last month to clear the site occupied by Widcombe Social Club in Bath and make way for a new development which will give members a brand new, architect-designed club set to open early next year.



Artist's impression of the new club.

Hailed by the club's committee and residents as a local success story, the development of the site of this

long established club is the result of a comprehensive agreement with local property company Ilesis Ltd who will build the new club and add student accommodation and a convenience store on part of the site.

The club's management committee has said that the aim of the new club is to be 'an inclusive, family-orientated space that meets the common needs of its members



Nick Steel, Bath Comedy Festival director, with Ralph Oswick, the director of Natural Theatre.

and the local community by being a meeting place, leisure facility and entertainment venue that is welcoming, comfortable and affordable.'

The redeveloped club will have a bar and catering facilities for daytime and evening use, two skittle alleys, pool tables and multiple darts boards, a performance space to accommodate 180 people, a kitchen and a plant room.

One headline grabbing event involving the club in past years has been its participation in the annual



Club President, Sir Peter Hendy.

Bath Comedy Festival, thanks to Nick Steel, one of the club's committee members, who is also the festival director.

This year, filling the gap left by the old club's demolition, gigs have been arranged in late March and early April at the Natural Theatre which stands across the road from the club. This also has strong links with Widcombe Social Club as the theatre's director Ralph Oswick is a former president of the club.

That role is now held by Sir Peter Hendy, CBE, who was knighted last year by the Princess Royal for his work as Commissioner of Transport for London.

He said: "The turnaround in the club's prospects has been amazing. At one point the club's financial situation and the problems of an ageing building could have meant that we had to close forever."

One of the highlights of this year's Comedy Festival will be a mystery bus trip with Sir Peter driving the bus and his 'guest conductor' will be Emmerdale actress Lorraine Chase.

Patrons of the festival include ex-Monty Python star, Terry Jones, king of the one-liner Barry Cryer, and comedian and broadcaster, Arthur Smith.

Nick Steel said: "I am absolutely thrilled to receive the support of such a group of respected comedy greats and wonderful people. This will be the sixth year of the festival and I hope that together we see it continue to grow from strength to strength in coming years."



Actress Lorraine Chase.



Festival patron ex-Monty Python star, Terry Jones.



Demolition of the old club almost completed.

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Members Informative articles Corner which affect our lives

by Dione Mobley

Hello Club Members

Medical statistics show that some 300,000 fractures each year are due to Osteoporosis. As we all become older our bones continue growing in density well after they have stopped growing in length.

The National Osteoporosis Society has launched a new "Stop at One" programme. This is aimed at everyone over 50 years of age, both men and woman, to help make people aware of their individual risk factors. Finding the right help to protect your bones can make a real difference.

Her Royal Highness Camilla, Duchess of Cornwall, is President of the Osteoporosis Society. Her mother sadly developed this condition and died of the consequences. She explains herself "the local GP was very kind and sympathetic at the time, but he, like us, was unable to alleviate it."

In recent years extensive research and treatments have improved hugely but it is essential that woman and men of all ages consider the risks, especially if you have had a fall or broken any bones during your lifetime. The best way to do this is through a DXA scan. To find out more visit the web site Stopatone.nos.org.uk. For general enquiries, telephone 0845-130-3076.

Old Jack dies at 106

News reached us just before we went to press of the death at the age of 106 of Jack Forster from Blakelaw Social Club in Newcastle.

Jack, a former plasterer who was thought to be the Union's oldest Club member and almost certainly the oldest still enjoying a drink, had been a member of the club since it was founded in 1969.

The club itself was one of the Union's biggest success stories, after it paid off debts of more than £200,000 thanks to the advice of former General Secretary Kevin Smyth and Northumberland Branch Secretary Tom Satterthwaite. Their revitalised lounge was named Jack's Lounge after he was 100 in 2007.

Jack continued to enjoy his favourite pint of lager there, something usually reported in the August issue of Club Journal as he was pictured each year celebrating another birthday. Club Secretary Alan Campbell said: "Jack was absolutely amazing, we're all very sad."



Jack is pictured enjoying his 102nd birthday in 2009 with Club Secretary Alan Campbell (left) and President Davy Walker – though as no one produces birthday cards for 102-year-olds his card still says 100!

ROCKING POLITICIANS

Four politicians who learnt their musical skills in social clubs are celebrating a decade of using those skills to fundraise.

The band, MP4, the world's only Parliamentary rock group, comprises Peter Wishart, Scottish Nationalist MP for Perth and North Perthshire, on keyboards. Pete is a former member of Scottish band Runrig and has appeared on Top of the Pops before he became a Member of Parliament.

Labour's Kevin Brennan MP, who represents Cardiff West, is on lead guitar and vocals.

Labour activist, animal rights campaigner and former MP for Brigg and Goole, Ian Cawsey, plays bass guitar and vocals, whilst Conservative MP for East Yorkshire, Sir Greg Knight MP, plays drums.

Both Ian and Sir Greg have long associations with the Working Men's Club movement and for many years Greg co-chaired the All Party Parliamentary Non-Profit Making Clubs Group.

This month they are celebrating 10 years since their first stage appearance and since then, the group have helped to raise over £1 million for charity and have released two albums, the latest 'Cross Party' being produced by Robin Millar CBE, who also produces 'Smooth Operator' singer Sade.

The group has backed a number of artistes during their career, including Feargal Sharkey. Former Radio 1 DJ Mike Read last year performed his famous Cliff Richard impersonation whilst appearing on stage with the group.

The band's fundraising activities have been praised by both Prime Minister David Cameron and Labour leader, Ed Miliband.

"Like most musicians, I owe a lot to the club movement" says vocalist Ian Cawsey. His praise is echoed by Sir Greg Knight who said that lots of professional musicians learnt their trade before a club audience.

The band will be touring Britain throughout the year, Parliamentary commitments permitting.



Roy raises £2,000

As we briefly reported in last month's *Club Journal*, clubman Roy Partington, from High Street Club in Swindon, was beaten in his attempt to climb Aconcagua mountain in Argentina just before reaching the 22,387 feet summit. But the good news is that his valiant effort to climb the highest peak outside the Himalayas for Walking with the Wounded - and reaching 21,000 feet before being forced to turn back due to altitude sickness - raised £2,117 for this injured soldiers charity.

During Roy's climb as a member of an organised expedition, three climbers died on the mountain which is infamous for extreme weather conditions including ferocious winds and avalanches. Despite the hardships he faced on the climb, Roy said: "Would I do it again given the opportunity? Yes. I loved the entire experience - living in tents, melting ice for water, eating dried ration packs, forcing at least three litres of water down every day even when you didn't want it, not being able to breathe properly and everything being super hard due to the altitude. It was a once in a lifetime experience and I will never forget the hundreds of Facebook messages I received encouraging me to keep going."



PASSION FOR PERFECT QUALITY ON SHOW



PERFECTION: Glen Houston of HEINEKEN's SmartDispense team demonstrates the quality that the company's new technology can deliver and the many cost savings to clubs installing the new system



PARTNERS: (L-R): HEINEKEN Buying Group Director Peter Usher, Gary Smith of HEINEKEN Pint Perfection, CIU Vice President John Tobin, HEINEKEN Regional Sales Director Kate Vicary, CIU President George Dawson, HEINEKEN Regional Sales Director Rick Eastwood and Glen Houston of HEINEKEN's SmartDispense team

CIU Branch Secretaries and dignitaries turned out in force at Moor Hall Hotel in Sutton Coldfield to hear what club support initiatives HEINEKEN will be offering their members in 2014 and beyond.

The event was also an opportunity for the company to showcase its latest dispense technology and its passion for quality.

Delegates tried their hand at the company's challenge to pour the perfect pint and also taste the quality of pints poured using the new HEINEKEN SmartDispense system.

Presentations included a round-up of what branded support HEINEKEN would be offering in the next 12 months as well as an outline of new club-specific initiatives including 'Our Shout' and other business-building promotions.

Among the delegates attending were CIU President George Dawson and Vice President John Tobin.

"The weekend was very productive and positive and we were all particularly interested in the new dispense technology and the initiatives HEINEKEN are proposing to help and encourage our members to



strive for the perfect pint in their clubs," says George.

"The quality of the John Smith's poured using the SmartDispense system was excellent and I think many clubs will be looking at how it may benefit them in terms of reduced wastage and energy bills."

John says "As always, the presentations and demonstrations given by the various HEINEKEN experts were of great interest to Branch Secretaries and Executive members present and we are very positive about how our 10-year relationship with the company could be progressing through 2014.

"I think the new dispense



SUPPORT: Delegates heard about the new initiatives HEINEKEN will be providing in 2014 to help clubs prosper and bring in new members

technology is definitely going to be the way forward when you consider the time and cost savings it can deliver and HEINEKEN certainly keeps on trying to make further improvement to the quality of their brands and the high standards they hope we can deliver in our clubs."

South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Ken Green is scheduled to be one of the first clubs to have the large scale SmartDispense system installed at his club.

"I'm a great believer in these events because it brings like-minded people together and gives us the opportunity to discuss issues with HEINEKEN as well as seeing what the company intends to do to help our businesses.

"As well as the

quality pint it delivers, I will be having a large scale SmartDispense system installed to save on energy bills, reduce wastage and the huge cost of line-cleaning at the same time as removing the need for cellar cooling which will all be a great benefit to the club.

"We are all in the same game and anything that HEINEKEN can invent to help us achieve positive financial rewards in our clubs has to be welcomed."



QUALITY: Gary Smith of HEINEKEN's Pint Perfection team demonstrates the correct way to pour the perfect pint using the poural system, while delegates all had the chance to try and achieve the same perfection themselves

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Upfront tribunal fees challenge fails

Unison has lost its latest legal challenge to the introduction of an upfront fee for tribunal claims against an employer. However, the High Court has left the door open for the situation to be reviewed later.

By Andrew Dane -
The Business Medic

The court ruling acknowledged that some of Unison's claims were pertinent but the Lord Chancellor's judgement found that the union had not been able to present sufficient evidence to support overturning the current fee system.

The ruling said: "We would underline the obvious: there is no rule that forbids the introduction of a fee regime."

The High Court was asked to consider that paying an upfront fee, as a condition of accessing legal redress, violated the principle of justice, and that it was indirectly discriminatory and unlawful.

Judgement has been passed against the union this time, but the ruling suggests the basic arguments presented still need to be tested, which was not possible at the time the union made its challenge.

Lord Justice Moses said: "The evidence at this stage lacks robustness necessary to overturn the regime," and experts say this paves the way for the fee system to be challenged again once its full impacts are better understood.

Clubs will welcome the continuation of this barrier to employment tribunal claims. However others who represent claimants have argued there is scant evidence of an extensive frivolous tribunal claims problem and, accordingly, this fees regime is an over-reaction to a relatively minor problem."

All eyes will be on the first set of official employment tribunals figures, due to come out later this year. This will determine whether Unison is able to successfully challenge the High Court judgement again.

Lord Justice Moses added: "If it turns out over the ensuing months that the fees regime is having a disparate effect on those falling within a protected class, the Lord Chancellor would be under a duty to take remedial measures to remove that disparate effect and cannot deny that obligation on the basis that challenges come too late."

How strong any appeal will be is unknown. Despite the Lord Chancellor agreeing more data was needed, he also noted that from April 6 all claimants will be required to seek conciliation (via ACAS) first.

Unison general secretary Dave Prentis said: "The decision is very disappointing but we will fight on and take our very strong arguments into the Appeal Court. We provided clear evidence that since the fees were introduced, the number of employment tribunal cases has collapsed. It is doubly disappointing therefore that it was decided that our case had been taken too early."

He added: "The bottom line is that the government should not put a price on justice. We strongly believe that these fees are unfair and should be dropped, which is what we will argue in the Court of Appeal."

CONTROLS OVER PULL TAB LOTTERY MACHINES

With no tax payable on pull tab lottery machines and lottery fruit machines these machines

By ROBERT THOMAS
R.H. Jeffs & Rowe

are becoming more popular (Machine Gaming Duty is payable on traditional fruit machines only). However, the controls operated over these machines have developed from practices developed for the traditional fruit machine where cash is paid out by the machine not the steward. In many instances these procedures are inappropriate and should be changed to take advantage of the new features offered by the latest machines. For example, lottery fruit machines are self-auditing and detailed reports can be produced of money in and paid out.

Pull tab machines offer a good source of income but we have encountered a number of problems and instead of the expected guaranteed profit, losses have been incurred; this cannot happen if the correct controls are followed. Different ticket suppliers may have different security controls which should be followed but a checklist of the common controls to look out for are:

- Boxes not being used in order with new boxes being opened once the highest prizes have been won. This results in the club not achieving the desired profit from the tickets with the club share being left unused in the box, sometimes these unused tickets turn up years later.
- Opened boxes are not kept in a secure location but are left open in an unsecure room, physical security over tickets is crucial as any ticket could be a major prize. This can result in one or more tickets being stolen, prizes being claimed but with no income for the club.
- Winning tickets from one club with similar machines being reused at another club. Whilst the name of the club is printed on the ticket it has to be removed with the detachable pull tag. Ask your supplier to ensure that club name is not printed on any detachable portion of a ticket.
- Lack of controls over the reimbursement of winnings with payment

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by the officer or employee of the club being made without support and a check on the winning tickets. All major wins should be compared to the winning serial numbers supplied with the box of tickets.

- Members are holding on to winning tickets for a considerable length of time and cashing them in bundles, for instance at Christmas. This can create a loss in a given period.

Checklist of control procedures:

- Do not over-order boxes; once ordered they should be locked in a safe location; the boxes should be used; this also prevents any physical degradation of the tickets.
- A sheet should be maintained of the serial numbers of the boxes bought by the club. This should be posted in a convenient location and sequence number of the larger winning ticket checked to the list to ensure it is current, not a couple of years old and comes from a box bought by the club.
- The Steward or Officer responsible for paying winning tickets should use a black marker to draw a line across a winning ticket or pierce the symbol with a pen on the win line so it cannot be reused.
- The winning tickets should be retained and in due course passed to the Secretary in support of the claim for reimbursement of winnings paid out. These should be reconciled to the amount of cash paid out.
- As with all machines located in the club there should be segregation of duties; the keys to open the machine not being held by one person; the machine should be emptied by at least two people; the counters should record the take in a small ledger book at the time of counting the money; the book should be signed by the counters. Many machines have an audit reading recording the money taken, where available these reading should also be recorded.
- The Secretary should monitor income earned from the machine and compare it to winnings paid out. Over time income should exceed monies paid-out and the club should achieve the desired profit share.
- Members should be encouraged to cash in their prizes as soon as possible.

If the above procedures are followed pull tab lottery machines provides a good source of income for most clubs.

- Last month we reported on an assistant steward who had been jailed for stealing nearly £10,000 by repeatedly hitting the till's "no sale" button. The club involved have told us that because a lot of pull tab lotto tickets and B3A fruit machines give a voucher to collect any winnings there are a lot more no sales put through tills these days and this was why this was not picked up for a few months. They suggest it may be a good idea that clubs monitor these no sales on an employee comparison basis, which should show up any abnormally high numbers of no sales inputs.

STEWARD'S CONTRACT

By **ROBERT THOMAS**
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A properly drafted contract of employment with the steward is a key document for any club

operating a bar. It sets out the steward's rights and obligations and outlines the contractual agreement between the club and the steward in respect of such matters as stock and cash deficits. Increasingly we are finding that the steward's contract of employment has been poorly drafted and key clauses have been omitted. Without these key clauses reclaiming deficits from stewards is problematic.

When appointing or re-negotiating a contract it is always best to obtain specialist employment law advice or guidance from the Union. Clubs can contain model contracts from their Branch. ACAS is also a good source of law advice but is not a suitable source in respect of the steward's contract. Examples of the clauses that should be included in the steward's contract are: -

STOCKTAKES AND DEFICITS

- The steward has charge and control of all bar and cellar stock.
- The timing of stocktakes at the start and end of the steward's contract and during holidays.
- That the steward shall attend the stock take and agree the accuracy of the stock count.
- Procedures for checking and appealing against the accuracy of the stock report.
- That once given due notice the steward shall repay to the club any deficiency of cash or stock and shall compensate the club for any act or default on his part.
- In accordance with well-established case law any stock surpluses shall be the property of the club.
- Other specific clauses in respect of the supply of products and the Licensing Act.

ACCOMMODATION

Where the steward occupies a club house or flat the steward's contract should reflect this. The provision of rent free accommodation for the better performance of an employee's duties is one of the few tax free benefits allowed by H M Revenue & Customs. No rent should be charged to the steward as this not only creates a tenancy situation but a tax liability for both the club and the steward. The only exception to this is in respect of charges for gas, electricity and other services paid for and provided by the club which should be charged to the Steward as a 'contribution towards accommodation expenses'.

DEPOSIT BOND

Where the steward has placed a cash deposit with the club the contract should state where the funds are held, the rate of interest payable and that deduction for deficits of cash and stock can be deducted from the bond. On completion of the steward's contract with the club and receipt of a satisfactory final stock report the procedures for repayment of the cash deposit and interest should be outlined.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The steward should not be a member of the club and should be required to suspend his club membership for the duration of his employment.

Experience has shown that it is never a good idea for a club to write its own contract. Advice should be sought from the club's governing body or an employment law firm familiar with the terms of a steward agreement.



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Stakes and prizes increase for first time in 20 years

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS



The maximum prizes for gaming machines have been increased for the first time in more than 20 years.

The maximum stake for both Category B4 and B3A machines has also been doubled from £1 to £2. This increase will enable manufacturers to come up with some long overdue innovations in gaming machine designs. It also represents a much-needed opportunity for clubs to increase their income.

The changes have already come into effect and mean there is now likely to be a marked shift towards digital gaming machines. While more traditional reel-based machines will continue to be available, the new digital machines allow more flexibility. For example, digital gaming machines will often have a compendium featuring games based on poker and roulette as well as feature trail games and simple play "win or lose" slots.

The other big advantage of digital gaming machines is that new games can be downloaded remotely, enabling fresh game content to be played alongside old favourites.

Club Journal reported in December that HM Revenue & Customs (HMRC) had won their appeal over the Linneweber case and would now be in a position to reclaim refunds paid to many of our clubs. Rank Group, which is the leading case, asked for permission to appeal this latest decision to the UK's Supreme Court and this will hopefully be allowed.

The European Court of Justice (ECJ) had previously sent the case back to the UK legal system to rule on a technical aspect of the case although it had accepted the principle of fiscal neutrality based on the

ECJ decision in the original case brought by German taxpayer Edith Linneweber. The UK Court of Appeal decided in favour of HMRC regarding claims for overpaid VAT on gaming machine income prior to December 2005. HMRC had previously repaid Rank £30.8m and many clubs which submitted a claim will have already received a refund.

HMRC have issued a Business Brief stating that they will now start writing to clubs to ask for these refunds to be repaid.

Some clubs will undoubtedly have spent the repayment and will therefore need to negotiate with HMRC for the ability to repay in instalments; HMRC will deal with any such requests on a case-by-case basis.

This is a massive setback for clubs and one which was not expected by any taxation experts. Should Rank be granted the right to a further appeal then the final decision in this matter will be taken by the UK's Supreme Court, which the power to overturn the latest Judgement made by the Court of Appeal.

The final effect of the Appeal Court decision on clubs that had made claims will therefore not be known until the Supreme Court has heard the case and issued its Judgement; this is likely to be in approximately one year's time.

The case does not have any bearing on Category B3A machines. Any refund of VAT or licence duty received in relation to these machines is safe and they remain free from all forms of taxation including Machine Games Duty

Machine Games Duty

Clubs have generally gained financially since the introduction of Machine Games Duty (MGD).

The main gain has come from the abolition of the fixed cost Amusement Machine Licence, which had reached almost £2,500 per annum. It has allowed clubs to increase the number of gaming machines on their premises (up to the legal maximum of three) thereby generating more income for the club as well as offering more choice to members.

While the registration process was unfortunately rather chaotic due to the lack of guidance from HMRC most clubs have now got to grips with completing the quarterly MGD Return. During the registration process Dransfields the Union's recommended supplier of gaming, amusement and lottery equipment set up dedicated support to deal with queries and were handling around 70 telephone calls per day. They continue to be always happy to assist with queries on the new tax or any other aspect of gaming machines.

Machine Category	Existing Maximum Stake/ Prize	Amended Maximum Stake/ Prize
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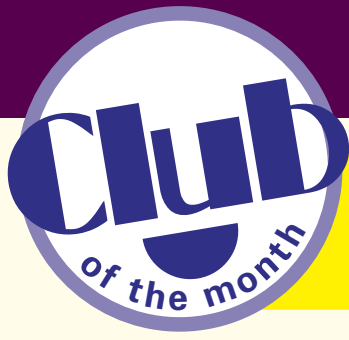
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**Club Journal's
Featured Club of the Month:
Nelson Carters' and
Motormen's Club**



Wilf Machin (left) and Bob Cartmel receive their Long Service Awards in 1988. Sat down (bottom right) is Harry Jackson, now vice President of the Branch, and stood up (top right) is current Committee member Ronnie Howarth.

Our clubs have had many heroes over the years; The Club Members Diary used to have a page headlined "Men of the Union", which listed long serving National Presidents, General Secretaries, founder Henry Solly and the likes of Hodgson Pratt, who ran the Union for many years and was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Added to that list should be added the name of Wilf Machin, the long serving Secretary of the Nelson Carters' and Motormen's – or the Fast and Slow as it is usually known. Not only did he receive the Union's Long Service Award for 25 years' service to the club but he even remortgaged his house to make sure the club was able to move to its current premises.

"That takes dedication to your club to a different level," said current Club Secretary Chris Latchum. "It really was above the call of duty. I know what my wife would say if I suggested doing something like that!"

The club was founded after the end of the First World War in 1920 in a hut down a back lane at a time when the transport of goods was in transition. Horse-drawn carts, manned by carters, were giving way



The committee - back row, left to right - Secretary Chris Latchum, President David Tatham, Branch Secretary Michael Woodvine, Michael Smith, Jean Dodson, Ronnie Howarth. Front row, left to right - Assistant Secretary Audrey Brown, Margaret Tatham, Maureen Howarth, Treasurer Elaine Pemberton, and Carol Parker.

to motor-driven wagons, driven by motormen.

The point has been made perfectly in a painting that hangs in the bar. It was commissioned by Wilf's friend, Committee member Bob Cartmel and is by Lancashire artist William Hobson, who specialises in paintings of transport and animals. At the time Whitbread were the club's main suppliers while the number plate FAS1 stands for Fast and Slow.

The club then moved to premises above a rag shop in Goitside – a goit being a local term for a stream – before the move to purpose-built premises in 1983. Unfortunately the club found themselves £4,000

short of what was needed to make the move and that was where Wilf stepped in to help out.

"If he'd had a bigger house to re-mortgage we would have added another floor!" said Club President David Tatham. As it

was the new club proved so successful that



Bar staff (left to right) Rita Willis, Christine Houston, Joe Bartle and Stewardess June Wright.



Left: This charcoal portrait of Jimmy White hangs in the games room.

Right: David Tatham, June Wright and Chris Latchum at the retirement presentation for barmaid Rita Willis



AGED HIS HOME TO HELP CLUB

they were able to add a £60,000 extension in 1991.

The club's layout is a little unusual with the 180-seater concert room being the one main room on the open plan ground floor with more seats in a separate section up half a flight of stairs. Live acts are offered on Saturday and Sunday nights and among those to have performed



A full house in the 180-seater concert room

here are Russell Watson, Alfie Boe and Peter Kay, who in those days only cost £125. Apart from bingo on four nights and Sunday lunchtimes, the club has a snooker team and five darts teams, two of them women's teams and it also stages the prestigious Golden Arrow darts tournament, one of Lancashire's top tournaments



The William Hobson painting showing the transition from horse-drawn carts to motor driven brewery wagons.

of Keighley and Thwaites of Blackburn. The club are strong supporters of the Branch with Branch Secretary Michael Woodvine being a member along with Branch Executive members Yvonne and Harry Jackson.

Above all, though this is a community club where everybody knows everybody.

Says David: "If someone isn't in we want to know why and search parties have been known to be sent out if we don't have an answer."

The games room is down another half flight of stairs. Pictures of famous snooker players decorate the walls including a charcoal painting of Jimmy White while a bookshelf also operates as an unofficial library with members being able to bring in books to swap. The Committee are also hoping to introduce free wifi for members, which they hope will also encourage younger people.

One venture that has proved successful is the introduction of real ale from its suppliers JB Clark's

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Regional heats begin at Stanley Road Club in Blackpool on Thursday, April 3 and others are expected to be held in Surrey, Wakefield, Coventry, Newport and Newcastle.

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, August 31.



Teams of four need to be members of or to join a CIU Social Club. To enter fill in the **entry form overleaf** or contact organiser **Chris Brewis**:

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This year's annual conference at Blackpool will once again feature three days of events beginning on Thursday, April 3 with the opening heat of this year's CIU National Quiz at Stanley Road WMC.

The quiz offers a fun night out with a variety of prizes to be won by players at all levels including the audience. Gaming machine and quiz machine suppliers Dransfields are sponsoring the competition offering a top prize of £160 in each of the regional finals and a £500 first prize in the national final.

To spread the opportunity to win, cash prizes will also be on offer in the Sport and TV & Film rounds, there is a prize given to the team finishing one off bottom place and this year, for the first time, each heat will have an extra £40 prize for the club that provides the highest-scoring newcomers to the quiz. This prize is available to any club that didn't enter a team last year – or whose team is made up completely of players who did not compete last year.

Thanks to our co-sponsors The Co-operative Bank and rating specialist Bissett Kenning & Newiss there will also be bottles of spirits as spot prizes for the closest answers to brain-teasers given by team members and the audience.

The top three scoring teams from each regional heat will qualify for the national final at Alvaston & Crewton Social Club in Derby on Sunday, August 31. Heats already arranged are the Midlands regional final at Ansty Club & Insitute near Coventry on April 27, and the South Wales final at Bettws Social Club near Newport on April 28. Other heats are to be arranged in Surrey, Wakefield and Newcastle upon Tyne.

To enter a team fill in the form on the page opposite. For further information ring Chris Brewis on (0191) 265004 or email cj@powdene.com



2014 CIU NATIONAL QUIZ ENTRY FORM

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In January this year, Toby Perkins MP appeared on a breakfast TV show demanding the government bring in legislation to stop pub companies forcing their managers to buy beer from them at a much higher price. He said it was the reason 26 pubs closed every week and that they are the heart of the community. Here is a Labour Shadow Minister wanting to bring in legislation to help save pubs but no mention of any help for our clubs. At no time did he make any reference to the number of CIU clubs closing down due to the ongoing impact of the smoking ban. We have been told many times that we are not a political organisation but it's common knowledge that working men's clubs have given support to the Labour Party in the past and now they are turning their back on us at an ever increasing pace and the present government will not help us. Only party leader Nigel Farage has publicly stated he will amend the ban to allow pubs and clubs themselves to choose whether or not to have designated indoor smoking rooms. What campaigners like myself and Phil Johnson feared most was the total banning of smoking everywhere outside and it has already started with some local councils putting up signs making open parks smoke free. With the backing of Labour, MPs voted to ban smoking in cars with children and I strongly believe existing smoking areas/shelters on club premises will be banned in the interest of children's health despite the evidence of Dr Kitty Little's research showing the carcinogen that causes cancer is not present in second hand smoke but is present in diesel fumes. An Environment Audit Committee report published under a Labour government in March 2010 said air pollution is three times more dangerous than second hand smoke killing up to 50,000 men, women and children every year. Streets, play areas and open parks can be SMOKE FREE but they will never be POLLUTION FREE, the new silent killer. The vote in the House of Commons in February clearly shows the majority of MPs don't care about us, so why should we care about them!

Sean Spillane, Hightown Club, Luton

Blackpool 2014

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Conference delegates will again be welcomed by our exhibitors at this year's exhibition to be held in the Paradise Room at Blackpool Pleasure Beach on the afternoon of Friday, April 4. Everyone will be given three beer tokens from Heineken UK, the main supporters of this 23rd CIU exhibition and one from CAMRA.

The exhibition offers delegates the chance to meet firms providing services for our clubs and their members and companies who have already confirmed they will be attending include BOC Sureserve, Dransfields, Ace Furniture, AON and the Co-operative Bank.

The conference - Annual Council Meeting - will begin at 10am on Saturday, April 5. The final agenda will be printed in the April issue of *Club Journal*.



Heineken Buying Group Director Peter Usher (right) and Union Vice-President John Tobin pour the first pint at the Beer & Trades Exhibition. Union Vice-President John Tobin pours the first pint at last year's Beer & Trades Exhibition with Heineken Buying Group Director Peter Usher and (below) enjoys a pint of Theakston's with (left) John Lewis from CAMRA's Clubs Committee and Regional Director Ray Jackson.



George Dawson delivers the traditional President's speech at last year's conference and (Below) Sharon Peek from Sidcup WMC with her Diploma for First Prize in Club Finance and Accountancy.



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John Davis, Burnley Miners Social Club, Burnley & Pendle
Edwin Metcalf, Belmont Club, Durham
Alan Robinson, Belmont Club, Durham
Arthur Mahan, New Durham & Dist WMC, Durham
Patrick Carroll, New Durham & Dist WMC, Durham
Edward Cowperthwaite,
Ovington Social Club,
Northumberland

50 Year Special Award

Cliff Eversfield, Nottingham Imperial Oddfellow,
Leicestershire
Brian Olner, Bedworth Ex-Servicemen's Soc.,
Warwickshire

Certificate of Merit

Brian Ashworth, Burnley Miners Social Club, Burnley & Pendle
William Carlin, Burnley Miners Social Club, Burnley & Pendle
Kenneth Walker, New Durham & Dist WMC, Durham
Thomas Watson, Grangetown WMC Ltd (Co Durham), Durham
John Dunlop, Grangetown WMC Ltd (Co Durham), Durham
Colin Jones, Pittshill Victory Club, North Staffs
David Slaughter, Pegswood & Dist Social Club,
Northumberland
David Armstrong, Pegswood & Dist Social Club,
Northumberland

CLUB NOTICES

Clubs Applying for Membership of the Union

North Wingfield Working Men's Club
(Derbyshire Branch)
36 Chesterfield Road
North Wingfield
Chesterfield S42 5LG
East Sutton Labour Club
(Manchester Branch)
Ellen Street
Sutton
St. Helens
Merseyside
WA9 3QA

Club Re-Admitted into Membership of the Union (Probationary)

Durham City Club
(Durham Branch)
63 Crossgate
Durham City
Co Durham
DH7 4PR

Clubs Withdrawn

Brockholes Bowling Club
(Heavy Woollen Branch)
Chilvers Coton Liberal Club
(Warwickshire Branch)
Cophorne Social Club
(South East Met. Branch)
Windsor Ex-Services Club
(North West Met. Branch)
Wyke Regis Social Club
(Western Counties Branch)
Boxmoor Social Club
(North West Met. Branch)
Evesham Working Men's Club
(West Midlands Branch)

Clubs Expelled (Proprietary)

Neon Social Club (Jarrow)
(Durham Branch)

Change of Name

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ACROSS

- 1 Mock - but eat locally. (5)
- 4 Icy ramp - so slid into first place. (7)
- 10 Make it uncommon in a ferry outing. (6)
- 11 Cast out visor for master player. (8)
- 13 Seethe at antics of arty soul. (8)
- 14 Tenons ripped in poem. (6)
- 16 Unhealed - but need not go through hoops. (4)
- 17 Garment that's come to this, right? (5)
- 18 Misrule? No Sir! - an illegal carrier. (4)
- 20 Finally, something for cobblers. (4)
- 21 Can't I change this daft behaviour? (5)
- 22 Tied around 'process'

text. (4)

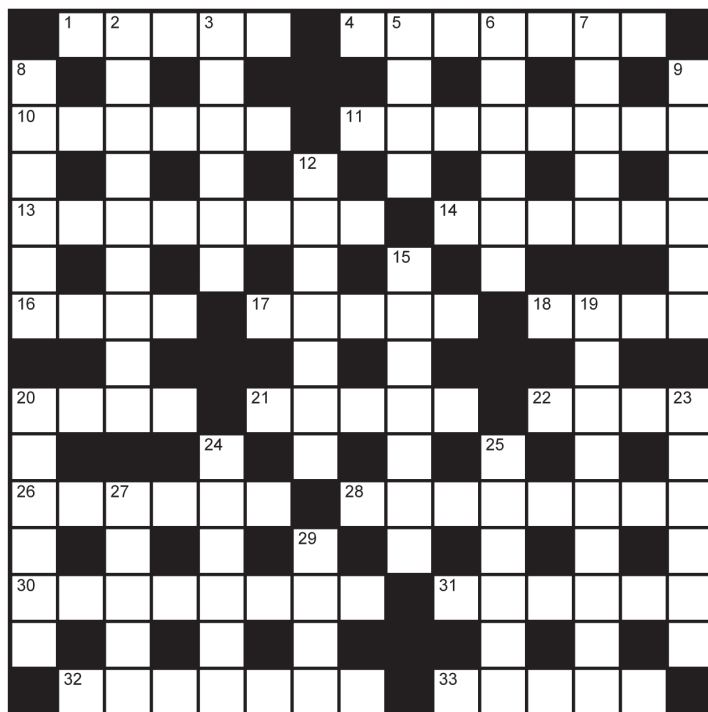
- 26 Design me a mad French woman! (6)
- 28 Fares are unusual for a sailor. (8)
- 30 Use distorted experiences - without a pen. (8)
- 31 Bribe that could prove worth it. (6)
- 32 Collected hugely when Ada got into a mess. (7)
- 33 Falsetto ends up in fight. (3-2)

DOWN

- 2 Pupa can say 'Hi!' - crassly. (9)
- 3 They come forth, say, as fractions. (6)
- 5 Spoil what gin did to mothers. (4)
- 6 Chewy stuff - said to accompany deaf Jeff. (6)
- 7 Tooth top for royalty? (5)
- 8 Break a law - right within beach boundary. (6)

- 9 Neckwear for Archer to string along with? (3,3)
- 12 Wood cut in a sketch? Ingenious! (7)
- 15 Steamer requires curries to be carefully prepared. (7)
- 19 Base paint - would be useful in winter? (9)
- 20 Timber rumoured to be back above the hips. (6)
- 23 It grows pink, or white for economy. (6)
- 24 Old Bob scorns them, overall. (6)
- 25 Obliterate from brief facelift. (6)
- 27 Vision of armed revolt. (5)
- 29 Lies about little land mass. (4)

Send your entry to Crossword, Powdene Publicity, Unit 17, St Peter's Wharf, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1TZ, to reach us by March 31st.



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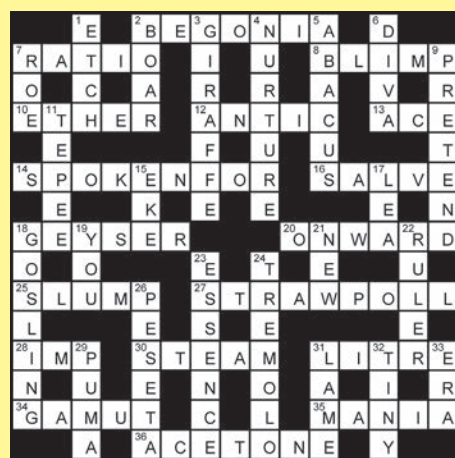
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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

John Carter of Hopetown WMC, Darlington;
Allan Green of Hoyland Common WMC, Barnsley;
Bob West of Moseley All Services, Birmingham;
Ron Moran of Consett Station Club, Co. Durham;
and Mr F Carter of Saltash Social Club, Cornwall.



OBITUARIES

Picture The Press, York



Douglas Balding laid a remembrance wreath at his village war memorial every year until 2008.

Douglas Balding

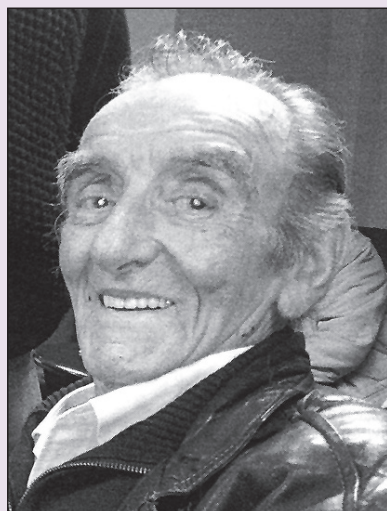
A committed member of Huntington WMC for many decades, Doug, who died aged 95 in January, took part in some of the most famous episodes of the Second World War. Born and brought up in Birmingham, he joined the army in 1936 and after training in York, where he met his wife, Muriel, he was posted to France with the British Expeditionary Force.

During the war he was involved in the retreat at Dunkirk and saw action in North Africa and across Europe. Following his honourable discharge from the army in 1948, he worked for City of York Council and other local companies before he retired in 1979. Muriel died in 2010. The couple had two sons, Douglas and Stephen, four grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Doug served on the committee at Huntington WMC for 42 years and visited the club for his daily pint until he was admitted to hospital last December. A long-time member of the Royal British Legion, he laid a wreath at Huntington War Memorial every year until 2008.

Colin Dennis

Colin joined Grangemoor WMC in Burntwood, Staffordshire as an 18 year old teenager and remained a loyal member of the club until he passed away recently, aged 78. He joined the club alongside his parents who were members when the club first opened 100 years ago and he became the longest serving member of the committee with 30 years' service. His wife Fay is still on the committee and his granddaughters Rebecca and Chelsea are also members. Colin's daughter Belinda also became a club member, worked behind the bar and served as club secretary until she lost her battle with cancer and died in March 2009.



Pictured (left to right) are Andy Clark, Cliff Lee, Homing World magazine reporter Joe Atkinson and Errol Clark.

Brothers home in on trophy

Brothers Andy and Errol Clark, the winners of the West Durham Amalgamation No. 5 Division Pigeon Cup,

SPORT

were presented with the trophy by Branch Executive member Cliff Lee at Esh Winning WMC, also known as the Dreadnought Club. This year's race began when 2,073 birds were liberated at Arras in France. The Clark brothers' winning bird was a checked white cock, ring no 10DV0229.

The race is held annually, and is part of the North East Homing Union race calendar, which starts with the old birds between April and June before the young birds race from July to September.



County Councillor Jean Chaplow presented all the other trophies on the night and she is pictured with Cliff Lee, Errol Clark and Nigel Quinn, Chairman of the Hamilton & District Homing Society.

SPORTS SHORTS

The semi-final line-up of our Team Darts Championship was as follows:

February 15: Mid Rhondda Central Club v Merthyr Tydfil Labour Club at Aberaman Original Band Club; Merthyr won 4-1.0

February 22: Craghead Social Club, Co. Durham

v Bannockburn Miners Club, Stirling at Upperby Men's Club in Cumbria. Reports of both matches will be in our April issue.

Our Team Pool semi-finals were both being played on Saturday, 1 March. They were:

Upperby Men's Club, Cumbria v Bannockburn Miners Club, Stirling at Blyth Sports Social Club, Northumberland.

Hammersmith Club, London v Bargoed Labour Club, South Wales at High Street Club, Swindon. Again, reports of both matches will be in our April issue.

Entry forms for the 2014 cribbage and dominoes can now be found on the Union's website www.wmciu.org.uk along with information about all aspects of the Union.

Race Discounts

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

NEWCASTLE:..... Saturday 15th March £13 including free drink (normally £20.90)
CHEPSTOW: Saturday 5th April£12 (normally £20)
NEWCASTLE:..... Saturday 5th April £13 including free drink (normally £20.90)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 12th April.....£10 (normally £16)
SEDGEFIELD: Wednesday 16th April (eve).....£10 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK: Saturday 19th April.....£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW: Bank Holiday Monday 21st April£12 (normally £20)
NEWCASTLE:..... Thursday 24th April (eve) £13 including free drink (normally £19.90)
HAYDOCK: Saturday 26th April.....£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW: Friday 25th April (eve)£12 (normally £20)
RIPON:..... Saturday 26th April.....£12 (normally £16)
NEWCASTLE:..... Tuesday 29th April (eve) £13 including free drink (normally £19.90)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 3rd May.....£10 (normally £16)
NEWMARKET:.... Saturday 3rd May QIPCO 2000 Guineas Day £17 (normally £23)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday 3rd May.....£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Saturday 10th May.....£12 (normally £22)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 10th May (eve).....£10 (normally £14)
CHEPSTOW: Wednesday 14th May (eve).....£10 (normally £15)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 17th May Irish Day£10 (normally £16)
BEVERLEY:..... Saturday 24th May £11 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK: Saturday 24th May£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:..... Sunday 25th May£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Friday 30th May (eve).....£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Saturday 31st May£11 (normally £20)
NEWCASTLE:..... Saturday 7th June (eve) £13 including free drink (normally £20.90)
THIRSK:..... Monday 23rd June (eve).....£10 (normally £14)
UTTOXETER:..... Sunday 29th June.....£10 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW: Wednesday 2nd July (eve).....£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK: Friday 4th July (eve)£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK: Saturday 5th July.....£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:..... Tuesday 8th July (eve).....£10 (normally £18)

CIU RACING CLUB

THE CIU Racing Club uses the bulk buying power of our 2,000 clubs to obtain special discounts from racecourses. You can make a booking by filling in the form on this page along with a cheque made out to the appropriate racecourse.

To obtain the discount we send all the forms to the racecourse together as one block booking and they will post the tickets on the Monday of the week leading up to the meeting. If you have not received an acknowledgment letter or if tickets have not arrived after the post is delivered three days before the meeting ring **Jean Garrett on (0191) 2650040**. Tickets are sent to the club - otherwise anyone could buy them - and are usually not refundable.

We need to receive your booking **THREE WEEKS** before the meeting otherwise we cannot guarantee you will receive the discount because late bookings do not save the courses any work.

You do not need to register your club as a member of the CIU Racing Club to make a booking but can be registered when you book. Members of the Racing Club receive their own free copy of *Club Journal* addressed to the race trips organiser as well as regular updates and the full list of offers. Remember also that even if a meeting is not listed here you can usually obtain a party discount direct from the course.

CIU Racing Club Booking Form

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

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____

(Made payable to racecourse involved).

Club: _____

Club Address: _____

Post code: _____

Contact Name: _____

Daytime telephone No: _____

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Tommy is pictured with (left to right) Dean and Julie, Ken Doherty, John Williams and Geoff Whewell.

Champion Ken gives little Tommy a break

Former World Snooker Champion Ken Doherty didn't hesitate when he was asked to help a young disabled boy.

Tommy Brown from Walsall contracted meningitis at five months old and had to have both his hands and feet amputated. A member of Bloxwich Memorial Club, Gary Miller, a friend of Ken, asked him to help and he responded immediately bringing snooker referee John Williams with him to an exhibition evening at the club.

Ken, the only player from the Irish Republic to win the title, took on some local players and entertained the large crowd to a fine display of snooker as well as some amusing quips in his own inimitable style about some of his colleagues.

Tommy was a keen participant in the game and delighted the crowd with his dexterity with a snooker ball. He has had several operations at Birmingham Children's Hospital and his parents, Julie and Dean, tell him he is their brave little soldier returning from a war zone with his injuries.

"Julie says it's difficult to accept that this clever little boy, who is already moving unaided, will have to adapt to a very different life to most children," said West Midland Branch Secretary Geoff Whewell. "We know he will do it and we also know that he will achieve whatever he puts his mind to. We, as club members, wish him every success in his future life."

Wearside clubman Stewart Wright has been succeeded as the player of the season in his local pool league ... by his father.

Stewart and his dad Alby (63) are both members of the North Biddick Social Club A team, which successfully retained the Washington Sunday night pool league.

"My dad has played pool for most of his life and even now at 63 he's still a very tough opponent," said Stewart, who is also team captain. "He has been brilliant all season and deserves his success. It's great to pass the trophy on to him."

The team has been playing together for 20 years and says, Stewart, the secret of their success is team spirit and good friendship. The club would also like to thank the league's organisers – Michael Baldrige, Billy Bell and Jimmy Gardener.



Stewart passes the trophy on to his dad.



Pictured with Alby and Stewart are (left to right): Alan Brunton, Mark Miller, Rod Turnbull, Lee Coates, Micky Simpson and Les Nelson. (Pictures: Sunderland Echo)

CIU Racing Club save pounds on The Guineas

CIU Racing Club members are being offered special prices for one of this year's Classics – the 2,000 Guineas at Newmarket on Saturday, May 3.

The course is offering club members tickets for £17 instead of the normal £23 for the Guineas and two other meetings, July Festival Gentleman's Day on July 11, and Saturday, September 27, which sees the 164th running of the Cambridgeshire, the first leg of the Autumn Double.

The 2,000 Guineas, which has been run since 1809, is the first of British racing's five Classics and forms part of the Triple Crown with

the Derby and the St Leger. Sponsorship from Qatari investment company Qipco meant last year's prize money was rather more than 2,000 Guineas – the winners received £350,000.

Newmarket – or Headquarters as it's usually known – is unique in having two courses, The Rowley Mile and The July Course. Appropriately for the Sport of Kings the Rowley Mile, where the Guineas and the Cambridgeshire is staged, takes its name from Charles II's nickname, "Olde Rowley". The original Olde Rowley was a stallion at the Royal stud... and Charles had similar interests.

His grandfather James I introduced the sport to what was then a sleepy Suffolk village and built the first grandstand on the heath but Charles had a palace built there and from 1669 moved his entire court, including all his ministers, to

Newmarket twice a year for the racing season. The town became known as the unofficial capital where affairs of state were conducted alongside racing, hawking and cock-fighting.

The beautiful July Course has a romantic charm and garden party atmosphere that make it many people's favourite British course and the three-day July Festival is often described as a heady mix of Royal Ascot and the Chelsea Flower Show.

Newcastle Racecourse are continuing their traditional across-the-board deal by offering tickets for £13 – with a free drink thrown in. The course, now part of Arena Racing, was previously owned by Northern Racing, whose courses all offered the flat rate.

The offer applies on all days in 2014 except certain headline meetings like Tote Eider, the Northumberland Plate, Ladies Day and the Fighting Fifth. Midweek listings will be included in this month's mailout for all registered members of the Racing Club.

