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The magazine for all CIU members

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UNION AND sky TEAM UP FOR LIVE SPORT



George Dawson



John Tobin

Live sport is a big opportunity for clubs and the Union has teamed up with Sky to try to make it more affordable.

Sky, who have recently taken over the marketing of the Racing UK satellite channel, are urging any clubs who feel priced out to invite members of their sales team to a Committee meeting.

"Sky is well known for the quality of its live sports content," said Sky Business Sales Director Frank Atkinson. "This means people can mistakenly think they can't afford Sky in their club, but we would encourage Committees to give us a call and allow us to come down to meet their members and talk through the variety of flexible options we now have.

"We're happy to make presentations at Committee meetings and our Account Managers can be available to meet at hours to suit you." Sky recently met members of the National Executive at Head Office and have produced a new set of prices for clubs (below) which as before is based on rateable value. As an additional incentive Sky have a special offer on WiFi that means their service costs less if you take their WiFi as well.

Sky has just become the exclusive sales agent for Racing UK's commercial TV service on satellite (excluding bookmakers). This, alongside its existing At The Races channel, allows clubs to show coverage of every UK and Republic of Ireland horse race, at every racecourse, through a discounted Racing Pack subscription that combines Racing UK and At The Races.



Frank Atkinson: We'll come to Committee meetings.

PRESIDENT UNOPPOSED

Union President George Dawson has been returned unopposed for another two-year term, as has Vice-President John Tobin. Nominations for this year's Presidential and National Executive elections closed on October 14 and ballot papers will be sent out this month.

This year's election sees the size of the National Executive reduced from 15 to 13. The combined Doncaster, Leeds, Wakefield and York City constituency will only elect one member instead of two as will the Heavy Woollen, South Yorkshire and West Yorkshire electoral district.

The only remaining district to elect two members is the Durham and Cleveland constituency and here sitting members Colin Armstrong and David Walton face competition from six other candidates including Cleveland Branch Secretary Arthur Souter.

Two members of the National Executive, Gordon Winn and Roger Oake have retired; Chris O'Neill from the South East Metropolitan Branch returns after a two-year absence.

A full list of candidates is on Page 12.

INSIDE... **Chepstow Racecourse is offering a special deal for the Welsh Grand National on Saturday, December 28. The deadline has now passed for the National Charity Raceday at Wetherby on Saturday, November 16. Racing – Page 19**
We've got 10 DVDs of a special "Comedians" celebrity evening to give away courtesy of Fremantle Media Home Entertainment. See Page 7

The Clubs Deal

| Rateable Value | £0 - £3500 | £3,501 - £5,000 | £5,001 - £7,000 | £7,001 - £8,500 | £8,501 - £10,000 | £10,001 - £12,000 | £12,001 - £13,000 | £13,001 - £15,000 | £15,001+ |
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PROUD AND HONOURED



Pictured (back row, left to right) are: Branch Executive member Derek Lumley, Neil Palmer, Steven Green, National Executive member David Walton, Harry Fowler, John Errington, and National Executive member Colin Armstrong. In the front pictured with their bouquets are Carol Palmer, Gloria Green, Carol Fowler and Edith Errington.



George Green

A night of celebration at East Stanley Club in Co. Durham was tinged with sadness; Concert Chairman George Green died earlier this year before receiving his Distinguished Service Award and instead it was accepted by his widow Gloria and his son Steven. Three Certificates of Merit were also presented to Committee members Neil Palmer, Harry Fowler and John Errington.



South Yorkshire Branch President Brian Simmonite presented 21-year Branch Service awards to Branch Executive members Graham Yeardley (left) and Bert Hurt.



John Little, the Secretary of Ovington Social Club in Northumberland is flanked by Branch Secretary Dave Richardson (left) and President Alan Hardy after receiving his Certificate of Merit. The presentation was also attended by National Executive member Sid Hicks and Branch Executive members Norah Tinnion and Rob Yeats.

Pictured (back row, left to right) are Jim Pearson from Dransfields, Norah Tinnion, Club Chairman John Swinburn, Sid Hicks and Rob Yeats.



Picture: Jenny Hedger

Peter Butcher, the Secretary of Rodbourne Cheney WMC in Swindon, received his Long Service Award from Club President Paul Herbert. Pictured (left to right) are: Gary Chilcott (Committee member); Kevin Chilcott (Trustee); Peter Butcher; Patricia Godwin (Committee member); David Royal (Trustee); Paul Herbert and Philip King (Treasurer).

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BENE'S FIRST VISIT IS A HOT TICKET

Picture: Lancashire Telegraph



Bene (centre) meets the Monday Afternoon Club.

They've always loved their Bene in Burnley and now thanks to one club's dog lovers he's more popular than ever. The Burnley Miners' Club has been the world's biggest consumer of the French spirit Benedictine – normally shortened to Bene and drunk with hot water – for nearly a century since soldiers from the East Lancashire Regiment developed a taste for it during the First World War. The club has been presented with a giant bottle by the makers and even has a Benedictine lounge so when the club raised £5,000 for a Guide Dog puppy he had to be called Bene. Two of the club's honorary members are

Labradors Demi and Uska, who regularly enjoy a pint when they stop off with their owners Ann Kay and Brenda Midgeley at the club's Monday Afternoon Club. They were the inspiration for the club's fundraising and were on hand when four-month-old Bene made his first visit. Members of the Monday Afternoon Club toured local pubs and clubs to raise the money and even donned a Guide Dogs mascot suit when Burnley played West Ham at Turf Moor.

Club Secretary Alan Kennedy said: "It was amazing to see Bene for the first time. He was so well behaved and did everything that his trainers asked of him."

"We raise funds for one charity every year and it's great that soon he will be helping somebody out. We are hoping he will be placed locally so that we can see him more often."

Benedictine, drunk with hot water, is said to be good for the stomach and meant most clubs in the town kept a vacuum flask of hot water though nowadays it is heated by microwave. It is virtually unheard of elsewhere including nearby Blackburn.

Burnley FC is the only football club to sell Benedictine on match days, a fact that may appear in a quiz somewhere!



Demi and Uska enjoy a pint.

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Newsham raise £5,000 - again

Members and staff at a Northumberland club have raised more than £5,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support for the second year running. Newsham Victory Club Steward Mick Storey, suggested the idea last year and although the club had never run a charity event before it was adopted enthusiastically with events including a 10-mile run, a family walk, buckets on the bar and a family fun day. A couple of men dressed in women's lingerie even walked for miles and miles round Blyth with Macmillian buckets stopping at local clubs and pubs to help the club raise £5,000.

"The whole community pulled together to show their support for Macmillian," said Mick. "A lot of our members were facing cancer themselves or had someone they loved dearly dealing with it while some people gave it their all just because it is one of the most amazing inspiring charities going."

This year the club has gathered up friends, family staff, members and even strangers to participate and raised even more – £5,500. Bar staff worked the family fun day but contributed their wage for the day to Macmillian and there were swear boxes on the bar along with a massive raffle.

"To raise such a high amount again in a recession was incredible," said Mick. "We'd like to thank each and every single person who did their bit last year and this year."



Pictured are people who helped with the Family Fun Day held at the club. Far left: Mick Storey is also pictured with David Swinton from Macmillan (left).

A night for Grace



Pictured (left to right) at the cheque presentation are: Roger Johnson, Club President Bob Glading, Len Frampton (Committee), Catherine Sykes from Trinity Hospice, Chris Bradley (Committee) and Lily Walsh, the widow of former Secretary Ken Walsh. The club raised another £360 after the presentation to bring the total to £1,500. Not pictured are Committee members Fred Gibbins and Ken Iscon.

North Lambeth Liberal Club in South London have raised more than £1,000 for a local hospice in memory of Entertainment Secretary Grace Smith, who died earlier this year.

The club raised the money for the Trinity Hospice in Clapham with a series of events including a disco and raffles with top prizes of a 24-inch flat screen TV and a cricket bat signed by the Essex squad.

"We wanted to thank the Hospice for looking after Grace," said Club Secretary Roger Johnson. "Everybody pitched in and someone even baked a cake with a picture of Grace on it."

Grace (pictured), who was 79, had been a Committee member for more than 10 years and was in charge of booking bands at the club.



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The course cost covers bed, breakfast and dinner. Lunch on the Friday and Saturday will be provided.

Applications must be received by November 15 and due to limited space, places will be selected on a first-come first-served basis.



All applicants must hold the Union's Associate and Pass Cards. Further information and application forms available from Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department on 0207 226 0221 ext 238 or cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org Application forms are also available at www.wmciu.org.uk



PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS SEE PROFITS



CHEERS!: John Smith's Extra Smooth is the club's best-selling brand by far

Founded in 1899, Acomb WMC & Institute near York boasts almost 1,500 members of all ages from a cross section of the community and caters for all of them with a number of regular activities.

Club Secretary John Lane says: "As well as all the traditional pastimes such as snooker, darts, pool and dominoes, we also have indoor and outdoor bowls, a pigeon racing club, angling society and a thriving Quiz team in the York CIU League.



"Our function room hosts events for all age groups including children's Christmas and birthday parties, charity events, bingo and live entertainment every weekend and various groups



ADVICE: HEINEKEN Regional Manager Allan Parry (right) keeps Club Secretary John Lane up to date with market trends and new product innovations that help build clubs' businesses

including Guide Dogs for the Blind and a Quiz team from a nearby club that closed down also hold their meetings in it.

"In recent years we have begun to see a profit but it hasn't always been that way. When I took over as Secretary some years ago, the club was in distress with substantial debts and seemingly no way out.

"That is until we sat down with HEINEKEN's - then S&N/John Smith's - crisis management team to listen to what they had to say about our situation.

"Our Regional Managers and now Allan Parry and his colleagues worked with us throughout as we talked to other suppliers of club equipment etc in the hope of coming to some agreement over our debts.

"After picking the business and running of the club apart, it was clear we had to start from scratch and make some difficult decisions and unfortunate cuts.

"Four years ago we decided to trade solely with HEINEKEN and, working in partnership with Allan and the company, it took us two years to clear our debts and begin to see a profit.

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PROMOTIONS: The club is keen to promote any new brand and HEINEKEN has the merchandise and know-how when it comes to increasing sales

new products they launch and have recently carried out a total refurbishment of what had become a 'tired' premises.

"We have had a lot of publicity and won a number of club awards since teaming up solely with HEINEKEN and as a result, and on my recommendation, many clubs seem to follow our lead because whatever we do works out to the benefit of the club.

"None of this would have happened without the professional,

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R22 GAS MUST GO

If your club is still using old air-conditioning units to heat your club and they are more than nine years old they will contain the refrigerant R22 gas in them. This is being phased out next year by the European Union.

R22 remains one of the most commonly used refrigerants in the UK so many clubs will be affected by the ban. This will also apply to any clubs who are using very old cellar coolers which will contain this gas and be very expensive to run.

It will become illegal to use any HCFCs to service refrigerating or air conditioning equipment so recycled or reclaimed HCFC may no longer be used. More advice can be obtained from the Union's recommended supplier Smart Energy Projects. See Page 9 for more details.



Club fined for not filing accounts

Clubs have been warned they need to file their accounts or they could end up paying thousands of pounds after Magistrates fined a Yorkshire club £3,000 plus costs. The court heard it had failed to file its annual accounts for more than three years and it was found guilty of offences under the Friendly Societies Act.

Benjamin Evans, prosecuting on behalf of the Financial Conduct Authority, said: "To put it bluntly, the club has failed to file accounts for July 2011, July 2012 and July 2013." The club had also failed to provide accounts for years prior to those dates but legislation limited charges to the last three years.

"Despite requests being made by the Financial Conduct Authority on numerous occasions to provide the accounts as per their legislative obligation, they have failed to do it."

Magistrates found the club guilty of three breaches of the act and fined the club £3,000, plus £1,300 costs and a surcharge of £100.

The club was not represented in court and the Club Secretary told a local paper this was the first they knew about it.

CHANGES MADE TO EMPLOYMENT LAW

This year has seen a range of new employment laws introduced - all with the avowed intention of cutting down on perceived "red tape" and making it easier for clubs to focus on their businesses.

Last year Business Secretary Vince Cable announced a consultation on plans to limit compensation pay-outs to a maximum of 12 months' salary and this came into effect in February. This will not, however, be applicable to discrimination and whistleblowing cases, where the compensation is uncapped.

The Government has changed the name of compromise agreements - where staff receive compensation if they agree to give up their rights to claim against the club - to settlement agreements. Fees for staff who make a claim to the Employment Tribunal were also introduced in July.

These changes are in addition to others made last year, the most important one being that any member of staff employed after April 6, 2012 must now have to have completed two years' continuous service with the club before they can progress an unfair dismissal claim to the Employment Tribunal as opposed to the previous limit of one year.

In 2011-2012 there were almost 300,000 tribunal claims to the Employment Tribunal and there are over 500,000 outstanding claims. The cost of claims can be large - the biggest ever pay-out was for a claim of race discrimination where the employee was awarded £4.45 million and this was without considering the legal costs and time lost to the business in having to defend it.

The most common reason for a claim to the Employment Tribunal is a dispute over working hours, followed by unauthorised deductions from wages. Unfair dismissal, breach of contract and equal pay make up the rest of the top five reasons for claims to the Employment Tribunal.

By Andrew Dane - **The Business Medic**

There are still a number of well-known employment law and HR companies which are unnecessarily alarming clubs as to what staff can do to them. They make the situation worse by wrongly advising clubs that they are helpless to act in certain circumstances or cannot make changes for an early settlement of disputes. Committees should contact their insurers' legal helpline or their Branch before contemplating paying for services.

There are always options, and sometimes clubs need to know the risks and the liabilities when making their decisions. Honest conversations with underperforming members of staff are less risky and are a positive change that has been introduced. In my experience clubs can avoid the cost and disruption of many claims by introducing good employment practices, taking consistent action, followed up by professional practical advice at the first indication of any problem.

Having sound employment contracts, clear and understandable up-to-date policies and procedures for staff, that are fairly and consistently applied and understood, and informing and consulting with staff will go a long way to nipping problems in the bud and significantly reducing claims by staff to the Employment Tribunal. It is apparent to me that we should all be seeking to improve relationships with club staff, and not destroying them.

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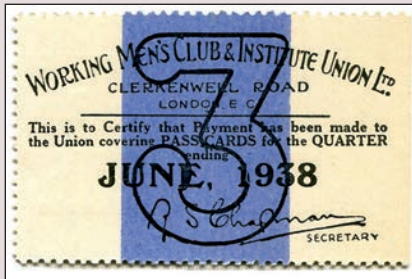
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Can you beat 97?

One of Swansea Labour Club's Pass Cards from 1938 referred to in last month's letters
Below: Harry Marsden's Associate Card from 1916



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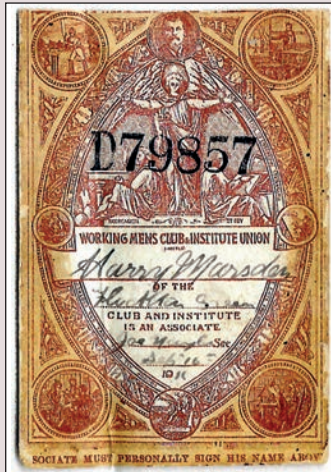
In response to last month's letter about Pass Cards with the headline "Can anyone beat 75?" I have an Associate Card from 1965 and a card belonging to my grandfather – also called Harry Marsden – dated September 16th 1916. So can anyone beat 97?

Harry Marsden
Secretary
Flockton Green WMC
Wakefield

Dear Sir

I have a collection of 37 Pass Cards, some of them dating back to 1952. If anyone would like them I would willingly post them to you.

Dave Wassell
Wolverhampton
medwass@hotmail.co.uk



Pictured (left to right) are: Johnnie Hamp, Jim Bowen, Liverpool DJ Pete Price, Johnny Vegas, Mick Miller, Roy Walker, Stan Boardman and Duggie Brown.

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We've got 10 DVDs to give away featuring the original "Comedians" from the 70s hit TV show thanks to distributors FremantleMedia Home Entertainment.

"A Celebrity Evening with the Original Comedians", which is out on November 11, includes live stand-up performances from Roy Walker, Stan Boardman, Mick Miller, Duggie Brown, and includes clubman Jim Bowen being interviewed by the show's legendary producer Johnnie Hamp.

As well as archive footage from "The Comedians" TV Show, there are questions from an audience of invited celebrities including Johnny Vegas, Willie Thorne, Dennis Taylor, Ron Atkinson, Ian St John and Mike McCartney.

For the last "Comedians" competition we asked you to tell us your favourite joke. This time we're just asking you to tell us your favourite comedian for an unofficial survey. Tell us a joke as well if you want to but the first 10 replies will win a DVD. Write to Club Journal, Unit 17, St Peter's Wharf, Newcastle NE6 1TZ or email cj@powdene.com.

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Dean continues: "If you can think of any other activities that may be able to help drive this relationship please let me know by emailing me at dean.waddingham@aon.co.uk"

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Cut those energy bills



This year has yet again seen meteoric energy price rises bringing misery and hardship to clubs and their members – but the misery doesn't end there as British Gas and the other members of the Big Six energy suppliers have warned that wholesale prices will rise even further.

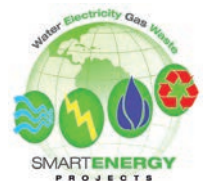
If your club is to survive then reducing what is usually the second largest overhead is an absolute must. For many clubs the majority of the energy costs are focused on the heating and in the cellar. Both of these are often areas where the energy usage can be dramatically reduced with the help of the Union's recommended energy adviser Smart Energy, which has evolved from the foundations laid by Envtec Services to bring energy-saving opportunities to clubs. Smart Energy is geared solely towards clubs allowing Envtec Services to focus on its core activity of being a service provider.

Steve Dowle, the Secretary of Barnsley East Dene WMC (above), wanted to reduce the club's existing cellar costs without purchasing a new cellar cooler and now hopes to save nearly £9,000 over the next five years.

"Smart Energy offered a free survey and written report for the Committee, and they showed us how to incorporate the revolutionary free air cellar system and use renewable energy from the cold weather rather than continuing to spend valuable club funds on our existing cellar cooling.

"Our club will save thousands of pounds this winter on cooling our beer – money that we plan to invest back into the club and the members."

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Keep challenging your club's business rates

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SMOKING BAN

In the current testing times, ensuring your business rates are minimised is vital. Challenging excessive assessments is a specialist field and in the last few years the firm has had significant success in obtaining reductions for clubs, including more than 700 cases where clubs' trade has been affected by the smoking ban. Rating Director Terry Goodall and Chairman Matthew Bissett have conducted a study of the environment in which clubs are operating and are now



recently merged with



leading a team re-examining the tenuous methods adopted by the Valuation Office Agency to produce rateable values of clubs. Rateable value, by law, represents the hypothetical open market rent which the club would have attracted if let on the open market in April 2008. This method was established by case law just after the Second World War but the problem is, of course, that most club buildings are owned rather than rented and, if they are rented, these may not be rents agreed "at arm's length" and are of little use as evidence.

Recent research by Dunlop Heywood found that this dearth of true evidence caused massive variations in the rating assessments of clubs between 1990 and 2010. While the average club rateable value in the North East of England, for instance, has declined to 80% of the 1990 figure, in the West Yorkshire conurbation an average increase to 128% of the original 1990 figure was demonstrated.

There is such sparse evidence on how these massive variations are justified so it appears the differences are just based on subjective and unco-ordinated opinions of different Valuation Officers.

Many pubs have seen recent huge reductions in Rateable Value with assessments based on turnover, income and expenditure. We therefore expect to continue to see clubs' rateable values reduced for the same reasons.

Dunlop Heywood is in the course of strongly pursuing these arguments with the Valuation Office Agency for the benefit of existing club clients. If you have not instructed advisors already then it is worth getting in touch to discuss your situation. This is a no-obligation free consultation and all work with clubs is undertaken on a sole no results/no fee basis.

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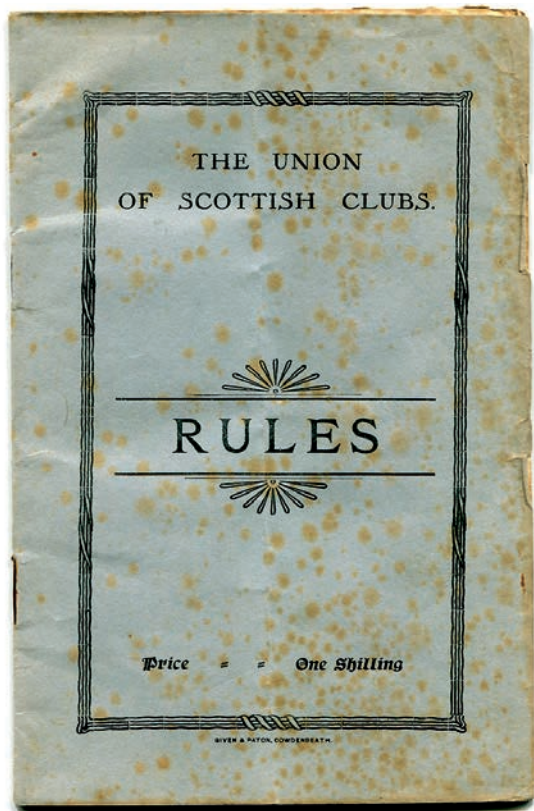
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The rule book produced by Joseph Parker for The Union of Scottish Clubs, which eventually became the Scottish Branch.

The Executive of the Union's Scottish Branch has met for the last time after taking the decision to wind up the Branch after 63 years.

Several attempts had been made to form a Scottish Branch but had always come to nothing until 1950 when the idea was finally approved by the National Executive. Individual clubs in Scotland had been affiliated from as early as 1885 when the Fairfield WMC in Glasgow became the first Scottish club to join the Union but the roots of the Branch lie in Fife.

Teacher Joseph Parker and coal contractor Jim Harrower, both men who were comfortably off but often disagreed with each other, had founded the Cowdenbeath Labour Club after the General Strike of 1926 and hoped to emulate Henry Solly by creating a separate Union in Scotland; Parker went as far as to create a set of rules for what was to be known as The Union of Scottish Clubs. They were both to be part of the first Branch Executive, exactly half of whom were from the Fife coalfield.

By the late 1940s there were 15 affiliated clubs in Scotland but no Branch; instead, as part of the Northumberland Branch officials travelled to Newcastle to attend meetings. After three years of preparatory work an initial meeting at Leith Dockers' Club in Edinburgh on April 12, 1950 appointed

THE FIRST EXECUTIVE

President: Baillie J.R Christie, Perth Athletic Club (a Baillie was a council official similar to an English alderman);
Vice-President: Walter McCall, Leith Dockers Club;
Secretary: Charles Climie;
Treasurer: John Harrower;
Branch Executive members:
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Oliver Dowie, Rosyth Dockyard Recreation Club;
Andrew Gilmour, Bonnyrigg & District Ex-Servicemen's Club;
J. Green, Greenock Torpedo Club;
Colin King, Dysart Ex-Servicemen's Club;
and Joseph Parker, then representing Cowdenbeath Ex-Servicemen's Club.

a temporary set of officials with John

Harrower Chairman and Fairfield's Charles Climie as Secretary. Two months later, at the first General Meeting, also at the Dockers Club, a letter was read from General Secretary Bob Chapman authorising the National President Ted McEnery, who



Bill Smith served the Branch as President, Branch Secretary and National Executive member between 1976 and 1999.

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| 1962-66 | James Ingram | Methil Dockworkers |
| 1967-76 | Jack Salmond | Coaltown of Wemyss USC |
| 1976-89 | Bill Smith | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |
| 1989-99 | Tom McHale | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |
| 1999-2013 | Edward O'Connor | Prestonpans RBL Club |

Secretaries

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------------------|
| 1950-54 | Charles Climie | Fairfield WMC |
| 1954 | Andrew Gilmour | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |
| 1955-81 | Walter McCall | Leith Dockers |
| 1981-89 | Jack Salmond | Coaltown of Wemyss USC |
| 1989-95 | Bill Smith | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |
| 1995-2013 | Jim Kennedy | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |

National Executive members

| | | |
|-----------|---------------|-----------------------|
| 1965-80 | Thomas Ramage | Leith Ex-servicemen's |
| 1980-95 | Bill Smith | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |
| 1996-99 | Tom McHale | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |
| 1999-2013 | Jim Kennedy | Bonnyrigg Ex-service |

I FROM COAL



The final Scottish Branch Executive pictured outside Leith Dockers Club. Back row (left to right): President Edward O'Connor, Tom Williams and Vice-President Ian Mackay.

Front row: Drew Barnes, Secretary Jim Kennedy and Jim Caughey.

was at the meeting, to constitute the first Branch Executive.

Walter McCall took over as President that year, then spent 26 years as Branch Secretary from 1955 to 1981. Years later he said: "I remember the many questions put to Mr McEnery that day, and best of all I remember the enthusiasm he implanted within me for the work of this new organisation."

Walter was to be the driving force of the Branch for more than 30 years leading the fight to resist the police's right of entry, recruiting new clubs and establishing more than 40 games competitions with the simple message. "A club without recreation is not a bona fide club."

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By the time he retired in 1981 the Branch had more than 100 clubs and went on to reach 123 clubs in 1985.

"He was a very charismatic man, who made the Branch into a force to be reckoned with," says current Secretary Jim Kennedy

"He was known throughout the Union as he was

a regular speaker at the Union conference in Blackpool."

In the 1950s the Branch staged the Scottish Clubs Rally with the first one being held at Beveridge Park in Kirkcaldy in 1954. Thousands attended the Rally

and elected their first Queen of Clubs but the idea was never adopted by any other Branch. It took until 1965 for the Branch to have its own member of the National Executive, a role that was held by former Presidents Bill Smith and Tom McHale before Jim Kennedy became the first to combine it with the job of Branch Secretary.

Although Durham has long been the Union's biggest Branch – and at the start of this year still had more than 200 clubs – Scotland is its largest, with a geographical spread from Locharbriggs, near Dumfries, to the Union's most northerly club, Francis Street Club at Wick in Caithness.

"The closure of the mining industry had a devastating effect on our clubs," said Jim.



The Branch contains some of the Union's most impressive clubs. Colville Park Country Club (above), which is in the middle of a golf course, and Gartcosh Works Social Club are close to each other in Lanarkshire and both have spectacular concert rooms.



"We have also been hard hit by the cost of transport to games, the smoking ban and the cheap drink being sold by supermarkets."

Jim has a copy of a lecture Walter McCall made in 1963 on what the Scottish Branch means to its clubs. In it he says: "Do I need say more to emphasise to you that this Union, as a defence organisation, has done more for Scotland than any other body?"

"I could talk for hours on the number of cases which I personally have handled for clubs, cases where I have seen to it that the club received its rights and that it was not browbeaten by those who think they know better."

The remaining clubs will return to the Northumberland and Cumbria Branches but could there be a better explanation of why clubs need the Union?

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CANDIDATES LINE UP FOR ELECTION

This year's election sees the National Executive reduced from 15 to 13 as two places have been lost in Yorkshire. The combined Doncaster/Leeds/Wakefield/York City electoral district now has less than 200 clubs so only elects one member as does the Heavy Woollen/South Yorkshire/West Yorkshire constituency.

Two current members of the National Executive, Gordon Winn and Roger Oake retire at the end of the year and at least one more will leave the Executive as South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Ken Green faces Heavy Woollen Branch Secretary Colin Howroyd. Also standing in the West Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire seat are former National Executive member Philip Larkin, Howard Sharpe from Thornhill Briggs WMC in West Yorkshire and South Yorkshire Branch Executive member Dave Stenton.

Roger Oake's place will be taken by South East Met Branch Executive member Chris O'Neill, who is unopposed.

Possibly the most interesting vote will be in County Durham and Cleveland where eight candidates are contesting two seats. Sitting members Colin Armstrong and David Walton are opposed by: Cleveland Branch Secretary Arthur Souter, Durham Branch Executive member George Smith from Billingham Trade Union Social Club; Stephen Foster from Easington Colliery Club; Dennis Long, from Stanley Central Club; Eric Wilkinson from North Biddick Social Club, Washington, and Christopher Wright from Sunderland National Reserve Club.

Other contests see Leicestershire's John Harris defend his seat against Derbyshire Branch Secretary John Batchelor; Doncaster Branch Secretary Dave Gravel stand against Leeds Branch Secretary Martin Smith in a straight two-way fight and, in the South West, Western Counties Branch Secretary Mark Brewer faces Wessex Branch President Bob Russell, who defeated him by six votes last time. A full list of candidates is on this page.

Ballot papers will be issued on November 5 and must be returned to Head Office by December 3. The results will be printed in the January issue of *Club Journal*.

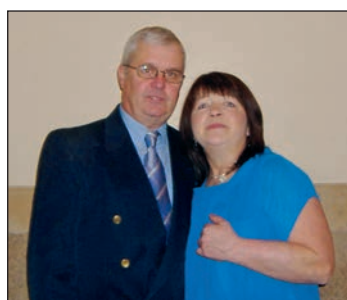
- Wakefield Branch Secretary Gordon Winn (right) is leaving the National Executive next month after 22 years.



Gordon (76) joined Sacriston WMC in his native County Durham at the age of 18 and spent two years on the Committee. In 1967 he moved to Kellingley Colliery in West Yorkshire and soon after became a founder member of the Scottish, Yorkshire and Durham Club at Knottingley.

After 12 years as Trustee and Financial Officer he left to succeed National Vice-President Brian Winters as Branch Secretary in 1989. Three years later the club closed.

Gordon was elected to the National Executive in 1992 and served as Chairman of the Legal and Advisory Committee. In the 2011 election



New Branch Secretary Peter Everett with his wife Lynn.

| Position | Candidates |
|--|--|
| President | DAWSON, George Alexander (Returned Unopposed) |
| Vice-President | TOBIN, John Christopher (Returned Unopposed) |
| District 1 – Scottish/Northumberland | HICKS, Sidney (Returned Unopposed) |
| District 2 – Durham/Cleveland (Two seats) | ARMSTRONG, John Robert Colin FOSTER, Stephen LONG, Dennis SMITH, George SOUTER, Arthur Cecil WALTON, David WILKINSON, Eric John WRIGHT, Christopher |
| District 3 – Cumbria/Burnley & Pendle/ Manchester | BLAKELEY, Geoffrey BROWN, Kenneth |
| District 4 – York City/Leeds/Wakefield/ Doncaster | GRAVEL, David SMITH, Martin |
| District 5 – West Yorkshire/Heavy Woollen/South Yorkshire | GREEN, Kenneth David HOWROYD, Colin LARKIN, Philip SHARPE, George Howard STENTON, David |
| District 6 – North Staffs/West Midland | CAPEWELL, Daniel WHEWELL, Geoffrey |
| District 7 – Derbyshire/Leicestershire | BATCHELOR, John Dennis HARRIS, John Victor |
| District 8 – Warwickshire/South East Midlands | GODDARD, Carol (Returned Unopposed) |
| District 9 – North West Met./North East Met. | BAKER, John Charles (Returned Unopposed) |
| District 10 – Kent/South East Met. | O'NEILL, Chris (Unopposed) |
| District 11 – Western Counties/Wessex | BREWER, Mark Leo RUSSELL, Robert Andrew |
| District 12 – South Wales/Monmouthshire | ROBERTS, Kenneth (Returned Unopposed) |

he held one of the two seats in the new Leeds, York City, Wakefield and Doncaster constituency.

In his retirement he hopes to see more of his three children and especially his six grandchildren.

As well as leaving the National Executive Gordon Winn is stepping down as Branch Secretary. The new Branch Secretary is Peter Everett, the Secretary of Crigglestone WMC, who took over on November 1.

Peter (63) has been a member of the club for 15 years. He has just gained the Club Management Diploma, is married with four children and eight grandchildren and enjoys clay pigeon shooting.

- Roger Oake has stepped down after five years on the National Executive because of ill health.

Roger (73) joined the National Executive after a by-election in Kent in 2008. He became a member of Sidcup WMC in 1996 and shortly afterwards joined the Committee becoming Vice-President in 2001 and President later the same year.

He spent seven years on the Branch Executive before joining the National Executive. He was re-elected twice, winning the Kent seat in 2009, then two years ago he won the combined Kent/South East Met seat from Chris O'Neill by a single vote.



Roger Oake

The Wakefield Branch Office is also moving.
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OBITUARIES

Peter Miller

The Union is sad to announce the death of our former Recreation Secretary Peter Miller at the age of 76.

Peter was a familiar figure to club members as he organised the country's biggest games programme for 24 years and attended matches at clubs up and down the country; he also acted as compere for many years of the annual Queen of Clubs competition at Blackpool. In retirement he continued to work at the annual conference and the Coventry Games League among others still invited him to their annual presentation nights.

Peter joined the Union in 1958 when Head Office was based in Clerkenwell and after three years in accounts joined the Education & Recreation Department. When the two Departments were split in 1977 he became Recreation Secretary and held the post until ill health caused him to take early retirement in 2001 after 43 years with the Union, an event Club Journal described as "the end of an era."

Former General Secretary Kevin Smyth said: "I was saddened to learn of Peter's death as I had worked with him and known him as a friend for 37 years. He still organised the counting of the votes at the Annual Conference and did the draw for the Union's Greyhound evening this September; the word that describes him best was meticulous.



Peter Miller displays a certificate from Head Office staff and the NEC presented to him by National President Derek Dormer and General Secretary Kevin Smyth on his retirement in 2001.

"He was a keen clubman who was proud of his club, the Crayford Social Club, and proud of the Kent Branch."

Originally from Rochdale Peter was a Manchester United fan and a supporter of all sports. Our condolences go to his widow Doreen.

Geoff Hendle

It is with deep regret that the Langham Club in North London announce the death of former North East Metropolitan Branch Executive member George Hendle.

George had reached the age of 90 and up until recently was still a regular face at the Langham Club and the Enfield Highway Club. He was also still an active supporter of his beloved Spurs.

He will be sadly missed by his family and many CIU friends.

Bob Morris

Darlington Club & Institute are sad to announce the death of their Vice-President Bob Morris at the age of 64.

Bob was a dedicated clubman and served on the Committee for more than 15 years becoming Vice-President in 2003. He was also Chairman of the Durham Branch's No. 12 Division for three years.

He had attended a number of courses at Saltburn House and had passed exams in club management. He was always ready to carry out voluntary work for the club and in the last few years was an active member of the club's twilight section where he assisted in organising annual outings for the members.

In his working life Bob was in the police force and had many stories to tell of his experiences. He liked his cigars and would often be found in the smoking shelter he helped to build for the club.

"Bob carried out his duties as Vice-President to the book," said Club President Stan Summers. "And I had hoped he would take over as President when I retired. He will be sadly missed by the Committee and members of the club, he was also a great family man and devoted to his grandchildren."

Condolences go to his wife Beryl and all his family.

Geoff Wilson

Elland WMC near Halifax are extremely sad to announce the death of their Treasurer Geoff Wilson after a short illness. Geoff had been Treasurer at the club for seven years and was 67.

During his 50 years of membership Geoff had fulfilled many roles at the club, including Secretary, Trustee, Committee member, bowls captain and football team player and manager. He will be greatly missed by all at the Elland WMC.

Club remembers Treasurer



Blackwood WMC in Monmouthshire have paid tribute to former Treasurer David Evans by staging their first memorial games tournament. David was a highly revered member of the club for 50 years and Treasurer for eight years until his untimely death. He will be sadly missed.

The tournament's winners and runners-up are pictured with a small selection of the trophies that David won over the years. Left to right are: snooker winner Fred Thomas, runner-up Justin Lewis, darts winner Steve Haycock and runner-up Tony Smith.

Just before his death David had qualified for the Certificate of Merit along with three other club officials. Pictured (left to right) are: Chairman Gareth Hamer; Secretary Richard Bourton, who received certificates on behalf of David and in his absence Derek Watters; and Committee member Horace Stokes.



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- Naturism - an omission that's awkward, but patently true. (6)
- Pole upset ill-made arrangements. (3-3)
- Fingered by those promising to join the union? (10,5)
- Deists must try somehow to abstain. (6)
- Younger journalism giving up alms, unexpectedly. (6)
- Small flight in the ballroom? (3-4)
- Always, she's first from the right. (4)
- Gets a raw piece of the old leader. (4)
- Little bone is close to destruction. (7)
- How hens can tell what time it is. (4)
- Beware of Roman underground shelter! (4)

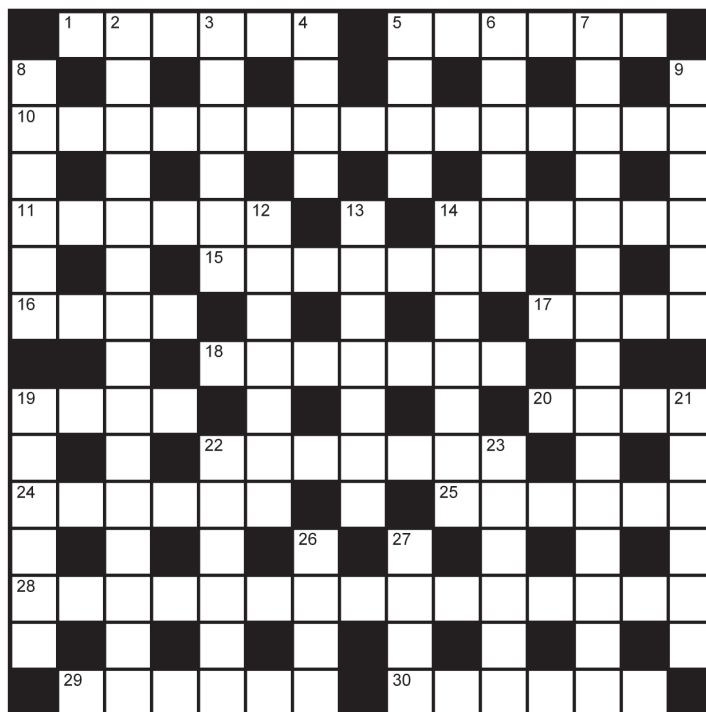
- A mature re-appraisal of the non-professional. (7)
- Unlikely Dundee strip? (6)
- Phone card - for an affected smile. (6)
- With luck, it can attract? (9,6)
- Put down and emend a plan. (6)
- Put up with middlemen under poor management. (6)

DOWN

- Even the rudest energiser can be trained as a state carer. (10,5)
- 'Take in as a joke,' they said. (6)
- Home movie sequence - gives one a reminder! (4)
- Chanted in Los Angeles. (4)
- Arrive, like trouser-leg end? (4,2)
- Recliners - happen to be used as sketcher's equipment. (6-9)
- Deal - to be made by

- parish official. (6)
- Usurper quietly goes out to loan shark. (6)
- Uncomfortably, Tom owes the pair... (7)
- Thirsts for a change of tops. (1-6)
- Joules taken in a way that's envious. (7)
- Game of whist should end in breadths. (6)
- Mistakes all higgledy-piggledy at rear. (6)
- Stick an advert on this spot. (6)
- Bridal pattern is plain bawdy! (6)
- Hank played about behind Aga's back. (4)
- Broken ewer was plural. (4)

Send your entry to **Crossword, Powdene Publicity, Unit 17, St Peter's Wharf, Newcastle upon Tyne NE6 1TZ, to reach us by November 30th.**



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CROSSWORD SOLUTION

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

David Andrews of Nottingham Oddfellows WMC, Leicester;
 Noel Jones of Kingston-on-Thames WMC;
 Mary Sharp of Kettering Rifle Band;
 Linda Anderson of West Green WMC, Barnsley; and
 Bill Taylor of Newsham Victory Club, Northumberland.



Busy time for Durham clubs

Last month we featured Northumberland's leek shows and this time it's the turn of County Durham.

At the Tanfield Lea Show Harry Lake won the trophies for Best Leek, Best Blanch, Best Intermediate and Overall Show Winner and he is pictured holding them with Club Chairman Bill Pearson and National Executive member Colin Armstrong.

Also pictured (top right) with Colin Armstrong and Bill Pearson are Mel Smith, winner of the Best Mixed Veg section and (below) runner-up Thomas Hall.

Pictured at Rookhope WMC's 43rd annual leek show are National Executive member David Walton, champion Neil Stobbart and Club Secretary Kevin Roddam.

Rookhope is more than 1,000ft above sea level in the North Pennines and is also on the Coast-to-Coast cycle route. Rookhope WMC is one of our smallest clubs with only 112 members and is staffed voluntarily by the Committee. Money raised from sale of produce went to the village hall fund.

Colin Armstrong and David Walton have also been kept busy with sports presentations.

Both pairs in the final of the Durham Pool Championship were from Grove and Moorside Club so the final was played there. They did the club proud as Phil Marshall and Colin Pilcher were taken right to the wire by Alan Hogarth and Kai Dixon in the best-of-seven match.

Marshall and Pilcher, who have two entries in the Guinness Book of Records for playing marathons, took the opening frame, but Alan Hogarth immediately equalised with a complete clearance. The third saw Marshall clear up only to see Dixon produce a great clearance to level at two frames each.

The fifth frame went to Marshall with another good clearance, and in the next frame he missed the black and Hogarth stepped up with a classy clearance to take the match to the decider. In the final frame, however, Pilcher produced a nail biting clearance to take the title.



Pictured (left to right): are referee Simon Baker, Phil Marshall and Colin Pilcher, National Executive member Colin Armstrong, Alan Hogarth and Kai Dixon, and Branch Executive member John Corrigan.



The Kent Branch Golf Pairs Tournament was held at Upchurch River Valley Golf Club and both the winners and runners-up were from Walderslade WMC. Pictured (left to right) are runners-up T. Turner and S. Fowle; and winners T Marrel and R Smith.



David Walton is also pictured with the winners of the Branch Bowls Triples from Leadgate WMC. Left to right: Stan Montgomery, Garry Robson and Derek Metcalfe.

Race Discounts

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

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| CARLISLE:..... Sunday, 1st December..... | £10 (normally £15) |
| LEICESTER:..... Sunday, 1st December..... | £9 (normally £16) |
| AINTREE:..... Saturday, 7th December..... | £16 (normally £20) |
| CHEPSTOW:..... Saturday, 7th December..... | £10 (normally £15) |
| KELSO:..... Sunday, 8th December..... | £9 (normally £13) |
| ASCOT:..... Saturday, 21st December..... | £14 (normally £20) |
| HAYDOCK:..... Saturday, 21st December..... | £11 (normally £20) |
| NEWCASTLE:..... Saturday, 21st December..... | £10 (normally £15) |
| FFOS LAS:..... Boxing Day, 26th December..... | £10 (normally £16) |
| LEICESTER:..... Friday, 27th December..... | £9 (normally £16) |
| CHEPSTOW..... Saturday, 28th December | |
| Welsh Grand National..... | |
| | £18 (includes free drink, total price normally £28) |
| NEWBURY:..... Saturday, 28th December..... | £12 (normally £16) |
| KELSO:..... Sunday, 29th December..... | £9 (normally £13) |
| HAYDOCK:..... Monday, 30th December..... | £7.50 (normally £13) |
| UTTOXETER:..... Tuesday, 31st December..... | £10 (normally £18) |

One for the Welsh

Chepstow is offering club members a special deal for the Welsh Grand National on December 28.

CIU parties can buy tickets at £18 instead of the normal £25 and receive a free pint from the course. Bookings should be made through the Racing Club in the usual way using the booking form on this page.

The Welsh National always holds a special place in CIU Racing Club hearts after the success of Dream Alliance, owned by a syndicate from the Twyn-Y-Ffald Top Club, who won the race in 2009.

Stewardess Jan Vokes and her husband Brian bred Dream Alliance after buying a mare for £350. He was brought up in a field overlooking a terrace of council houses and an old slag heap. Despite that Somerset trainer Philip Hobbs felt the horse had promise and despite a career-threatening leg injury, brought him through the ranks and on to victory at Chepstow over a mile and three quarters.



Team members and supporters of Mid Rhondda WMC are pictured enjoying a lively celebration after winning our National Team Darts Tournament.

Mid Rhondda defeated Bannockburn Miners Club from Scotland 4-2 in the final. It was held at the Bloomfield Club in Blackpool, which no doubt added to the party atmosphere. The team were: D Pearce, V Williams, R Watts, J Blake, K Gregory, P Owen, B Port, D O'Flaherty, C Port, M Blake, V Port, M Brett, J Merritt and E Whitter.

National Executive member and Manchester Branch Secretary Geoff Blakeley presented the trophy and is on the right.

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.

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: _____

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(Made payable to racecourse involved).

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