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Union President urges clubs to take advantage of new rates relief rules

The 154th Annual Meeting of the CIU took place on Saturday, April 8 in Blackpool with 415 delegates attending the event held in the Ballroom of the Norbreck Castle Hotel.

In his address, Union President George Dawson CMD urged clubs to take advantage of the new legislation concerning rate relief for small businesses.

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Mr Dawson also argued the case for maintaining the Union's Head Office at its current location in central London and that a move under current financial circumstances would be 'a dereliction of our duty to safeguard the assets of the Union.'

He added: "The NEC has been talking to the firm who took over the 999-year lease for the ground floor. For your information, the ground floor was leased for 999 years in the 1999/2000 period for just under £1m.

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"This situation is being monitored and, if there is a beneficial change in circumstances, then it will be looked at again."

The Annual Meeting also saw a Motion to transfer a member's Union Associate Card to their new club when their former club closes defeated by 203 votes against to 173 votes for.

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Newbottle WMC win CIU Quiz title

Newbottle WMC, Tyne and Wear, have won their second successive Dransfields CIU National Quiz title after winning the final held at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool on the Saturday of Conference Weekend.

The winning quartet - Tony Gold, Clive Dunning, Mick Frith and Tony Walmsley - won the £500 top prize and a widescreen television.

In the runners-up spot was the 'A' team from the Clarence Sports & Social Club in Newport, South Wales, while Sydney Street WMC, Accrington, came third in a highly competitive event.

• See page 5 for the final scores and more photos from the day

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the May edition of *Club Journal* as we reflect on Conference Weekend in Blackpool which saw our member clubs gather at the Norbreck Castle Hotel for the Annual Meeting and Beer & Trades Exhibition.

The Beer & Trades Exhibition garnered a record crowd this year with attendees once again enjoying a trade show that was highly targeted to their clubs' business needs.

We've received some very positive feedback about the event – both on the day itself and in the aftermath – and our report on pages 16-17 will hopefully encourage those who missed it this year to give the show a go in 2018.

As always, it was the Annual Meeting, held on the Saturday morning, which was the key event of Conference Weekend.

The assembled delegates met for debate and addresses from both our President and our General Secretary and enjoyed an amusing and insightful keynote speech from the respected *Daily Mirror* Political Correspondent Paul Routledge.

You can read the official minutes of the Meeting on pages 8-15 or, if you'd rather listen to the transcript, you can download an audio file of the entire Meeting from the Union's website: www.wmciu.org.uk

On the website, you will also be able to read a full, unedited transcript of the Annual Meeting plus view a picture gallery of images from the entire weekend taken by the Union's official Conference photographer.

Next year's Annual Conference takes place on Saturday April 14, 2018 with the Beer & Trades Exhibition being staged the day before.

The final activity of Conference Weekend was the Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final as the Union's top quiz teams competed for the title on the Saturday afternoon.

Winning their second successive title were the impressive 'A' team from Newbottle WMC, who clinched the title and the top cash prize of £500, plus a widescreen television, as they won the competition by a razor-thin one-point margin ahead of valiant runners-up Clarence Sports & Social Club.



Many thanks to all those who got involved with the National Quiz Competition this year and particular gratitude to our headline sponsors Dransfields for their massive support of this prestigious competition.

Importantly, on page 3 we have a short story on the recent House of Lords Select Committee report into the Licensing Act 2003, to which our President submitted evidence on behalf of the Union.

You can download the full 186-page report from our website: www.wmciu.org.uk



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JIMMY MILLS RECEIVES HIS C.O.M.



Jimmy Mills of Newcastle RAOB received his Certificate of Merit. Pictured, left to right: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Jimmy Murray (Club Chairman), Sid Hicks (No.8 Division Executive), Jimmy Mills (C.O.M., Club Committee Member), Kenneth James (No.6 Division Executive) and John Jameson (Club Secretary)

LORDS PUBLISH LICENSING ACT REPORT

The House of Lords Select Committee, set up to scrutinise the Licensing Act 2003, wants to bring an end to frequent piecemeal changes and has recommended a one-off radical overhaul, including the abolition of local authority licensing committees.

Union President George Dawson CMD was one of the witnesses called to give evidence to the Committee, alongside pub groups, licensing law experts, the police and other interested parties.

Chairman of the House of Lords Select Committee on the Licensing Act 2003, Baroness McIntosh of Pickering, said: "The Act is fundamentally flawed and needs a major overhaul.

"It was a mistake and a missed opportunity to set up new licensing committees when the planning system was already available to regulate the use of land for many different purposes.

"The planning system is well suited to dealing with licensing applications and appeals, and the interests of residents are always taken into account.

"The Committee was shocked by some of the evidence it received on hearings before licensing committees.

"Their decisions have been described as 'something of a lottery', 'lacking formality', and 'indifferent', with some 'scandalous misuses of the powers of elected local councillors'.

"We cannot understand why the Government has decided not to apply the Act to sales at airports. This can lead to dangerous situations, and must be changed.

"Pubs, clubs and live music venues are a vital part of our cultural identity. Any decline in our cities' world-famous night life ought to be prevented and the businesses supported.

"But the night time economy needs regulating; even in these areas of cities, residents have their rights. The current systems are not being used because they do not work."

One of the key recommendations from the Report was the integration of licensing with planning.

The Committee found that the Government made a 'substantial error in placing the responsibility for licensing with local authority licensing committees'.

"The evidence received against local authority licensing committees was damning and the Committee was extremely concerned by what it heard.

"Planning committees are much more effective, reliable and well-equipped to make licensing decisions, which have a significant impact on local communities and can be 'life or death' to businesses, their owners and their staff.

"The Committee recommends that coordination between the licensing and planning systems should begin immediately in all local authorities."

The Committee also stated that fees for licensing should be set locally, not nationally.

To view a copy of the House of Lords Select Committee Report, visit:

www.wmciu.org.uk

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsions

Mr David Carpenter, Monks Park WMC, Northampton (South East Midlands Branch)

Clubs expelled for non-payment of annual fees

Green Line Social Club (Grays) (North East Metropolitan)

Parkeston Railway Club (North East Metropolitan)

Manor Club & Ballroom Social Club (North East Metropolitan)

Camberley WMC (South East Metropolitan)

Farnham Liberal Club (South East Metropolitan)

Ockford Social Club (South East Metropolitan)

Lewes WMC (South East Metropolitan)

Greengate WMC (Barrow) (Cumbria)

Ivy Leaf Club, Kendal (Cumbria)

Collegian W M Social Club (Cumbria)

Eastriggs Social Club (Cumbria)

Gartcosh Works Social Club (Cumbria)

Shaftesbury Social Club (Derbyshire)

Shirebrook Ex-Servicemens Club (Derbyshire)

Mablethorpe Social & W.M.Club (Doncaster)

Moorends Social Club (Doncaster)

Acklam Iron & Steel Work Athletic Club (Durham)

Western Social Club (Durham)

Browney Social Club (Durham)

Close House Club (Durham)

Grindon Broadway Social Club (Durham)

Lytchett & Upton WMC (Wessex)

Woolston Trades & Labour Club (Wessex)

Ackroyd Street Workmens Club (Leeds)

Kippax Central Club (Leeds)

Rowland Road (Hunslet) WMC (Leeds)

Newark W.M. & A.E.U. Social Club (Leicester)

Great Gonerby Social Club (Leicester)

Chadderton Reform Club (Manchester)

Blackpool No.1 WMC (Manchester)

Blackpool Philharmonic & Social Club (Manchester)

Parkfield Labour Club (Manchester)

Shankhouse W.M.Central Social Club (Northumberland)

Aberkenfig Social & Athletic Club (South Wales)

Kenfig Hill Labour Club (South Wales)

'Blue Scar' Miners Welfare Association Club (South Wales)

Pontardawe Jubilee Club (South Wales)

Anston Club Ltd (South Yorkshire)

Mill Lane WMC (Wakefield)

Smawthorne Lane WMC (Wakefield)

Wood End (Atherstone) WMC (Warwickshire)

Green Lane Ex-Services Club (Warwickshire)

Saunders Club Limited (Warwickshire)

Bearwood Corks Social Club (West Midlands)

Brookvale Social Club (West Midlands)

Gornal & Sedgley Labour Club (West Midlands)

NEWS IN BRIEF

Foster's launches major new summer television campaign

Foster's has launched a multi-million pound summer advertising campaign which capitalizes on the brand's status as the Official Lager of England Cricket.

A new TV ad tells the story of the founders of Foster's – William and Ralph Foster – delivering their product to the English cricket team at a friendly match in Melbourne in 1888, serving the players the beer straight from a block of ice on the back of their wagon.

Ifeoma Dozie, Beer Brand Director at HEINEKEN, said: "Foster's has genuine heritage and we are excited to bring the pioneering founders, William and Ralph Foster, to life in the new campaign. They revolutionized the way beer was served – and ice-cold amber nectar is still enjoyed by millions of drinkers every year."

OBITUARY

Mr John Fisher

It is with much sadness that the members and Management Committee of West Green WMC

Ltd, Barnsley, report the passing of Mr John Fisher.

John was not only a valued club member but also a retired Committee Member and President, serving in both roles for several decades.

John was also a dedicated CIU man and was elected to the South Yorkshire Branch Executive Member serving from 1990 to 2005 when he retired.

John received several merit awards during his tenure, including the Branch Executive 10-year award in March 2000.

Many thanks to John for his loyal service and condolences to Rose and family.



LONG-SERVING CLEANER DORA COMER IS HONOURED AT BRAMPTON INSTITUTE



Dora Comer received Life Membership and a bouquet of flowers for serving as cleaner of the Brampton Institute Sports & Social Club in Cambridgeshire. Pictured, left to right: Lee Johnson (Club Secretary), Dora Comer, John McRae (Treasurer) and Mick Forder (President)

KINGS CLIFFE CLUB CELEBRATES ITS 50TH

The Kings Cliffe Club in Peterborough recently celebrated its 50th anniversary and turned the clock back to 1967 at the bar by giving members the chance to buy a pint for just 10p.

During a special celebratory weekend staged in March, members of the club were able to enjoy any alcoholic drink at the bar for the modern equivalent of two shillings - the cost of a pint of beer in 1967 when the club first opened its doors.

Richard Lattimore, Club Steward, told the *Stamford Mercury* that the special rate, which was available to each member once on each of the three-day schedule of special events, proved to be extremely popular.

He said: "They really enjoyed that. They wanted to go back in time."

As part of the weekend, members were able to enjoy an evening of live music on Friday coming in the shape of Kings Cliffe rock and roll covers band the Steradents, followed by a DJ.

On the Saturday afternoon members were able to watch Premier League football and Six Nations rugby on the club's large screen before enjoying music from Ramshackle Serenade, a rockabilly band from Peterborough, in the evening.

To round off the weekend on the Sunday,



in an event specifically geared at the club's senior membership, solo singer Nicky Downs performed ballads from the 1940s and 1950s and members were able to enjoy tea and cake and take part in bingo sessions.

Mr Lattimore said: "It has been a great success – we wanted to give something back to members for the support that they have given to us.

"We have had 750 members supporting over the years. They well deserved it for the support they have given us over that time."

Mr Lattimore said the club's continuing success is down to its strong membership and a Committee which has guided it well through difficult times.

"We have survived the recession and the smoking ban with great support through all that time and we are still going from strength to strength," he said.

"It is down to the support from members and a very active working Committee."

Newbottle WMC win the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz Title

The 'A' team from Newbottle WMC successfully defended their title in the 2017 Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final held in Blackpool in April.

Consisting of six rounds of questions compiled by former *Mastermind*, *Only Connect* and *Pointless* contestant Dave Bill of Redtooth, who was the Quiz Master for the event, the Final tested the teams to their limits.

Sample questions included: 'What is the name given to the area in baseball where pitchers warm up before entering a game?', 'Who was the last member of the Royal Family to be cremated?' and 'Which organisation took its name from the conflict which began in 1970 when King Hussein of Jordan declared military rule?'

It was certainly another close contest and going into the final round there was just one point separating the top two teams before Newbottle WMC 'A' clinched their second successive title.

The winning team was presented with a cheque for £500 plus a widescreen TV while the second and third-placed team won cash prizes of £200 and £100.

A number of 'just for fun' teams also took part, including among their number Union President George Dawson CMD, Union General Secretary Kenneth D Green CMD, Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley, former General Secretary Kevin Smyth and his wife Yvonne and NEC Member Chris O'Neill CMD.

DRANSFIELDS CIU NATIONAL QUIZ FINAL RESULTS:

1st: Newbottle WMC – 57 points

2nd: Clarence Sports & Social Club 'A' – 56 points

3rd: Sydney Street WMC – 46 points



Union President George Dawson CMD (third from left), the four members of the title-winning Newbottle WMC team – Clive Dunning, Mick Frith, Tony Walmsley and Tony Gold – and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (second from right)



Quiz Master Dave Bill of Redtooth Ltd



The CIU Quiz Final took place on April 8



There were six rounds in total during the Final



Runners-up Clarence Sports & Social Club 'A'



FOR SERVICE

50-Year Club Service Award

Geoffrey Elvin, Doncaster Trades Union & Labour Club, Doncaster

Distinguished Service Award

William Barker, East Stanley WMC, Durham
Barry Bernard Whitfield, East Stanley WMC, Durham

Long Service

Jack Bennett, Birchington United Services Club, Kent
Robert Scott, Sherburn Village WM Club, Durham

Veronica Robinson, Beeston Sports & Social Club, Leeds
James Wilkes, Wallsend RAOB Club, Northumberland
Brian Curry, Wallsend RAOB Club, Northumberland
Derek Habberjam, Wallsend Ex- Service & WM Club, Northumberland
Michael Garbett, Broseley Social Club, West Midlands

Certificate of Merit

John Shaw, Doncaster Trades Union & Labour Club, Doncaster
David Ibbotson, Darlington East End Club, Durham

Keith Smith, Sherburn Village WM Club, Durham
Arthur Smith, Sherburn Village WM Club, Durham
Christopher Liddle, Sherburn Village WM Club, Durham
Linda Smith, Sileby & District Liberal Club, Leicestershire
Kath Brown, Sileby & District Liberal Club, Leicestershire
Clive Roberts, Sileby & District Liberal Club, Leicestershire
Henry Morgan, Wallsend Ex- Service & WM Club, Northumberland
Neil Habberjam, Wallsend Ex- Service & WM Club, Northumberland

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THE 154TH ANNUAL MEETING

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THE PRESIDENT then asked delegates to agree the minutes of the 2016 Council Meeting as per the May 2016 edition of *Club Journal*.

This was followed by a Civic Welcome from **THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR OF BLACKPOOL, COUNCILLOR KATH ROWSON**.

The National Executive Member for South Wales and Monmouthshire District, **KEN ROBERTS CMD**, Chairman of the Standing Orders Committee, introduced the other members of the Committee: the Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Geoff Whewell, from the West Midlands Branch; Sid Hicks from the Northumberland Branch; Bob Russell CMD from the Wessex Branch; Dennis Wheadon of the Northumberland Branch; Mick Bott from the South East Midlands Branch; Glen Evans from the South Wales Branch and

Bert Hurt from the South Yorkshire Branch.

The function of the Standing Orders Committee was explained to delegates.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

“Good morning, delegates.

“I want to talk about just three items today. Firstly, the rates. We now have a greatly increased threshold for small business rate relief which will be a great benefit to most of our clubs in England.

“If you have a rateable value of below

£12,000, then you will be paying no rates, and if you have a rateable value below £15,000, you will get a percentage of relief - one percent for every £30.

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Union Vice-President John Tobin and the Worshipful The Mayor of Blackpool, Councillor Kath Rowson



In his Address, Union President George Dawson CMD spoke about small business rate relief which will benefit many CIU clubs

Wales as rates are a devolved matter, and the Welsh Government is not giving the same benefits as in England. We shall be making representations to them on this matter, and hopefully this will extend to our clubs in Wales.

“We have had a number of clubs in the South suffer from greatly increased rates resulting from the 2017 revaluation. We are talking to the London Clubs Association whose clubs have been hit with these increases, and once we have an idea of how many of our clubs are affected, then we will assess the situation.

“We’ve also approached our MPs in Parliament to ask if the £1,000 promised to public houses, which the Chancellor made a big speech about, also applies to private members’ clubs. At the moment, as with all budgets, we are waiting for the detail in the

Finance Bill that will be laid before Parliament soon.

“The second matter I would like to comment on is the argument about where Head Office is based. This has been discussed for at least the 33 years I have been coming to Conference, and I am sure it was discussed before then, and will be discussed in the future.

“The NEC has been talking to the firm who took over the 999-year lease for the ground floor. For your information, the ground floor was leased for 999 years in the 1999/2000 period for just under £1m.

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“It is quite clear that if the current NEC took any of these options, it would be a dereliction of our duty to safeguard the assets of the Union. This situation is being monitored and, if there is a beneficial change in circumstances, then it will be looked at again.

“One of the significant changes that could happen is that Islington Council changes their policy on not allowing retail premises to have a change of use to residential premises. If that policy change came about, it would be a different ballgame.

“This is not the only consideration in a move, it is also the running costs. Expenses would not go down as what would happen is the travel expenses would reverse as there are as many NEC members in the South of the country as there are in the North of the country.

“Other expenses are set by Council, most recently three years ago. Running costs for the building will be the same throughout the country, save for the rates which would reduce presumably from the current £64,000. The only costs that would change, by how much we do not know as we have not investigated this, is staffing costs.

Daily Mirror Political Correspondent Paul Routledge was the Keynote Speaker





“This would be at a significant cost to the Union for paying off loyal staff we have had for 20, 30 and 40 years. There would also be an initial cost for training new staff.

“The argument for a change of address will go on, but it is currently not enough of a compelling argument to change at the moment.

“The final point I would like to make is the CIU recently participated in a House of Lords Select Committee giving evidence reviewing the Licensing Act 2003.

“We made various points of concern for our clubs and the report has been issued this week while we have been in Blackpool. We will be scrutinising it next week and we’ll report back to you, the Member Clubs, in the *Union’s Journal*. [Editor’s note: see page 3 in this issue].

“Hopefully, there will be good recommendations taking our clubs’ concerns into account, and the Government will act accordingly.

“Thank you, Ladies and Gentlemen. Please ask your branch and Union for help and advice if you need it, and I hope you and your clubs have a successful year. Thank you.”

THE PRESIDENT then introduced this year’s keynote speaker, **PAUL ROUTLEDGE**, who gave a fascinating insight into his work as a distinguished Political Correspondent for *The Times*, *The Observer*, the *Independent on Sunday* and the *Daily Mirror*.

THE PRESIDENT asked the Meeting to consider the Annual Report and invited **BARRY SLASBERG CMD**, President of South East Midlands Branch, to come to the podium.

He said: “Page 8 in the Annual Report states that the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) for Non-Profit Making

Members’ Clubs seeks opportunities to lessen some of the financial pressures on clubs which threaten their survival.

“Page 24 of the report states the Committee of Registered Clubs Association (CORCA) have in common the welfare of genuine non-profit making club members clubs.

“I would like to pay tribute to what they have done over the years and say they are magnificent organisations.

“CORCA was founded by the CIU, as a result of the CIU going to the APPG and making representations, and they deserve all the credit that we can possibly give them for that.

“However, they have missed one trick which has cost hundreds of our clubs tens of thousands, if not more, in VAT on the Linneweber Case. About 400 clubs signed up to the case through the CIU when they helped us back in 2006, and everything that’s happened so far has happened on the basis that what Her Majesty’s Revenue & Customs (HMRC) have said in statements have been true.

“If they have said something, then we’ve accepted that as being gospel. The trick that’s been missed is, in fact, that HMRC has never been truthful.

“They have lied to the country at large, they’ve lied to us. My own club has suffered to the tune of £36,000 and 400 other than that are most probably in regions of that, maybe less.

“So, if I can just go through the details, Mr President, it won’t take me very long. The facts are simple. In 2006, under the guidance of the CIU, many clubs claimed output tax overpaid because our club jackpot machines receipts were subject to VAT, whilst fixed odds betting terminals in the bookies were free of VAT, although being of a similar nature. That case was won by the High Court and the First-Tier Tribunal.

“So, in 2010, the week before our meeting here at Blackpool, HMRC sent out many, many cheques for millions of pounds to honour that. At the same time, they sent out protective assessments stating that if the Court of Appeal and the Upper Tribunal were to overturn the other decisions, they would demand their money back with interest.

“They also stated that they would not take any action until the Court of Appeal and the Upper Tribunal have given their judgments.

“In 2014, they wrote to us all, or most of

us, because they missed some out by mistake, saying the High Court has been overruled by the Court of Appeal, and the First-Tier Tribunal has been overturned by the Upper Tribunal. None of these in fact were true.

“The Court of Appeal never even considered our case under the Linneweber claim for this item. They considered another strain of the case because Rank were the leading case. The Court of Appeal never overturned it.

“The Upper Tribunal sent the case back to the First-Tier Tribunal because of some ruling that had come out from Europe.

“They didn’t overturn it – they returned it. I’ve been acting on behalf of my own club now since 2014, and I’ve got as far as the Parliamentary Ombudsman, and the Parliamentary Ombudsman said that, yes, your club is not, and then in brackets, directly affected by the Court of Appeal case.

“Well, I would say to them it is directly affected by the Court of Appeal case because we’ve had to pay out £36,000 that should never have been paid out because the case was never overruled. Indirectly, it didn’t affect us because the truth of the matter is it wasn’t even considered.

“And then the Ombudsman, again, being unaware of the legal side of things, said that the Upper Tier Tribunal had overruled the case and sent it back to the First-Tier Tribunal.

“That again is not an overruling in legal terms. It is a sending back for reconsideration. So, I would just go back to the point I made at the start. In 2011, they said they would not take any action until the Court of Appeal and Upper Tribunal have given their judgments.

“Neither of those have given their judgments on this case. One has referred it back without making a judgment, and the other one has not considered it.

“So, 400 of our clubs have paid millions of pounds that should never have been paid. The only reason I found out that it was a lie was when I read the Supreme Court case that was considered and it was to do with random number generators – nothing to do with our Linneweber claim.

“What I would like, Mr Chairman, is for the NEC to take back and engage with the All-Party Parliamentary Group and CORCA to reverse this fraud against so many of our clubs that has cost us so many million pounds.”

THE PRESIDENT explained that the CIU, along with fellow members of CORCA and gaming machine supplier Dransfields, have contributed funds to engage a barrister to represent the interests of clubs in this matter.

BARRY SLASBERG CMD further responded: "If I could just make one final comment, Mr Chairman. This is nothing to do with the case.

"What is, I believe, happening is the legal process is being built up to make legal challenge because of the people that have checked into this money being paid out.

"There should be no legal argument. It is basically a fact of outright fraud which the Serious Fraud Office won't deal with because it's a Government body.

"It is a question of an outright lie that ought to be exposed. If this lie is exposed the millions of pounds that would be spent and wasted by HMRC fighting would not be necessary.

"Again Mr Chairman, I would like these representations, not for future legal action, but to actually expose HMRC for the liars that they are and the thieves that they are in taking the money from our clubs, which they should not have. Thank you very much."

COLIN RICHARDS of Eastleigh Working Men's Club in Hampshire and Vice-President of Wessex Branch, then proposed the Annual Report.

Union Accountant Steve Connell presented the Annual Financial Statement



It was seconded by **PETER EVERETT**, Branch Secretary of Wakefield Branch.

The Annual Report was accepted on a show of hands.

In presenting the Union's Annual Financial Statement, Union Accountant **STEVE CONNELL** said: "Mr President, delegates and guests.

"Once again, it gives me great pleasure to present to you the Financial Report on behalf of your National Executive.

"In my report to you last year, I made reference to the fact that this year's Financial Statements would be a getting a major facelift, in as much as their need to conform with UK accounting standards and, in particular, the Reporting Standard 102.

"This standard covers a multitude of requirements, but the main effect for us is that our investments are now valued at their market value as opposed to their original cost.

"Also, because of this requirement, it has



Delegates accept the Annual Report on a show of hands

been necessary to restate the figures for last year as if they had been prepared in accordance with Standard 102. To see the full effects of this change, it is clearly laid out on two pages of your Annual Report.

“These are the Special Statement of Changes in Equity on page 57, and Note 22 on page 70 which is headed First Time Adoption of FRS102. Last year, I suggested that this necessary re-statement would be very significant, and estimated it to be in excess of £1m.

“In fact, the change of transition amounted to £1,272,854. Again, if you refer to the Statement of Changes in Equity on page 57, you will clearly see this change from the previously issued Annual Report for 2015.

“Now that we have to show the full market value of our investments under this requirement, it becomes apparent that this highlights the benefits that the Union has gained from its investment strategy over recent years. It must be appreciated that these benefits have had to be achieved to ensure the financial future of the Union.

“That may sound a bit dramatic but, in reality, that is the case. If you combine what has been achieved from the Union’s investments collectively from the interest earned, net gains made on sales, and the change in the market value of investments held for the last 10 years, I have calculated an increase in excess of £4m.

“It is worth noting that, within that 10-year period is included the stock market crash of 2008. There has been some criticism of the investment strategy adopted in the past, but I think when one looks at the Union’s balance sheet, you can see where we would have been without those returns.

“Due to the major effects of these changes, I thought it would be correct to deal with these first in my report. We should now look at this year’s results in more detail. From the Revenue account, we can see that in total we made recognised gains of £543,694 compared to losses of £388,794 in 2015 as restated.

“However, these bottom line figures have been heavily influenced by the necessary adjustments made following the introduction of FRS102. To get a better idea of the Union’s financial results, we need to focus on the operating losses shown further up in the account. For 2016, these losses amounted to £629,598 compared to losses of £454,018 in 2015.

Union President George Dawson CMD



“The main reason for this negative increase can be seen within turnover which resulted in £1,881,077 this year compared to £2,118,446 in 2015 – a fall of £237,369. As in previous years, the operating loss can be attributed to the decline to the Union’s income.

“In fact, if you look at the breakdown of income within Note 3 to the Financial Statement it is clear that nearly every item has seen a decline.

“General trading fell from £343,206 last year to £255,632. Annual fees fell from £529,492 to £508,703. This was to be expected due to fewer affiliated clubs and a decline in club membership. Jointly associate and pass card sales fell from £655,920 to £633,985.

“Again, due to fewer members. Even commissions and sponsorship income showed a decline. This meant that, collectively, the Union’s total income for the year was reduced by over 11%.

“It certainly didn’t help matters that two of our national accounts – Carlsberg and the Cooperative Bank – terminated their agreements with us. This is an issue that the National Executive is currently examining.

“I did report last year that, due to the

operating losses of recent years, it was extremely likely that your National Executive Committee would be proposing to increase our affiliation fees at this year’s Conference.

“However, it was agreed that due to the accounting changes already referred to and the effect that they have had to the Union’s balance sheet, any such proposal be deferred this year.

“As in previous years, it is encouraging to see that the Union’s overall expenditure was reduced from £2,009,460 to £1,958,192, with most of the savings being achieved at our branches.

“Head office would have resulted in a similar position if it hadn’t been for the increase to professional fees.

“£50,000 was expended on the one-off set-up costs from our new Fund Managers in respect of part of the Union’s investment. However, it must be reported that this particular expenditure appears to have been money well spent, as the returns so far have far exceeded that initial outlay.

“Looking at the Union’s balance sheet, we can see that following the transition from FRS102 and the required restatement last year, the Union’s total net assets have grown



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from £6,659,017 as at 1 October 2014 to £8,082,846 as at 30 September 2016.

Please note that this covers the two-year period of the required changes. These assets which have only grown due to the positive results from our investments showing elements of security for the Union's immediate future. If we now turn our attention to the results of our 25 branches in isolation, it can be seen that the resulting losses of £121,043 recorded in 2015 improved to total losses of £71,077 in 2016.

“Although, it must be reported that included in the restated figures after the introduction of FRS102 the Revenue account has benefited by in excess of £50,000 in respect of the change in market value of investments held at the Durham Branch.

“It's necessary to point out that, at the time of going to press with this Annual Report, these amendments had not been made to the summary of the results of the Durham Branch, as stated on page 76 of the Annual Report.

“In my previous reports to you, I've highlighted my opinion of the importance of the work undertaken at our branch offices, so it is pleasing to see that the number of branches has been maintained, although I would expect that, as the number of clubs in each branch declines, and especially those of our smaller branches, that the merger of some branches will become inevitable to maintain the level of service provided to our clubs.

“Our branches have benefitted over the recent years from extra funding allocated by our National Executive and their ability to invest their reserves into the Union Central

Investment Fund ensuring a far superior rate of return to that offered by the normal banking systems.

“I am sure that this, together with the appropriate and necessary budgetary control, would at least ensure the immediate future of a vast majority of our branches. As to the long-term future of the Union as a whole, some serious questions will need to be addressed to tackle the decline in the number of clubs, and therefore membership in general.

“I have often been asked, as I am sure you have too, questions like: 'Why should a club join the CIU and what benefits do they get?' 'Why should a club remain within the CIU?' 'Why should a club member purchase a CIU Affiliation Card?' And there are many others. We've spent a lot of time and effort

in promoting ourselves to ourselves. Maybe we should be spending a lot more time promoting ourselves to others.

“Unless we start finding positive answers and solutions to these problems, I would suggest our long-term future will become questionable as well. On the positive side, it has already been reported that we are still in a healthy financial position for the short-term at the very least.

“In conclusion, Mr President, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our auditors, BH Accountancy, for their expert advice and help given to us, especially this year with all the changes that have been required. And, finally, I wish all of you every success in the future management of your clubs. Thank you, Mr President.

THE PRESIDENT said: “Thank you, Steve. I believe we had only one written question which was regarding the valuation of the assets last year, not corresponding with this, which I think has now been explained fully on FRS102 Regulations.”

DAN CAPEWELL, Club Secretary of Pitts Hill Victory Club, West Midlands Branch, moved to accept the Financial Statement.

He said: “I am honoured to be asked to propose the adoption of our financial accounts for the year ending 30 September.

“I would first of all like to thank Steve Connell for preparing these accounts for us, and I'd particularly like to thank Steve for the way that each year he guides us through these accounts. I know I certainly appreciate it.

“It always interests me though, as a



Dan Capewell, Secretary of Pitts Hill Victory Club, moved to accept the Financial Statement

former Branch Secretary, that when we look at the accounts we see Head Office and then we see a column that says 'Branches', and you must remember that that column that says 'Branches' actually consists of 25 separate locations throughout the country, all operating as separate businesses, and with Branch Secretaries and, in some cases, their staff, keeping records of all the accounts throughout the year and then having to produce a full set of audited accounts at the end of the year.

"I always think that when you look at the back of our book and see those little summaries where these two lines that tell you what each branch did, it totally belies the amount of work that's gone into creating those figures.

"I know we often say now, Mr Chairman, that of course we're not the size that we once were, but I think it's still important to remember that we still have a Head Office based in London and we still have 25 branches throughout the country, and by anybody's standard that's a large organisation in which to keep track of transactions.

"So, I'd like to congratulate everybody involved, whether it's at the branches or whether it's Head Office in producing these accounts. Mr Chairman, I would like now formally to propose the adoption of the 2015/16 Financial Statement. Thank you."

JACK HAUGHEY, West Midlands Branch Secretary, seconded the Motion to accept the Financial Report.

The Annual Financial Statement was accepted on a show of hands.

THE PRESIDENT then explained that the Scrutineers elected at the 2015 Annual Meeting had now served their two-year term.

He thanked them for their commitment to this office and explained that a new election was to take place and that forms had been handed to delegates when entering the venue and should be completed and placed in the ballot boxes on exiting the Annual Meeting or handed to Head Office staff.

MICK CLAFFEY, President of Castle Ward Working Men's Club, Lincoln, a member of the Doncaster and District Branch, proposed the Motion to make a member's Associate Card transferable when their club closes and they join a different CIU club.

He said: "I am here today to seek your

support to make your Life Card – as we call it – or Associate Card, transferable.

"Due to the economic instability in the last nine years, we have seen many clubs go out of business and to put matters in a local context, Lincoln used to have seven clubs, today there are two.

"We're privileged at Castle Ward to see many new members in recent years joining us as their local clubs have closed, and it's come to our attention as a result of new members' wishes, that the CIU Membership Card needs to be reviewed.

"Members would like to maintain their CIU Year Card membership but object to spending a further £3.50 for a new Associate Card in their new affiliated club.

"They, and we, feel that once a member has purchased a Life Card, that this should be independent of any club as the CIU have already been paid the £3.50 for the Associate Card/Life Card.

"We agree that if payments to the CIU are not paid every year, then both cards are in default, and we need to move with the times and be flexible. At a time where many people are keeping a close eye on their spending, it's unethical to ask for an additional £3.50.

"In many cases, members are choosing to renew membership to the club, but not to the CIU. No one wins here. The member ceases to enjoy the benefits of being a CIU member and we, as an organisation, lose a member.

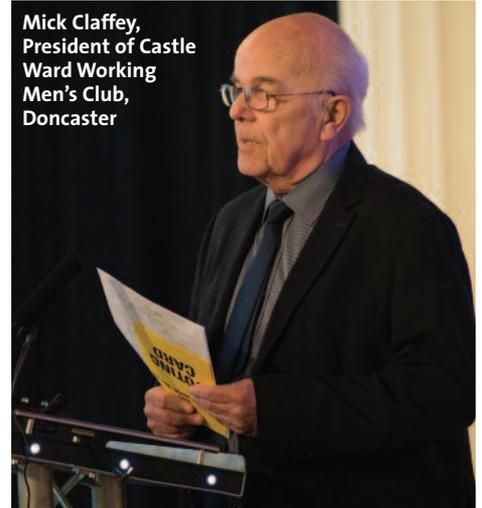
"As an organisation that is not afraid to move with the times, we need to address this administrative matter. Remember, unity is strength.

"We ask you to support us in bringing this up to date, and help the CIU maintain its membership. Thank you.

The Motion was then seconded by **COLIN PELL**, Treasurer of Castle Ward Working Men's Club, Doncaster.

ALAN PRESTON, President of York City Branch, in opposing the Motion, said: "Mr Chairman, National Executive, fellow delegates. I am a member of four clubs because I choose to be, and I have got a Life Card for all of them. Now, I say, what is £3.50? £3.50 is nothing in this day and age. I've lost more on a bus.

"I can understand these clubs that are closing and I feel sorry for them, and we're all in the same boat, but to transfer something to another club I think is wrong. I totally object to the £3.50 transferral"



The Motion failed to achieve the required two-thirds majority (172 For, 203 Against)

THE ADDRESS BY GENERAL SECRETARY KENNETH D. GREEN CMD

"Good morning, Ladies and Gentlemen.

"The Trade Fair held yesterday was a very successful event once again, apart from running out of beer.

"That will be addressed next year, and I hope you all felt it useful and a helpful use of your time and led to some good ideas being taken back to your clubs in the never-ending quest to keep our clubs both profitable and pleasant places to visit and enjoy a fulfilling social life, which is fast becoming a rarity these days.

"I would like to thank all involved in the organisation of the event, not least our Office Manager, Stephen Goulding, who unfortunately has just undergone major surgery and has been unable to attend this year's meeting.

"I have been asked to inform you all that for first time in 60-odd years, the Conference does not have the pleasure of the presence of our former President, Derek Dormer, who unfortunately is too ill to attend, and I feel sure you will all join me in wishing Derek all the best and hope to see him in future meetings.

"I have been informed over the weekend he's made somewhat of a miraculous recovery, as is Derek's wont, and no doubt we do wish him the best and hope he continues with his recovery.

"Once again, for the third year, the Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final will be held after the close of this meeting, and I

hope many of you will stay and support the event which is to be held in the Boston Suite of this building which is about two miles down that corridor!

“The NEC are forever attempting to build up relationships and at the same time lobby our Parliamentary friends, in both Houses of Parliament, with a view to influence their decisions in regard to licensing and other legislation which affects our clubs.

“With this in mind, we will be hosting a reception again this year to help in promoting the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members’ Clubs which will be jointly hosted by our partners in CORCA and other like-minded organisations.

“I am in my third year as General Secretary and I am still unhappy at the continuing flow of arbitration requests going into Head Office which could have been avoided.

“Please ensure you follow the Club’s Rulebook, and advice from both Branch Secretaries and the 500 points in Club Law when the need to discipline members is required.

“The inevitable result in the majority of arbitrations is at least one party being upset at the outcome, and clubs blaming the Union when things go wrong for them.

“On a lighter note, this year is an election year and I urge you to both partake and support the successful candidates as they strive to support our clubs in these somewhat trying times. Please use the opportunity to register your club’s vote in the elections, as if you don’t vote we lose democracy.

“The NEC try their best when it comes to supporting clubs, and are forever looking at ways to increase this support and are in the process of finding funding which may be available for clubs through sources such as the Cooperative Movement and credit unions.

“We are still in the process of reorganising our education programme, and when it is rolled out, I hope every club in the Union will be having at least one member of the club’s management attending lectures and courses.

“I believe the best way of ensuring our future is to run our clubs in a business-like manner, where the old saying of ‘look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves’ will be of some use.

“Unfortunately, when attending Union

Union General Secretary
Kenneth D. Green CMD



meetings up and down the country, I have noticed a drop in the number of club people attending, and it is my opinion that we need to address this decline.

“The only way to achieve this is to make the meetings worthwhile attending with a provision of a mixture of suppliers attending, and maybe schools on various aspects of club management from all sources, including the Union.

“We no longer have Carlsberg as a partner brewer, because in my opinion they did not give our partnership enough time to mature and saw only two accounts being opened in the second year. We are actively seeking further partnerships which will hopefully endure the passage of time.

“The Co-Op Bank have also terminated their partnership with the Union which is hardly surprising, given the current economic climate, and we will also be looking for a replacement.

“In the near future, the Performing Right Society (PRS) and the Phonographic Performance Limited (PPL) are probably being merged, making one licence issuer, aligned with the expected rise in tariffs.

“The Union will, as always, be leading the fight to prevent the extortionate price rises,

and to retain the JMC tariff fought for some years ago.

“This tariff is only available to Union clubs and is at a large discount, compared to other tariffs suffered by other organisations. The annual fee to the Union is mostly covered by the savings of PRS alone.

“Lastly, those clubs who were here last year will remember my address ending with a plea to clubs not to ignore pension auto-enrolment. I make no apologies for ending with the same plea.

“If you have not done anything about staff pensions, on your own head be it, as the Pensions Regulator has not relaxed their stance on fines and severe penalties for non-compliance.

“Thank you for listening, and be assured there is a majority of fine, well-run clubs in our organisation which we will ensure that more and more clubs take their lead from and remain in a successful partnership.”

THE PRESIDENT announced that the next Annual Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 14, 2018 and declared the 2017 Annual Meeting closed.

The total number of delegates at the Annual Meeting was 415.

26TH BEER & TRADES EXHIBITION

More attendees than ever before came through the doors of the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool on Friday, April 7 as the 26th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition took place in the venue's Norcalympia

A record number of people attended the 26th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition, held at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel on Friday, April 7.

The event brought together exhibitors from right across the club sector as they showcased a range of the latest products and services.

As they made their way through the multitude of stands, attendees were given the opportunity to sample drinks from the Union's Preferred Supplier Heineken UK, try the latest gaming and entertainment machines courtesy of Preferred Supplier Dransfields throughout the show and take part in several bingo sessions which ran throughout the afternoon.

There was also a prize draw at the end of proceedings with a number of people going home with some great prizes, including several widescreen televisions.

Union Vice-President John Tobin said: "This is the third event since we relaunched the show back in 2015 and it has been pleasing to see it grow in stature over that time.

"It was another great day for the CIU with a record number of attendees coming through the doors and taking part in an event dedicated to helping our clubs to boost their trade.

"I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of the Union to all the exhibitors who made the event possible and passed on their specialist knowledge to our club attendees.

"Be sure to come along next year as we want to see even more people attending this highly worthwhile event."



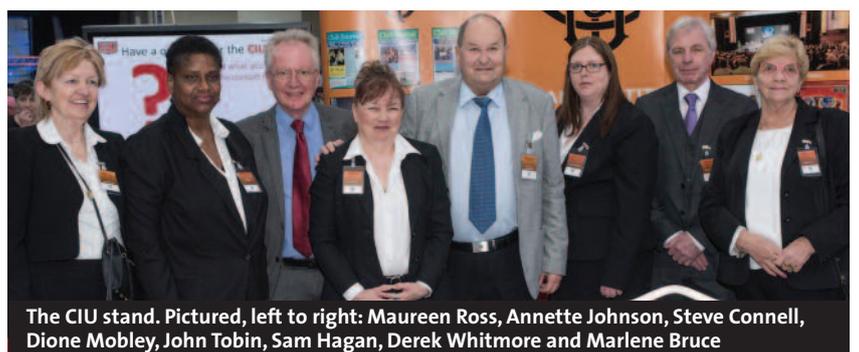
Union Vice-President John Tobin (centre) with Dransfields Operations Director Alan Jackson (left) and Managing Director Chris Haley



There were plenty of activities for delegates to get involved in during the 26th Beer & Trades Show, including pool on the Dransfields stand



John Tobin (left) discusses new products with Julian Stratten of Innkeepers Supplies



The CIU stand. Pictured, left to right: Maureen Ross, Annette Johnson, Steve Connell, Dione Mobley, John Tobin, Sam Hagan, Derek Whitmore and Marlene Bruce



It was certainly a busy day for delegates at the Beer & Trades Exhibition with many of them taking part in bingo sessions throughout the afternoon



John Tobin with a representative of coffee machine supplier Rijo 42 (right)



John Tobin (centre) with Graeme and Josh Miller of ACE Furniture



Bruce Cuthbert, Director Commercial Customers, BT Sport (left) with John Tobin



John Tobin with Amy Alvarez (left) of Smart Energy Projects



Union Vice-President John Tobin with Heineken UK National Account Manager Graeme Mitchell (left)

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life by Dione Mobley

In the past, sunshine and the cheaper cost of living abroad led to many Brits making the decision to pack up and leave the UK for good.

It appears the Brexit vote may be starting to bring a rather sharp decrease in that trend.

A survey by Anchor, a UK housing and care provider, shows that many people have changed their minds about selling up in the UK and settling abroad.

The researchers found the retirees they surveyed were far more motivated to remain in the UK in order to retain access to the NHS and other benefits.

Almost 45% per cent of those over 50 years of age are far more concerned about the very unclear governmental policies for the future after the EU referendum.

It seems warmer climes do not hold the same attraction as before and there is the

growing problem of residents' rights for the 3.5 million EU citizens already living here in the UK while future worries remain for an estimated two million British expats already living overseas in Europe.

Brussels has also made it clear that Article 50 negotiations will not cover the service sector, notably banks, pension and insurance funds so this has made many retirees more cautious.

In the meantime, since the referendum and the Brexit vote many savers all across the country have been squeezed financially with the interest rate on the average cash ISA being virtually cut in half.

But there is some recent good news for savers. The new 2.2 per cent Investment Guaranteed Growth Bond was officially launched in the UK in April.

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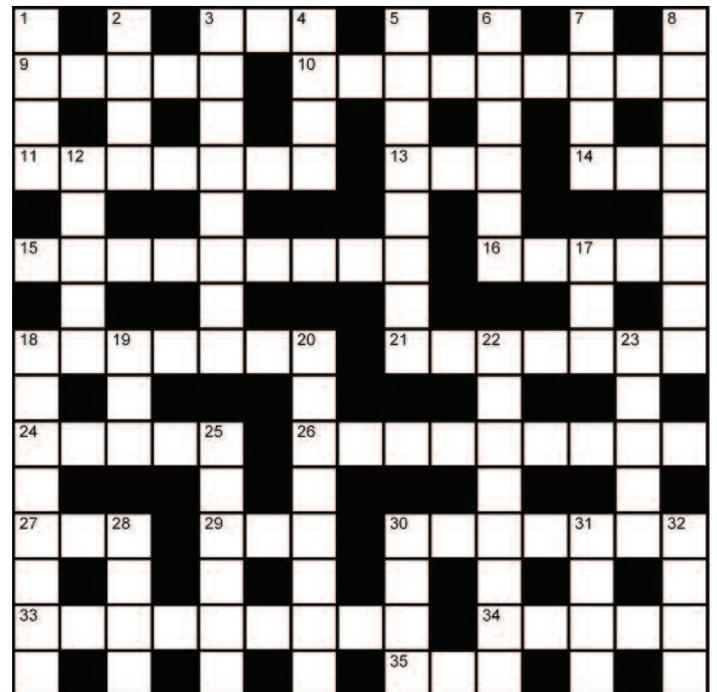
- 3 'Tango Alpha' - short for 'Indian province.' (3)
- 9 Grip hot object in picture. (5)
- 10 Turn algae into grainy process. (9)
- 11 Ask term to be renegotiated at trading places. (7)
- 13 Syphoning off diesel-fuel? That's the spirit! (3)
- 14 Chorizo, ordinarily chopped up for the menagerie. (3)
- 15 Idnetifying doing as is - a poor outcome. (9)
- 16 Lofty, at the end of May, in total. (5)
- 18 General pattern for making bigger. (7)
- 21 Such cold headgear - are they polarised? (3-4)
- 24 Vacuous sound of Mrs Tiggywinkle, at first. (5)
- 26 Allies get moving to make laws. (9)

- 27 Mat's back for Scottish topper. (3)
- 29 The very edge of cheek? (3)
- 30 Ennui in the bedroom? (7)
- 33 Diode rose - could take away the smell. (9)
- 34 Homespun duet is a bit unwarranted. (5)
- 35 Delighted to get baby Edward at last! (3)

- 8 Met my son, making up word substitutes. (8)
- 12 Throw a line for the sake of the foreigner. (5)
- 17 Bandleader in the meadow... (3)
- 18 Before the night, an event I detested at first. (8)
- 19 Sloppy not to see the prune. (3)
- 20 Lipless I become verbally missing bits. (8)
- 22 Wrap round horns, due to be treated. (8)
- 23 Spat ionic compounds out onto paved area. (5)
- 25 Looks like custard - for the chicken? (6)
- 28 Mope about the heavenly body. (4)
- 30 Root has rhythm, apparently. (4)
- 31 Fiddled odometer - bit of a dead duck! (4)
- 32 "We shall inherit the Earth!" (er, if it's alright with everyone else...) (4)

DOWN

- 1 Meat you don't want in your inbox! (4)
- 2 Time rumoured to belong to us. (4)
- 3 Overgrown, from the West, could be a regulator. (8)
- 4 The advantages of much time.. (4)
- 5 Wears kit suitable to travel astern. (5-3)
- 6 Unit to wear? (6)
- 7 Jump start, followed by a snooze, for the music. (4)



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Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX
Deadline May 25.

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- Paul Gibbs of Sunridge Park WMC
- Mike Blatch of Bardeswell Social Club
- John Pendlebury of Elton Fold WMC
- David Jandrell of Cwmcarn WM





Wednesday May 10, 7.45pm – BT Sport 1 HD
UEFA Champions League - Semi-Final: 2nd Leg
 The fabled competition is down to the last four as the remaining sides set their sights on reaching the June final which is being held at Cardiff's National Stadium. This will be the first time that the Welsh capital has hosted this showpiece event and many Wales fans will be hoping that Real Madrid and Welsh star Gareth Bale make it through.

Thursday May 18, 7pm – Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League Darts: Finals Night
 London's O2 Arena is the venue for the Finals Night of the 2017 Premier League Darts competition. This has been running for 15 gruelling rounds and now the top four players left standing have the opportunity to compete for the prestigious trophy. Reigning champion Michael van Gerwen is being tipped to defend his title.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures taking place in May, including the final batch of Premier League fixtures and England's one-day cricket matches against South Africa

Saturday May 6
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Manchester City v Crystal Palace

Saturday May 6
 5pm
 Sky Sports
Super League: Catalans Dragons v Leeds Rhinos

Saturday May 6
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Premier League: Swansea City v Everton

Saturday May 6
 10pm
 BT Sport
Boxing: Canelo Alvarez v Julio Cesar Chavez Jr.

Sunday May 7
 11am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
One-Day International Cricket: England v Ireland



Boxing: Warrington v Martinez, Saturday, May 13, 8pm, BT Sport

Sunday May 7
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Liverpool v Southampton

Sunday May 7
 4pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester United

Monday May 8
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Chelsea v Middlesbrough

Tuesday May 9
 7.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
UEFA Champions League - Semi-Finals: 2nd Leg

Wednesday May 10
 2pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Cricket: One-Day Cup - Essex Eagles v Sussex Sharks

Wednesday May 10
 7.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
UEFA Champions League - Semi-Finals: 2nd Leg



Wednesday May 24, 2pm – Sky Sports 2 HD
Cricket: One-Day International - England v South Africa
 The second ODI match between England and South Africa takes place at Lord's. This should be a challenging series for the home side given recent results between the sides in the ODI arena. During the 2015/16 tour of South Africa, England lost the ODI series 3-2 but will be hoping that home advantage will play a part here.

Thursday May 11
 2pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Cricket: One-Day Cup - Nottinghamshire Outlaws v Durham

Thursday May 11
 6pm
 Sky Sports 4 HD
Golf: The Players Championship

Thursday May 11
 7pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League Darts: Aberdeen

Friday May 12
 6pm
 Sky Sports 4 HD
Golf: The Players Championship

Friday May 12
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: West Bromwich Albion v Chelsea

Saturday May 13
 12.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Manchester City v Leicester City

Saturday May 13
 5pm
 BT Sport/Sky Sports
Rugby Union: Champions Cup Final - Clermont Auvergne v Saracens

Saturday May 13
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Stoke City v Arsenal

Saturday May 13
 8pm
 BT Sport
Boxing: WBC International Featherweight - Josh Warrington v Kiko Martinez

Sunday May 14
 12 noon
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Crystal Palace v Hull City

Sunday May 14
 1pm
 Sky Sports F1 HD
Formula 1: Spanish Grand Prix

Sunday May 14
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: West Ham United v Liverpool

CIU Sport

CIU TEAM SNOOKER COMPETITION

The CIU Team Snooker Semi-Final was held on April 1 at the Penygraig Labour Club between Twyn Y Ffald WM Club and Merthyr Tydfil Labour Club.

Twyn Y Ffald WM Club won 4-1.

Ken Roberts was the Union Representative.

Sunday May 14
 2.15pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United

Monday May 15
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Chelsea v Watford

Tuesday May 16
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Manchester City v West Bromwich

Wednesday May 17
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Southampton v Manchester United

Thursday May 18
 7pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Premier League Darts: Finals Night

Thursday May 18
 7.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Premier League: Leicester City v Tottenham Hotspur

Saturday May 20
 7pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Super League: Wigan Warriors v Warrington Wolves

Sunday May 21
 1pm
 Sky Sports 3 HD
Super League: Catalans Dragons v Huddersfield Giants

Wednesday May 24
 2pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
One-day International Cricket: England v South Africa

Thursday May 25
 8pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Super League: St Helens v Wigan Warriors

Saturday May 27
 11am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
One-day International Cricket: England v South Africa

Saturday May 27
 2pm
 BT Sport/BBC
Football: FA Cup Final - Chelsea v Arsenal

Saturday May 27
 3pm
 BT Sport
Rugby Union: Aviva Premiership Final

Sunday May 28
 1pm
 Sky Sports F1 HD
Formula 1: Monaco Grand Prix

Sunday May 28
 2.30pm
 Sky Sports 2 HD
Rugby Union: England v Barbarians

Monday May 29
 11am
 Sky Sports 2 HD
One-day International Cricket: England v South Africa

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