

Club Journal

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The magazine for all CIU members

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CIU Charity Raceday is a real record breaker

Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday at Wetherby was another outstanding occasion for clubs from across the length and breadth of the UK as a record 1,843 CIU members enjoyed their day out on Saturday 15th November.

With the racecourse and their caterers, CGC events, each donating £1 to the CIU Education Programme for every CIU member attending it meant a cheque for £3,686 was handed over to the Union.

“Once again we were delighted by the enthusiasm of the CIU club members who have really got behind this raceday, and this year brought a record-breaking 1,843 racegoers,” said Wetherby Racecourse Chief Executive Jonjo Sanderson.

“As last year, Farsley WMC brought the biggest group booking of 257 members and the farthest travellers this year were March United Services Club from Cambridgeshire.”

Chris Haley, Managing Director of headline sponsors Dransfields, added: “It was a pleasure to once again support the CIU Raceday and great to see so many club members enjoying the day and helping to raise money for a worthy cause. As ever, the main winners on the day seemed to be the bookies!”

George Dawson, President of the CIU, was delighted with the record turnout at Wetherby.

“It was marvellous to see so many clubs getting behind our Charity Raceday and raising a record £3,686 for the CIU Education Programme,” he said.

“The event is going from strength to strength and I’m determined that after this year’s record-breaking efforts we continue to build on this success with the aim of bringing over 2,000 CIU members to Wetherby next year!”

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Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive of Wetherby Racecourse (left), presents a cheque to CIU President George Dawson and General Secretary Ken Green



Glory for Leeds club Main Line SC

Main Line Social Club in Leeds is celebrating after picking up the award for ‘Best Traditional Club of the Year’ at the recent Club Awards held in Manchester.

• Full story – page 13.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Pelsall LC set for new building as part of development plan

Under a new plan put forward by developer Dunedin Homes, Pelsall Labour Club, West Midlands Branch, could be set for a move to a brand-new building with its current site and adjacent land used for residential development.

The scheme will be considered by Walsall Council in the coming months and would see a total of 24 properties built on the site, of which one will be a flat above the club and the 23 others will be a mix of private two, three and four-bedroom homes.

Demolition of the current club would see a modern facility created in its place for the members complete with a dedicated car park for the club.

Calling all CIU quiz teams!

The official entry deadline for teams aiming to compete in this year's CIU National Quiz is December 19, so make sure your club doesn't miss out on taking part in one of the most competitive and prestigious quiz competitions in the country.

This year's National Final will be held in Blackpool and tied in with the 2015 CIU Conference activities, ensuring a very high profile for the teams which make it to the final.

As well as cash prizes for the top three clubs and the club finishing second to last, this year will see a special prize for the club entering the best new team.

There will also be spot prizes along the way, so don't delay in getting your entry in for the competition, sponsored by Dransfields, recommended supplier for club gaming machines, pull tab lotteries, pool tables, juke boxes and quiz machines.

All players in your teams of four need to be at least 18 years old and CIU members or members of a CIU club.

For more information call *Club Journal* on 01753 272022.

CLUB REACHES CIU LANDMARK



Goldthorpe Reform WMC of South Yorkshire Branch reached a major landmark in October as the club, established in 1907, celebrated 100 years in the CIU, having joined in 1914.

George Dawson, President of the CIU, was on hand to mark the occasion with the

presentation of a special plaque to Club Secretary Anthony Speight.

Also present at the ceremony were (left to right): Jil Elwell (Stewardess), Fikret Kabul (Assistant Steward), Mick Pugh, Mick Tarmey, David Inglis, David Grey and Brian Elwell (all Committee Members).

GS visits South East Met Branch

General Secretary Ken Green attended the South East Met Branch Council Meeting at Carshalton Social Club in November.

Pictured (left to right): Robin Docherty, Andy Way (Branch Vice-President), Trevor Baker (President), Ken Green (General Secretary, CIU), Chris O'Neill (NEC Member), Sue Graham (Branch Secretary), Peter Gale and Dave Legge.



Win a Sgt. Bilko DVD Box Set!

The perfect Christmas present for those of a certain age, the newly released 20-DVD box set features the entire series of Sgt. Bilko featuring Phil Silvers as the quick-thinking, fast-talking US Army Sergeant who uses his position in the military to launch a series of get-rich-quick schemes which rarely seem to work out.

To celebrate the launch, *Club Journal* has one box set to give away, worth £124.99.

To be in with a chance of winning, answer the following question:

In what year did Sgt. Bilko first air?

a) 1932

b) 1955

c) 1970

Send your answer to justin@clubjournal.co.uk with subject line 'Bilko competition'.



Brian Davies is the newest member of the NEC



BRIAN DAVIES ELECTED TO NEC

Brian Davies of Siddal Cricket and Athletic Club in Halifax has been elected to the National Executive seat for South Yorkshire, Heavy Woollen and West Yorkshire.

Brian won the vote by 18 votes to 11 against Howard Sharpe of Thornhill Briggs WMC and takes the seat vacated by Ken Green when he became the Union's General Secretary earlier this year.

Brian has been a CIU member since 1974, joined his club committee in 1982 and has served as Treasurer since 1987.

"It's a real honour to be elected to the NEC and I'm really looking forward to attending my first meeting," he said.

"Hopefully my years of experience will stand me in good stead and I'll be able to bring something of value to the NEC."



Six of the best!

A recent presentation at South Yorkshire Branch saw an amazing six Long Service Awards (25 years) handed out at the same time.

Pictured above, left to right: Steve Sanderson (son of S Sanderson deceased), Ken Green (South Yorkshire Branch Secretary and General Secretary, CIU) Ron Malden (President), Peter Taylor (Committee), Andy Liversidge (for Harry Blakesley who was ill and unable to attend the presentation), Harry Goulty (Trustee, Rawmarsh Trades and Labour Club, Rotherham).

SAS swoop on Hereford club

Two of the SAS heroes who took part in the operation to rescue hostages from the Iranian Embassy Siege in 1980 dropped in at the Richmond Place Club in Hereford last month for a charity event.

Legendary former SAS Blue Team members Rusty Firmin and Pete 'The Mink' Morrison gave a fascinating talk to over 150 people at the club, in the process raising £750 for the Pilgrim Bandits, a military charity formed by ex-Special Forces veterans with the aim of helping wounded soldiers live their life to the full.

"It was a real privilege for the club to host the event and get an inside account of such a famous event from two of the guys involved," said Richmond Place Club Secretary Leslie Walker.

"We're aiming to invite them back for another talk in May 2015 to coincide with the 35th anniversary of the Siege."

BRAND NEWS

Market for alcohol-free beer growing says new survey

A new report from global research firm Mintel has found that one in seven British beer buyers purchased non-alcoholic beer in 2013. It also found that the popularity of non-alcoholic beer is strongest amongst older consumers and women.



Sky Sports to launch darts channel during festive period

Sky Sports will be dedicating an entire channel to darts this Christmas to coincide with the William Hill World Darts Championship at Alexandra Palace. Sky Sports 3 will become Sky Sports Darts on December 18 until January 5 when the World Championship concludes.

Heineken UK to help set up urban community orchards

The 'Helping Britain Blossom' project funded by Heineken UK is looking for community groups interested in setting up a hundred orchards in urban areas. In partnership with the Bulmer Foundation and the Urban Orchard Project, Heineken UK will initially be funding schemes in London, Birmingham, Hereford and London before expanding to other areas.

Heineken UK's managing director David Forde said: "This project is about about bringing people together.

"As a cider maker, orchards are hugely important to our business and we want to share our passion for orchards with communities across the country."

For clubs wanting to get involved, visit the website: www.helpingbritainblossom.org.uk

OBITUARY

Malcolm Jordan

A stalwart of Crigglestone WMC, Wakefield, Malcolm Jordan died on 16th October at the age of 73.



He served on the committee for over three decades, receiving his service certificate in 2008 and was a tireless worker for the club and its members.

Malcolm was particularly active on the entertainment side of the club, working really hard behind the scenes to put on some excellent shows over the years, including several charity events.

Burnholme SC enters new era

Burnholme Social Club in York, established in 1935, has moved into a brand-new, purpose-built building after its old premises were demolished as part of a new housing development.

The club, which has a membership of around 600, used to be based in a 133-year-old building but heating and lighting costs plus a potentially huge bill for repairing a leaking roof meant that the club faced an uncertain future.

Now, as part of a major new development which includes 28 houses and nine flats, the club is looking ahead with renewed confidence in a building that is exactly the same size as the old club, but crucially is designed to be energy efficient and low maintenance.

Club Secretary Marje Pearson said: "Five years ago we nearly went under. We were



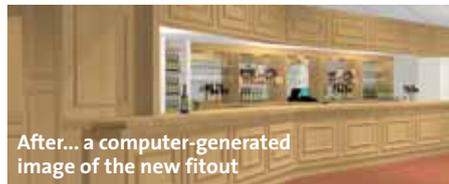
Les Leaper opens the new Burnholme Social Club

£100,000 in debt and our members bailed us out and invested in us so the new club is a real landmark. The building is absolutely amazing and we have got some new members recently too."

The Grand Opening of the new club took place in November with the honour of cutting the ribbon going to the club's oldest member Les Leaper, 93, who has been a member since 1940.



Before... the Main Bar at New Eltham SC



After... a computer-generated image of the new fitout

New Eltham SC upgrades bar

The committee of New Eltham SC in South London decided to update their Main Bar with a view to improving the ambience for existing members and attracting new members.

Bar and fitout specialists Thames Contracts of London advised them on the options available and then carried out the work with the result that the bar has been transformed.

The entire front bar area has been

upgraded as new in a light oak with solid oak mouldings and the back counters have been completely replaced, together with new ceiling and lighting as can be seen in the 'before' and 'after' images on the left.

Paul Carroll, the New Eltham SC Committee member responsible for the project, said: "We were impressed by Thames Contracts' flexible and cost-effective approach and our members are delighted with the outcome."

FOR SERVICE

<p>CENTENARY AWARD Nelson Club & Institute Ltd, Warwickshire</p> <p>DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD Steven May, Staincross WM Club, South Yorkshire David Morgan, Ceiber Social Club Ltd, South Wales Kenneth Davies, Merthyr Vale & Aberfan Social, South Wales</p> <p>LONG SERVICE AWARDS Barry Collins, Walsgrave Club Ltd, Warwickshire</p>	<p>Glyndwr Dummer, Ceiber Social Club Ltd, South Wales Huw Lloyd, Ceiber Social Club Ltd, South Wales Kenneth Davies, Merthyr Vale & Aberfan Social Democratic Club, South Wales Christopher Paterson, Forest Hall Club & Institute, Northumberland Kenneth Lee, Stormont Main WM Club, Durham Neville Newton, Stormont Main WM Club, Durham</p>	<p>CERTIFICATE OF MERIT John Wilson, Tindale Crescent WM Club, Durham John Wright, Brigham & Cowan Empire Welfare Club, Durham Kevin Philips, Haughton Le Skerne WMC, Durham Nicholas Lang, Stormont Main WM Club, Durham John Hills, Stormont Main WM Club, Durham Eileen Smith, Walthamstow Trades Hall, North East Met Brenda Shearing, Walthamstow Trades Hall, North East Met</p>
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CLUB NOTICES

<p>EXPULSIONS Mr Keith Griggs, New Haw Club & Institute, Addlestone, Surrey Mr Malcolm Leighton, New Haw Club & Institute, Addlestone, Surrey Mr Ian Field, West Byfleet Social Club, West Byfleet, Surrey Mr James Martin, Deepdale Labour Social & Bowling Club, Preston</p> <p>CLUBS CEASING MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNION Clubs Closed Newton Reform Club Ltd (Manchester Branch) Smithywood Road WM Club & Institute (South Yorkshire Branch)</p>	<p>Burnley League Social Club Ltd (Burnley & Pendle Branch) Relton Terrace Club (Durham Branch) Sutton Sports & Social Club (West Midlands Branch)</p> <p>Clubs Withdrawn Perry Street Club & Institute (Western Counties Branch) Ammanford Social Club & Institute Ltd (South Wales Branch) Underbank Working Men's Club (Heavy Woollen Branch)</p> <p>Expelled Northampton Ex-Servicemen's Club (South East Midlands Branch)</p>
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BENEFITING FROM NEW-AGE TECHNOLOGY



PERFECTION: (L-R): Club Treasurer Sean Gilchrist, HEINEKEN Regional Sales Manager Kirsty Millner and President John Hannam have regular meetings to keep abreast of market trends and money-saving opportunities



FUTURE: New technology in and out of the cellar is clearly the way ahead as the United Services, Services Rendered Club in London's Balham High Road have discovered

After just 18 months running the United Services, Services Rendered Club (USSR for short) in London's Balham High Road, Club Manager Brenda Tomkins and the Committee have managed to

make substantial savings by listening to HEINEKEN and installing the company's well-publicised new technology - SmartDispense - and it's benefiting the bar staff too.

"Like many clubs, we were going through a rough patch financially and needed to cut costs," says Brenda.

"The cellar wasn't functioning properly, our ullage was often costing a four-figure sum at the stocktaking stage and the staff were 'overheating' behind the bar because of the temperatures at which the coolers were running!

"On voicing our concerns, our HEINEKEN rep Kirsty Millner and one of their Draught Dispense

Specialists organised meetings with myself and the Committee only a few months ago and, very professionally, outlined where substantial savings could be made - not only in terms of wastage, but also in energy costs if we were to install the new system.

"In that respect we're talking 'pence' now compared to 'pounds' on the wastage front and there are more benefits from this new technology!

"I don't have to do the

line cleaning because it's all done for me as part of the deal, the quality - including the temperature - of all our bright beers is much improved, perfect actually - and because of this, we are having another line installed soon."

HEINEKEN Draught Dispense Specialist Matthew Stransom and Regional Sales Manager Kirsty Millner agree:

"Our first meeting highlighted areas of opportunity to improve the quality and consistence of the beer being dispensed. It also became apparent that the cellar temperature control unit was not working and the club did not wish to invest in replacing or repairing this system.

"Due to the layout of the club and the fact the kegs and cooler could be located directly under the bar providing a short python run, we were able to install one of our Smart Dispense systems without the necessity of cellar cooling.

"HEINEKEN paid to install the new system and this has clearly



improved the quality and consistence of the beer and helped Brenda move from a weekly line-cleaning process to a contracted monthly one.

"This has also reduced the club's associated line cleaning costs by 75% at the same time as helping them sell the very best quality product to their members."

For more information visit www.smartdispense.heineken.co.uk



CHEERS!: (L-R): Club Manager Brenda Tomkins, HEINEKEN Regional Sales Manager Kirsty Millner, Treasurer Sean Gilchrist, Barmaid Pat Griffin and President John Hannam



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CIU RAISES KEY ISSUES AT HOUSE OF COMMONS

The latest meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs took place in October at the House of Commons

The CIU took the lead at the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs at the House of Commons on October 21st.

The meeting got underway with Chairman David Crausby MP welcoming Kenneth Green CMD, newly appointed General Secretary of the CIU, to the Group, before the discussion of the key topics.

The impact of the new licensing regulation

The Draft Licensing Act 2003 (Mandatory Licensing Conditions) (Amendment) Order 2014 ("the 2014 Order") amends the 2010 Order with effect from 1 October 2014.

The conditions will apply to all relevant premises licences and club premises certificates which authorise the supply of alcohol for consumption on the premises, with the exception of the age verification condition, which will also apply to licences and certificates which permit the supply of alcohol for consumption off the premises.

This will tighten the existing mandatory licensing conditions relating to irresponsible promotions, the provision of free water, the adoption and application of age verification policies and the provision of small measures at licensed premises.

George Dawson, CIU President,



The APPG meetings take place each quarter at the House of Commons

commented that these charges appear to target the on-trade. The inconsistency of individual council's approach to licensing issues also raised concern among those present.

The impact of the EU Food Regulations

In December 2014, new legislation will come into effect that will have an impact on all food service operators. This legislation, EU Food Information Regulation, also being referred to as Food Information for Consumers Regulation (FIR), will impact on the clubs and how suppliers label and describe food on packaging.

The introduction of the Co-operative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 which replaces the previous Industrial & Provident Societies Act

The main effect of the Act is to consolidate earlier legislation with the Group noting that all legal requirements for registration

governance, interaction with the FCA remain the same.

For registrations after 1 August 2014, the registering society will be referred to as either a cooperative society or a community benefit society, as appropriate.

Existing registered societies can retain their present name and need not change their rules; they keep their existing registration number.

If a registered society has on its letterhead or website (say) "an Industrial & Provident Society registered under the I & P Act 1965" the FCA advises that it "could" change it to "registered society under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014". This is not said to be obligatory.

Because of the 2014 Act, the FCA has updated its forms and information notes, in particular the new registration, rule changes and annual return forms. The new forms must be used for applications determined after August 1st 2014.

APPG Meeting, House of Commons, 21.10.14

Present: David Crausby MP (Chair), David Ward MP; In attendance: George Dawson CMD (President CIU), John Tobin (Vice-President CIU), Kenneth Green CMD (General Secretary CIU), Bob Russell CMD (NEC Member CIU), George Smith (NEC Member CIU), Bob Bates (NUL & SC), Ian McAlpine (CISWO), Stephen Goulding (Office Manager

CIU), Norman Pritchard-Woollett (Administrative Consultant CIU), Sean Ferris (Club Journal), Justin O'Regan (Club Journal). Apologies: Brian Brinley MP, Stephen Hepburn MP, David Watts MP, Ian Mearns MP, Linda Riordan MP, Andrew Griffiths MP, Grahame Morris MP, Philip Smith CBE (ACC), Charles Littlewood (ACC).

READER SURVEY 2014/15

The Club Journal Survey will be one of the most comprehensive surveys carried out in the club industry. By identifying the views and concerns of clubs, as well as analysing shifts in trading patterns, we can collectively identify new business opportunities and tackle emerging issues. Your input is crucial. So please spend a few minutes completing this important survey. As a thank you, you'll gain automatic entry into our free prize draw to win one of the following: an iPod, a digital camera or a tablet

To be completed by the Secretary/Manager in black pen. Please mark boxes as follows

GENERAL

1. How many members do you have?

Less than 250 250-500 501-999 1,000-1,999

Other (please specify)

2. Which group below best describes the age/gender of your members (rank 1 - 6 with 1 being the highest)

18-34 male 18-34 female 35-50 male
 35-50 female 51+ male 51+ female

Other (please specify)

3. Which are the most important target markets for membership drives? (rank the top 5 only, with 1 being the most important)

Junior members Families 18 - 34 male
 18 - 34 female 35-50 male 35-50 female
 51+ male 51+ female

4. On average, how regularly do most of your members visit the club?

TICK ONE BOX

Daily Weekly Monthly
 Twice a week Twice a month Less than once a month

Other (please specify)

5. In the past year (2013) have you noticed a change in the FREQUENCY of visits by members?

No Increased substantially
 Increased a little Decreased substantially
 Decreased a little Too early to judge

Other (please specify)

6. What facilities do you offer?

Cable/Satellite TV Big Screen Live entertainment
 Children's play area Function room Games room
 Garden Smoking area Sports facilities
 Cigarette machine Contraceptive machine Car Park
 Separate restaurant Darts Snooker
 Pool

7. What is your main source of trade information? TICK ONE BOX

Club Journal TV advertising Trade press (general)
 Company reps CIU Internet

BUSINESS TURNOVER

8. What will be your club's turnover this year? TICK ONE BOX

Under £100k £100k - £300k £301k - £500k
 £501k - £700k £701k - £900k £901k - £2m
 Over £2m (please specify)
 Do not know

9. How has the turnover changed from last year? TICK ONE BOX

Not at all Increased substantially
 Increased slightly Decreased substantially
 Decreased slightly

10. Which brands of cider do you stock (state whether draught or packaged)?

1.
 2.
 3.

11. What are your best selling lagers?

1.
 2.
 3.

12. What are your best selling bitters?

1.
 2.
 3.

SPIRITS & SPECIALITY DRINKS

13. Which of the following do you stock?

Absolute Vodka Baileys Bacardi
 Beefeater Bell's Bombay Sapphire
 Buffalo Trace Captain Morgan Courvoisier
 Disarrano Drambuie The Famous Grouse
 Glenlivet Gordon's Gin Grey Goose
 Hennessy

Other (please specify)

SOFT DRINKS

14. Which of the following do you stock?

Appletizer Britvic juice Britvic Mixer
 Coca-Cola Diet Coke Diet Pepsi
 Hartridges Isotonic Sports J20
 Outspan Orange PAGO Fruit Juices Pepsi
 Powerade Red Bull Robinsons
 R Whites Lemonade Schweppes Mixer Schweppes Lemonade
 Shloer Virgin

Other (please specify)

15. How do you purchase the following drinks?

	Direct from Brewer	Delivered Wholesale	Cash and carry	Through the internet	Off licence
Draught beer	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Bottled Beer	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Spirits	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Wines	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Soft drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>				

Other (please specify)

16. Still on your suppliers, please name your...

Brewer/Breweries (if applicable)

Wholesaler/s (if applicable)

Cash & Carry/Carries (if applicable)

17. How do you rank your...

	Very poor	Poor	Good	Very good	Excellent
Brewer/Breweries (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Wholesaler/s (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>				
Cash & Carry/Carries (if applicable)	<input type="checkbox"/>				

18. Does your club have the following?

Computer/s	<input type="checkbox"/>	Website	<input type="checkbox"/>	Facebook page	<input type="checkbox"/>
Twitter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Wi-Fi	<input type="checkbox"/>		

ENTERTAINMENT

19. How much do gaming machines contribute to your net profile?

Less than 10 per cent	<input type="checkbox"/>	10-20 per cent	<input type="checkbox"/>	21-35 per cent	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over 35 per cent	<input type="checkbox"/>				

20. How many gaming machines are there at your club and who supplies them?

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21. What live entertainment do you offer at your club?

Band/singers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Comedy	<input type="checkbox"/>	Cabaret	<input type="checkbox"/>
Theme nights	<input type="checkbox"/>	None	<input type="checkbox"/>		

22. Do you have any of the following?

BT Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>	Racing UK	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sky Sports	<input type="checkbox"/>
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CATERING

23. How important are the following to your trade?

	Increasingly important	Decreasingly important	No change	Don't have
Sports screening	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Confectionary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hot bar food	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Live entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

DEADLINE: January 19, 2015

Post to:

Club Journal Reader Survey
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Prize Draw: Terms and Conditions

1: All completed and legible entries received by the deadline will be entered into the Free Prize Draw. 2: The editor's decision is final and legally binding and no correspondence will be entered into. 3: No responsibility will be taken for postal entries lost or delayed, and illegible entries will not be accepted. Proof of posting is not proof of receipt. 4: Only one entry per club is acceptable. Completed entries should reach us no later than January 19, 2015. 5: You can enter using this form, or online (visit www.wmciu.org). 6: Prize winners will be notified by post.

PRIZE DRAW ENTRY DETAILS

This survey is confidential. However, if you would like to be entered into our prize draw, please complete the following section in full. Any details given will not be used for any direct marketing or other purposes.

Please complete ALL of the following details in BLOCK CAPITALS.

Name:

Position:

Club Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Business tel no (inc STD):

Mobile phone no:

Group outings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sports teams	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tea and coffee	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soft drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game machines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Crisps/ peanuts/snacks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Quiz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Promotions/theme nights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)				

24. Which of the following describes your catering facilities (Tick one box)

Separate restaurant	<input type="checkbox"/>	Dining area	<input type="checkbox"/>	Over the bar meals	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sandwiches	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crisps/nothing	<input type="checkbox"/>		

25. If you do not have catering at the club, why not?

No demand	<input type="checkbox"/>	No expertise	<input type="checkbox"/>
No kitchen	<input type="checkbox"/>	We use outside caterers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Too much local competition	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nearby competition	<input type="checkbox"/>
We are considering it	<input type="checkbox"/>	We plan to begin serving food	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other comments

THE FUTURE

26. What would be your most important business objective in the coming year? (Tick as many boxes as you like but rank in order of importance with 1 being the most important)

Lowering prices	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving range of drinks	<input type="checkbox"/>
Family facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving margins	<input type="checkbox"/>
Providing entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Getting/keeping staff	<input type="checkbox"/>
Training staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	Improving food on offer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving marketing	<input type="checkbox"/>	Attracting different kinds of customers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improving decor/ambience	<input type="checkbox"/>		

27. How many people read your copy of Club Journal?

Just myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 3	<input type="checkbox"/>
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28. What would you like to see in the magazine?

Other comments

29. Please indicate which of the following elements you would like to see more of in Club Journal:

News	<input type="checkbox"/>	Catering	<input type="checkbox"/>
News Analysis/Opinion pieces	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sport	<input type="checkbox"/>
Product news	<input type="checkbox"/>	'HQ'	<input type="checkbox"/>
Features	<input type="checkbox"/>	Crossword	<input type="checkbox"/>
Better business	<input type="checkbox"/>	Legal advice	<input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/>	CIU policy information	<input type="checkbox"/>
Social	<input type="checkbox"/>	Service Awards	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reader offers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Club Outings	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Informative articles which affect our life
by **Dione Mobley**

Hello Club Members

The £1.3bn Global Market for the E.Cig

With all the adverse controversial advice we receive about various new products Doctors now tell us the E-Cigarettes can help someone quit smoking.

So what exactly is an Electronic Cigarette?

E.cigs as they are generally known are battery operated devices

which have a replaceable cartridge. The cartridge does contain Nicotine in a solution of either propylene glycol, or glycerine and water which can be flavored. As you inhale, the battery heats up the liquid inside the cartridge and produce a vapor which then delivers a hit of Nicotine. Toxins are at trace levels and are comparable to other Nicotine replacement therapies.

However, it is not known yet if E-cigarettes with a Nicotine solution are as addictive as regular cigarettes.

One cartridge is the equivalent of up to 25 cigarettes. The battery lasts between two and five hours before it needs recharging.

In New Zealand a study was conducted with several groups of smokers who were given E-cigarettes, Nicotine patches, or a placebo (Nicotine free) E-cigarettes.

Six months later after these tests were carried out the Nicotine

E-cigarette users had the highest rate in terms of users quitting altogether with 7.3 per cent. The patch users were only 5.8 per cent and the placebo (non Nicotine) at 4 per cent. However, the British Medical Association has warned on the side of caution.

Dr Vivienne Nathanson, the BMA's head of Science and ethics, says: "What this product does is make the concept of smoking normal when we have all got used to the fact smoking in public places is not allowed. While current legislation remains confusing, it may amuse you to learn MPs are not allowed to light up an E-cigar in the House of Commons."

Given that one person dies of tobacco-related disease every five minutes in the UK the NHS has taken a more positive view. Its website states: "Smoking' E-cigarettes is generally regarded as a safer alternative for those unable or unwilling to stop using Nicotine."

ANY QUESTIONS?



Club Journal's panel of experts is ready to answer any of your queries regarding running your club

Q What steps can we take as a club in order to maximise our income from our gaming machines?

Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields, the Union's recommended supplier of Gaming Machines responds:

It is vital that the correct machines are chosen and that they are kept clean and in full working order. Here are some simple steps that clubs can take to maximise their earning potential.

Know your customer

Get to know your machine customers and find out their likes and dislikes on game features, etc. Speak with your machine supplier and ensure they are aware so they can help to optimise your machine choice.

When a new machine is installed, take some time to get to know how it plays so that you can answer any questions your customers have.

Sounds obvious, but make sure you let your members know when a new machine is installed!

Make it available

Choice of machine position within a club can really impact on earnings. Machine players like to feel comfortable so don't place the machine near a TV with all eyes turned towards it. A club needs to consider security and supervision of the machine as well to ensure that under 18s don't have access and that potential thieves are deterred from attempting to break into a machine.

Make sure the machine is switched on throughout opening times and keep it clean with a quick polish every day. Be careful not to clean monitors with a wet cloth as this can damage them.

Always ensure the machine's sound is on. The sounds that the machines make are integral to many of the features of the games, as well as giving an enhanced user experience.

Report any faults to your supplier at the earliest opportunity so that you can get the machine back up and running as soon as possible. A machine out of order costs you money.

Refill your machines

A machine needs £1 coins to pay out prizes and to keep the note acceptor in working order.

A large proportion of machine takings are in the form of banknotes – if the £1 hopper level of the machine falls below £100 then the Note Acceptor switches off and will not accept notes.

“It is vital that the correct machines are chosen for your club and kept clean and in full working order”

If the Note Acceptor isn't working, players will know that the hopper float is low and will not play the machine as they think it won't pay out major prizes.

If it does pay out a major prize, the machine will attempt to pay it, but will run out of coins resulting in an unhappy player, aggrieved at not having been paid out in full.



The machine will go 'out of order' and will need refilling – so it's much better to refill it before this happens. While the machine is out of order it will not be earning you a profit

Keeping the £1 hoppers topped up will keep the machine operating at its best.

If you are unsure how to refill a machine, ask your supplier for a demonstration.

Newer machines will now pay out in bank notes as well as £1 coins but many prizes are still paid out with £1 coins and the above advice therefore still applies.

Security

Keep an eye out for machine thieves, particularly groups of two or three people crowding around a machine or with one person attempting to distract you. They will often order soft drinks or hot drinks rather than alcoholic beverages. If in doubt simply ask that they play existing games off and then switch the machine off until they have moved on. Always thoroughly check suppliers ID badges before allowing anyone to collect, repair or remove a machine.

Q Our club insurance is up for renewal soon and we're looking for advice on what we should be asking our insurance company please.

Andy Kitchener, Aon Relationship Manager for the CIU, responds:

This is a very sensible question; there's nothing worse than paying your insurance only to discover that when an emergency happens you aren't adequately covered for it. And that goes for far more than just bricks and mortar. Did you know, for example, that:

- Employers Liability Insurance covers you if an employee is injured or hurt during their day-to-day role. It is also a legal requirement and forms part of UK legislation.



When holding a beer festival at your club, select a varied range of ABVs, colours and styles of ale

- Committees always assume the responsibility for the safety of their members and guests which leads to a requirement for Public Liability Insurance.
- Secretaries and Committee members could ultimately be held personally accountable for a lack of adequate insurance cover leading to personal financial and even criminal action.

Ultimately, if you don't have any Employers' Liability cover you are breaking the law and could be subject to a fine. Meanwhile, not having Public Liability Insurance could open your club up to very expensive claims in the event of negligence within your premises. On top of all this any expenses occurred, that would have been covered by an insurance policy, will subsequently have to be settled from your own funds, so it really is a must.

Underinsurance is another issue to watch out for, that's where you take out a policy but for a value less than the item or risk that you are wishing to cover. If you are underinsured by say 50%, the insurer will only settle at 50% of the sum specified or could ultimately decide that the claim is repudiated and no settlement is made.

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Q We're planning to hold a beer festival at our club but are not sure how many ales we should be looking at and how to price them.

Cask Marque, which runs an accreditation scheme for bars serving cask ale, advises: The number of ales will be determined by the length of your festival, the size of your club and how many people you expect to attend of course, but as a guide, around 20 ales should be stocked, based on a festival of between two and five days.

“When planning a beer festival at your club try to order a varied range of ABVs, colours and different styles of ale to suit every palate”

Try to order a varied range of ABVs, colours and different styles of ale (eg, milds, porters, blonde ales, strong ales) to suit every palate.

Remember your festival does not have to be limited to handpull beers only. Why not include bottled beers of the world? Speak to

your supplier to discuss real ciders or their range of bottled beers.

Decide whether your festival should have a theme, eg, 'Yorkshire Beers Festival' or 'Flavoured Beers Festival'.

Why not have a beer request book on the bar four weeks prior to the festival and let customers write in it what beers they would like to see at the festival.

In terms of pricing, if you decide to have one flat price across all products you should give careful consideration to the varying profit margins as each beer will undoubtedly be priced differently.

Alternatively have a three-tier system based on ABV. These can be colour coded to help your customers choose on both strength and price. For example:

- Red – below 4% ABV
- Green – between 4.1% and 4.9% ABV
- Blue – anything above 5% ABV

For more information on Cask Marque visit the official website:

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Do you have a club-related problem that you think the Club Journal expert panel can help you with?

Just send your question or query to justin@clubjournal.co.uk and we'll give you the advice you need.

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(Left to right) Main Line Social Club's Graham Naylor (Treasurer), Keith Baxter (Vice-President) and Julie Baxter receive their trophy at the Club Awards from CIU President George Dawson and BBC presenter and Awards host John Inverdale

MAIN LINE IS RIGHT ON TRACK

Main Line Social Club in Leeds was the worthy winner in the CIU-sponsored 'Best Traditional Club' category at this year's Club Awards. We talk to Vice-President Keith Baxter about the club's success

Main Line Social Club, located in the Armley district of Leeds, was established in 1965 and has been an integral part of the social fabric of the area ever since.

Now boasting over 1,600 members and offering some of the best facilities in the area as well as an array of activities throughout the week to cater for all tastes, Main Line's all-round excellence has been recognised at a national level with the club recently winning the CIU-sponsored category of 'Best Traditional Club' at the Club Awards 2014.

With membership and turnover continuing to rise at Main Line, the club is in a very strong position but continues to look at ways of attracting more people through the door.

"Those increases stem directly from attracting new people into the club," says Club Vice-President Keith Baxter. "We go out and ask what people want from the club and that can help to bring in new members.

"For example, we recently established a Singles Night on Monday evenings and that

has been one of the best initiatives we've ever done. It means we are now getting upwards of 60 people in on what would normally be the quietest day of the week."

In terms of facilities, Main Line is blessed with some first-class facilities, including a Lounge Bar, Concert Room, Games Room and Television Room, allowing for activities to run simultaneously in different areas of the club.

Keith explains: "There is something going on at the club seven days a week, whether it's private parties, our own regular entertainment and charity nights, the local councillors holding their constituency surgery on a Saturday morning, bingo, darts or snooker – it's always bustling in here."

A quick glance at the club's entertainment schedule certainly confirms that: Monday sees Singles Night in the Concert Room while the Bramley Sapphires majorette group rehearse in another room; on Tuesdays there's a Seniors Afternoon with Bingo; Wednesday is Bingo Night; Thursday sees the Bramley Sapphires practising again

plus another Bingo night; Friday sees Bingo and a solo artist in the concert room; Saturday is the main party night with live music, Bingo and 'Play Your Cards Right' in the Concert Room; and Sunday afternoon sees more Bingo in the Concert Room and live music in the evening.

Add in thriving darts, snooker, dominoes, pool, football, fishing and cribbages sections and you have a club which leaves no stone unturned in providing for its members.

And the club's pro-active recruitment drive shows no sign of slowing down as is illustrated by the club's very successful effort to recruit bus drivers from the nearby bus station as members.

Indeed, so successful has this initiative been that recently one bus driver got so embroiled in a bingo game that he lost track of the time as his passengers waited patiently on the driverless bus outside!

"We were very proud to win the Club Award in November as it's a real testament to all the hard work put in by the staff and officials all year round," says Keith.

NEWS IN BRIEF

John Harris steps down from National Executive

John Harris has resigned as National Executive Member for Derbyshire & Leicestershire. There will be more on this story in the January issue of *Club Journal*.



CIU website relaunches

The Union has launched its new website with an improved look, content and navigation features.

As well as the latest CIU news; a list of approved suppliers; an archive of back issues of *Club Journal*; and several other sections featuring key information for clubs, the new website has links to the 25 Branch microsities which the branches will use to communicate events and news to their Clubs and Members.

NEC Meetings for 2015

The dates for NEC Meetings taking place in 2015 have been agreed as follows: January 6, 7, 8; February 4,5; March 4,5; April 9,10,11 (Blackpool AGM); May 6,7; June 3,4; July 1,2; August 5,6; September 2,3; October 7,8; November 4,5; December 2,3. July 1, 2.

Rules Secretary meets with Co-operative UK

A meeting has taken place at Head Office between a representative of Co-operative UK and the Rules Secretary (The Union had been a member of Co-operative UK until recently). The NEC agreed that the CIU should become a member once again, on the understanding that legal advice would be made available on matters concerning all registered societies who register with the FCA.

UNION RESPONDS TO GAMBLING COMMISSION

The Gambling Commission is undertaking a consultation on proposed amendments to the social responsibility provisions in the licence conditions and codes of practice for operators.

The full Consultation is very lengthy and is directed substantially at licensed operators of commercial gambling (i.e. those with an operating premises licence).

Only section 12 relates directly to pubs and clubs and of the 75 questions posed to consultees, only question 68 has possible interest for the Union.



1. The Working Men's Club and Institute Union Ltd responds to this Consultation as follows.

2. The consultation appears in the main to be concerned with addressing social responsibility issues in the context of licensed forms of gambling i.e. those requiring both an operating and a premises licence.

Section 12 directly relates to pubs and clubs, in the latter case primarily to commercial clubs, not private members non-profit making clubs which comprise the membership of this organisation.

3. Unlike commercial clubs which operate under a Licensing Act 2003 premises licence, our clubs operate under a club premises certificate for the supply of alcohol to their members and guests.

Notwithstanding that distinction, we would concur with paragraph 12.4 i.e. that the Gambling Act 2005 was not intended to extend the provision of commercial bingo to

pubs and clubs; nor, through the medium of a GA 2005 premises licence, to permit such premises to install higher value machines than provided for in Section 12 of the GA 2005 and SI 2007/2158.

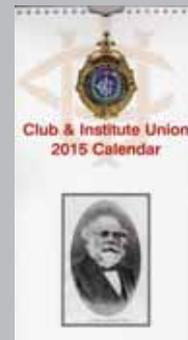
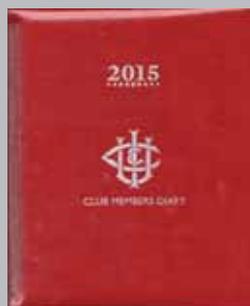
4. This Union accepts that its member clubs are, and should be, limited to offering exempt bingo except when it reaches high turnover level requiring an operating licence; and that our private clubs so licensed have no entitlement to, or desire for, the grant of a GA 2005 premises licence permitting the use of machines above Category B3A (one per club) and Category B4.

5. A club gaming permit (in the case of non-commercial clubs) or a club machine permit (in the case of both commercial and non-commercial clubs) governs prescribed machine category entitlement in both and seems to us to strike the right balance given that permits fall short of full licensing regime requirements.

Official 2015 diaries & calendar

The Union's official 2015 diaries and calendar are now on sale at Branches throughout the country.

The burgundy desk diary and slimline pocket diary are both filled with useful information on club management and are essential items for any committee member.



The 2015 official calendar and diaries

THE VIEW FROM HQ

In the first of a series of columns from members of the NEC, George Dawson CMD, President of the CIU, talks about the new *Club Journal*.

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Needless to say, it will remain completely independent and the team at ACP will report into us at Head Office. They are handling every aspect of the magazine, from writing it to selling ads, so do make yourself know to them just as soon as you can.



To reiterate – *Club Journal* is YOUR magazine, a chance for you to shout about all the great things and hard work happening at your club, so please don't hesitate to get in touch with the new team with your suggestions for future news stories, features and opinion pieces.

ACP is also working with us on selecting the best preferred suppliers for clubs, as well as on Awards, events, dinners, trade shows and our annual Conference.

Having known the team already for over two years we are pleased to work closer together on this aspect of CIU business.

The Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014

Norman Pritchard-Woollett, the CIU's Administrative Consultant, looks at this new piece of new legislation and what it means for clubs.

The Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014 came into force on 1st August 2014. Its main effect is to consolidate earlier legislation.

The 2014 Act ensures continuity of registration for all pre-existing registered societies. All existing registered societies will now be referred to as "registered societies" instead of "industrial & provident societies", whatever they call themselves.

The Union and its I & P member clubs rank as cooperatives because they conduct themselves by and for the benefit of, their participating members.

The main things to note for the CIU and the rules department are:

- i) all legal requirements for registration governance, interaction with the FCA remain the same;
- ii) for registrations after 1st August 2014 the registering society will be referred to (and presumably registered) as either a cooperative society or a community benefit society, as appropriate;
- iii) existing registered societies can retain their present name and need not change their rules; they keep their existing registration number;

iv) if a registered society has on its letterhead or website (say) "an Industrial & Provident Society registered under the I & P Act 1965" the FCA advises that it "could" change it to "registered society under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Society Act 2014". This is not said to be obligatory.

v) because of the 2014 Act the FCA has updated its forms and information notes, in particular the new registration, rule changes and annual return forms. The new forms must be used for applications being determined after 1st August 2014.

To clarify, CASCs registered as I & Ps are, for 2014 and superseded Act purposes, cooperatives (not BENCOMs) because they are conducted for the benefit of their members. The requirements that CASCs must be open to all-comers and their funds ring fenced are two of the conditions their rules must satisfy for the grant of CASC status (which confers various tax advantages) by HMRC. There is no way of switching between the two 2014 Act legal forms (cooperatives and BENCOMs) without registering a new society.

Preferred Supplier



Dransfields MD Chris Haley gives an update on the 'Linne Weber' and gaming machine income VAT case update.

Rank Group, which is the leading case for the reclaim of VAT on gaming machine income prior to December 2005 (commonly known as Linne Weber), lost the latest challenge made by HMRC at the Court of Appeal. Rank asked for permission to appeal this latest decision to the UK's Supreme Court and this has now been allowed.

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

The UK Court of Appeal has decided in favour of HM Revenue & Customs regarding claims for overpaid VAT on Gaming Machine income prior to December 2005. HMRC previously repaid to Rank £30.8m in connection with their claim and many Clubs which submitted a claim will have already received a refund.

HMRC are now asking for these refunds to be repaid pending the outcome of the case at the Supreme Court; they are allowing "time to pay" agreements for clubs with no funds.

Therefore, the final effect of the Appeals Court decision on clubs that had made claims will not be known until the Supreme Court has heard the case and issued its judgement; this is likely to be in summer 2015.

Up to £2 billion of tax is at stake in this matter and the final decision will be taken by the UK's Supreme Court; its judgement will be final, with no further appeals possible.

Important Note: This case does not have any bearing on Category B3A machines.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to your new *Club Journal*.

As Editor I will be liaising with the National Executive (your Editorial Panel) to ensure you are kept fully informed of all National (and local) issues as they affect the Union and our clubs.

November was certainly an extremely busy time at Head Office where we held the first two-day Branch Secretary Induction (more to follow in the January edition) and the election of a new National Executive Member for the West Yorkshire/Heavy Woollen and South Yorkshire Electoral District following the election of Ken Green as General Secretary (see the profile of new National Executive Member Brian Davies in the news section on page 3).

December is also shaping up to be a very busy month with planning well underway for next year's AGM, Trade Show and Dinner.

There are some exciting changes planned in order to make Blackpool 2015 a more interesting and event-filled three days for all the delegates who attend. An update will

feature in the January edition of *Club Journal*.

Another election will need to take place over December/January following the sad news that John Harris, Derbyshire & Leicestershire Electoral District, has been forced to resign due to illness – more to follow in the January edition.

Other exciting news in the pipeline is that a working group of National Executive members is currently working with external organisations to develop and deliver a new, professionally accredited exam for CIU members.

Although at an early stage, we are excited about this new qualification which will complement but not replace the existing CMD.

Finally, some of you may have had an opportunity to visit our newly re-launched website (www.wmciu.org).

This is a more user-friendly site than the old version with Branch pages and links to local events and contacts as well as outlining national policy.



Please feel free to feed back your comments – we want to help ensure the site remains informative and useful to our members.

At the time of writing, Christmas seems a long way off but not so far away when the new edition arrives! – so, very best wishes for the Christmas season.

Stephen Goulding
Editor

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Tel: (01323) 723322

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ACROSS

- 1 Drawback - said to be nett, not gross. (5)
- 4 Poise, to change the chemical form. (7)
- 11 Cart-horse reined in, for sake of music group. (9)
- 12 Spy an unusual flower... (5)
- 13 Poor dive comes to nothing in TV film. (5)
- 14 With deeds, Sirs, one can feed those rows of veg.1 (4-5)
- 15 King sat around for money, at the end of the day. (7)
- 17 Cone off former swop. (4)
- 20 Monster dog released within. (4)
- 22 Make a trend. (7)
- 25 Telephony, designed for a rapper, say. (9)

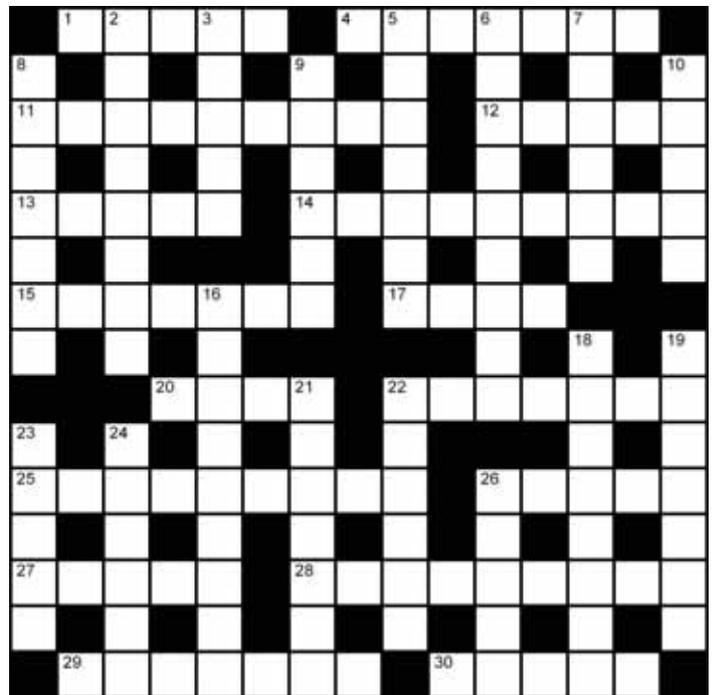
- 26 Hello Cumbria! Dr temp. there? (5)
- 27 Harvest a crop from dried coconut. (5)
- 28 Sock is ill-suited to sea spoilers. (3,6)
- 29 Brewed ale in a keg - awful! (7)
- 30 Crudely close down, but not done with a grimace. (5)

DOWN

- 2 Sovereign prince - duchess' curvy partner? (8)
- 3 Beliefs, taken from mediocre doctrines. (5)
- 5 Blighter is thus - also thust! (2-3-2)
- 6 Stick boat levels on to old players. (4,5)
- 7 Battle movement used by crabs? (6)
- 8 Get answer to this one (say) with compound. (7)
- 9 Tell sibling to wait - it's an

- impassé! (6)
- 10 Dodgy psychic has a bit of Romany in him. (5)
- 16 Thank whig for being a nocturnal type. (5-4)
- 18 Easy profit from this dairy supplier. (5-3)
- 19 Minims - a composition that gives life to things. (7)
- 21 General store is rates-free, maybe soon. (7)
- 22 Weak beef taken up from the French. (6)
- 23 Pockets - not to contain odd dot. (5)
- 24 ...anyway, please pass the time. (6)
- 26 Purple sort of call I made... (5)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX to reach us by December 31st.



Name _____
 Club _____
 Address _____

CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Congratulations to the five winners of our £10 Prize Crossword for November.

- Allan Green of Hoyland Common WMC Ltd
 Pat O'Shea of Hen Lane Club
 Mary Richards of Ryde Town Club
 Mrs D Sharman of Kettering Rifle Band Club
 Graham Jones of Milnrow WMC





Saturday December 6, 12.45pm – BT Sport 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Newcastle United v Chelsea

Chelsea have looked nigh-on unstoppable for much of the season so far and will be favourites to win this encounter despite the Magpies' growing confidence following some gutsy League performances.



Starts Thursday December 18, 7pm – Sky Sports Darts
Darts: World Darts Championship

Alexandra Palace once again provides the backdrop for the PDC World Darts Championship. Since its establishment 20 years ago, only six players have won this competition: Dennis Priestley, Phil Taylor, John Part, Raymond van Barneveld, Adrian Lewis and Michael van Gerwan.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures coming up in the month ahead, including an array of big Barclays Premier clashes over the festive period featuring 'top four' clubs

Saturday December 6
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Manchester City v Everton

Monday December 8
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Southampton v Manchester United

Saturday December 13
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Arsenal v Newcastle United

Sunday December 7
 5.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Aston Villa v Leicester City

Saturday December 13
 3.15pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Rugby Union: European Rugby Champions Cup – RC Toulon v Leicester Tigers

Sunday December 14
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Manchester United v Liverpool



Channel 4 Racing: William Hill Winter Festival at Kempton Park

Friday December 26
 12.45pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Chelsea v West Ham

Friday December 26
 3pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Football: Barclays Premier League – Manchester United Newcastle United



Thursday December 18
 7pm
 Sky Sports Darts
World Darts Championship

Saturday December 20
 12.45pm
 BT Sport HD1
Football: Barclays Premier League – Manchester City v Crystal Palace

Friday December 26
 12.30pm
 Channel 4



Saturday December 26, 12.30pm - Channel 4

Horse Racing: William Hill Winter Festival

Quite simply the pinnacle of the Kempton Park calendar, the Boxing Day event features three Group 1 races including the festival's flagship race, the William Hill King George VI Chase. Kauto Star won this showpiece event an astonishing five times.

Saturday December 27
12.30pm

Channel 4

**Channel 4 Racing:
Chepstow and Kempton Park**

Saturday December 27
7.45pm

BT Sport 2 HD

**Rugby Union: Aviva
Premiership – Harlequins v
Northampton Saints**

Sunday December 28
12.45pm

BT Sport 1 HD

**Football: Barclays Premier
League – Tottenham Hotspur
v Manchester United**

Sunday December 28
4.15pm

Sky Sports 1 HD

**Football: Barclays Premier
League – Newcastle United v
Everton**

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 contact Sean Ferris on 01753 272 022 or email: sean@clubjournal.co.uk

Tickets are sent to the club – otherwise anyone could buy them – and are usually not refundable. Look out next month for the full list of discounted fixtures throughout 2015 which will be available to CIU members via the Racing Club.

CIU Dominoes

The Dominoes Straight Pairs Semi-Finals and Final will be held on Saturday, 17 January 2015 at Leicester Railwaymens Club.

SEMI-FINAL DRAW

S Smith & C Stainsby, Darlington Club
(Durham Branch)

L Stamps & M Needham, Tuxford WMC
(Doncaster Branch)

T Medhurst & G Selby, Christchurch NADSS Club
(Wessex Branch)

R Compton & R Henworth, Bentley Road Club
(Warwickshire Branch)

RACE DISCOUNTS

(All offers Tattersalls unless stated otherwise)

CHEPSTOW	Saturday 6th December	£12 (normally £20)
KELSO	Sunday 7th December	£11 (normally £18)
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 20th December	£11 (normally £20)
NEWCASTLE	Saturday 20th December	£13 (normally £20.90) *
LEICESTER	Sunday 28th December	£9 (normally £16)
NEWBURY	Monday 29th December	£14 (normally £18)
HAYDOCK PARK	Tuesday 30th December	£7.50 (normally £13)
UTTOXETER	Wednesday 31st December	£10 (normally £18)

*Includes free drink

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) to:

Sean Ferris, Club Journal/Racing, Gainsborough House, 59/60 Thames St,
Windsor, Berks SL4 1TX



Representatives of the winning March USC teams, captained by Herbie Wilkerson (pictured with the trophy)



Ray Davidson and Derek Allen receiving the trophy from Sean Belton and John Tabor, Branch Executive member



John Pells and Geoff Rowe receiving their trophies from Ray Davidson and Sean Belton



Dave Wiley and Ivan Hood receiving the 'Nettie Seat' from Sean Belton and John Tabor

MARCH USC TAKE NORTH EAST MET BRANCH CRIBBAGE TEAM TITLE AS BELLE VUE WIN SINGLES

The North East Metropolitan Branch recently held its annual Cribbage competitions, all of which were well attended.

The Team competition took place at March United Services Club and was won by the home team. They defeated the team from Rainham Working Men's Club in the final.

The Pairs competition was held at the Colchester Belle Vue Social Club and the final turned out to be an all-Belle Vue affair with Derek Allen and Ray Davidson, the Branch's Vice-President, defeating John Buck and Lorraine Bennett.

A competition also took place for those knocked out in the first round of the main competition, and where pairs have to play to

lose to progress in the competition.

The winners of the 'Nettie Seat' trophy for this competition were Ivan Hood and Dave Wiley from March USC, who beat Peter Halls and Diane Chable from Colchester Bell Vue in the final.

The Singles competition, held at Chatteris WMC, also ended in an all-Belle Vue final, with Geoff Rowe defeating John Pells.

Maidstone WMC holds Games presentation

Maidstone WMC, the oldest CIU in Kent, founded in 1870, and a member of the CIU since 1875, held its 78th Annual Games Presentation Evening on Saturday 25th October 2014 in the club's concert hall.

This is one of the biggest evenings in the club's calendar and sponsorship across the year's activities came from brewers Heineken UK, Molson Coors and Greene King.

All the winners of the club's 19 Winter Games, seven Memorial Competitions and the ten Open Competitions that have been held over the past year were there to collect their trophies, or club drinks vouchers.

Also, in recognition of their achievements they were presented with the Perpetual Shields and Cups that are kept on permanent display in the club's trophy cabinets in the Games Lounge.

The overall winner for 2014 was Club Secretary Brian E.C. Hickmott who won the Wilfred Sharp Shield, with 14 points, and



Jim Nankervis presents the Wilfred Sharp Shield to 2014 Games champion Brian E.C. Hickmott

the runner-up, Tony Lansbury with 13 points, was presented with the Percy Ansell Cup.