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Suppliers confirmed for 2016 CIU Beer & Trades Show in Blackpool



Aon, BT Sport, Carlsberg, Dransfields and Heineken are just a few of the major suppliers who have confirmed that they will be exhibiting at the 25th CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition taking place at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool on Friday April 8.

Taking place the day before the Union AGM at the same venue on Saturday April 9, the Exhibition provides a great opportunity for delegates to attend a free trade show specifically geared towards improving the bottom line in members' clubs.

Last year saw the Exhibition make a return after several years absence to the Norbreck Castle Hotel's huge Norcalympia venue for what proved to be a very successful event with an excellent turnout from clubs up and down the country and a wide array of exhibitor stands.

As in 2015, attendees will be able to network with fellow Union members and talk business with representatives from many of the Union's Preferred Suppliers who will be showcasing their latest products and services as well as offering advice on a diverse number of club-centric topics, including boosting bar profits, gaming and entertainment and methods of cutting your club's energy spend.

The social element of the show is just as important as the business side and delegates will be issued with fully complimentary drinks tokens which will allow them to sample the products at the fully stocked Carlsberg and Heineken bars, while the Campaign For Real Ale (CAMRA) will also have a bar serving a selection of cask ales at the show.

Last year saw Dransfields, the Union's Preferred Supplier of Gaming Machines, running regular bingo sessions throughout the show with major prizes, including widescreen televisions, up for grabs.

Union Vice-President John Tobin said: "Moving to the new, bigger venue was a major success last year and we're aiming to make it even better this time around.

"The 2016 event is shaping up to be bigger than last year's show with yet more exhibitors, more activities and more comfortable seating and tables available to delegates.

"I would urge club members to get the date in their diary now and come along for what will be an educative and entertaining day for all attendees."

The CIU Beer & Trades Exhibition takes place from 1pm to 5pm on Friday April 8 at Blackpool's Norbreck Castle Hotel.

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George Dawson CMD – Correction

Contrary to last month's cover story which stated that George Dawson CMD had been elected as President of the Union for a third term, Mr Dawson is actually now serving his **FOURTH TERM** as President of the CIU having served in the role since 2009.

EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to the February issue of *Club Journal*.

As you'll see from the front page story and the special supplement that accompanies this edition, planning for Conference Weekend in April is already well underway at Head Office.

Blackpool 2016 will be the key weekend of the year for the Union, incorporating the Beer & Trades Exhibition on April 8 and the AGM and Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final on April 9, all taking place at the Norbreck Castle Hotel in Blackpool.

In other news from Head Office, this month will see the Union running an Education Training Pilot for the new Award in Club Management qualification.

This is part of the Union's overhauling of the Union's education programme and will subsequently be rolled out to CIU members nationwide.

Talking of education, the deadline for applying to the Club Law and Club Finance Residential School taking place in Coventry in March is looming so please apply before

Thursday March 3, which is the cut-off date for entry.

Meanwhile, if you wish to take the two Club Management Diploma Exams in May, you will need to apply before Monday February 29.

Meanwhile, the set of HR documents we launched a few months ago have proved to be very popular with the result that we are already reprinting the whole set to keep up with demand - see your Branch Secretary for more information.

Another development which will be of major interest is the reintroduction of Long Service Gold Medals and Bars to mark significant milestones of service. Please contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office for further information.

Our Club of the Month for February is Blakelaw & District Social Club in Newcastle upon Tyne, joint winner in last year's 'Traditional Club of the Year' category in the Club Awards.

The club has effected an incredible turnaround since it nearly went out of



business with huge debts in 2008 and is now in a very solid financial situation with an ever-growing number of members eager to use its first-class facilities. You can read all about this fantastic, community-orientated club on page 10.

I hope you enjoy the issue.

Stephen Goulding, Editor

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TRIO HONoured AT OUSTON & DISTRICT SC PRESENTATION



Pictured, left to right: Derek Lumley (Divisional Representative), Ian Atkinson (Ouston & District Social Club's Chairman) receiving his 40 years Distinguished Service Award, James Jones (Ouston & District Social Club's Club Secretary) receiving his 10-year Certificate of Merit Award, George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary), Edward Greathead (Ouston & District Social Club's Vice Chairman) receiving a 25-Long Service Award and Stan Summers (Durham Branch Vice-President)

WARWICKSHIRE CIU STAGES CRIB PAIRS COMPETITION IN BEDWORTH



The Warwickshire CIU Crib Pairs competition took place at Newdigate Sports & Social Club in Bedworth in December. Newdigate Club players Derek Howe and Don Kidd were the overall winners, claiming the £300 first prize. Pictured, left to right: Derek Howe, Graham Holt (Warwickshire Branch Secretary) and Don Kidd

OBITUARIES

Les Smith

It is with much sadness that Bournville Working Mens Social Club announce the passing away of Les Smith at the age of 81.

He was a member of the club for 35 years and Club Secretary for 27 years. Les was very popular and a well-respected part of our club. He will be sadly missed by his family, friends and members.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Heineken helps Tadcaster to reconnect after major floods

Heineken's Tadcaster brewery, the traditional home of John Smith's ale, has donated £50,000 to support the local community after the devastating floods.

In response to the difficulties faced by people after the collapse of the ancient Tadcaster Bridge over the River Wharfe due to the floods, Heineken has committed £25,000 to transport projects that reconnect the town.

An additional community fund of £25,000 has also been set up, donating grants to local community groups and projects affected by the floods.

In addition, Heineken has partnered with Neighbourly.com to launch the grant fund which will be open to applications in February.

David Ginley, the Brewery Manager for Heineken in Tadcaster, said: "There's a great sense of community as people pull together to support their neighbours.

"The collapse of the bridge in Tadcaster has left the town divided, so transport infrastructure is an obvious priority.

"As a local employer we want to play our part in helping reconnect the town.

"We're talking to people locally to understand the most pressing issues and have been clear that we stand ready to support transport and community projects in Tadcaster with both manpower and funds."

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Red Stripe lager is added to Heineken's beer portfolio

Following a global deal with Diageo, Heineken has taken control of Red Stripe.

The Jamaican lager will join Heineken's premium range of beers in the UK which includes Heineken, Desperados, Tiger, Sol and Birra Moretti.

David Forde, MD of Heineken UK, said: "We are hugely excited about Red Stripe joining our premium beer portfolio.

"The beer has a rich heritage - from its links with music through the decades, to its famous cans and stubby bottle.

"Red Stripe brings with it a wealth of opportunities for our customers which we will support through brand investment and innovation."

The 4.7% ABV lager was first produced in 1938 and is one of the most recognisable brands hailing from the Caribbean.

Record apple harvest for Strongbow and Bulmers

The makers of Strongbow and Bulmers cider are toasting a record-breaking apple harvest which saw nearly two billion apples harvested.

Heineken, who use around 30 per cent of all the apples grown in the UK for their ciders, harvested and milled over 128,000 tonnes of apples in 2015 at their mill in Ledbury, Herefordshire.

The record is thanks to the hundreds of farmers who work at the 10,000 acres of orchards Heineken source their apples from.

Alexander Brinkerink, cider plant manager for Heineken, said: "Our cider is down to the dedication and commitment of the hundreds of farmers who nurture, grow and harvest the bittersweet apples we need for the distinctive taste of Strongbow and Bulmers."

If placed on top of one another, the two billion apples would reach the International Space Station and back 100 times.

CARCROFT VILLAGE WMC MOURNS FORMER WW2 RAF HERO ERIC CLARKE

Left to Right: Jim Hutchinson Snr, Paul King, Mick Atack (Trustee), Barry Stones, John Deer, Eric Clarke, Allan Baker (President of Carcroft and Doncaster CIU Branch), Jim Hutchinson Jnr (Secretary), Derek Wallace (Trustee), Barry Gregory (Trustee), John Murray and Ken Cook

Members of Carcroft Village Working Mens Club are mourning club colleague Flight Lieutenant (Retired) Eric Clarke who passed away at the age of 102 in November 2015.

Eric was the oldest survivor of 49 Squadron, Bomber Command and possibly the oldest known survivor of Bomber Command.

Eric joined the Royal Air Force in August 1941 and served until February 1946. He was airborne 228 times, involving 162 hours in daylight and 176 hours at night, starting out as a wireless operator and air gunner before earning promotion.

This was at a time when the average lifespan of bomber crew was just seven to eight weeks with Bomber Command suffering a higher casualty rate than any other part of the British military during the Second World War.

During the latter years of the war, Eric

became an instructor and following his demobbing, began a career in local government in Doncaster, rising from the rank of temporary clerk up to the post of Deputy Chief Financial & Rating Officer, a post which he retired from in 1978.

He was a member of the Bomber Command Association and was involved in the RAF Association for 70 years, regularly meeting up with his former comrades at reunions and service events across the country.

In 2013, as part of the celebrations to mark his 100th Birthday, Eric took to the skies again, becoming the oldest person to fly with the Waddington Flying Club, based at RAF Waddington, as he flew in a Cessna 172.

Air Cadets lined the street with their squadron flags aloft as Eric's coffin was driven to its final resting place.

New President of West Midlands Branch

Geoff Whewell of Cheslyn Hay Community & Sports Club has been elected as President of West Midlands Branch.

Mr Whewell, a member of the Union NEC, received 62.5 per cent of the vote, and takes over the role from the previous incumbent Des Flood of Bridley Moor & Batchley Social Club.

Three Executives were elected unopposed - Joe Holland of Chadsmoor Progressive Club, Philip Holmberg of Bournville Working Mens Club and Peter Malpas of Yardley Wood Social Club.



West Midlands President Geoff Whewell

Colin More receives Certificate of Merit



Morpeth Comrades Club Committee Member Colin More received his Certificate of Merit at a ceremony held at the club. Pictured, left to right: Dave Richardson (Northumberland Branch Secretary), Colin More and Dennis Wheadon (Club Secretary, Morpeth Comrades Club)

New guidelines issued on alcohol units

The UK Chief Medical Officers have changed the alcohol guidelines for men. They say men should not drink more than 14 units of alcohol each week, the same level as for women.

The previous guidelines were 21 units for men and 14 units for women per week. An additional recommendation is not to 'save up' the 14 units for one or two days, but to spread them over three or more days.

Responding to the UK Chief Medical Officers Alcohol Guidelines Review, Henry

Ashworth, Chief Executive of drinks industry body Portman Group, said:

"The vast majority of us – more than four in five adults – drink within the current lower risk guidelines.

"What is surprising is that the UK is breaking with established international precedent by recommending the same guidelines for men and women.

"It means that UK men are now being advised to drink significantly less than their European counterparts."

NEWS IN BRIEF



New look for Theakston's brewery Old Peculier ale

Theakston's brewery has unveiled a new look to one of its most famous ales.

Masham-based T&R Theakston Ltd is refreshing the look of its Old Peculier bottle label sets, as it aims to increase its appeal to a younger audience and increase its visibility in an increasingly crowded market place.

Old Peculier, which last had a makeover in 2004, is one of the top-ten selling premium bottle ales in the country.

T&R Theakston Ltd Executive Director Simon Theakston said:

"The re-designed label underpins the status of our most important asset, Old Peculier, as one of the country's most popular and instantly-recognised premium bottled ales.

"The bottle will have further enhanced on-shelf stand out and even stronger premium cues.

"We have drawn inspiration from our existing Old Peculier cask hand pump as featured in cask ale pubs all over the country."



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CERTIFICATE OF MERIT

Jack Watkins, Cheylesmore Social Club, Warwickshire

Kenneth Gibson, Beechwood & Easterside Social Club, Durham

Stephen Cotton, Beechwood & Easterside Social Club, Durham

Michael Smith, Beechwood & Easterside Social Club, Durham

Geoff Smith, Intake Social Club, Doncaster

CLUB NOTICES

Expulsion

Mr T D Holliday, No.T006 - from July 26 2015 - Coxlodge, Gosforth & District Social Club

Suspension

Mrs Sue Johnson, from December 8 2015 - 12 months - Wilby WMC, Wellingborough

Clubs Re-instated

Wednesbury RBL Club (West Midlands Branch)

Montagu Working Men's Club (South East Midlands Branch)

Clubs Admitted into Membership

Urmston Men's Club & Institute (Manchester Branch)

TERRY DAVIES - CIU POOL CHAMP



Pictured: National CIU Individual Pool winner Terry Davies of Abergavenny Labour Club with his well-earned trophy. Terry beat M Burke of Belle Vue (Crook) Club 5-2 in the Final

Venues confirmed for CIU National Quiz heats

The heats of the Dransfields CIU National Quiz will be held in late February/Early March at the following venues:

Yorkshire: Crigglestone Workmens Club, Wakefield – contact P Everett.

South Wales: Rogerstone & Bassaleg Social Club, Rogerstone, Newport – contact W Wright.

North East: Lemington & District Club & Institute, Newcastle upon Tyne (Thursday March 10, 7.30pm) – contact G Smith.

Lancashire: Lamberhead Green Working Mens Club, Wigan – contact G Blakeley.

South East: Epsom Common Working Men's Club – contact S Graham.

Midlands: Willenhall Social Club, Coventry – contact G Holt.

The Dransfields CIU National Quiz Final will be held in Blackpool on Saturday April 9 following the Union AGM.

Pigeon presentations take place in Durham Branch



Pictured, left to right: Tim Lovel (winner), George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary) and Mike Samuels (winner) with the Mid-Durham South Federation Pigeon Trophy

Durham Branch held its Pigeon presentations at the end of 2015.

The Mid-Durham South Federation presentation took place at Low Spennymoor & Merrington Lane WMC on December 7.

The winning trophy was presented to Tim Lovel and Mike Samuels of Low Spennymoor & Merrington Lane WMC.

Second place was taken by the Gordon brothers of Middlestone Moor WMC. Tim Lovel and Mike Samuels also took third and



Pictured, left to right: George Smith (Durham Branch Secretary) presents the Up North Combine Division 4 Pigeon Trophy to winner Anthony Lyons of Easington Colliery WMC

fourth place in the competition.

The presentation for Up North Combine Division 4 was held at Easington Colliery WMC on November 12.

Taking first place were the Lyons brothers of Easington Colliery WMC. Second place – T Robinson and son, Easington Colliery WMC. Third place – Mr & Mrs Hounslow, Town End Farm WMC. Fourth place – Gorton and son, Easington Colliery WMC.

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BLAKELAW SOCIAL CLUB IS THE PRIDE OF NEWCASTLE

Blakelaw & District Social Club, which was joint winner of the CIU-sponsored 'Traditional Club of the Year' category at the 2015 Club Awards, is a flourishing North East club with a growing membership, a full programme of activities and entertainment and an outstanding sense of community spirit

Left to right: Blakelaw & District Social Club Treasurer Billy Henderson and Committee Member Jim Freddy receive the 'Traditional Club of the Year' trophy from CIU President George Dawson CMD at the 2015 Club Awards



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With over 1,000 members on its books and a host of activities taking place throughout the week, Blakelaw & District Social Club in Newcastle upon Tyne is a real hub of the local community and open to all, regardless of their age or interests.

The club has long been renowned for its warm welcome, community spirit and astute financial management at a regional level as one of the North East's top clubs but has now achieved further recognition on the national stage.

At *Club Mirror* magazine's 2015 Club Awards, which took place in Manchester in November of last year, Blakelaw & District SC was named joint winner in the prestigious 'Traditional Club of the Year' category.

"It was a fantastic achievement for the club to see all the hard work that has been put in

by members for so many years rewarded," says Club Secretary Alan Campbell.

"Our members are great and they're the ones who make the club what it is and who should be proud of how well the club is doing. Our members love the club and go out of their way to support their Committee and their club."

Founded in 1969, the club's current standing is all the more remarkable when you consider that in 2008 it faced a dire financial situation with a massive £500,000 of debts to pay off and premises in desperate need of refurbishment.

But at that lowest of ebbs, a new Committee came on board and transformed the fortunes of the club, seeking out expert advice from the then Northumberland Branch Secretary Tom Satterthwaite and now retired Union General Secretary Kevin Smyth.

"It took a lot of hard work on the part of the Committee and members but we've never looked back since with the result that the club has cleared those debts and is now in a position of great financial strength," says Alan.

"We now have significant assets, including owning outright a total of eight houses in the area, which we rent out as affordable properties for local people."

At the same time, the look of the club has also been transformed with recent refurbishments of the bar and downstairs lounge giving the club the 'wow' factor and helping to attract new members on a continual basis.

"We've worked hard to ensure that the club is a clean and safe place at the heart of the community, and we put a lot back into the local scene, sponsoring football teams and raising money for charities," says Alan.

"We're particularly close to one local cancer charity and stage a number of events throughout the year to benefit what is a fantastic cause."

As well as running two football teams, there are men's and ladies darts teams, snooker, pool and dominoes teams, ensuring a busy sporting programme at the club throughout the year.

Live entertainment is a mainstay of the club's offering with singers and bands performing every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

"Every year we run a Christmas party for senior citizens with food, drink and entertainment, including bingo, laid on for free," says Alan. "There is also an annual pensioners trip – again paid for by the club - which gives people a nice day out."

"We pride ourselves on being a family club for all the generations and we also run a Christmas party for local kids every year. We had a great turnout last year with a DJ on stage supplying the music and loads of kids dancing around and playing games. We even had 'Rudolf' on stage entertaining the kids."

"We have no shortage of young people joining the club as it's a great, safe environment where they can come and enjoy top-notch facilities and have a drink at the very reasonably priced bar."

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Q Our club is looking to expand its wine offering so can you offer some pointers on how best to go about this?

Category Manager Louise Boddington and Master of Wine Jonathan Pedley of Crown Cellars (the specialist wines and spirits division of CIU Preferred Supplier Carlsberg UK), respond:

Variety

The more styles, grape varieties, countries of origin and price points you cover, the more members you are likely to appeal to. And remember, wines your members like may not be the wines you prefer. Balance your list. Add interest and credibility by offering a few trendy or unusual choices as an alternative to the safer choices – Wine of the Month promotions are a great way to see if these wines appeal to your members.

Core wines by the glass

Ensure that your core wines are available by the glass and provide a standard and premium option for your most popular varietals. A huge choice of single serve wines is available if you are worried about wastage.

'House wines' and wine brands

Avoid terms such as 'house wine' to encourage members to try a more profitable choice. And help your list stand out by including a selection of on-trade exclusive wines that members won't see in supermarkets alongside any branded wines.

Make it sparkle

Put sparkling wines at the start of your list. Prompt impulse purchase with calls to action e.g. 'Celebrating? Why not add some sparkle with...?'. Separate your sparkling wines from Champagne. Sometimes a customer can discount a 'Champagne and Sparkling' section because of assumptions on price linked to Champagne.

Trading up

Give members the opportunity to trade up when they fancy splashing out. Highlight more profitable choices with 'Our favourite', 'We recommend' or 'Award Winning' (if appropriate). And remember that your members' eyes will hit the centre of the wine list first so this is the ideal spot for your higher margin wines.

Pricing guidance

Make sure your list has a steady progression in pricing from entry level so it allows your members to try more expensive wines in easy steps, encouraging them to trade up to better quality wines and making the top end of your list more accessible. Members drinking at the top end of your list will put more money on your bottom line and feel more positive about the experience and the great value for money that you offer. You can apply the same logic to wines by the glass, not just in the range of wines available, but also in sizing.

Offering a pricing benefit to members who trade up from 125ml to 175ml or from 175ml to 250ml will be adding value for that customer. Equally, encouraging trade up from glass to bottle when individuals in a group choose the same wine will also make your members feel like they are getting great value from you – after all, you are showing them a way to save money when a bottle is cheaper than two glasses of the same wine!

The wine list

For more extensive lists, laying out by style or taste profile rather than colour can be helpful to members, reducing the risk to increase likelihood of experimentation and trading up. Unless you're a specialist and your members demand it, resist the temptation to be overly wordy with wine descriptions. It can be off-putting for members and increase print costs. Your wine list should be accessible and on display for



members at all times, not tucked behind the till on the back bar so members have to ask for it.

Top tips for boosting wine sales

- Ensure a good variety of wines
- Ensure that your core wines are available by the glass
- Balance your list. Add interest and credibility by ensuring that a few trendy or unusual choices are available as an alternative to the safer choices
- Avoid terms like 'house wine' to encourage customers to try a more expensive choice
- Give your members the opportunity to trade up when they fancy splashing out
- For longer lists, laying out by style or taste profile rather than colour can provide helpful guidance to customers
- Unless your members demand it, resist the temptation to be overly wordy with wine descriptions
- A wine list should always be accessible and on display for members

For more information on your club's wine offer, contact Crown Cellars on: 08453 710 199 or email: crowncellars@carlsberg.co.uk

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For more information, contact Cath Fitzpatrick at Head Office on 0207 226 0221 or email: cfitzpatrick@wmcui.org

2016 NEC Meeting schedule

The National Executive Council (NEC) will meet on the following dates during 2016:

February 3 & 4

March 2 & 3

April 7, 8 & 9 (Venue: Blackpool)

May 4 & 5

June 1 & 2

July 6 & 7

August 3 & 4

September 7 & 8

October 5 & 6

November 2 & 3

December 7 & 8

Special delegate rate secured for CIU Conference 2016

A reminder that the CIU has secured a Special Delegate rate for those wishing to stay at the Norbreck Castle Hotel (the venue for the AGM and Beer & Trades Show) during the CIU Conference 2016 (April 8/9 2016).

This deal guarantees the first 20 double rooms with sea view; 20 double standard rooms, 20 twin rooms with sea view; 20 twin standard rooms, all at a reduced rate.

Rates are: £42.50 per person per night for dinner, bed and breakfast based on two people sharing a twin/double.

£35 per person per night bed and breakfast based upon two people sharing a twin/double.

A supplement of £15.00 per room per night will be added for twin/doubles requested for sole occupancy.

Bookings must be made by calling the Norbreck Castle Hotel direct on 01253 352341 and quoting the code 'WMCUI16'.

UNION PRESIDENT STEPS UP THE FIGHT FOR CLUBS' INTERESTS

Following his fourth successive election as Union President at the end of last year, George Dawson CMD looks ahead to the key challenges facing CIU clubs

I'm absolutely delighted to be serving my fourth term as Union President and will continue to work as hard as I possibly can to protect and promote the interests of each and every one of our clubs.

It's obvious to me, from the many visits to clubs I'm privileged to enjoy through my roles as both President and West Yorkshire Branch Secretary, that our clubs play a vital role in the communities we serve.

Members' clubs provide a supportive, safe and sociable environment for people of all ages and are genuine community assets which in the main rely on the unstinting hard work of volunteers to keep going.

It's about time that the policy-makers recognised the myriad of benefits of members' clubs to communities and made life a little easier for them.

For example, the issue of getting a fairer rates deal for our clubs is something I feel passionate about and will continue – as I have done for my past six years as President – to press for when taking part in the regular All-Party Parliamentary Group for Non-Profit Making Members' Clubs meetings at Westminster.

I would urge everyone who cares about the future of the CIU and is proud of their own club to shout about our achievements from the rooftops - whether that be by engaging with the local press about your latest charity fundraising event or community-inspired



Union President
George Dawson
CMD

project; liaising with your local councillors or MP; or getting into the habit of sending any newsworthy items through to the *Club Journal* for publication.

These simple steps will help the wider public, politicians and policy-makers to recognise the hard work that is going on, week-in, week-out in clubs up and down the land and perhaps convince them to rally to our cause.

It's already shaping up to be a very busy year for the Union with planning for the AGM and Beer & Trades Exhibition in Blackpool in April now in full swing.

I hope to see as many of you there as possible as we come together to debate the major issues facing our clubs.

Education Pilot to take place in February

The CIU Working Group has now confirmed that the new Education Training Pilot will take place on February 18/19 at the Training Offices of CPL in the Wirral.

The course, which is sponsored by Carlsberg (joint Preferred Supplier of beers and ciders to the Union), will run from 11am to 6pm on February 18 and from 10am to 5.30pm on February 19.

Students for the pilot scheme are being selected locally and will represent a cross section of club employees, Committee members and club members.

Dependent on the feedback received

following this initial pilot, there may be a second pilot conducted before the new examination is rolled out to CIU members nationwide.

This is part of the National Executive's overhauling of the Union's education programme which will enable more members to have the chance to develop the necessary knowledge to help them run clubs more profitably and efficiently.

Topics covered in the new Award in Club Management include: Licensing issues, Equality Legislation, Constitution, Club Management, PAYE, National Insurance, bingo and gaming.

Club Law & Club Finance Residential Weekend 2016 taking place March 17-20 in Coventry

Applications for the Union's Club Law & Club Finance Weekend close on Thursday March 3. The weekend takes place in Coventry in March and costs £75. The deadline to apply to the Club Management Diploma Exams taking place in May 2016 is the end of February

Applications for the Club Law & Club Finance Residential Weekend, taking place next month, close on Thursday March 3.

Being held at the Royal Court Hotel in Coventry from Thursday March 17 to Sunday March 20, the course will be excellent preparation for those taking the Club Management Diploma (CMD) Exams in May.

A charge of £75 (VAT inclusive) will be made for the course but applicants will need to meet the costs of travel to the venue.

The course cost covers full board, lectures on Club Law and Club Finance and includes students folder, pad and literature.

Applicants must be a financial member of their club and hold the Union Associate and Pass Cards. An application form can be obtained from your Club Secretary or downloaded from www.wmciu.org.uk

For further information on the course, contact Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department at Head Office – Tel: (020) 7226 0221; Fax: (020) 7354 1847; email: cfitzpatrick@wmciu.org

The closing date for applications is **THURSDAY MARCH 3** and the 30 places will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

Meanwhile, applications are also open for the two CMD Exams which are being held in May.

The exams are about instilling confidence and helping students highlight their strengths in areas of Club Law and Accountancy.

The Club Law exam will take place on Saturday May 7 2016 and the Club Accountancy exam will be held on Saturday May 14 2016.

If you pass both examinations and obtain first place in both sections you will be



presented with your diploma at the Union's Annual Conference in Blackpool.

The cost for taking the exams is a refundable deposit of £10 per section (£20 for both sections). The closing date for applications is **MONDAY FEBRUARY 29**.

Further information and examination forms are available from Cath Fitzpatrick in the Leisure Department (see contact details above) or visit: www.wmciu.org.uk

Huge demand for CIU Contracts and Handbook

There has been a huge demand for CIU Contracts and Handbook with the result that the set has been reprinted to ensure they are available to buy from your local Branch. The documents available are:

- **Club Staff Handbook**
- **Club Steward Contract**
- **Bar Manager Contract**
- **Bar/Cleaning Staff Contract**
- **Bar/Cleaning Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment**
- **Bar/Cleaning Temporary Staff Terms and Conditions of Employment**
- **Club Staff Accommodation Contract**

The club documents are priced as follows: £5 for each Handbook; £2.50 for each Contract (except the Club Staff Accommodation Contract which is priced at £1.30 as a special limited edition) and £1.50 for each Terms and Conditions document.

These documents – available from your branch – take in all the current legislative requirements and have been produced to a high, professional standard.



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 will soon be enjoying a fantastic day out at the the races

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NEWCASTLE	Saturday 19 March	£12	St Patrick's Day Raceday
HAYDOCK PARK	Wednesday 23 March	£10 (50% discount)	Afternoon Raceday
CHEPSTOW	Thursday 24 March	£12	March Jump Racing
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 26 March	£10 (50% discount)	Easter Family Fun Day
WOLVERHAMPTON	Sunday 27 March	£7	Easter Sunday Raceday
CHEPSTOW	Monday 28 March	£12	Easter Monday Raceday
SOUTHWELL	Thursday 7 April	£7.50	All-Weather Afternoon Racing
NEWCASTLE	Friday 8 April	£12	Afternoon Jump Raceday
SANDOWN PARK	Friday 22 April	1/3 off to CIU Members	bet365 Friday
SANDOWN PARK	Saturday 23 April	1/3 off to CIU Members	bet365 Jump Finale
HAYDOCK PARK	Saturday 23 April	£10 (50% discount)	Flat Racing
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102/104 Firle Road, Eastbourne BN22 8ET.

Tel: (01323) 723322

Email: ewmctd@gmail.com

www.ewmc.org

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MEMBERS' CORNER

Informative articles which affect our life by Dione Mobley

Valentine's Day will soon be here for everyone to show their affections for another person or people by sending greeting cards or giving gifts of flowers to express their messages of love, often anonymously.

This famous but somewhat over commercialised date gets its name from a famous Saint. However, there are several conflicting stories about who Valentine actually was in real life.

The most popular story about Saint Valentine states he was originally a priest from Rome dating back to the third century AD. The Roman Emperor of that time was called Claudius II and he had banned all marriage because he felt married men made bad soldiers.

According to one of the legends surrounding this date, Valentine felt this was unfair so he broke the Emperor's rules and he secretly arranged marriages for lovers in secret.

When the Emperor found out he was furious and had Valentine arrested and thrown in jail. While imprisoned he met and fell in love with the jailer's daughter and when he learned he was going to die on February 14th he sent her a final love letter signed "from your Valentine".

Other stories surrounding this legend date back to the 5th Century when it is said the church wanted this festival as a celebration for their own Christian martyr.

Valentine's Day is a very old tradition; it may have even originated from a pagan Roman Festival.

The Romans always held a Festival called Lupercalia in the middle of February. This was the Roman definition for the official start of springtime on the Roman calendar at this time.

Later on it is thought that a part of these celebrations would be for boys to draw names of girls from a box. They would then be considered boyfriend and girlfriend and sometimes they married.

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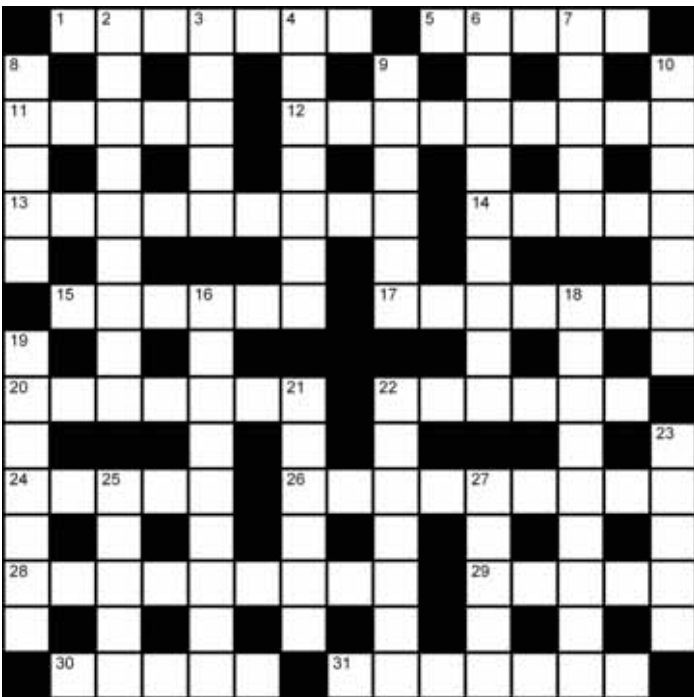
ACROSS

- Eat main dish - and bring it to life! (7)
- Rigid, dyed-in-the-wool, but can be a bit light-headed. (5)
- Saluki, roving in former Russian town. (5)
- Create aid, in order to wipe out... (9)
- ...work rests of those junction fractures, say. (3-6)
- Chicken not available for dyeing. (5)
- Picadilly, following a lively disturbance! (6)
- Chatter about a 'clicker'? (7)
- Real tie broken with studio. (7)
- Drawer taken back as payment. (6)
- Sloppy sort of sulphur shortage. (5)
- Advertiser is not private, firstly. (9)
- Idle cacti grown as a conceptual contradiction. (9)

DOWN

- Existing outside Beijing... (5)
- ...on the day he became wildly exciting. (5)
- Little ripple of a tiny gesture? (7)
- Avert rain? Vain attempt for the story. (9)
- Proposer is one of the shakers' partners. (5)
- Shoe-ends (with space to move.) (7)
- 'Strange whites, Sir?' It's an excellent hearty dish. (5,4)
- Bits of tetrahedra (in soakaway). (5)
- Fish would be a tight one, if cheap up front. (5)
- Washer renewed - because it's a ropey type? (6)
- In practice, one can sort out the odd facet. (2,5)
- Check wide - and far out - for a nuisance in the garden. (9)
- Take panel off indecipherable pattern of weedkiller. (9)
- Weights, I'd say, at the edge of the road. (7)
- Fame of wire, put easily inside. (6)
- du Maurier writing about Mrs Isaac? That's novel! (7)
- Phase that could front a coach. (5)
- Headgear that's not her somehow, as the saying goes. (5)
- Cart off bacterium so as to permeate. (5)

Send your entry to Crossword, Club Journal, 59/60 Thames St, Windsor, Berkshire, SL4 1TX
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Thursday February 4, 8pm – Sky Sports 2 HD
Super League XXI: Leeds Rhinos v Warrington Wolves

The new Super League season gets underway as the reigning champions Leeds Rhinos take on Warrington Wolves. Leeds were the perfect blend of pace and power last season and will be out to defend the title in style.



Tuesday February 23, 7.45pm – BT Sport
UEFA Champions League: Arsenal v Barcelona

The Gunners take on the superstars of Barcelona in this first leg, Last 16 clash at The Emirates. The visitors will be heavy favourites to seize the advantage here given their tremendous firepower up front including the holy trinity of Messi, Suarez and Neymar.

SPORTING HIGHLIGHTS

Club Journal looks ahead to some of the key sporting fixtures coming up in February, including the start of both Super League XXI and the 2016 Six Nations Championship, plus some top Premier League ties

Thursday February 4
 8pm
 Sky Sports 2
Super League: Leeds Rhinos v Warrington Wolves

Friday February 5
 8pm
 Sky Sports 2
Super League: Wigan Warriors v Catalans

Saturday February 6
 12.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Manchester City v Leicester City

Saturday February 6
 3pm
 ITV
Six Nations Rugby: Ireland v Wales

Saturday February 6
 4.50pm
 BBC
Six Nations Rugby: Scotland v England

Sunday February 7
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Bournemouth v Arsenal

Sunday February 7
 4pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Chelsea v Manchester United

Monday February 8
 8pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Southampton v West Ham United

Thursday February 11
 8pm
 Sky Sports
Super League: Salford v Wigan Warriors

Saturday February 13
 12.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League:



Sunderland v Manchester United

Saturday February 13
 5.30pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Chelsea v Newcastle United

Saturday February 13
 2.25pm
 BBC
Six Nations Rugby: France v Ireland

Saturday February 13
 4.50pm
 BBC
Six Nations Rugby: Wales v Scotland

Sunday February 14
 1.30pm
 Sky Sports 1 HD
Barclays Premier League: Aston Villa v Liverpool

Sunday February 14
 1.30pm



Saturday February 27, 4.50pm – ITV
Six Nations Rugby: England v Ireland

A crunch match at Twickenham as last season's champions Ireland take on 2015 runners-up England. It is a new era for English rugby and their fans will be hoping that new manager Eddie Jones can help the men in white to shrug off the disappointment of their abysmal World Cup.



Sunday February 28, 4.30pm – Sky Sports
Capital One Cup: The Final

The first silverware of the season is up for grabs at Wembley Stadium. Last year saw London rivals Chelsea and Tottenham contest the Final with the Blues winning in comprehensive fashion 2-0. Both sides were knocked out in the early stages so will not be involved this time.

Sky Sports 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Manchester City v
 Tottenham Hotspur**

Sunday February 14
 2pm
 ITV
**Six Nations Rugby: Italy v
 England**

Tuesday February 16
 7.45pm
 BT Sport
**UEFA Champions League -
 Last 16, 1st Leg: PSG v
 Chelsea**

Tuesday February 16
 7.45pm
 BT Sport
**UEFA Champions League -
 Last 16, 1st Leg: Roma v Real
 Madrid**

Thursday February 18
 6pm
 BT Sport
**UEFA Europa League - Last
 32, 1st Leg: FC Midtjylland v
 Manchester United**

Tuesday February 23
 7.45pm
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**UEFA Champions League -
 Last 16, 1st Leg:**

Arsenal v Barcelona
 Wednesday February 24
 7.45pm
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**UEFA Champions League -
 Last 16, 1st Leg: Dynamo Kiev
 v Manchester City**

Thursday February 25
 6pm
 BT Sport
**UEFA Europa League - Last 32,
 1st Leg: Liverpool v FC
 Augsburg**

Friday February 26
 8pm
 Sky Sports 2
**Super League:
 Hull Kingston Rovers v
 St Helens**

Friday February 26
 8.05pm
 BBC
**Six Nations Rugby: Wales v
 France**

Saturday February 27
 12.45pm
 BT Sport 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 West Ham v Sunderland**

Saturday February 27
 5.30pm

Sky Sports 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 West Bromwich Albion v
 Crystal Palace**

Saturday February 27
 4.50pm
 ITV
**Six Nations Rugby:
 England v Ireland**

Sunday February 28
 12noon
 Sky Sports 1 HD
**Barclays Premier League:
 Newcastle United v
 Manchester City**

Sunday February 28
 12noon
 Sky Sports

**Barclays Premier League:
 Liverpool v Everton**

Sunday February 28
 2.05pm
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 Manchester United v
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