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VAT windfall may have to be paid back

Clubs risk having to pay back VAT refunds they have won from the Government after a surprise decision by the Court of Appeal went in favour of the Revenue & Customs (HMRC).

Many clubs received payments from HMRC after an earlier victory in a case brought by Rank Group, the lead claimant on behalf of a group of interested parties. After originally being alerted to the possibilities by Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley, the Union had suggested clubs registered claims for repayment of VAT paid on their machines for periods up to and including 5 December 2005; these are commonly referred to as Linneweber 1 claims.

HMRC repaid sums of VAT to claimant clubs but at the same time issued protective assessments – meaning they could claim the money back if the case went their way on appeal, something few experts expected.

CONTINGENCY

Clubs concerned are now being advised to make the best provision their circumstances allow for such a contingency because on October 30 the Court of Appeal decided in favour of HMRC.

Rank have indicated that they will be appealing to the UK Supreme Court but unless the case is again overturned HMRC will be legally entitled to enforce their protective assessments. So it remains possible that any repaid amounts of VAT together with interest on these amounts could be clawed back by HMRC.

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Record breakers!

The Union's National Charity Raceday at Wetherby came of age this year and broke yet another new record,

A total of 1,597 CIU Racing Club members – including an incredible 257 from Farsley WMC in Leeds – attended this year's 21st Raceday on November 16 meaning Racecourse Chairman John Sanderson was able to hand over a cheque for nearly £3,200 to Union President George Dawson (above).

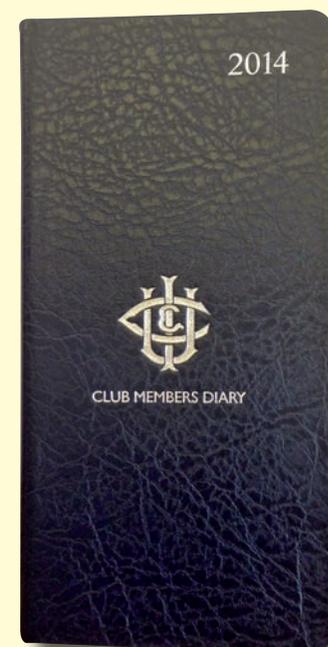
The afternoon was also livened up by a group of veteran footballers from Driffield, who dressed up as Mrs Brown from the TV comedy "Mrs Brown's Boys."

The Union is grateful to John Smith's, who provided 50p-off beer tokens to Racing Club members and to race sponsors Dransfields. Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley has returned from raising £8,000 by successfully scaling Africa's highest mountain – something that unfortunately proved beyond his colleague Robbie Savage. Now clubman Roy Partington from High Street Club in Swindon is heading for the High Andes as he plans to spend Christmas on South America's highest peak, Aconcagua, at 22,837 feet the highest outside the Himalayas.

Roy (pictured left) has been training by climbing hills in Snowdonia and preparing for the effects of altitude in an oxygen mask and using a hypoxic altitude system and tent over his bed.

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Slimline new look for 2014

The Union has unveiled a new look for its 2014 diaries and calendars, which are now on sale at Branches throughout the country. The desk diary and new slimline pocket diary are both filled with useful information on club management and are essential items for any Committee member.

The 2014 Union calendar also has a new look. The front features the Union's founder, the Rev. Henry Solly, while inside are pictures from the pages of *Club Journal* that sum up the Union's year, including pictures from Blackpool and some of the clubs chosen as our Featured Club of the Month.



Durham Branch Executive member Stan Summers visited Evenwood WMC and presented Certificates of Merit to Secretary Robert Adams and Committee member Tony Webb.

Below: Committee member Alan Bainbridge receives his Long Service Award for 25 years' service to Rookhope WMC in Co. Durham from National Executive member Colin Armstrong.

PROUD AND HONOURED

Pictured with their 10-year Branch awards are Northumberland Branch Secretary Dave Richardson and National Executive member Sid Hicks. The pair received them at the Quarterly Council meeting at Cramlington Village Club.

Dave Richardson and Sid Hicks were also in attendance at Wallsend RAOB Club on Tyneside where Cyril Moat received the Long Service Award and Albert Watson the Certificate of Merit. The evening was also attended by Branch President Alan Hardy and Branch Executive members Ken Sayers, William Stoker and Rob Yeats.

Pictured (left to right) are: Ken Sayers, Alan Hardy, William Stoker, Albert Watson, Sid Hicks, Cyril Moat, Dave Richardson and Rob Yeats.



Also pictured are fellow National Executive member David Walton and Club Secretary Kevin Roddam (right).

Members raised £5,000 for Diabetes UK and the Teenage Cancer Trust by driving old custom cars around the Lake District and Scotland in fancy dress during the summer.



Long serving Dartford Social Club Secretary John Moon is pictured with his certificate for passing the Accountancy Section of the CMD exam. He was presented with the award by Kent Branch Secretary Dave Eastwood.

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National Executive member Colin Armstrong visited the Osbourne WMC in Chester-le-Street and presented Committee member George Walker with a Certificate of Merit. Pictured (left to right) are: Colin Armstrong, Club Secretary Joe Morgan, George Walker, Chairman Alan Morgan and Durham Branch Executive member Derek Lumley.



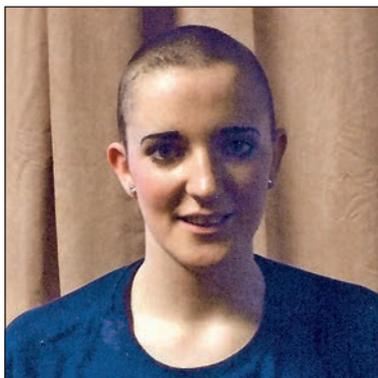
Baldy Becky Boosts Charity Bash



Helen Hindmarsh is pictured (front) with (left to right): Stevie Reddam, Jane Bell, Helen Stobbart, Rebecca Bell, Club vice-chairman Colin Fowler, Committee member Thomas Hindmarsh and Susan Hunter.



Rebecca before...



and after

It was a case of hair today, gone tomorrow for Northumberland club member Rebecca Bell when she decided to raise money for a cancer charity.

Rebecca raised £355 for the Macmillan Cancer Support with a sponsored head shave as part of a fundraising effort by members of Ashington Comrades Social Club organised by Helen Hindmarsh. Helen and her friends then held a coffee morning at the club that raised another £780 to make a grand total of £1,135.

The event was held to remember club member Jack Richardson, who had been looked after by the Macmillan Nurses.

"We'd like to thank everyone for their support especially the steward and officials of the club," said Helen.

Macmillan Cancer Support, previously known as Cancer Relief, was founded by civil servant Douglas Macmillan in 1911 as the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer, and is best known for funding the Macmillan Nurses.

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Ouse Boozers choose Union club

A York CIU club has been chosen as its Club of the Year by the local Branch of CAMRA. The presentation to the Bishopthorpe Sports & Social Club was reported in the York & Scarborough Branch's aptly-named magazine Ouse Boozers. Club President Martin Scott thanked the Committee and members for their hard work in making the club as popular as it is today, especially as it has some stiff competition locally with three pubs within 200 yards. Prices and facilities in the club are priced at an attractive level compared to the local pubs, however, and the beer choice is excellent.

Steward Roger Bacon is in charge of the beer ordering and as a free house, they have a wide range of breweries to choose from. The majority of business is with H B Clark's from Wakefield and one of their beers can frequently be seen on the bar.



President Martin Scott (left), Secretary Dawn Paylor and Steward Roger Bacon with the Club of the Year certificate.

Not only has the club a good selection of real ales, but they signed up for CAMRA's LocAle campaign some time ago so regularly stock beers from a variety of local Yorkshire

breweries. The now established annual beer festival brings yet more real ales in. The club welcomes guests and many guests opt to become members as the very modest membership fee of £6 includes two free pints at Christmas!

In a first for York, the club was signed up for this year's Ale Trail - where visitors to more than 14 of the 24 participating pubs and clubs can win free tickets to the York Beer & Cider Festival.

•Goring Social Club, near Reading, has beaten more than 100 others to be named Club of the Year for Oxfordshire, Berkshire and Buckinghamshire.

The Thames Valley club has two regular ales, Old Father Thames from the West Berkshire Brewery and Butcombe from Somerset and regular guest ales, immaculately kept by Steward Dave Dean and his bar staff.

Club celebrates its second centenary

Easington Colliery WMC in County Durham is celebrating its second centenary in just over a year.

The club was founded in 1912 and held its centenary celebrations last year. This year it is marking a century of membership of the Union, which will be marked with the presentation of the Union's centenary certificate.

The village of Easington Colliery's history, as its name suggests, is tied up with the history of its pit, which was sunk between 1899 and 1910 after the first sod was cut by Miss Barwick of Thimderley Hall.

The pit extended under the North Sea and was one of the most successful in the North East coalfield. It was, however, the scene of a terrible disaster in May 1951 which resulted in the deaths of 83 men.

By 1964 it had achieved record output and the club was flourishing as well.

The miners' strike of 1984 and 1985 saw the club at the heart of the community as most people in the village received no wages for a year.

An exhibition of pictures of the club during the strike taken by photographer Keith Pattison can be found on the club's website. In 1993 the pit was the last in the Durham coalfield to be closed.

• Anyone interested in the history of mining should enjoy a new DVD, "The Happy Lands", available from Amazon, which tells the story of three families in the Fife coalfield during the 1926 General Strike.



Pictured (left to right) at Swansea Airport are: Committee member Marian Evans, paramedic Ross Griffin, Entertainment Secretary Reg Williams, Club Secretary Ted Yates and his wife Maureen.

Welsh charity effort takes off

A South Wales club has raised £2,500 for two local charities with a series of events.

Dunvant WMC, near Swansea choose different charities to support each year and this year they decided to support the Wales Air Ambulance and First Responders, a local group who supply life-saving defibrillators.

The money was raised with various events culminating in a charity concert and auction supported by the local Entertainment Federation. It was topped up by collecting boxes on the bars.

The result was that the club were able to present a cheque for £2,000 to the Air Ambulance and another cheque for £500 to First Responders.

Green Christmas

Kingston Working Men's Club in Surrey will be transformed into Santa's Grotto this month, with the help of third year design students from Kingston University.

The students have been designing the festive setting using old timber, pallets and nails from the Bentall Shopping Centre, which is undergoing a refit. James Kennedy, marketing manager for Kingstonfirst, which is organising the town's Christmas switch-on, said: "The products used are recycled materials from the refit at the Bentall Centre".

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HOLIDAYS AND SICK LEAVE

By Andrew Dane -
The Business Medic

As we approach the holiday season I thought that I'd update clubs on the latest information regarding holiday carry over and sick leave with a Question & Answer feature. Answers to this quiz and full explanations can be found on page 7

There have been many cases in recent years in both the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) and the UK courts dealing with the interaction of sick leave and holiday leave. Some of these decisions have been at odds with the current statutory position as set out in the Working Time Regulations 1998 (WTR).

Fortunately there are some straightforward answers to the day-to-day questions clubs face in this complex legal area.

Q 1 Can staff who become ill on holiday ask for that holiday to be rescheduled? A) Yes or B) No?

Q 2 Can staff accrue holiday while on sick leave? A) Yes or B) No?

Q 3 Can staff take holiday while on long term sick leave? A) Yes or B) No?

Q 4 - Can staff on long term sick leave carry unused holiday over to the next holiday year? - A) Yes or B) No?

STOCKTAKE'S PRODUCT MIX IS WELL WORTH LOOKING AT

By ROBERT THOMAS - R.H. Jeffs & Rowe

Many clubs seem to believe that the objective of having a stocktake is to reveal to the Committee whether the steward has provided a surplus or a deficit. Experience has shown us, however, that there is far more in the stock report of importance and it needs much closer scrutiny. For example, a great deal of information can be gained from reviewing the mix of products sold. We calculated the average product mix of South Wales clubs in 2012 and produced the table (right).

A club should compare their stocksheets and ask questions where sales vary from the above trend. For example, with the new range of products on the market spirit sales are increasing, if the club's spirit percentage is low it could be due to:

- membership - a male only club with no entertainment tends to sell a higher proportion of beer;
- the Steward selling own stock, in which case a computerised tilling system should be recommended;
- members bringing in their own spirits, in which case the Committee and members need to be more vigilant.

Bottle and can sales have increased significantly in recent years because high prices on draught products have contributed to their decline and helped boost sales of bottles and cans. For example, a 500ml can is just under a pint and could be around 60p cheaper. In some clubs these sales exceed 40% of takings; this is not a good trend for most clubs.

The amount of information contained on a stock report can be confusing especially to someone with no experience in this

Category	Average
Draught Beer	67.9%
Spirit	13.0%
Bottles/Cans	10.1%
Mins./Cordial	6.5%
Wine	1.6%
Snacks	0.3%
Other	0.6%
TOTAL	100.0%

area, scrutinising the stock report can give valuable insight. Some key things to look out for are listed below:

Overall result should be a surplus, all deficits must be investigated.

Level of allowances for pipe cleaning. Are the allowances reasonable? Fewer fonts will result in fewer allowances and more profit for the club.

Waste. Particular attention should be given to claims for waste, ensure it has been authorised and that the level of such claims are acceptable.

Stock holding - examine closely the level of stock on hand held for each product. Most suppliers provide weekly deliveries and normally stock should be no greater than six days' average sales.

Gross Profit Percentage. The average percentage for South Wales is over 50%; ensure also that an adequate return is made on each product.

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Club's promotion leads to ticking off

A nightclub in Belfast has run into trouble for encouraging excessive and irresponsible drinking.

Complaints were made about the use of super-soaker water pistols and funnels known as "beer bong" to dispense alcohol directly into the mouths of revellers and the use of inappropriate sexual language on the club's social media pages.

The Independent Complaints Panel, which oversees the Northern Ireland Responsible Promotion and Retail of Alcohol Code decided the club had breached the code on four counts including: glamorising excessive alcohol consumption and dispensing alcohol in a way that cannot be regulated.

The Panel Chairman Duncan McCausland noted that the club had been compliant throughout the process and had already taken steps to address the issues when they were brought to their attention by the panel.

LAW QUIZ ANSWERS

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Q 1 - A) - Yes. The Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) has held that staff cannot be forced to take holiday while they are sick and this includes where they become ill during a holiday. This means that staff who are sick during holiday leave are entitled to ask their club to reschedule that holiday for an alternative date later in the year. In practice this means that the club will pay staff sick pay rather than holiday pay for the period during which they were ill. Some clubs have raised concerns that staff may abuse this right by claiming they were ill during holiday to get more holiday entitlement. Clubs can take some comfort from the fact that staff will still need to follow normal sickness absence procedures. If staff have not followed such procedures, for example, reporting into their line manager or obtaining medical evidence of their illness, the staff may not qualify for club sick pay.

• The Court of Justice of the European Union consists of two major courts:

The European Court of Justice (created in 1952), the highest court in the EU legal system;

The General Court (created in 1988; formerly the Court of First Instance);



Q 2 - A) - Yes. This can seem crazy to some clubs who query why staff should accrue holiday when they are already off work. However, the CJEU has held that sick leave and holiday leave have different functions - one is to recover from illness, and the other is for rest, relaxation and leisure, so those on sick leave should be entitled to accrue holiday.

Q 3 - A) - Yes. Even though sick leave and holiday have different functions the CJEU has held that staff can take holiday during sick leave if they wish. So if a member of staff has exhausted club sick pay, they may submit a request for holiday while they are absent on sick leave and be paid holiday pay in respect of that absence.

Q 4 - A) - Yes. If staff have been unable to take holiday during a holiday year because they have been absent on sick leave, the CJEU has held they must be entitled to carry over that holiday (up to a maximum of four weeks) into the following holiday year. However, if staff return to work before the end of the holiday year, but fail to take their holiday during the remainder of the year when they had an opportunity to do so, they would lose this right to carry-over.

PLEASE NOTE

Club staff on extended sick leave may want to carry forward holiday from more than one holiday year. This obviously has implications for how much holiday the club has to pay in lieu on termination of their employment. Although there are currently no restrictions in the Working Time Regulations (WTR), some CJEU cases indicate that a club may only have to allow holiday to be carried forward for a limited period of 15 months. The Government has consulted on amendments to the WTR that would limit the amount of holiday that can be carried forward, so the position will hopefully become clearer once the response to that consultation is finally published.

* While every care has been taken in compiling these notes, the writer Andrew Dane cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions. The notes are not intended to be a substitute for specific legal advice for which you should contact your Branch Secretary.

Clubs' Linneweber VAT case shock

FROM PAGE 1



Ian Spencer

The ultimate judicial outcome is as yet uncertain though informed opinion suggests the judgement is unlikely to be overturned again. Affected clubs should be aware that in due course they may be faced with a demand for the amount repaid to them by HMRC (plus interest.) There is no time scale known as yet but if you have not spent the money received from Linneweber 1 then it is advisable to continue to hold onto the money.

Further developments will be reported as the Union becomes aware of them. Any clubs needing further guidance are advised to ring the Union's VAT expert Ian Spencer, whose contact details can be found in his advertisement on this page.

For the removal of doubt Linneweber 1 applies only to Category B4 and lower Category club machines. Category B3A (electronic lottery) machines remain tax-exempt.

Linneweber is named after German woman Edith Linneweber, who won a similar case at the European Court of Justice.

Club decides to diversify

A club in a Northumberland village has taken over the sale of newspapers, bread, milk and other groceries every morning. Other plans for the non-Union premises are said to be in the pipeline. Combining shops with drinking establishments is already common in Ireland where pubs often incorporate post offices, grocer's shops and even funeral parlours.

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Carcroft Village Club President Alan Baker.

Carcroft Village Club near Doncaster are reaping the rewards after installing Smart Energy's Free Air cellar system. The club have made savings of more than £180 per week throughout the winter and can expect to save a massive £20,700 over the next five years. The system essentially draws in cold air from outside to help cool the club's cellar so whenever the outside temperature drops below 10C (50F) – which is most of the time during autumn and winter – the club is not paying to cool its cellar.

Club President Alan Baker, who is also President of Doncaster Branch, asked Smart Energy to survey their cellar to see if they could drastically reduce the club's electricity bills, after meeting Managing Director



Phil Towndrow at the Branch's Area Meeting in September. When they realised just how much the Free Air cellar system could reduce the club's bills the Committee had it installed last month and have been extremely happy with the savings already made – especially as they didn't even have to change their existing cellar coolers to reap the rewards.

Club Secretary Jim Hutchinson said: "I think it's a fantastic product for all CIU clubs to have in their cellar and our club is proof that it works. Now the savings have been proved we are going to get Smart Energy to further reduce our costs on our existing heating bills"

Among the many clubs who have already had it installed are Barnsley East Dene, Biggleswade United WMC in Bedfordshire and Darfield Rd WMC in Cudworth where South Yorkshire Branch Secretary Ken Green is also Club Secretary. East Dene Club Secretary Steve Dowle said: "We were offered a free survey and written report for the Committee. Smart Energy then showed us how to incorporate their Free Air cellar system and use renewable energy from the cold weather rather than continuing to spend valuable funds on our existing cellar cooling system."

Ken Green said: "We've all got to try to save energy and cut down on energy costs these days. We've just had the system installed and it works. It's really something that should have happened years and years ago, it just needed someone to develop the technology and for Smart Energy to make it available to clubs.

"I've known Phil Towndrow for many years and he's saved us



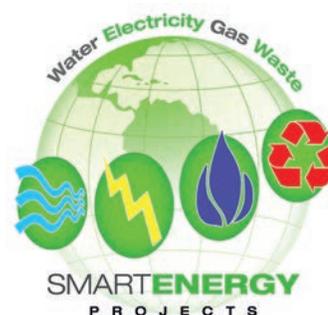
Steve Dowle



Ken Green

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The club's smoking shelter isn't much smaller than the original club.

NEW TEAM STARTS CONC

The new team at Crigglestone Club have been approaching local funeral directors to say their club is suitable for staging wakes but the way things were going last year it was the club's own wake they could have been holding.

When a new Committee was elected just over a year ago it was losing £1,500 a week. Since then they have looked at all the club's expenses and had to renegotiate their barrelage deal with Carlsberg-Tetley.

The club has cut right back on its expenditure but has taken the bull by the horns by installing a kitchen, which came into operation last month. Wakefield crematorium is nearby and President Derek Hartshorne has written to all the local funeral directors to let them know of the club's facilities. "When we've staged wakes in the past we've had to buy in food from outside caterers but now we are in a position to provide our own which is much better," he said. "We're now also in a position to

cater for outside functions."

The new team has had to look at all of the club's expenses to try to balance the books. "The biggest thing we've had to cut back on is entertainment," said Club Secretary Peter Everett. "We were paying out £500 on a Friday night and maybe only having 30 people in the concert nights are now available for function. The Committee has also introduced a session on a Sunday afternoon, which is popular.

An idea the club is trying is to install a voltage optimisation system which will reduce the voltage required in the club from 240 to 230 volts. "We're hoping this will red-

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The club's Committee room contains an excellent selection of old pictures and long service certificates including 40-year Distinguished Service Awards for the club's oldest member Herbert Lodge, and for the late Raymond Clarkson, one of the small band to have received the Union's 50-year Certificate.



The club's magnificent tiered concert room.

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used in the TV show "The Cruise" when singer Jane McDonald – who still lives in Wakefield – was filmed, backed by the club's organist Trevor Bailey and drummer Colin Dack, making what would be her last club appearance before the TV show made her a star overnight.

Boxers Ricky Hatton and David Price have also successfully staged sportsman's dinners here and being close to the M1 makes the club a handy venue for sports events. The club hosts the Wakefield League presentation night and Steward Mark Goodair organises Saturday afternoon darts competitions with cash prizes. Monday night is games night with darts and dominoes being played in the games room. The club also has snooker and pool teams who play on Wednesdays and Thursdays

As well as the games room and bar and lounge members can also enjoy a drink at the front of the club in its elaborate smoking shelter, built by club member Dick Timlin. The original club was started in a tin hut, which wasn't that much bigger, and joined the Union in 1911. The land was bought by miners Arthur Wilkes, John Robert Burns and Tom Smith from the nearby village of Painthorpe, for the sum of £100 from one Herbert Gledhill. All three were original trustees of the club, whose deeds were first registered in June 1912.

The club grew from those humble beginnings to take over a couple of houses on the pit village's high street, where it has remained. Times have always been tough here, none more so than in 1941 when Crigglestone Colliery was the scene of a major disaster. An explosion of firedamp claimed the lives of 22 men out of the 25 working on the afternoon shift in a small section of the colliery.

Although the pit is closed the club has a healthy membership of 1200 members. New housing in the village means, however, that as well as the area's funeral directors, the Committee are targeting newcomers with the ultimate aim of celebrating a second centenary.

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The concert room is well used with ballroom dancing on a Wednesday night.



Club Secretary Peter Everett holds the Union's centenary certificate watched by (left to right): Keith Palor, Andy Laycock, Dawn Fisher, Janet Marsden, Derek Hartshorne, Pat Timlin and Neil Marsden. Below: the club's gleaming new kitchen.



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Roy wearing a Rab Summit Jacket, usually worn on the summit of Everest, and the warmest jacket that manufacturers Rab make. Below: training for altitude includes wearing a mask.



Clubman Roy Partington is spending Christmas away from his family on the West's highest peak and helping Prince Harry raise money for injured soldiers.

IT worker Roy (51), a member of High Street Club in Swindon, is climbing Aconcagua in Argentina, which at 22,837 feet is the highest mountain outside the Himalayas, and has already raised £1,200. The trip wasn't meant to be for charity but he decided to help Walking with the Wounded after friends on Facebook started asking how they could send him money.

"I decided to climb Aconcagua because climbing Everest is just too expensive for the average man in the street. I was frustrated by a price increase and mentioned it on Facebook and before I knew it my friends were ringing, texting and emailing me offering to help pay for the huge increase in the trip. It really put a lump in my throat as I only meant to do this climb for myself."

Although Aconcagua is not a technically difficult mountain and doesn't require mountaineering skills the effects of altitude are debilitating – as Chris Haley and Robbie Savage found out elsewhere on this page – so Roy has been undergoing altitude training in an oxygen mask at a local gym and using a hypoxic altitude system and tent over his bed. "At 6,500 metres (21,000 feet) there is a brutal section called the Canaletta which can destroy even the most experienced high altitude mountaineers. I know I will be struggling at this point but the fact that I am doing this for injured soldiers will spur me on."

Prince Harry is a Patron of Walking with the Wounded and is currently taking part in a trek to the South Pole for the charity.

Roy's Just Giving page can be found at www.justgiving.com/roypartington



Chris at the summit with the group's guide Syeed.

Chris reaches the roof of Africa

Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields, the Union's recommended supplier of gaming and amusement equipment, has raised more than £8,000 by climbing Africa's highest mountain Kilimanjaro.

Chris was joined on the trek by members of the gaming industry – including former footballer Robbie Savage, a patron of the William Hill Trust, who unfortunately had to abandon his journey due to the debilitating effects of altitude sickness. He has raised money for two charities, The Responsible Gambling Trust, who organised the trek, Rays of Sunshine, which helps children who are seriously ill.

"The expedition was superb," said Chris. "But it was the hardest thing I have ever done in my life and much tougher than I expected – thank goodness I have been in training all year or there is no way I would have reached the summit. It was a pity about Robbie because he was a really nice guy and a great character who got on with everybody."

WORST QUIZ ANSWER

The group used the Rongai Route, which is considered to allow better acclimatisation. The seven-day expedition went through four climatic zones: rainforest, moorland, desert and then the Arctic zone where snow is permanent and oxygen levels are nearly half of that at sea level. Rising from the savannah of East Africa to the height 19,340 feet, not only is Kilimanjaro the highest mountain in Africa but it is considered the tallest free-standing mountain on earth.

Chris, who is 45, paid all his own costs so that all the money he raises goes to the two charities. He would like to thank all those clubs that have made a donation and for the amazing support he has received.

Dransfields are again sponsoring next year's CIU National Quiz and Chris added that the view from the top is stunning and that, contrary to what may be the world's worst quiz answer, you can see Kenya and Tanzania – not Spain and India!

• In 2007 Anthony Williams from Newton Heath WMC in Manchester raised money for the Make a Wish Foundation by climbing Everest. He was on the harder North East ridge within 450 feet of the summit when one of his colleagues fell on top of him forcing him to return to base camp and spend a week in hospital. Eight members of the party went on to reach the summit.

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- Fee limit set for a span. (8)
- A cough out of place, and you've got a pampas rider. (6)
- Odd aria to have, after square headgear. (5)
- Running, not for the train but the office. (9)
- Hate an emu - just for being a posh library! (9)
- Roughly rouse, so as to be tender. (5)
- Nuisance, is not subtle, meaning....? (6)
- Ale taken from tea-trolley? - could be a chance draw! (7)
- Old Mrs Isaac - in du Maurier's novel. (7)
- Alf's mostly gemstone? (Till death us do part... remember?) (6)

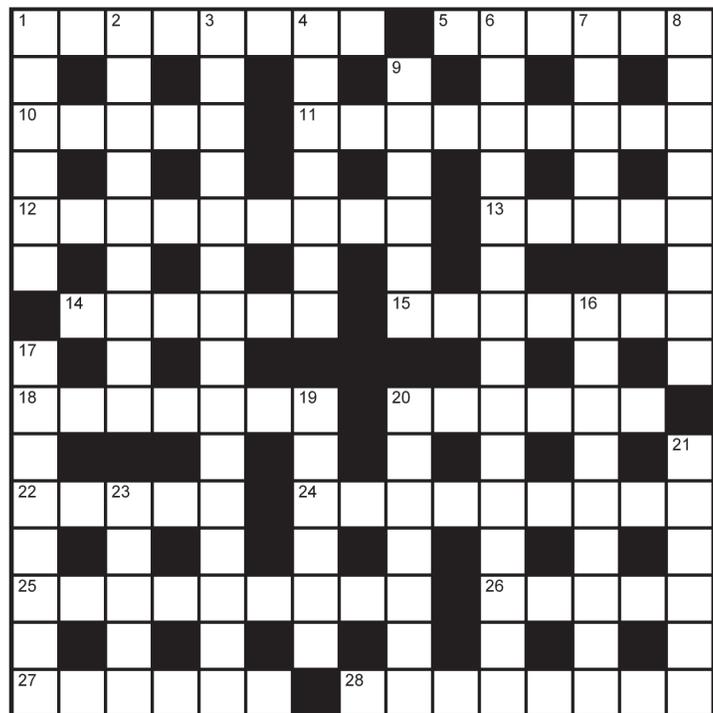
- Cut up a lime - quicker than post. (1-4)
- Pop a slice into blender, which belongs to the bishop. (9)
- Limpet men's strange tool. (9)
- Gets closer to Northern listeners. (5)
- Liken, they say, to Nature's pollution indicator. (6)
- Payer led the way and had the same match. (8)

DOWN

- It's deadly, all the mess! (6)
- Fancy foodstore to brighten old snaps? (5-4)
- Elongating relic can prove to be a source of education. (8-7)
- Teach me how to make a knife? (7)
- Personal food processor. (10,5)

- Chic hair salon, but short of a place to sit. (5)
- Long, long journeys epic style! (8)
- Thin plate, when seen from below, is a beast. (6)
- Model answer is to expel Mary, any way possible. (9)
- Bloody sort of road? (8)
- Exam that's singularly horizontal? (1-5)
- Girl set about the elastic tissue. (7)
- Bad state of mind - or parachute! (6)
- Jelly was picked out. (5)

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Club, West Midlands

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CLUB NOTICES

Clubs Applying for Membership of the Union

Leisure Hour Working Men's
Club
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Blackburn
BB6 7DJ
(Manchester Branch)

Clubs Closed

Ripon and District Club
(York City Branch)
North Leeds Working Men's
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Expulsions

Mr. Steve Roberts (membership
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Suspensions

Mr Michael Rickard (26th
September, 2014)
Carshalton Social Club, Surrey
Mr W Wilson (15th October,
2014) Wallsend Coronation Club,
Tyneside
Mr Jeff Friar (7th October 2013)
Broadwater WM Conservative
Club, West Sussex

Clubs Re-admitted into Membership of the Union

West Denton Social Club
Denton Park
Newcastle Upon Tyne
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(Northumberland Branch)

Clubs Withdrawn

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(South Wales Branch)
Whitworth Vale and Healey
Band Club
(Manchester Branch)
Greenock Torpedo Factory Club
& Institute
(Scottish Branch)
Holbeck Working Men's Club
(Leeds Branch)
Bishop Auckland Working Men's
Club
(Durham Branch)
Swaffham Ex-Servicemen's
Social Club
(North East Met. Branch)

OBITUARIES

Johnnie Barrett

Wakefield Branch and Glasshoughton Sports & Social Club regret to announce the death of their much loved President John Fredrick Barrett at the age of 78.

Johnnie, as he was known, served for 40 years at the club and was President of the Branch for 33 years.

In his working career he was employed at the Prince of Wales Colliery where he was the Union Treasurer and he was also a Trustee for the Wakefield Hospice. A loving husband, dad, granddad and great-granddad he will be greatly missed by all. Condolences go to his wife Gladys and all his family.



Norman Harrop



Norman Harrop is pictured (right) receiving the Union's special 50-year Certificate from Branch Secretary Geoff Blakeley, watched by Club Secretary John Cochran, Vice-President Bob Metcalf and Treasurer Jim White.

Manchester Branch and the Bloomfield Club are sad to announce the death of Blackpool club legend Norman Harrop at the age of 72. Norman served as the Manchester Branch Treasurer for 37 years and held nearly every job on the club's Committee during a 50-year career. In 2012 he became one of the small band of clubmen to earn the Union's 50-year service award; at the same time he received a gold sovereign minted in 1962, the year he was elected to the Committee.

A railwayman, Norman was only 17 when the Bloomfield Club started to sponsor his football team, the Blackpool Accountants. Rather than be left out he fibbed about his age to join the club and five years later was on the Committee.

A widower, condolences go to his family. He will be missed by his many friends at the club and the Branch.

George Hendle

Former North East Metropolitan Branch Executive member George Hendle, whose obituary we featured briefly in the November issue, was one of the first Branch CMD tutors.

Until recently George, who was 90, still visited the Langham Club in North London and the Enfield Highway Club, where the reception was held after his funeral at Enfield Crematorium.

DOMS PAIR MAKE IT DOUBLE NINE

Normal service was resumed when Colin Stainsby and Steve Smith from the Northgate Club in Darlington reclaimed their National Straight Dominoes title to give them their ninth victory in the contest since 2002. The pair, who have also won our fives and threes title nine times, failed to reach the final of last year's competition, which was won by another Durham pairing, W Hodgson and D Illingworth from Ferryhill WMC.

This year's combined semi-finals and final were held at Rotherham's Bramley Social Club on Saturday 9th November. In the semi-finals Stainsby and Smith beat L.Penny and J. Brady from Swarcliffe WMC in Leeds while D. Cartwright and B. Taylor from Bentley Road Club in Nuneaton lost to their Warwickshire clubmates G. Patterson and J. Kendall.



South Yorkshire Branch Secretary and National Executive member Ken Green is pictured with (from top) Colin Stainsby and Steve Smith; runners-up G. Patterson and J. Kendall; and the losing semi-finalists L. Penny, J. Brady, D. Cartwright and B. Taylor.



Irish benefit helps Hospice

An Irish benefit concert and dance at Wellfield WMC in Rochdale, has raised £500 for a local Hospice.

The event, organised by John Parker, was in memory of his friend Gerry Sullivan, who died at Springhill Hospice in March at the age of 88. It included music from a band that travelled from Ireland and Irish Dancers from Rochdale.

Gerry, who founded the Shamrocks charity tug-of-war team and was named as Rochdale's Man of the Year in 1999, was well known for his support of the Hospice before its first bricks were laid as well as working to raise money for many other Rochdale charities.

South Wales Branch individual snooker champion Rhydian Richards from Merthyr Tydfil Labour Club receives his trophy from Branch Vice-President Roy Allkin after defeating Ron Jones from Abertyswsg WMC by seven frames to five over two legs. He has now won both the national and Branch individual snooker titles as well as the national team event.



STEVE DAVIES AND DEADLY DOUG CAUSE A SCARE

We recently featured teenager Jordan Winbourne, a champion of the future, who made a break of 136 for Southampton's Sarisbury Green Social Club at the age of 16, but the club's connection with top snooker players goes back a long way. Club member John Oldfield recalls how when former CIU and World Champion Steve Davis came to stay he feared a probe by the taxman. After winning the World Title in 1981, Steve, who cut his teeth at Plumstead Common WMC in South London, fell to the curse of the Crucible's first time winners the following year and lost 10-1 to Tony Knowles in the first round.



John Oldfield

"All of a sudden he had three weeks off," says John, who owned a motorcycle spares shop and had installed a full-sized snooker table in the house he owned next door. "He came down to Southampton, stayed with the Town Champion Chris Holland, and every day he came round to my shop and was playing on the table.



Doug Scott

"Unfortunately he parked his white Porsche 928 outside the shop so all the customers used to think I was rolling in it and ripping them off," added John, now 70. "It used to worry me a bit because I was convinced I'd be getting a tax inspection."

Davis, "a nice chap", who went on to claim five more world titles, signed a book for John's shop assistant: "To Jill, who makes lovely bacon sandwiches."

At the same time the club's snooker team also had a scare when player Doug Scott killed a mouse and a magpie in consecutive weeks – the victims were increasing in size and they were worried who would be next.

Doug, known as "Deadly", a member of the club for 44 years, was at a summer league match away at Curdridge Royal British Legion when he went to the outside toilet.

"When I came out, I trod on a mouse. It was flat but not squashed." A week later Doug lived up to his nickname again when he was driving the team to a match in Winchester.

Two magpies were playing chicken on the M27. "One hit my aerial," said the former draughtsman, now 75. "Black and white feathers came in the window and covered the guys in the back."

A voice from the rear seats said: "We're not coming with you next week, everything's getting bigger!"

Irish beats Welsh

Our new National Individual Pool champion is Chris Gill from Annitsford United Irish Club in Northumberland, who defeated Terry Davies from Abergavenny Labour Club 5-2 in the final at Rotherham East Dene Club.

They are pictured below with the National Executive member for South Yorkshire Ken Green.

T Jones from Aberafan Liberal Club in Port Talbot is our new National Individual Darts Champion after he won the combined semi-finals and final at Mansfield Woodhouse Club in Nottinghamshire.



In his semi-final Jones beat former champion Gordon Dobby from White House Unique SC in Northumberland 4-3. J Richardson from Rushden WMC in Northants had to withdraw leaving A McCracken from Newbold WMC in Derbyshire with a walkover in the other semi-final. Jones then went on to beat McCracken 4-2 in the final.

Forster finishes it off

The Durham Branch singles and pairs darts finals were both held in front of a good crowd at Shotton Comrades Club

The singles final was between two players from Stanley Empire Club – James Forster, who had beaten Dave Brown of Blackhill Comrades in the semi-final, and Steve Smith, who had beaten Ray Hutchinson of Hartlepool Corporation Welfare Club. The match was closely fought but Forster was accurate on the finishes and took the title.



John Ball (left) of sponsors Precision Energy Management Services, presents the singles championship trophy to James Forster.

The pairs final saw Ian Whittaker and Dave Young of Houghton Comrades Club take on David Milburn and John Cairns of Kelloe Club. Again it was a tight match but the title went to Whittaker and Young.

The presentations were made by John Ball of Precision Energy Management Services Ltd, who sponsored the championships, and by National Executive member David Walton.



David Walton presents the pairs trophy to Ian Whittaker (left) and Dave Young.

Race Discounts

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.....	£18 (includes free drink, total price normally £28)
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KELSO:..... Sunday, 29th December	£9 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK:..... Monday, 30th December.....	£7.50 (normally £13)
UTTOXETER:..... Tuesday, 31st December	£10 (normally £18)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 18th January.....	£11 (normally £20)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday 25th January.....	£10 (normally £20)
SEDGEFIELD: Sunday 26th January	£10 (normally £16)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday 8th February	£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 15th February.....	£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Saturday 22nd February	£12 (normally £20)
SEDGEFIELD: Sunday 2nd March	£10 (normally £16)
CHEPSTOW:..... Saturday 8th March.....	£12 (normally £20)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday 29th March.....	£10 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Saturday 5th April	£12 (normally £20)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 12th April.....	£10 (normally £16)
SEDGEFIELD: Wednesday 16th April (eve).....	£10 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 19th April.....	£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Bank Holiday Monday 21st April	
.....	£12 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 26th April.....	£11 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Friday 25th April (eve)	£12 (normally £20)
RIPON:..... Saturday 26th April.....	£12 (normally £16)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 3rd May.....	£10 (normally £16)
UTTOXETER:..... Saturday 3rd May.....	£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 10th May	£12 (normally £22)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 10th May (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
CHEPSTOW:..... Wednesday 14th May (eve).....	£10 (normally £15)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 17th May Irish Day	
.....	£10 (normally £16)
BEVERLEY:..... Saturday 24th May	£11 (normally £13)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 24th May	£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:..... Sunday 25th May	£10 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Friday 30th May (eve).....	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 31st May	£11 (normally £20)
THIRSK:..... Monday 23rd June (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
UTTOXETER:..... Sunday 29th June.....	£10 (normally £20)
CHEPSTOW:..... Wednesday 2nd July (eve).....	£10 (normally £15)
HAYDOCK:..... Friday 4th July (eve)	£11 (normally £20)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 5th July.....	£12 (normally £22)
UTTOXETER:..... Tuesday 8th July (eve)	£10 (normally £18)
THIRSK:..... Tuesday 15th July (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
RIPON:..... Saturday 19th July.....	£12 (normally £16)
CHEPSTOW:..... Friday 25th July (eve)	£12 (normally £20)
UTTOXETER:..... Monday 28th July (eve)	£10 (normally £18)
THIRSK:..... Saturday 2nd August.....	£10 (normally £16)
HAYDOCK:..... Saturday 9th August	£12 (normally £22)
THIRSK:..... Monday 11th August (eve).....	£10 (normally £14)
RIPON:..... Saturday 16th August.....	£12 (normally £16)
CHEPSTOW:..... BH Monday 25th August.....	£12 (normally £20)

CIU RACING CLUB

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

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

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

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

CIU Racing Club Booking Form

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

Racecourse _____ Date of meeting: _____

Cheque enclosed for £ _____

(Made payable to racecourse involved).

Club: _____

Club Address: _____

_____ Post code: _____

Contact Name: _____

Daytime telephone No: _____

**Please send this booking form plus cheque
(made payable to the appropriate racecourse)
at least three weeks prior to meeting to:
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CIU RACING CLUB MEMBERS SET NEW CHARITY DAY RECORD



A new record of 1,597 CIU Racing Club members came to this year's Wetherby Raceday making it the best yet. Once again the weather smiled on us and the day was both dry and mild as members took advantage of the course's generous offer. For £14 club members had their own marquee and were also given a pie-and-pea lunch, a free racecard and five 50p-off drinks vouchers.



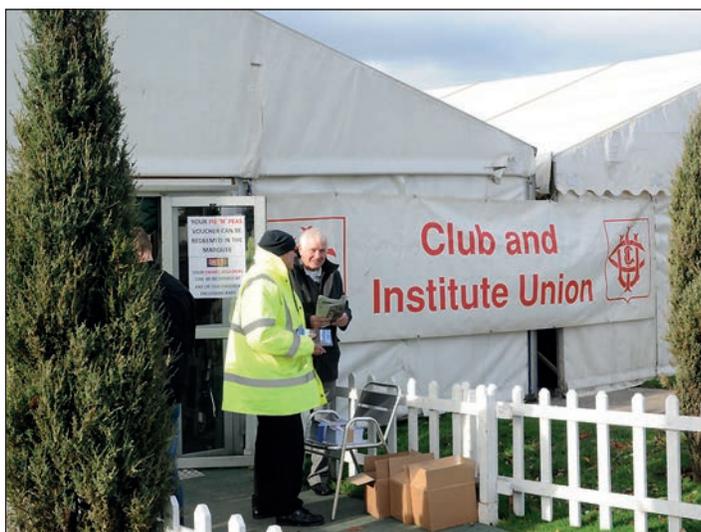
The racecourse and their caterers CGC Services both gave £1 from each booking to the Union's Education Programme allowing Course



Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley presented the winner's trophy to Tim Coyle, the trainer of Flicka Williams.



Top: Racecourse announcer Graham Orange and course commentator Gareth Topham gave racegoers their tips before the meeting began. Above: Members of Farsley WMC with trainer Donald McCain, whose horse Supreme Asset won the Best Turned Out award. Below: the CIU marquee.



Chairman John Sanderson to present a cheque for £3,194 to Union President George Dawson.

The Union's recommended gaming machine suppliers Dransfields again sponsored the Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday Handicap Hurdle and after Diane Hammond and Juliet Roberts had given a prize of £50 for the best turned out horse, Managing Director Chris Haley presented the winner's trophy to Tim Coyle, the trainer of Flicka Williams.

The Union is also grateful to John Smith's, part of our sole recommended supplier of beer and cider, Heineken UK, who provided the 50p-off vouchers. Arguably, the biggest contributors to the success of the day were Farsley WMC from Leeds, who again brought 257 members, a new record for the biggest party. The racecourse thanked them by allowing some of their women members to choose the best turned out horse in the second race.



Members of the Drifffield Veterans Football Team, who attend in fancy dress every year, came as Mrs Brown from the TV comedy "Mrs Brown's Boys"