

## Good news for clubs as gaming machine VAT case is settled

After many years of highs and lows and toing and froing between different tribunals and courts (*writes Ian Spencer*) there is finally a settlement in the lead case of Rank Group plc – known as Linneweber 1 – determining whether VAT said to be overpaid to HMRC in respect of takings from gaming machines should be repaid to gaming machine operators.

In April this year the Upper Tier Tribunal found in favour of Rank Group plc and having spent some time considering whether to take this matter to a higher (court) authority, HMRC concluded that it would not do so.

The upshot is that HMRC were obliged to repay to Rank Group plc all the VAT it had paid on income generated from gaming machines in periods preceding December 6, 2005, together with interest.

This outcome means that any club who submitted a valid claim and followed that with an appeal against the decision not to repay the amounts claimed, should now be entitled to repayment of the amounts originally requested, together with interest, calculated from the date the VAT was incorrectly paid to HMRC until the date when the claim is processed for repayment.

In addition, those clubs that received repayment and were obliged to make repayment to HMRC together with an interest charge levied by HMRC, will have that interest charge repaid (and quite probably interest thereon).

HMRC have advised that they will issue a Business Brief setting out the decision and treatment of claims within the next few months.



Many clubs will now be entitled to a repayment from HMRC

This should set out whether clubs will automatically be notified by HMRC of amounts to be repaid or will be required to remind HMRC of moneys due to them.

The issue of Linneweber 2 claims, for VAT said to be overpaid on gaming machine income generated in periods between December 6, 2005 and January 31, 2013, is still to be decided, with the lead case expected to be in Tribunal later this year. This decision certainly increases the prospects for a successful outcome in those claims.

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## NEC monthly meetings go virtual via social media app

The Union's National Executive Committee (NEC) has continued to hold its monthly meetings, via social media software, with much of the discussion understandably centring on the prospect of clubs reopening in the near future once the Coronavirus pandemic is under control in the UK.

Clubs are waiting anxiously for the Government to give them the signal to reopen their doors with Prime Minister Boris Johnson recently unveiling a three-stage roadmap to reopen the country following the lockdown which was imposed at the end of March.

The plans, which were published on May 11, confirmed that clubs and other parts of the hospitality sector are included in Stage 3 of the roadmap which is expected to come into force before July 4 – dependent on whether the Government's scientific and medical advisers are satisfied that their previous reopening measures in Stage 1 and Stage 2 have not caused a spike in the infection rate.

However, the report states that some venues and public spaces which would prove to be very crowded would still not be able to open safely at this point.

Instead, the Government is planning to operate a system of pilot reopenings to monitor their ability to place social distancing rules in place and limit the spread of infection.

The need to introduce new social distancing measures will obviously have massive implications for clubs, both in practical and financial terms, and the Union will be lobbying the Government strongly to ensure that clubs have all the guidance and support they require to reopen safely when allowed to do so over the coming weeks.



# Welcome

Welcome to the June issue of *Club Journal* as we move ever closer to that golden moment when we can reopen our club doors and welcome back our members.

Meanwhile, as you'll see from the front page, there has been some good news for clubs with the announcement that there has been a settlement in the lead case of Rank Group plc – known as Linneweber 1 – determining that VAT overpaid to HMRC in respect of takings from gaming machines should be repaid to gaming machine operators.

This will be very welcome for those clubs involved and we are very grateful to VAT expert Ian Spencer and Dransfields Managing Director Chris Haley (see his article on page 28) for their insight on this long-running case.

Incidentally, if your club needs any further help on this issue, you can contact Ian by email at: [ianspencer@vatproblemsolved.com](mailto:ianspencer@vatproblemsolved.com).

On pages 10-15, we have updated the information regarding Government help for clubs including details of the recently unveiled Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs) as well as the welcome news that the furlough scheme has been extended until the end of October.

In this issue, we also report on how Preferred Supplier Heineken UK is

supporting the on-trade, including news of Swifty, a new payment and loyalty app developed by Heineken in order to help clubs and other bars come to terms with contact-free reopening and adapt to post-lockdown social distancing measures.

You can read about this app on pages 8-9, along with news of the Heineken Community Fund which the company recently launched.

We will carry on monitoring any new initiatives put forward by the Government that could help clubs and these will be published on the website ([www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)), and in future issues of *Club Journal*.

Following some very positive feedback on last month's issue, we have put together our second *Club Journal* Lockdown Quiz – on pages 20-21 – and hope that the mix of questions on a variety of categories, including the history of the CIU, sport and brands, will test the grey matter of our readers to the full.

Enjoy the issue and let us hope that the end of the shutdown is in sight.

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## St James WMC undergoes lockdown refurb



St James Working Men's Club in Northampton has undergone a significant refurbishment during the enforced lockdown

When the Government finally gives the green light for clubs to reopen following the Coronavirus-induced lockdown, members of St James Working Men's Club in Northampton will be doubtly delighted to be back in their beloved club.

Following the temporary closure order at the end of March, Club President John Hudson and wife Angela immediately sprang into action to give the club a thorough refurbishment while the building was empty.

As well as laying a new carpet throughout the bar and a smart new dancefloor surface, the pair have also painted the club throughout to ensure that members will be greeted with a fantastic looking club when they arrive back through the doors in due course.



The refurbished bar of St James Working Men's Club

## OBITUARIES

### BRIAN GILLIS

It is with much sadness that the Wessex Branch mourn the passing of three of their Branch Executive Committee within the last year.



All three will be greatly missed and leave a large gap in the Branch Executive.

Firstly was Mr Brian Gillis who passed away early in 2019. Brian had been a member of the Branch Executive for just over 10 years and had received his 10-Year Award badge.

### H.O. NEWCOMBE

The second member of the Branch to pass away was Mr H. O. (Yorkie) Newcombe.



Yorkie, as his name implies, had moved to this part of the country from Yorkshire and shortly afterwards joined the Wessex Branch Executive Committee on which he served for over 30 years, receiving the bar to his 21-year medal.

He served as the President of Winchester Sportsman's Club Committee for at total of 19 years.

### BRYAN REED

The last member of the Wessex Branch to pass away towards the end of 2019 was Mr Bryan Reed.

Bryan had been on the Branch Executive for over 40 years and was an enthusiastic member of the Branch's Games Committee.

Brian had to resign from the Branch, much to his sorrow, when failing eyesight and poor health meant that he could no longer attend meetings.

He regularly took part in the Branch and National dominoes and crib competitions in both pairs and singles. He was also acknowledged as a demon shove ha'penny player.

## News in brief

### New Racing League postponed until 2021 due to Coronavirus pandemic

Championship Horse Racing has confirmed that, due to the ongoing Coronavirus pandemic, the inaugural Racing League, which had been scheduled to begin this year, has now been postponed until summer 2021.

Chief Executive of the Racing League, Jeremy Wray, said: "Although disappointed, we are making the decision now to postpone the Racing League until 2021.

"We have committed £1.8m prize money to the British Horseracing Authority, and will use the time we now have to work with horsemen, our partners and stakeholders to make the competition a really positive addition to the flat racing calendar for next year."

The Racing League will comprise 36 races over six consecutive Thursday evening meetings in July and August 2021 with all the meetings shown on Sky Sports Racing.

Arena Racing Company (ARC) Chief Executive, Martin Cruddace, said: "Given the current period of uncertainty that everyone across British racing and the wider business world faces, it is of course the sensible decision to postpone the introduction of the Racing League until next summer.

## Club date for Wayne 'Hawaii 501' Mardle

Darts fans at Hen Lane Social Club in Coventry are looking forward to welcoming Wayne 'Hawaii 501' Mardle for a special exhibition evening in September.

The former professional darter, who reached the semi-finals of the PDC World Championship on four occasions, is one of the most popular men in the sport and since retiring as a player has become a well-respected commentator on Sky Sports.

He has been known as "Hawaii 501" since 2000, a play on the title of the popular television series, Hawaii Five-O, due to the Hawaiian shirts he started wearing in 1998 for a bet.

The event will see Wayne taking part in an exhibition match as well as telling stories from his time in the sport.

Members of the audience will also get the chance to test out their darts skills against the former professional.

For more information, visit: [www.sereneevents.online](http://www.sereneevents.online)

## OBITUARY

### MARJORY PALFREYMAN

Harehills Labour Club in Leeds is sad to announce that Assistant Secretary Marjory Palfreyman has passed away.



Marjory was a member of the Management Committee for over 20 years and had been Assistant Secretary for 17 years.

Marjory's amazing commitment to the club and its members was undoubtedly, above and beyond the call of duty, and these attributes and her wicked sense of humour will be sadly missed.

She is now reunited with her husband, Kevin, who passed away a year earlier and was a very long serving, committed Trustee of the club. A special lady who will be very sadly missed.

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## Survived Lockdown Festival set for November

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IMAGE: WMC Facebook Page

Brierfield WMC has set a November 2020 date for its Survived Lockdown Festival

Brierfield Working Men's Club in Nelson, Lancashire has set a provisional date for its Survived Lockdown Festival which will raise funds for a local charity.

The family-friendly music event is set to take place on Saturday, November 28 and will see a whole day of musical acts performing, including singers Lacey Byker and Hannah McGrail who were runners-up in the 'Burnley's Got Talent' competition which took place at various venues across the town earlier this year.

The event will raised funds for the Sophie Lancaster Foundation which is dedicated to creating respect for and understanding of subcultures in communities in order to reduce the overall number of hate crimes.

Brierfield WMC is well renowned in the local area for its musical fundraising spectaculars and members were extremely disappointed when the club's Woofstock v Castsonbury event, set for March 21, had to be postponed due to the lockdown.

The event was due to benefit the Dogs 4 Rescue and Alley Cats charities which care for neglected and stray animals.

Meanwhile, the club's annual key summer music event, BrierFest, which was due to take place on June 6, has been cancelled for 2020. The festival would have seen a total of 27 bands and singers performing across two stages in aid of Pendleside Hospice and the PAPHYRUS Prevention of Young Suicide charity.

## OBITUARY

### Sydney Gwynne Johns JP



The Wessex Branch is sad to announce the death of their Honorary Life Vice-President, Sydney Gwynne Johns JP, at the age of 98.

Syd was co-opted to the Wessex Branch in 1977 when it was still known as the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Branch.

He remained an Executive Member until he retired in December 2015 at the age of 93 years after 38 years of continuous service.

He served as both President and Vice-President of the Branch during his long service.

He was a holder of the Union's Gold Medal and Bar for 31 years' service.

He also spoke at the Blackpool Conference on several occasions.

As a JP, he was on the Licensing Bench in Portsmouth and often gave the Branch valuable help and advice on matters in this field.

In January 2016, the Branch Council elected Syd as an Honorary Life Vice-President.

Up to six months ago, he regularly attended the Executive and Council meetings, until his health began to fail. After a short illness, Syd passed peacefully away on May 14, 2020.

Syd was a member of most of the clubs in Portsmouth at some time during his service and was a Life Member at Hill Park Memorial WM Club in Fareham until his recent passing.

He will be sadly missed by all members of the Branch Executive, club members and friends.

If you have a story about how your club is coping during the Coronavirus lockdown, please send an email to: [justin@clubjournal.co.uk](mailto:justin@clubjournal.co.uk)

# Entries are now open for the 2020 Club Mirror Awards

It has been a tough year for everyone, not least for the club sector, so why not enter the 2020 Club Mirror Awards and put all the hard work that has been carried out by your club and members under the spotlight?

If you haven't entered the Club Awards before, then make sure 2020 is the year that you do.

We want to hear about all the hard work that is going on in your club, throughout what has been the toughest year in living memory, and what you're doing for your members and the local community.

The Club Awards Gala Dinner, to be held at Doncaster Racecourse in November, celebrates clubs across the UK and provides the perfect opportunity to meet up with fellow clubs to share ideas and issues while having a lot of fun along the way.

## WHY ENTER?

Clubs use their success to:

- Raise the club's profile.
- Gain coverage in the local press and media.
- Encourage new members.
- Thank your existing members



Blackpool RBL Club and Hoo Village Institute were the joint winners in the 'CIU Traditional Club of the Year' category at the last Club Mirror Awards

- Show that the club is spending members' money for their benefit.
- Celebrate the club sector.

## IT COULD BE YOU

So, do you think you could be a finalist? Do you have what it takes to beat the best and stand out from the rest? Time to find out.

## HOW TO ENTER

To enter, fill in the form below and return to us via email or post. You can also request a self-entry form from [info@clubmirror.com](mailto:info@clubmirror.com) and we'll take it from there.

It really is as simple as that to enter. We look forward to your entry – good luck!

## HOW TO ENTER

Please tick preferred option

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OR

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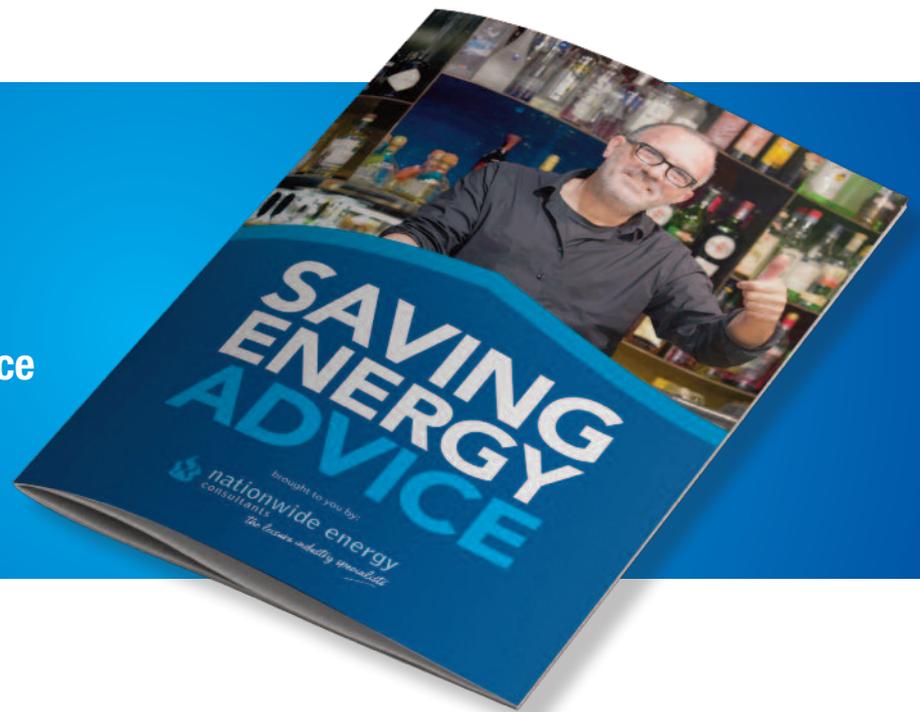
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## Heineken UK provides support to clubs ahead of reopening

As we count down the days to clubs reopening across the land, Heineken UK, the Preferred Supplier of beer and cider to the CIU, continues to offer support to the on-trade as they cope with the Coronavirus-induced shutdown



Heineken UK has taken a number of measures to help support on-trade outlets and their communities during the Coronavirus pandemic

Heineken UK, the Preferred Supplier of beer and cider to the CIU, has been working to help the on-trade come to terms with the Coronavirus shutdown and is now looking ahead to helping it to get back up and running once the all-clear signal to reopen comes down from the Government.

To this end, Heineken has launched Swifty, a new payment and loyalty app to help clubs come to terms with contact-free reopening and adapt to post-lockdown Government measures.

Swifty has been developed specifically for the on-trade and allows staff to take orders without the need for physical contact with the customer.

In line with the Government's expected reopening guidelines, clubs and hospitality operators will need to meet social distancing and hygiene standards when reopening.

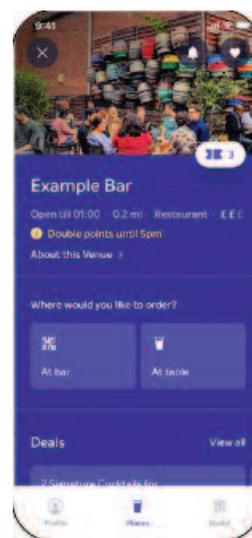
Swifty supports these measures and

eliminates the need for physical contact at the bar by enabling members to place an order and pay their bill directly from their phone.

By turning every stage of the ordering and payment process into a contactless transaction, Swifty enables outlets to meet social distancing guidelines whilst crucially demonstrating their commitment to the health and safety of staff and customers.

In addition, Swifty also allows operators to gather insights into their customers' purchasing behaviour by monitoring peak sales periods, buying preferences and demographic information.

Additional features to help operators get back on their feet include promotions and loyalty campaigns designed to encourage repeat visits, and a reservation management feature



Heineken's Swifty app

that enables venues to monitor and manage footfall by letting users reserve tables in advance.

Starting at £24 per month, Swifty is

## Heineken UK website provides advice for reopening and offer free learning resources for the on-trade

Heineken UK has launched a new website providing the on-trade with advice, guidance and inspirational stories to support them through the unprecedented period of the UK lockdown.

The website, which is available to everyone, includes all the latest government advice, support and how to access it.

It also includes advice on how to prepare for reopening, as well as free learning resources.

Stephen Watt, on-trade sales director at Heineken UK, says: "It's a worrying time for everyone and we are doing all we can to support our on-trade customers.

"This pop-up website makes it easy for them to access all the information they need in one place."

To access the website, visit:  
**[www.thepubcollective.co.uk](http://www.thepubcollective.co.uk)**



## Top Tips



### Heineken UK's guide to restarting your SmartDispense system

Once you are ready to reopen your outlet, please follow the below guidance to start-up your dispense equipment. This should be done 24 hours prior to reopening and can be done yourself, it does not require a technician.

- Turn the cellar cooling on
- Turn on the beer coolers and gas system
- Connect the couplers to kegs that are in date
- Reset each cider or beer by pressing the reset button on each keg drop
- Pull through the beer until it is a flowing clearly from the tap, the beer may 'fob' if the cooler is not down to the correct temperature
- The beer cooler will be ready to dispense at the correct temperature within 2-4 hours
- Refit the nozzles and you are ready to serve

available to all operators.

Heineken UK's Head of Data Driven Commerce On Trade Matt Rix, said: "We know many outlets will find adapting to new social distancing measures extremely challenging.

"Swiftly is designed to make that process as easy and successful as possible for both customer and operator.

"The aim is to make customers feel confident when visiting outlets during the immediate reopening and keep them coming back long into the future as we transition in to the 'new normal'.

"While Swiftly is a technology solution, it has the benefit of being backed by Heineken's wealth of experience in the hospitality industry.

"By combining our expertise as brewers, retailers and suppliers with an industry-leading mobile solution, we're able to uniquely provide our customers with the means to kick-start their operations once lockdown has been lifted."

For more information on Swiftly, visit [Swiftly-app.co.uk/business](http://Swiftly-app.co.uk/business).

Meanwhile, the brewer has also launched the Heineken Community Fund, with a £250,000 donation, to help those most impacted by the Coronavirus crisis in the UK.

David Forde, Managing Director of

Heineken UK said: "Although bars are closed we've seen many of them adapt to continue to support their communities where needed.

"We've also seen local grassroots charities stepping up to deliver vital services to the most vulnerable.

"They're helping to keep the community spirit alive by delivering meals and food parcels to those in need, picking up groceries and medicines for people self-isolating and simply being a voice on the end of a phone for people who are on their own.

"We know some people are struggling so the Heineken Community Fund will help to support these charities.

"It will help to buy thousands of meals and help make sure that the most isolated feel a little less alone.

"We've joined forces with Neighbourly and a number of other companies, such as Marks & Spencer, giffgaff and Coca-Cola, to ensure these incredible charities can continue to provide support where it's needed most.

Steve Butterworth, CEO of Neighbourly, said:

"It's great to have Heineken on board. As lockdown continues, their donation will ensure even more local charities get the funds they need."

# Update on support for clubs during Coronavirus shutdown

Following the mandatory closure of clubs in March, the Government has introduced a number of measures to help businesses affected by the Coronavirus lockdown. Here we present an updated list of the support and advice available for clubs. For the latest communications from Head Office on the Coronavirus shutdown please visit the Union's official website: [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)

The Government has introduced a number of measures to help businesses affected by the Coronavirus shutdown.

## BOUNCE BACK LOAN SCHEME (BBLs)

The Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs), which was announced on April 27, enables smaller businesses to access finance more quickly during the coronavirus outbreak.

The scheme helps small and medium-sized businesses to borrow between £2,000 and up to 25% of their turnover. The maximum loan available is £50,000.

The Government guarantees 100% of the loan and there won't be any fees or interest to pay for the first 12 months. After 12 months the interest rate will be 2.5% a year.

If you need a larger loan, you may be entitled to other government support.

Eligibility-wise, businesses can apply for a loan if they are: based in the UK; established before March 1, 2020; have been adversely impacted by the Coronavirus.

If your business was classed as a business in difficulty on 31 December 2019 you'll need to confirm that you're complying with additional state aid restrictions.

Businesses from any sector can apply, except: banks, insurers and reinsurers (but not insurance brokers), public-sector bodies, state-funded primary and secondary schools.

You cannot apply if you're already claiming under: the Coronavirus Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CBILs), the Coronavirus Large Business Interruption Loan Scheme (CLBILs) or the COVID-19 Corporate Financing Facility.

If you've already received a loan of up to £50,000 under one of these schemes you can transfer it into the Bounce Back Loan scheme. You have until November 4, 2020 to arrange this with



The Government has introduced a number of initiatives to help businesses affected by the Coronavirus pandemic, including the Bounce Back Loan Scheme (BBLs)

your lender.

The length of the loan is six years, but you can repay early without paying a fee. No repayments will be due during the first 12 months.

There are 11 lenders participating in the scheme including many of the main retail banks. You should approach a suitable lender yourself via the lender's website.

The lender will ask you to fill in a short online application form and self-declare that you are eligible.

The lender will decide whether to offer you a loan or another type of finance and you'll be responsible for repaying 100% of the amount borrowed.

## CORONAVIRUS JOB RETENTION SCHEME

The Government announced on May 12 that the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (CJRS) has been extended until the end of October.

The scheme, which enables businesses to furlough employees with the Government paying grants of 80 per cent of their wages up to a maximum of £2,500, was originally open for three months and backdated from March 1.

For full details on how to claim, including a step-by-step guide for businesses, visit: [www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/claim-for-wage-costs-through-the-coronavirus-job-retention-scheme)

Under the CJRS, all UK employers with a PAYE scheme can access support to continue paying part of their employees' salary for those that would otherwise have been laid off during this crisis.

This applies to employees who have been asked to stop working, but who are being kept on the payroll, otherwise described as 'furloughed workers'.

To take part in the scheme, clubs have to:

1. Designate affected employees as 'furloughed workers,' and notify your employees of this change – changing the status of employees remains subject to existing employment law and, depending on the employment contract, may be subject to negotiation.
2. Submit information to HMRC about the employees that have been furloughed and their earnings.

## BUSINESS RATES HOLIDAY FOR RETAIL, HOSPITALITY AND LEISURE

Businesses in the retail, hospitality and leisure sectors in England will not have to pay business rates for the 2020-21 tax year. Businesses that received the retail discount in the 2019-20 tax year will be rebilled by their local authority as soon as possible.

## CASH GRANTS

As part of the retail, hospitality and leisure sector, clubs will receive a cash grant of up to £25,000 per property if their rateable value is between £15,000 and £51,000.

Clubs with a rateable value of under £15,000 will receive a grant of £10,000.

## STATUTORY SICK PAY REBATE

The Government is allowing clubs to reclaim Statutory Sick Pay (SSP) paid for staff sickness absence due to Coronavirus.

The online service used to reclaim SSP is not available yet. HMRC will announce when the service is available.

The Coronavirus Statutory Sick Pay Rebate Scheme will repay employers the current rate of SSP that they pay to current or former employees for periods of sickness starting on or after March 13, 2020.

If you're an employer who pays more than the current rate of SSP you can only claim the current rate amount.

The repayment will cover up to two weeks starting from the first day of sickness, if an employee is unable to work because they either:

- Have Coronavirus
- Cannot work because they are self-isolating at home
- Are shielding in line with public health guidance

Employees do not have to give their employer a doctor's fit note for them to make a claim.

## VAT DEFERRAL

All VAT-registered UK businesses are eligible to defer Valued Added Tax (VAT) payments for three months.

This is an automatic offer with no

applications required.

Taxpayers will be given until the end of the 2020-21 tax year to pay any liabilities that have accumulated during the deferral period. VAT refunds and reclaims will be paid by the government as normal.

## TAX - TIME TO PAY SERVICE

Clubs in financial distress, and with outstanding tax liabilities, may be eligible to receive support with their tax affairs through HMRC's Time To Pay service.

These arrangements are agreed on a case-by-case basis and are tailored to individual circumstances and liabilities.

If you've missed, or are worried about missing, your next tax payment due to Coronavirus, contact HMRC.

You can also call the HMRC helpline for advice on 0800 0159 559.

**For the latest information on the support available to businesses from the Government, visit:**  
[www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/](http://www.businesssupport.gov.uk/coronavirus-business-support/)

## Government sets up taskforce to develop plans on the reopening of clubs

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) is to lead a new ministerial-led taskforce for licensed premises and restaurants that will develop plans on how and when the sector can reopen safely.

The taskforce is one of five such bodies set up to examine closed sectors.

The Cabinet Office said: "Businesses and shops in indoor environments or with closer contact between people, like pubs, hotels and non-essential retail, will likely have a higher risk of transmission, as is the case with many places of worship."

"It is the Government's ambition to open as many of these other businesses and public places as possible over the coming months, when the scientific advice provided allows us to."

It added: "These taskforces will be crucial to the reopening of Britain's economy and each one will lead on developing new COVID-19 secure guidelines for the reopening of public places and businesses, where and when it is safe to do so."

The Cabinet Office said that, "as part of this science-led approach", each taskforce would work across Government and engage with key stakeholders in public health, industry, trade unions and devolved administrations to:

- Ensure that COVID-19 secure guidelines are developed in line with the phased approach and public health directions, building



on the existing guidance and providing intelligence and sector-specific expert input

- Agree and ensure alignment of all relevant sectoral guidance
- Provide key sector stakeholders direct access to Ministers to shape the guidance

The Taskforce will be chaired by Alok Sharma, Secretary of State for BEIS and will include other government department's ministers, government officials, the Chief Scientific Adviser, representatives of Public Health England and the Health and Safety Executive as well as leading representatives from the sector itself.

### CLUB RULES

As reported in previous issues of Club Journal, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) has advised on changes made to the process of registration of club rules due to the Coronavirus.

Taking into account the Government guidance, clubs must reach their own decision as to whether to go ahead with any planned meetings.

Clubs may make alternative arrangements, such as making use of video conferencing or to delay any meetings, until a future date.

In accordance with a club's rule book, all rules updates, would normally be agreed to by the members at special meeting. Due to the present situation, this is not possible.

With regard to the process of registration of rules, the FCA advised there would be a slight alteration in the registration procedure.

The FCA will accept electronic signatures to the rules instead of original signatures received.

It will also not insist that the declaration form will require the signature of a Solicitor at this point

in time.

The FCA will not take any action against clubs if the annual returns are not submitted by their due date.

These arrangements will be reviewed in June 2020.

Requirements to submit annual returns and accounts are contained in mutual societies legislation.

- For more information on this, visit the FCA's mutual societies portal which can be found at: <https://societyportal.fca.org.uk>

## Government publishes its three-stage strategy on easing lockdown

The Government published its *Covid-19 Recovery Strategy* on May 11, setting out new guidance to help employers and employees work safely during the pandemic.

The Government has said that easing of lockdown measures will occur in three phases.

It has said that the "timetable depends on successfully controlling the spread of the virus; if the evidence shows sufficient progress is not being made in controlling the virus then the lifting of restrictions may have to be delayed".

The *Recovery Strategy* also states that if it sees a "sudden and concerning rise in the infection rate then it may have to re-impose some restrictions".

The Government has set out a three-stage guide to easing the lockdown with the hospitality industry included in step three of the plan which is due to commence on July 4 if all goes according to plan and the coronavirus infection rate continues to drop.

### Step One (commenced May 11):

This includes encouraging people back to their workplaces if they cannot work from home. The public will also be allowed 'unlimited exercise' and can rest and sit outside or play sports with members of their household. The prime minister also said that people 'could drive to other destinations'. Other restrictions remain in place.

### Step Two (to commence 'at the earliest', from June 1)

Some school years may return on this date. The government also hopes that some of the shops which are currently subject to closure will be allowed to reopen.

### Step Three (to commence 'at the earliest', from July 4)

The Government hopes that some parts of the hospitality industry and other 'public places' will be able to reopen 'provided they are safe and enforce social distancing'.

## HSE warns of Legionella risks during COVID-19 shutdown

The Health & Safety Executive (HSE) has issued a warning to people in control of premises which have experienced a Coronavirus-induced shutdown about the risks of legionella.

During your club's shutdown, water system stagnation can occur due to lack of use, increasing the risks of Legionnaires' disease.

The HSE states that clubs should review their risk assessment and manage the legionella risks to protect people when the water system is reinstated or returned to use.

If the water system is still used regularly, maintain the appropriate measures to prevent legionella growth.

You can find out what Legionnaires' disease is, where it comes from, how people get it and symptoms and treatment by reading the guidance on the HSE's website: [www.hse.gov.uk/](http://www.hse.gov.uk/)



## Bowls England Q&A on reopening your club's bowls green



### When can we reopen?

Outdoor bowls clubs are now allowed to open. Each club will make their own decision about when their facilities are ready to open and can be operated safely. You should only reopen or restart activities as soon as you feel able to do so safely. Until you feel it is safe and responsible to reopen you should remain closed.

### What games can we play?

All activity should be consistent with the government guidance regarding health, social distancing and hygiene.

That means that participants and others can maintain a safe two metre distance, that good hygiene practices are in place, that equipment is disinfected regularly, and that it is clear that anyone who is symptomatic or suspects they have been exposed to the virus does not take part and remains at home.

### What about competitions within our club?

Any measures clubs can put in place to enable an activity to return needs to be capable of being adapted to follow government guidelines on social distancing e.g. strengthening or relaxing measures at short notice.

Organisations are encouraged to think creatively about how best to make their sport or activity possible within the guidelines.

The limit on gatherings – no more than two, unless members of the same household – means that it is unlikely to be possible to organise amateur events or competitions at this time. The primary purpose of bowling activity at this time is for physical and mental well-being.

### Can 'clinically vulnerable' people (such as people aged 70 and over) participate in lawn bowls?

The Government guidance for 'clinically vulnerable' groups remains the same. If you are in this group you are advised to stay at home as much as possible and, if you do go out, take particular care to minimise contact with others outside your household.

Bowls England has requested clarification on the participation of those classed as 'clinically vulnerable' within the sport.

To date, we have received no further reply. Until any response is received, we can only advise that those within the 'clinically vulnerable' category must make a personal judgement on their participation in accordance with Government guidance.

If you are living in a household with a possible COVID-19 infection or if you are classified as 'clinically extremely vulnerable' on health grounds, the guidance is that you should remain at and exercise at home.

### Can we open the club bar and kitchen?

No – Bars and restaurants, including any food or drink facilities inside a clubhouse must remain closed until further notice. Take-away services can be offered, but any hot or cold food must be consumed off the premises, outside of the building.

### Can we use the club toilets?

Yes – toilets and throughways may be kept open, but guidance on hygiene and social distancing should be followed.

### Can we use the changing rooms?

No – all indoor facilities, apart from toilets and throughways, should be kept closed.

### Can we share equipment?

Where possible we recommend that you limit sharing of equipment, for example you should use your own bowls. If you are sharing equipment (mats/jacks) you should wash your hands thoroughly before and after use. It is a decision for clubs/facility managers whether or not they loan/hire out bowls. If you do, we would expect you to follow sensible precautions and clean in between users, as well as following the safely working guidance.

### How can we book a rink without visiting the club?

Clubs are encouraged to utilise an off-site booking system for rink allocation – this could be offline (e.g. diary managed by allocated club members) or online (e.g. Google Calendar). Bowls England is preparing some additional guidance to assist clubs wishing to pursue online booking options.

### How do we ensure that mats and jacks are clean?

The Government guidance currently states that cleaning protocols should be put in place to limit coronavirus transmission in public places. It is advised that touch points (e.g. handrails and gates) should be particular areas of focus for increased cleaning.

Frequent cleaning of equipment between uses and any work areas used, using your usual cleaning products, is advised.

Bowls England has requested the input of greens maintenance advisors regarding any specific treatments with regard to equipment and will advise further when additional information is available.

### Can we play a pairs game comprising two 'couples' from two separate households so long as social distancing is observed?

No – the current Government guidance states that groups of more than two people must all be from the same household. Bowls England will lobby Government for consideration to be given to this current restriction

Bowls England has designed a COVID-19 Safety Information Poster for Clubs to use (see below). To download the poster, visit:

[www.bowlsengland.com/coronavirus-guidance/](http://www.bowlsengland.com/coronavirus-guidance/)



## Q&A on the new lockdown easing measures introduced in May

Clubs have not yet reopened but, in May, the Government introduced a number of new rules which aim to ease people out of lockdown. This page sets out the key changes in England but further information can be found at the Government's official website: [www.Gov.uk](http://www.Gov.uk)

### What can I do that I couldn't do before?

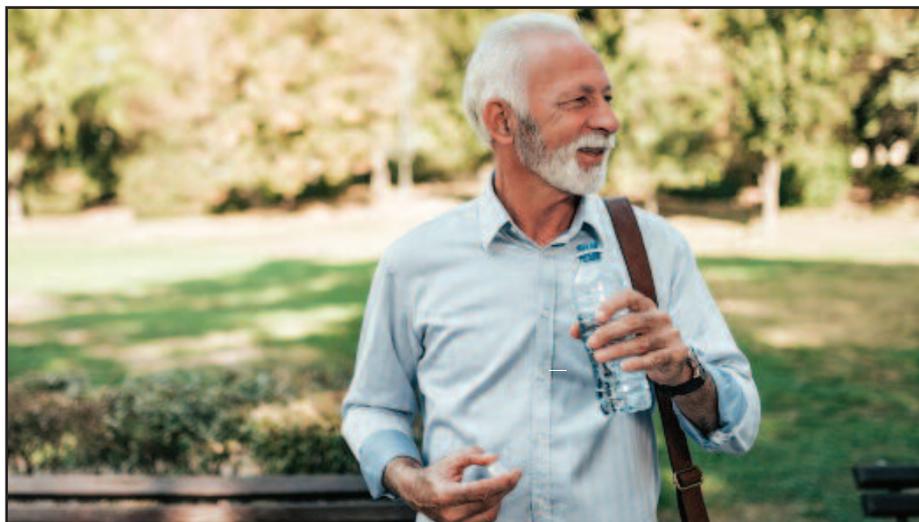
There are a limited number of things you can now do that you could not do before:

- Spend time outdoors – for example sitting and enjoying the fresh air, picnicking, or sunbathing
- Meet one other person from a different household outdoors (following social distancing guidelines exercise outdoors as often as you wish) following the social distancing guidelines
- Use outdoor sports courts or facilities, such as a tennis or basketball court, or golf course – with members of your household, or one other person while staying two metres apart
- Go to a garden centre.

At all times, you should continue to observe social distancing guidelines when you are outside your home, including ensuring you are 2 metres away from anyone outside your household.

As with the original lockdown rules, you **cannot**:

- Visit friends and family in their homes
- Exercise in an indoor sports court, gym or leisure centre, or go swimming in a public pool
- Use an outdoor gym or playground visit a private or ticketed attraction
- Gather in a group of more than two (excluding members of your own household), except for a few specific exceptions set out in law (for work, funerals, house moves, supporting the vulnerable, in emergencies and to fulfil legal obligations)



While you can visit the park under the new lockdown rules, public gatherings of more than two people from different households are prohibited

If you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating, you should stay at home - this is critical to staying safe and saving lives.

### Do I still have to stay at home?

You should stay at home as much as possible. The reasons you may leave home include:

- For work, where you cannot work from home
- Going to shops that are permitted to be open - to get things like food and medicine
- To exercise or spend time outdoors any medical need, including to donate blood, avoid injury or illness, escape risk of harm, or to provide care or to help a vulnerable person

These reasons are exceptions and a fuller list is set out in the regulations at [www.Gov.uk](http://www.Gov.uk).

Even when doing these activities, you should be minimising time spent away from the home and ensuring that you are two metres apart from anyone outside of your household.

### Can I use outdoor sports courts?

Yes. Sports courts can re-open, but you should only partake in such activities alone, with members of your household, or with one other person from outside your household, while practising social distancing.

You should take particular care if you need to use any indoor facilities next to these outdoor courts, such as toilets. You should not use these facilities if you are showing coronavirus symptoms, or if you or any of your household are self-isolating.

### Can I meet my friends and family in the park?

You can meet one other person from outside your household if you are outdoors.

Public gatherings of more than two people from different households are prohibited in law. There are no limits on gatherings in the park with members of your household.

For the full list of regulations set out by the Government, visit:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do/coronavirus-outbreak-faqs-what-you-can-and-cant-do)

## Survey gives insight into how to tempt members back into reopened clubs

A recent survey, conducted in May, has given an insight into the type of precautions that will be required in order to entice customers back into bars and gives food for thought as to how clubs will have to adapt when they are given go-ahead to reopen.

CGA's BrandTrack survey of over 5,000 consumers reveals that fewer than a quarter of adults would be comfortable going out to eat and drink again as soon as Government restrictions were lifted, ranging from just 20% happy to go into a bar to 23% entering a restaurant.

However, when including those who would be comfortable returning with added in-site precautions, or would return with caution, these figures rise to over two thirds in all segments of the out-of-home market.

With precautionary measures in place, 68% said they would go back to bars once they reopen.

Distancing tables and chairs, free sanitiser and improved cleaning protocols are the top three measures the public would want to see.

### The full list of precautions that consumers would like to see to ease nervousness are:

- Tables/seats to be moved further apart (favoured by 64%)
- Free hand sanitiser available (60%)
- Enhanced cleaning protocols in place (56%)
- Social distancing measures implemented, such as queuing protocols (55%)
- Enhanced food safety and hygiene procedures implemented (44%)
- Ability to pay by contactless (44%)
- Venue to open at limited capacity (42%)
- Outside areas to use, such as beer gardens and terraces (34%)
- Toilet facilities to be improved (33%)
- Staff wearing personal protective equipment (30%)



The ability to pay by contactless is one precaution which will help entice customers back into reopened clubs

## Government postpones revaluation of business rates

The Government announced on May 6 that the revaluation of business rates will no longer take place in 2021 in order to help reduce uncertainty for businesses affected by the impacts of coronavirus.

Legislation had been introduced to bring the next revaluation forward by one year from 2022 to 2021, but following the recent economic impacts of the coronavirus pandemic, the Government says that it wants to ensure businesses have more certainty during a difficult time.

Announcing the measure, Communities Secretary Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP said: "We have listened to businesses and their concerns about the timing of the 2021 business rates revaluation and have acted to end that uncertainty by postponing the change.

"Now is the time for us to continue to focus on supporting businesses affected by the pandemic, including through our unprecedented package of almost £10 billion in business rates relief.

"The Government is continuing work on the fundamental review of business rates, with the key aims of reducing the overall burden on businesses, improving the current business rates system, and considering more fundamental changes in the medium-to-long term.

"The call for evidence for the review will be published in the coming months."



## THE CIU – STRONGER TOGETHER

As we all continue to work through this difficult period, here's an in-depth look at the many services and benefits offered by the CIU to our affiliated clubs, including legal advice, the chance to learn about club law and finance through the Union's Education Programme and the opportunity to take part in sports and games

### Advice and Help for Clubs

Affiliated clubs can take advantage of the resources of the CIU through their local Branch Secretary and from Head Office with assistance offered in legal proceedings where matters of club principles are involved. The Union produces a series of contracts and handbooks which take in the current legislative requirements, including the Club Secretary Handbook which is regularly updated to include the most recent changes to employment law. The Union also runs an Arbitration Training programme.

### Education

The new Award in Club Management (ACM) is a qualification which comprises three self-contained units each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete. Unit 1 covers Law & Regulation, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Other Law and Regulations and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration. The course is open to all CIU members but is specifically aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs for the first time.

### Club Journal

*Club Journal* is the Union's official monthly magazine and is a must-read for CIU members. Each month the magazine features news from around the branches, club profiles, opinion columns from leading Union figures, business-building advice from the experts, sporting news and results, plus details of the CIU Racing Club discounts available to members. Each affiliated club receives one free copy of the monthly magazine while an annual subscription of 12 issues costs £7.50.

### Charity

CIU clubs are at the forefront of raising funds for an array of national and local charities with members getting involved in a range of activities – from charity darts marathons and sponsored bike rides to special fundraising concerts and entertainment nights. As well as countless local charities, many national charities benefit from CIU events that are held throughout the year at our clubs, including the Alzheimers Society, the British Heart Foundation and Macmillan Cancer Support.

### Lobbying on Behalf of Clubs

Union officials have been at the forefront of helping shape legislation across a number of areas of crucial importance to clubs through the CIU's involvement with the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Private Members' Clubs. This group, which meets quarterly at Westminster, gives the Union direct access to both Members of Parliament and Peers from across the political spectrum. The CIU also plays a leading role in the Committee of Registered Clubs' Association (CORCA).

### Rules

The CIU Rules Department deal with all matters relating to rules on behalf of clubs, the Union and the Branches. The preparation of all rule changes for the approval of the club members, the registration with the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) and the printing through the Union's printer, are all dealt with at Head Office. Head Office also deals with clubs' affiliation to the Union. The Union has produced a Generic Rules Book especially to help clubs which are currently unaffiliated to the CIU.





**Events - CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition**

Normally staged during Conference Weekend each April, the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition provides a great opportunity for club delegates to attend a free trade show which is specifically targeted at the needs of CIU clubs. The show provides a great day out for club men and women, as the many exhibitors – including several of the CIU’s Preferred Suppliers such as Dransfields, Heineken UK and Aon – show attendees how they can help increase profits and save money on running costs at their clubs.

**The CIU Racing Club**

The CIU Racing Club continues to go from strength to strength with more clubs taking advantage of special discounted tickets for club outings to a variety of racecourses across the country. Each month, *Club Journal* publishes an updated list of fixtures for race meetings throughout the year for which CIU members can obtain their discounted tickets, as well as giving details of exciting ‘one-off’ offers and packages, including racedays at some of the country’s top racing venues, including Chepstow and Haydock Park.

**Sport & Games**

The Union is one of the biggest organisers of sporting competitions in the country with trophies being competed for at both a National and Branch level. The following Indoor Championships are held annually within the CIU: Team Darts, Team Pool, Team Snooker, Individual Snooker, Individual Darts, Individual Pool, Dominoes 5s and 3s, Dominoes Straights and Cribbage Pairs. Many nationally ranked snooker and darts players first honed their skills at their local CIU club.

**CIU Official Website**

The CIU’s official website ([www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)) provides a wealth of information regarding the activities going on throughout the Union, as well as contact details for Head Office and Branch personnel. It also has a ‘Breaking News’ section, designated pages for each Branch as well as links to the Union’s Preferred Suppliers and entry forms for the various sports and games competitions run by the CIU. It also has a database of all the clubs currently affiliated to the CIU.

**Events - CIU National Charity Raceday**

Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is an annual event, held at Wetherby Racecourse in November. This is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar and the 2019 event saw 1,000 Union members enjoying a fantastic day out as they raised over £1,700 for the CIU’s Education Programme. The CIU marquee is situated next to the Winners Enclosure, with discounted beer and hearty food on offer. The CIU also runs an annual Greyhound Racing night each September in Sheffield.

**PRS Tariff**

The CIU has negotiated a special discount for its clubs with the Performing Right Society (PRS) which collects and distributes licence fees for the use of music on behalf of songwriters, composers and performers. The PRS licence covers music played through radios, CDs, streaming on the internet, music on TVs and also live music performances. The tariff for Members’ Clubs is printed annually and placed in *Club Journal*. It can also be downloaded from the CIU website: [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)



# Dransfields CIU Charity Raceday set for Saturday, November 14

As we announced in last month's issue, the Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is set to take place on Saturday, November 14, 2020, at Wetherby Racecourse.

This is one of the highlights of the CIU's annual sporting calendar and sees clubs from all over the country heading to Yorkshire to enjoy a superb day's hospitality in the Union's exclusive marquee adjacent to the racetrack.

It is always a bumper day for charity with the event raising over £40,000 for the CIU's chosen charities since it started at Wetherby in 2006, with both Wetherby Racecourse and their catering partner CGC Events Ltd donating £1 from every CIU package sold.

Nearly 1,000 CIU members came along to the 2019 event and witnessed seven excellent races over the well-regarded jumps course, as well as some great food and drink.

Given that the Coronavirus outbreak has severely limited the opportunities for clubs to stage days out and trips, it is expected that many CIU members will hope to attend the 2020 event.

Jonjo Sanderson, Chief Executive and Clerk of the Course at Wetherby



Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday is one of the highlights of the CIU calendar

Racecourse, is certainly looking forward to welcoming Union members to the venue in 2020.

“We always await Dransfields CIU National Charity Raceday with a huge amount of anticipation and I'm sure that this year's event will be even more

special than usual,” he said.

Special ticket packages, including admission, food and discounted drinks tickets, will be available exclusively to CIU members with the price announced closer to the event in upcoming issues of *Club Journal*.

Wetherby Racecourse is regarded as one of the friendliest racing venues in the UK



# The CIU Racing Club



Members of the CIU can buy discounted tickets to racedays at some of the UK's top courses via our Racing Club. Simply fill in the form below with a cheque made payable to the racecourse concerned and your club can look forward to a day out at the the races pending proposed openings

### British racing update

**Latest statement from the British Horseracing Authority (BHA):** Following the Government's publication of a provisional timeline for the return of sport, British racing is now planning for racing to resume behind closed doors on June 1. The exact timetable for the resumption of racing will remain subject to agreement from Government and an assessment by public health officials of the risks posed by the Coronavirus at that time.

DONCASTER	Saturday 1 August	£12.50	UNISON Raceday
HAYDOCK PARK	Thursday 6 August	£10	Summer Family Fun Day
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 8 August	£15	Rose of Lancaster Stakes
HAYDOCK PARK	Thursday 3 September	£10	Afternoon Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 4 September	£10	Afternoon Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 5 September	£15	Sprint Cup Day
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 25 September	£10	Craft Beer & Gin Festival
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 26 September	£11.50	Craft Beer & Gin Festival
HAYDOCK PARK	Friday 16 October	£10	Racing Welfare Charity Day
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 21 November	£15	Betfair Chase Day
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 2 December	£10	Christmastime Raceday
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 19 December	£11.50	Tommy Whittle Chase Day
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 30 December	£11.50	The Last Fling Meeting



### DONCASTER – UNISON RACEDAY

Saturday, August 1 is UNISON Raceday at Doncaster. This celebrates the public services union and is likely to attract a big crowd who will witness seven races over the Flat.



### HAYDOCK PARK – SPRINT CUP DAY

This meeting, on Saturday, September 5, is regarded as one of the best Flat racing fixtures in the UK sporting calendar and will see some of the true sprint superstars of the sport in action.

## 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 - **please send at least three weeks before the published date**)

Contact and Club name: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Postcode: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send this booking form plus cheque** (made payable to the appropriate racecourse) to:

**Alchemy Contract Publishing,  
CIU Racing Club,  
Club Journal,  
59-60 Thames Street,  
Windsor,  
SL4 1TX**

# The *Club Journal* lockdown quiz – Part 2

We present the second of our special lockdown quizzes to give you the opportunity to test your knowledge on a variety of topics, including a number of teasers relating to the CIU and its clubs

## Round 1 – The CIU & Clubs

1. In which year was the CIU National Team Darts Championship first held?

2. The CIU are part of the APPG for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs. What does the acronym APPG stand for?

3. Who was the keynote speaker at the 2016 CIU AGM in Blackpool?

4. Which six-time World Snooker Champion, nicknamed 'Dracula', first played the sport at the Tredegar Workmen's Institute?

5. Which CIU branch has the most clubs?

6. What useful item of paperwork was introduced by the CIU in 1873?

7. Who is the Vice-President of the Union and President of West Midlands Branch?

8. To which Union branch does Ferrybridge Progressive Club belong?

9. In which city is Main Line Social Club situated?

10. Which member of the Royal Family paid a visit to a CIU club in Old Windsor in 1970?

## Round 2 – Brands

Can you identify the brands or products from the following advertising slogans?

1. 'Full of Eastern Promise'

2. 'You Either Love It Or Hate It'

3. 'It's The Real Thing'

4. 'The Lighter Way To Enjoy Chocolate'

5. 'After Dark'



6. 'Don't Leave Home Without It'

7. 'Any Time, Any Place, Anywhere'

8. 'Nowt Taken Out'

9. 'Central Heating For Kids'

10. 'Like Tea Used To Be'

11. 'It Does Exactly What It Says On The Tin'

12. 'Just Do It'

13. 'It's Good To Talk'

14. 'Finger Lickin' Good'

15. 'Because I'm Worth It'

## Round 3 – TV & Film

1. Who played the main character in TV sitcom *How's Your Father?*

2. In which year did *Fawlty Towers*, *The Sweeney* and *The Good Life* all make their British television debuts?

3. Which film character have the following actors all played: Telly Savalas, Charles Gray and Donald Pleasance?

4. Who was the first presenter of BBC political debate show *Question Time*?

5. Which comedy series starred Donald Sinden and Windsor Davies as rival antique dealers?

6. In which year did *Coronation Street* make its debut on British television?

7. What is the name of the spy in the films *The Ipcress File*, *Funeral in Berlin* and *Billion Dollar Brain*?

8. The film *Black Hawk Down* was based on a true incident that took place in 1993 in which country?

9. Who played Jane opposite Johnny Weissmuller's Tarzan in 1932?

10. Which British folklore character has been portrayed on screen by Errol Flynn, Sean Connery, Kevin Costner and Russell Crowe?

11. Who played the role of Mr Freeze in the film *Batman And Robin*?

12. Which Carry On star died on the stage of the Sunderland Empire in 1976?

13. Who played the title role in 1971 film *Get Carter*?

14. Which comedy duo enjoyed big screen outings in *That Riviera Touch* and *The Magnificent Tivo*?

15. What is the first name of the character Lewis in the TV series of the same name?

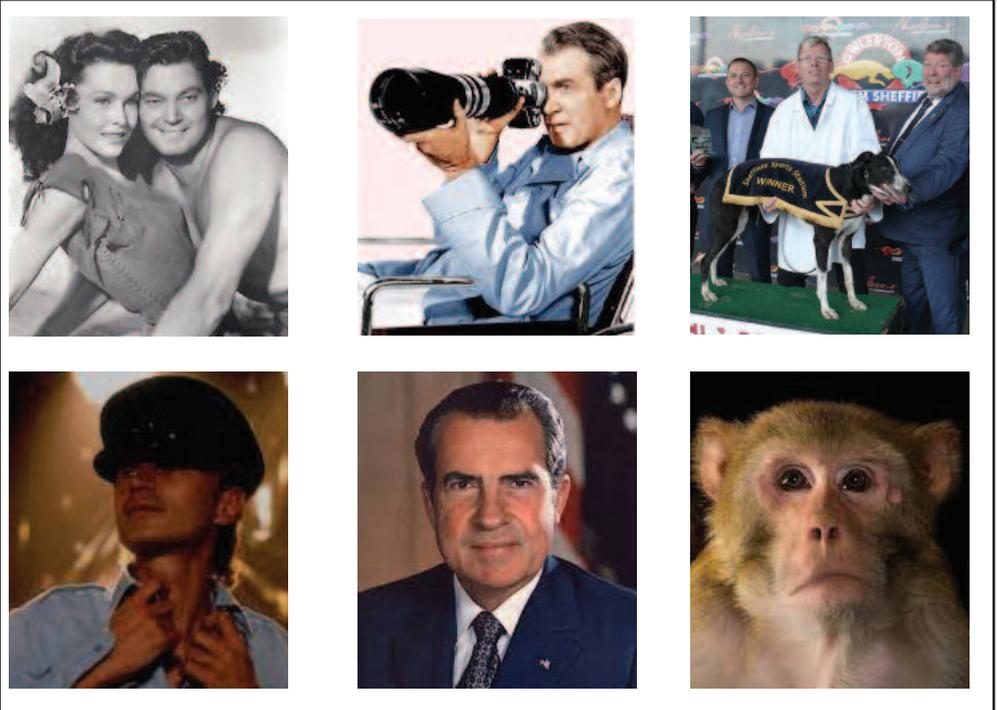
16. Brian Potter, Young Kenny, Alan Johnson and Holy Mary are characters in which comedy series?

17. Which sports star turned actor links the following films: *The Towering Inferno*, *The Naked Gun* and *Capricorn One*?

18. Who directed *The 39 Steps*, *Vertigo* and *Rear Window*?

19. Which musical film features the song 'Happy Talk'?

20. What city forms the backdrop for comedy film *The Full Monty*?



**Round 4 – Sport**

1. On a standard dartboard, which number lies between 9 and 11?
2. Which English darts player has the nickname 'Old Stoneface'?
3. During which month of the year is the British Open Golf Championship normally held?
4. In 2000, who became the first British rower to win gold medals at five consecutive Olympic Games?
5. Which English football club play their home games at The Crown Ground?
6. Who did Fabio Capello replace as England Football team manager in 2007?
7. Which famous racehorse is buried next to the finishing post of Aintree Racecourse?
8. Which TV sports quiz show was hosted by Nick Hancock?
9. In Snooker what colour is the ball that has a value of three points?

10. What is the name of the British Triple Jumper who won gold at the 2000 Olympics?

11. Which British boxer won the WBC Heavyweight title in 1995?

**Round 5 – General Knowledge**

1. Who was the first-ever winner of The X Factor on ITV?
2. What was the middle name of US President Richard Nixon?
3. Who was the first European explorer to reach China?
4. Which European country eats the most chocolate per capita?
5. What cocktail is made principally from vodka, Kahlua and milk (or cream)?
6. Which Swedish word is a term for a buffet-style meal?
7. What is the official language of Brazil?
8. What is the real name of American singer Bob Dylan?
9. What is the Roman numeral for 1,000?

10. Which black and white marine creature is the largest member of the Dolphin family?

11. Who wrote *The Tale of Squirrel Nutkin*?

12. Which doctor discovered Penicillin by accident?

13. What is the world's most southerly capital city?

14. What kind of monkey gives its name to a type of blood group?

15. What acid is formed when milk turns sour?

16. The Clifton Suspension Bridge spans which river?

17. Which manufacturer produced the first car via a production line?

18. How many Von Trapp children were there in *The Sound of Music*?

18. Who plays Ethan Hunt in the *Mission Impossible* film franchise?

**For all the answers to the quiz, see page 30 of this issue.**

# ACM is the key qualification for those running members' clubs

Currently suspended due to the Coronavirus pandemic, the Award in Club Management (ACM) day courses give a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a club so be sure to look out for the rescheduled dates which will be published in *Club Journal* once clubs are given the all-clear to reopen their doors

The Award in Club Management (ACM) course has received many glowing reviews from candidates who have taken it since it was introduced in 2018.

This three-part course has been developed by the Union to give club officials all the information they require to run a successful private members' club in the modern era.

The qualification consists of three self-contained units, each taking one day of classroom-based study to complete.

Unit 1 of the course covers Law & Regulations, Licensing, Unit 2 covers Law and Regulations (Part 2) and Unit 3 covers Management, Finance and Administration.

Once a candidate has completed the course and been examined in all three units through a multiple choice examination, they receive the ACM.

The course is aimed at people who are going to be sitting on club committees and occupying positions of authority within clubs.

It has been developed to ensure that candidates gain a thorough understanding of licensing laws and regulations relating to members' clubs, as well as a whole host of other laws and regulations that govern the running of a club, including entertainment, the various copyright permissions required and the rules and regulations surrounding gaming machines in clubs.

The lectures are carried out by highly experienced lecturers who lead the day sessions and can draw from their knowledge of the club scene to illustrate the points covered in the course.

As soon as the current Coronavirus lockdown is eased, Head Office will be rearranging new dates ACM day courses at various clubs across the country and the new schedule will be published in upcoming issues of *Club Journal*.



The Award in Club Management (ACM) gives a thorough grounding in the key aspects of running a members' club across three Units

## Test Your Knowledge

Why not have a go at this 'Open Book' exercise from Unit 1 of the ACM?

**1. Clubs run by and for members are now known as (Select your answer from the list below):**

- a) Nightclubs
- b) Qualifying clubs
- c) Registered clubs
- d) Proprietary clubs

**2. Which of the following is a licensing authority? Select your answer from the list below:**

- a) A Crown Court
- b) A Police Authority
- c) The council of a district in England
- d) A Magistrates' Court

**3. Which of the following types of entertainment is regulated by the Licensing Act 2003?**

Select your answer from the list below:

- a) Background music
- b) Live TV broadcasts
- c) Films advertising goods or services
- d) A DJ playing records

The answers can be found on page 30



Candidates are given a workbook for each unit which they can take back to their clubs with them in order to act as a reference

### Unit 1

#### Law & Regulations

Includes:

- Laws and regulations under which social clubs run by volunteers operate
- Main official bodies and categories involved in the licensing process
- The licensing objectives

### Unit 2

#### Law & Regulations (Part 2)

Includes:

- Resolving club disputes
- Procedures for conducting meetings
- Suspensions and expulsions
- Betting, gaming and lotteries

### Unit 3

#### Management, Finance & Administration

Includes:

- Financial control
- Club banking
- Brewery loans and discounts
- Stock taking

## Testimonials

**“The ACM is an excellent course and I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who is involved in running a members’ club”**

**– Tricia Banachowicz ACM, Secretary, Leigh Park Trade Union Working Men’s Club, Havant**

**“I really couldn't fault how the course is organised and the lecturers are excellent at addressing the practicalities of running a club”**

**– John Sims ACM, Chairman and President of Bournville Social Club, Birmingham**

# CIU Trade Fair will return in 2021

Given the uncertainty over exactly when mass gatherings will be safely allowed, the Union has taken the decision not to reschedule the 2020 CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition for this year



The next CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition will take place in April of next year with the Union opting not to reschedule the 2020 event later in the year

Due to the continuing uncertainty around the Coronavirus pandemic, the Union has made the decision not to attempt to reschedule this year the CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition which was postponed in April.

The popular annual event, which takes place on the Friday of Conference Weekend, had been due to take place on April 3 in Blackpool, with a record number of exhibitors and

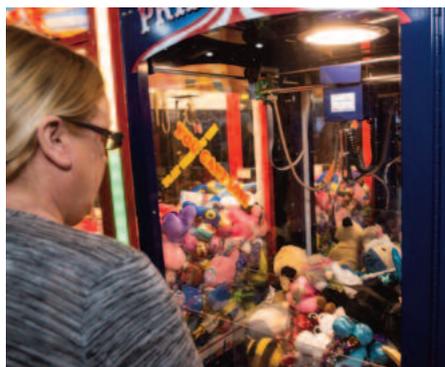
suppliers in attendance.

Event organisers had hoped that a new date later in the year could be found to enable the 2020 edition to be rescheduled but that has proved impossible in the current climate.

Instead, all efforts will now be focused on making the 2021 trade show an unmissable event for all those concerned with running CIU clubs as successfully as possible.

The Union will be working with suppliers over the next 12 months to ensure that the 2021 Beer & Trades Exhibition gives clubs all the information and advice they require to ensure that they can move onwards and upwards from what has been the most challenging trading conditions ever experienced by the club sector.

Watch this space for more news on the 2021 event.



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# A welcome boost for CIU clubs

Chris Haley, Managing Director of Preferred Supplier Dransfields, explains the background to the gaming machine VAT case known as Linneweber 1 which was recently settled in favour of clubs



Left to right: Chris Haley, Managing Director of Dransfields alongside the company's Director of Operations, Trevor Roberts

The long running dispute over the taxation treatment of gaming machine income has finally reached a conclusion after 15 years of litigation, with HMRC taking the decision not to appeal the ruling of the Upper Tribunal (Tax and Chancery Chamber).

This case, commonly referred to as “The Linneweber Case”, began in Germany, where under EU law it was ruled unfair to have different VAT treatments between gaming machines sited in a casino and those sited in other locations.

The ruling on fiscal neutrality stated that the treatment should be the same, and all machines should be exempt, or all machines should be taxable, regardless of location.

The case of The Rank Group Plc concerned the application of VAT to

certain gaming machines prior to 5th December 2005 based on the fact that the income from them was being treated differently for VAT purposes.

As a result of publicity around the case, many hundreds of clubs made claims worth thousands of pounds each which were then stood behind The Rank Group plc lead case.

The Rank Group plc won the case initially but then lost at Appeal at which point HMRC reclaimed the monies previously paid out to clubs and charged interest on this amount.

This itself was a controversial move as the case had yet to be finally settled.

After many Appeals and court hearings, including at the Supreme Court, the case has been finally ruled upon for the last time and HMRC should begin to pay taxpayers that had

valid claims stood behind the lead Rank case.

Those clubs that had a valid Appeal should now receive back the monies that they were forced to repay to HMRC six years ago.

The amounts that clubs will receive back could be substantial, being the full amount claimed, the interest thereon and the interest that clubs paid to HMRC six years ago.

HMRC should calculate and pay interest on that whole amount from the date they claimed the monies back, to the date that they make the repayment now.

The repayments could not come at a more crucial time for clubs as they begin to open up and try to recover from the effects of the Coronavirus lockdown.

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## Answers to the Quiz on page 20.

### Round 1 – The CIU & Clubs

- |                                   |                      |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. 1947                           | 16. Phoenix Nights   |
| 2. All-Party Parliamentary Group  | 17. OJ Simpson       |
| 3. Lord Mackenzie of Framwellgate | 18. Alfred Hitchcock |
| 4. Ray Reardon                    | 19. South Pacific    |
| 5. Durham                         | 20. Sheffield        |
| 6. The Associate Card             |                      |
| 7. Geoff Whewell                  |                      |
| 8. Wakefield Branch               |                      |
| 9. Leeds                          |                      |
| 10. Prince Philip                 |                      |

### Round 2 – Brands

1. Turkish Delight
2. Marmite
3. Coca-Cola
4. Maltesers
5. Tia Maria
6. American Express
7. Martini
8. Allinson's
9. Ready Brek
10. Yorkshire Tea
11. Ronseal
12. Nike
13. BT
14. KFC
15. L'Oreal

### Round 3 – TV & Film

1. Harry Worth
2. 1975
3. Ernst Blofeld
4. Robin Day
5. Never The Twain
6. 1960
7. Harry Palmer
8. Somalia
9. Maureen O'Sullivan
10. Robin Hood
11. Arnold Schwarzenegger
12. Sid James
13. Michael Cain
14. Morecambe & Wise
15. Robert

### Round 4 – Sport

1. 14
2. John Lowe
3. July
4. Steve Redgrave
5. Accrington Stanley
6. Steve McClaren
7. Red Rum
8. They Think It's All Over
9. Green
10. Jonathan Edwards
11. Frank Bruno

### Round 5 – General Knowledge

1. Steve Brookstein
2. Milhous
3. Marco Polo
4. Switzerland
5. White Russian
6. Smorgasbord
7. Portuguese
8. Robert Zimmerman
9. M
10. Killer Whale
11. Beatrix Potter
12. Alexander Fleming
13. Wellington
14. Rhesus
15. Lactic acid
16. River Avon
17. Ford
18. Seven
19. Tom Cruise

### Test Your Knowledge from page 22

1. Qualifying Clubs
2. The council of a district in England
3. A DJ playing records

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There will also be regular updates on the Union's official website on any issues affecting our clubs: [www.wmciu.org.uk](http://www.wmciu.org.uk)

We would welcome your comments on the crisis, so do please send your emails through to: [justin@clubjournal.co.uk](mailto:justin@clubjournal.co.uk).

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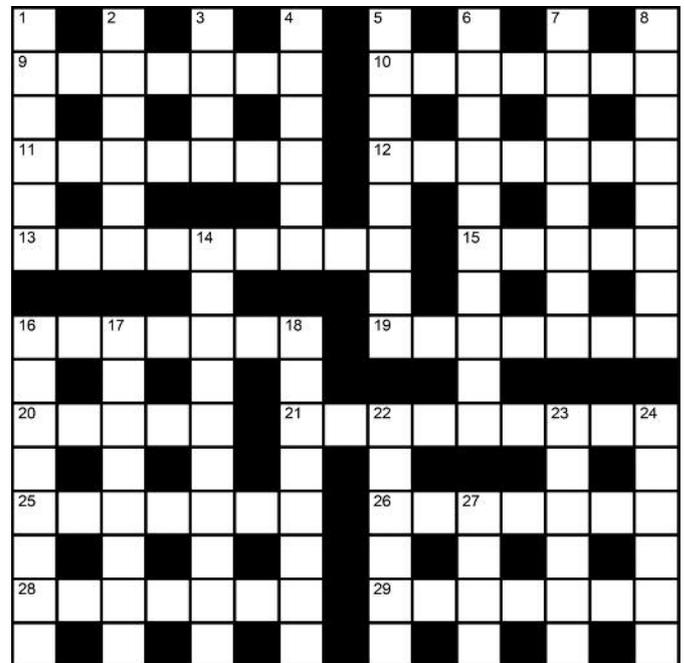
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- 9 Mature woman shown in 'dolly' ad. (3,4)
- 10 US writer, or haute cuisine? (7)
- 11 Windy sort of conscript? (7)
- 12 Merit, in construction, between times. (7)
- 13 Mime, to drum's rhythm when it's warmest. (9)
- 15 Don't sue superior, he's the abbot's sidekick! (5)
- 16 d Born to walk to Brer Rabbit's destination. (7)
- 19 Gargled so as to make a wet mess of it. (7)
- 20 Odd idea to turn into a goodbye? (5)
- 21 Count on Gran Turismo to make explosive material! (3,6)

- 25 Surely the stuff's invisible? Or a wish come true? (3,4)
- 26 Clear up the type (not inside). (4,3)
- 28 Flue thermodynamics without stardom? Crazy! (7)
- 29 Delineated, and not in a mess when sea runs with wind. (3,4)

**DOWN**

- 1 Doom, coming twice from the North to hit tax-dodger. (3,3)
- 2 Car did a U-turn for identifier. (2,4)
- 3 Sharp type for just desserts. (4)
- 4 My clue is all about Aristotle's garden? (6)
- 5 Carpet retainer used for rain intensity index. (5-3)
- 6 Instrument that could be clipped to the pinafore. (5-5)
- 7 Young racehorse, belonging to lofty earl, in grand setting. (8)
- 8 Beer mugs broken in dive. (8)
- 14 Shameless way one's lung can take in bush cuttings. (10)
- 16 Rude openness shown by clan at gathering. (8)
- 17 Tart to precipitate downfall! Now that's corrosive! (4,4)
- 18 Wedge, say, to be disturbed from the side. (8)
- 22 Snuggle in compound elements? Count me out! (6)
- 23 Grasped, or is it duped? (4,2)
- 24 Chit-chat, but at exorbitant rent. (6)
- 27 Dance at the end of a rod? (4)



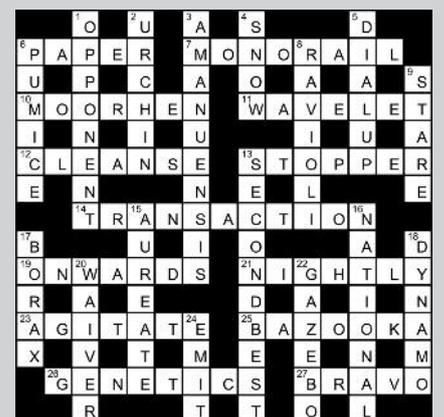
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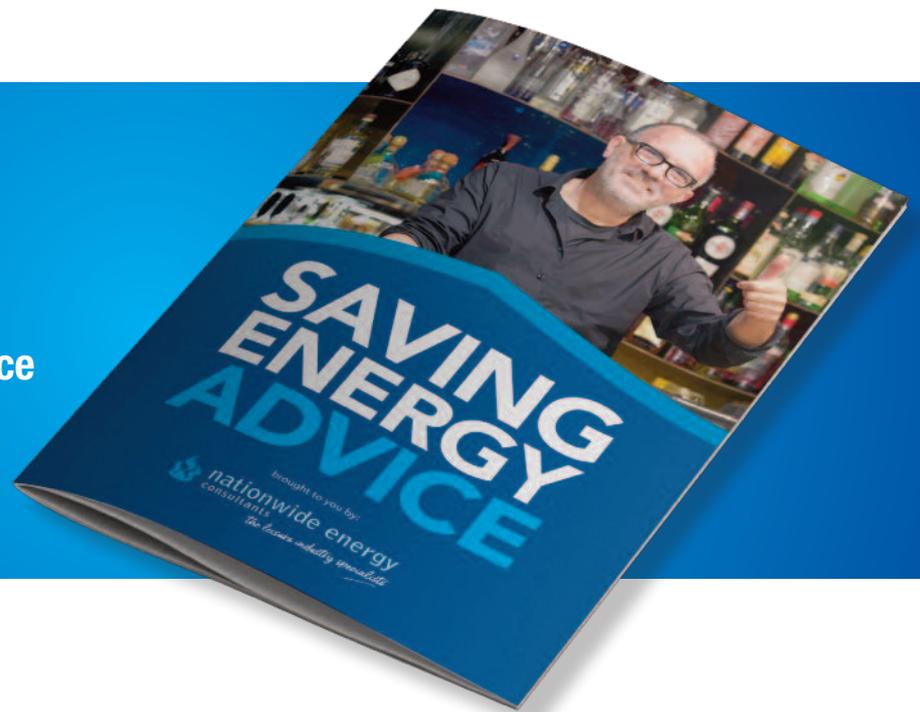
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