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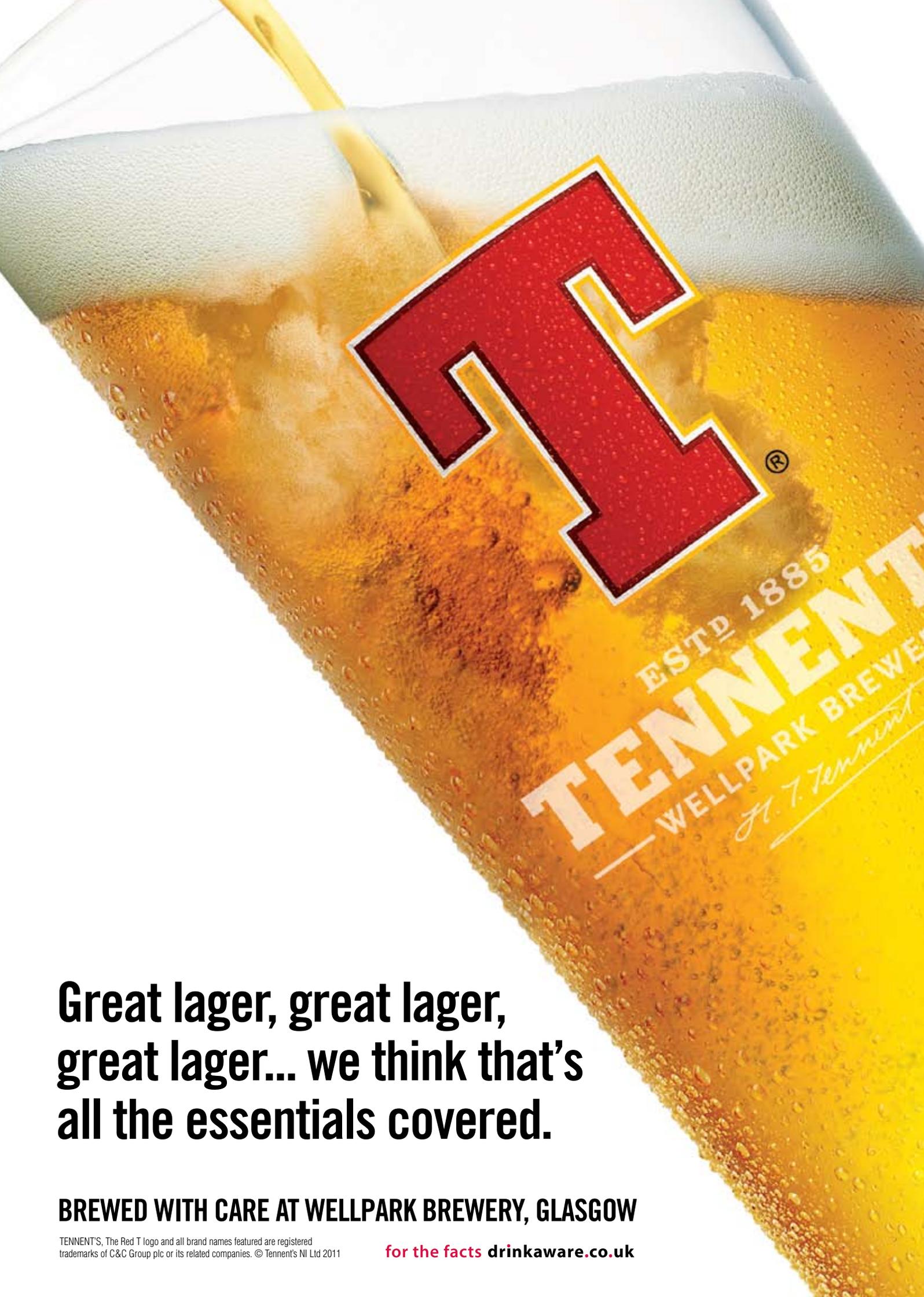
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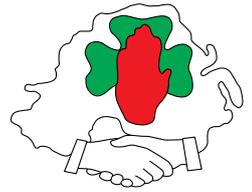
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Minutes of the executive meeting

Held in the Felons Club, Belfast
on Saturday 19th February 2011



The Chairman, John Davidson, opened the meeting following which the secretary read the minutes of the December 2010 meeting which were proposed by Gerry Gallagher and seconded by Raymond Connor.

Joe Patterson provided information on redundancy with the chairman underlining the importance of contacting the club's insurance company in the first instance when an issue arises. Joe concluded by outlining that payments can be made by the Government should an employer have insufficient funds.

The downsizing of clubs was covered which brings capital gains into the frame. The chairman requested that appropriate editorial on this matter be prepared for Club Review. Brian McCartney asked if there was an opportunity for retrospective claims for repayment of capital gains tax.

The chairman continued to provide a brief overview of queries by a number of member clubs relating to the availability of minutes. He continued to say that because a letter requesting such information comes from a barrister it should not necessarily be taken as being correct.

Gaming machines and the Vat related to machine takings was covered highlighting that payments are currently being made. It was explained that at the recent CORCA meeting in London the matter of retrospective claims is being

pursued with an accountancy body in England actively engaged in pursuing such claims.

Details of the Sky television case related to a Portsmouth landlady were covered. The European Court will make a final judgement in approximately three months.

The chairman outlined details of the meeting with the Minister Alex Attwood MLA and other meetings to include the meeting in West Belfast. North West delegate Gallagher confirmed that in his area only around 70% of clubs are applying for their full allocation of late extensions. It was clarified by the chairman that it is imperative for clubs to apply for the full allocation.

The treasurer David Larmour said that in his visits to Stormont he perceived that a degree of duplicity was evident emphasising the importance of continuing our lobbying of respective MLA's.

Gerry Gallagher highlighted what may be a scam operating in the North West confirming that he is to attend a meeting with the CID next week. The secretary provided details of a similar scam he is aware of.

The treasurer provided a detailed financial report which was passed as a true record by Jim Wilson and seconded by Jim McCaul.

The secretary tabled some concerns which were resolved

satisfactorily. In essence the federation has been engaged in a hectic schedule of meetings for some months prior to the run-up to the introduction of the new Licensing Bill and it was this which appeared to be the main crux of the problem.

At this point the chairman thanking officers of the Felons club for hosting the meeting and also for the excellent hospitality provided.

Bob McGlone,
Secretary

Minutes of the executive meeting

Held in the Whitehouse W.M.C.
on Saturday 12th March

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and passed without amendment being proposed and seconded by Raymond Connor and Jim Wilson.

Apologies were made on behalf of Gerry Gallagher who was unable to make today's meeting.

Correspondence was read out with explanations provided where required. A letter from SDLP Party leader Margaret Ritchie M.P. was worthy of

particular notice, as it detailed a reply from the Minister Alex Attwood M.L.A. on the new licensing legislation for clubs.

The detail of recent contact by member clubs was highlighted which underlined that registered clubs, being Quasi Judicial bodies, have considerable rights.

Further queries have been received questioning the rights of solicitors to request sight of the minutes of management

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committee meetings. The clubs in question have been advised as to how to address this issue.

The question was raised as to the minimum numbers comprising a management committee. The law states that:- "The business and affairs of a club shall be under the management committee or governing body consisting of a secretary, a treasurer and not less than 5 ordinary or life members".

Area meetings were mentioned with a discussion on their viability. It was agreed that this should be discussed in April.

It was agreed that following the CORCA meeting in May that attendance be restricted to two. It was further agreed that on each occasion one should have the experience of having been in attendance before so as to be aware of procedures.

It was also agreed that when possible overnight stays should be avoided.

There was proposal to move executive meetings from Saturdays to weekdays during summer months. A final decision is to be taken in April.

The treasurer distributed copies of his financial report and went through them in detail, giving explanations where necessary. The report was subsequently passed as a true record being proposed and seconded by Philip Mallon and Brian Mc Cartney.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed with the Chairman thanking hosts, Whitehouse W.M.C., and sponsors of the meeting, P&F Amusements, for the excellent hospitality provided.

Bob Mc Glone, *Secretary*.

Minutes of the A.G.M.

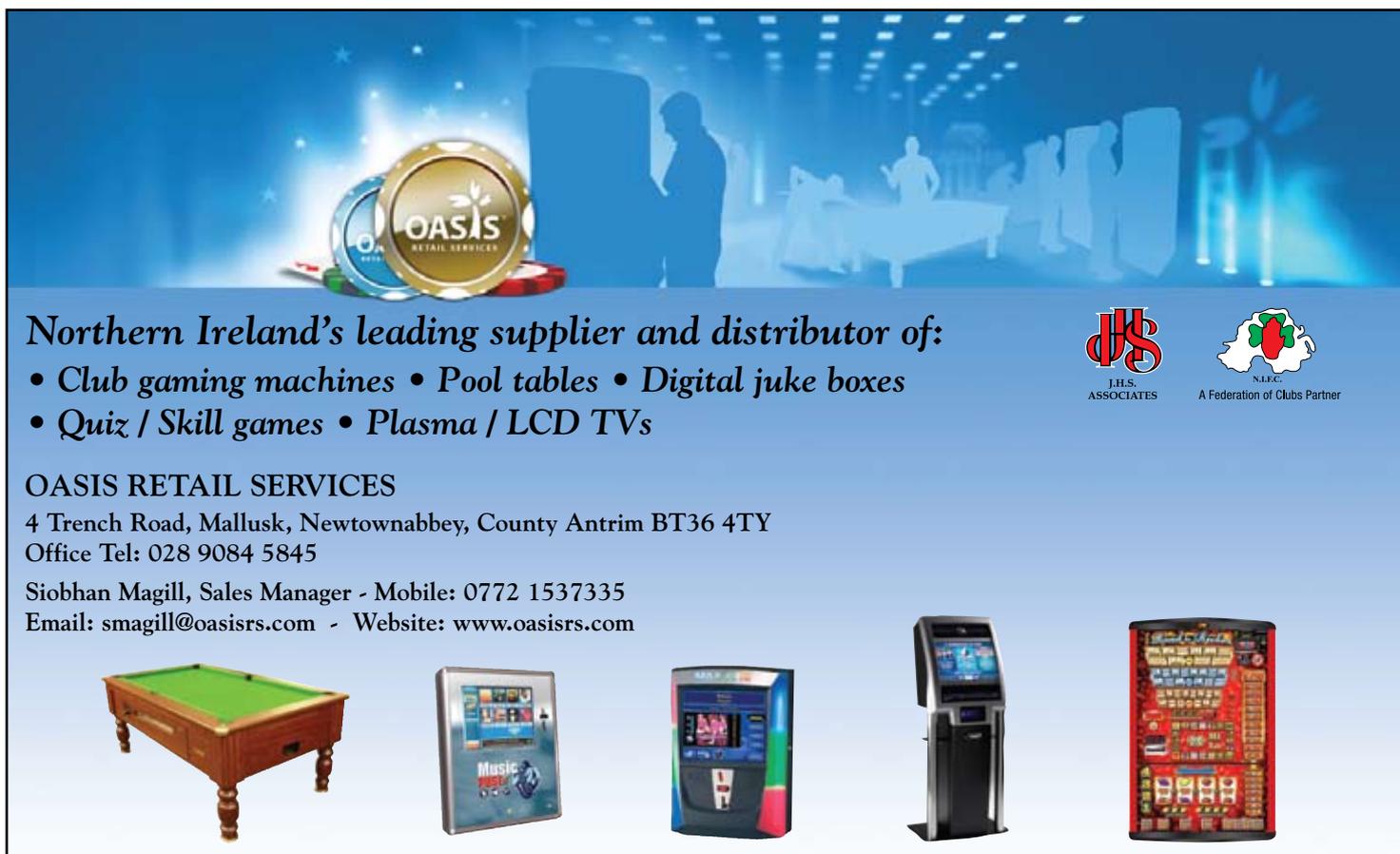
Held in the R.A.O.B. H.Q., Belfast, on Saturday 26th March

The Chairman, John Davidson, opened the meeting by welcoming those present, following which he requested a moment's silence to be observed in honour of absent friends. This was followed with the Secretary, Bob Mc Glone, reading the minutes of the 2010 A.G.M. which were passed as a true record, proposed and seconded by Fred Brady (Ulster Maple Leaf Club) and Hugh Stockman from the West Belfast HPS.

A financial report was read out in detail by the Treasurer,

David Larmour, which was subsequently passed as a true record by the representative of Ulster Maple Leaf Club and seconded by a member of Millisle Royal British Legion Club as a true record and passed by acclamation.

The Chairman then provided an update on the outcome of the Liquor Licence Review resulting from the lobbying in which we had been engaged. We had requested three late licenses per week, ie.156 per annum; unfortunately these were not granted although we



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The N.I. Federation of Clubs Executive Committee.

are assured of 85 per annum. It was requested that clubs apply for the full allocation to support the need for a future increase.

It is sufficient to request a late extension on club headed paper, alternatively a copy of a sample application is available on the Federation website.

Advertising is being looked at by the Minister Alex Attwood MLA who is seeking to establish a form of wording which will meet the needs of legislation, hopefully resulting in some relaxation of present restrictions.

Another positive outcome is the ability for young people to remain on the premises of sports clubs until 10pm as opposed to the current 9pm limit.

The Chairman explained that despite the impression given in the recent budget, there will be an increase in the cost of alcohol.

At this point the VAT reclaim issue was covered in some detail which also encompassed the aspect of retrospective claims and how they may provide a positive outcome based on the detail of HMRC correspondence. Capital gains/corporation tax was also covered in consideration that clubs may wish to consider the downsizing of premises.

At this point the highly contentious area on employment legislation and the pension legislation was covered by Federation delegate Joe Patterson who provided detailed

and advisory information on the importance of clubs following procedures. His presentation received warm applause from those present.

Fire risk assessments was next on the agenda with Michael Flowers of AVIVA providing a detailed presentation on requirements. He did say that a club could provide its own assessment but that doing so would leave the club open to breaches of health & safety and other numerous risks. It is fair to say that the many businesses claiming to offer this service have, by and large disappeared, with AVIVA remaining the brand leader, as one would expect, being an international company.

There has been some speculation with regards to obtaining sports coverage other than from SKY, as other companies are purporting

to be able to supply similar services. We wait patiently for the outcome of the Portsmouth landlady case which received a positive hearing in Europe, with a judgement expected in next month or two. Until such times as that judgement is released we advise caution, although we have been provided with information which indicates that *continued on p6*



Chairman, John Davidson, in discussion.



N.I.F.C. accountant, Lawrence Shearer (right), with Hugh Ashe, Bangor F.C.



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Federation AGM

transmission of premiership football may be legally available via another source, however we will confirm if this is indeed bona-fide.

CORCA (*The Confederation of Registered Clubs Association*)

The Chairman provided an overview of the Federation's membership of CORCA and the mutual benefits which have resulted from our membership. Included is the highly beneficial VAT reclaim which a large number of our member clubs

have benefited from. Details of the Federation dinner and dance were provided, highlighting the opportunity to meet friends old and new and this year's excellent entertainment line-up.

The P.R.O. highlighted that the Federation membership fee has remained at only £50 since inception, which is less than £1 per week in view of which it is requested that where and when possible our members should support those companies with

which we are associated in return for the tremendous support they provide to the Federation and the club sector in general.

In concluding matters, the Chairman highlighted the success of the helplines, continuing to thank the RAOB HQ for affording the use of



Representatives from the Royal Victoria Hospital Sports & Social Club.

their premises for the AGM and for the excellent hospitality which preceded and followed the meeting.

As there was no further business the meeting was closed.

Bob McGlone, Secretary



(l-r) Bob McGlone, NIFC Secretary and Joe Patterson.

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Update on retrospective VAT claims



Lawrence Shearer

Clubs have been receiving their reclaimed VAT duty. However a number of clubs unfortunately failed to make

a claim in time. Nevertheless all is not lost as the following information from the Federation accountant Lawrence Shearer, outlines a mechanism via which a club may be able to make a Retrospective Claim, which is good news to say the least.

In the HMRC rejection letters to clubs, dated 2nd January 2007, it outlines what a club should do if it considers it "still has a valid claim".

Even though the letter is dated 2nd January 2007 it states that "you must contact us (HMRC)

before 31st January 2007, and we (HMRC) will officially record your intention to further pursue your claim".

Usually a full 30 days is allowed from the date of the letter ie. 1st February 2007. A possible extension to this date may be granted if you notify HMRC of the date on which you actually received their correspondence.

The letter goes on to state that: "However, if we do not hear from you by 31st January 2007, we will assume that you have no wish to pursue your claim, and no further action will be taken in relation to your voluntary disclosure." The Appeals procedures are not mentioned at all throughout this letter.

A "Late Appeal" to Tribunals Tax Service could be submitted based on the grounds that the HMRC letter and content was misleading and vague.

The letter did not mention the right of appeal or that a Notice of Appeal should be lodged with the VAT and Duties Tribunal using a "Trib 1 Form". As a further observation, the letter which relies heavily on dates and time periods actually erroneously states the date "post 6th December 2006". This should have been post 6th December 2005.

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'AVIVA' Still Number 1 for Fire Risk Assessments!

It is now a legal requirement for every club to carry out a Fire Risk Assessment. Furthermore where there are 5 or more employees the significant findings of that risk assessment must be recorded!

The Fire Precautions (Workplace) Regulations (NI) 2001 places a legal requirement on employers to assess the risk to employees and visitors in the event of a fire at their premises.

The N.I.F.C. of Clubs specifically formed an association with AVIVA to avoid the possibility of problems, as they are a major insurance body who will be there for the long term. At the time of the Federation's 2010 AGM there were concerns as to the number of providers offering fire risk assessments, yet we have heard no more from most of them which is precisely why we

secured the services of a major company.

Aviva introduced its fire risk assessment service to assist clubs meet the needs of current requirements. The qualified Aviva team can confidently assist customers to achieve legal compliance at a reasonable cost, with the assurance that they have been provided with a service by an international company. They will arrange a convenient time for a member of their team to conduct the fire risk assessment following which they will produce formal documentation outlining the findings of the assessments.

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Are you entitled to sport and recreation relief?

In the current economic climate it is worth looking at all your fixed costs including rates which are becoming an increasingly heavy burden.

Many assume that rates are just a bill that you have to pay but do not appreciate that you are entitled to appeal your rating assessment (NAV or Net Annual Value) at any time which can, in some cases, result in savings of hundreds or even thousands of pounds per annum.

One of the best areas of obtaining a reduction is to consider whether your club is used for a "prescribed recreation".

In such cases Northern Ireland legislation provides for a reduction in rates on certain properties of up to 80% on the sport and recreational element. Ancillary facilities such as bars, restaurants, offices etc. are fully rateable.

Prescribed recreation has a specific description in the legislation, however, it is very varied and there are approximately 125 activities listed.

Many of these are obvious such as football, rugby, tennis, boxing, hockey, hurling etc but others are less obvious such as bowling, dancing, snooker or darts.

Once you have established that you have a prescribed use there are a number of parameters in order for you to qualify.

The main points are as follows:

- The property must be occupied by a properly constituted Club, Society or Organisation - not for profit.
- The Constitution/Articles must make reference to the recreational facilities.
- At least 20% of the property must be used solely for the prescribed recreation.

Before considering an appeal it is extremely important to seek professional advice because it is not always possible to achieve

a reduction and in some cases the NAV can be increased, eg if the property has been extended.

If you feel that your rates bill is too high or you do not currently have any Sport & Recreation Relief, it may be time to seek that advice!

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Disposal of surplus assets

Capital gains and members clubs



Mr. Lowry Grant
M.Sc. F.C.C.A. A.C.I.S.

Many clubs today, who plan to expand, develop or refurbish their membership facilities are faced with difficult and demanding choices and challenges. Not least of these being the difficulty of securing loan facilities from the bank.

This financing dilemma is further compounded by the pressure from banks on the existing loan and overdraft facilities already in place.

As a consequence many clubs are considering the disposal of surplus or unused property and land in order to finance new or existing requirements. This raises the matter of taxation on the disposal of these capital assets, many of which were acquired or gifted to the club a considerable period of time ago at very low cost or valuations. We will look at the taxation implication of these capital disposals however first of all, what is the basic taxation position of members' clubs?

The Basic Rule

The profits of members' clubs are chargeable to corporation tax (except in most cases, clubs that are registered as Community Amateur Sports

Clubs, CASCs), income falls into two categories, non-taxable or taxable.

Non-taxable income includes: general subscriptions or contributions from individual members and trading with individual members (mutual trading) this will not normally attract corporation tax.

Taxable income includes: Income from investments of club funds, non-membership income from the bar, hiring of facilities, machine income together with charges to members for private use of club facilities. (see also the de-minimis exemptions for CASCs below)

De-minimis exemptions: The taxation of clubs which are registered as Community Amateur Sports Clubs (CASCs) will of course benefit from the de-minimis corporation tax exemption threshold of trading turnover £30,000, rental income £20,000, any interest income and any chargeable gains.

Remember: If a club registered as a CASC, exceeds the de-minimis corporation tax exemptions, then corporation tax is payable on the whole of any such profit, after deducting the expenses incurred in earning such income.

Surplus funds: Clubs must be careful that they spend surplus income or gains on qualifying purposes (in pursuit of the clubs main purposes, funding events for all members etc), however HMRC may query spending on events which seem to benefit only selected groups in the club, in

which case the exemption may be withdrawn.

The sale of capital assets (land, buildings, investments) The profit on these, is usually referred to as 'the gain on disposal' to differentiate such gains from profits which are usually associated with trading activities.

Business Asset Rollover: In certain circumstances the gain may be rolled over against qualifying expenditure either 12 months prior or 36 months after the disposal.

Disclaimer
While every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the article,

readers should not rely solely on it and should seek professional guidance on all areas of taxation.

Questions and comments on the above article should be addressed to Mr Lowry Grant FCCA, Principal of JL Grant & Co, Chartered Certified Accountants on Tel 028 90830801 or email info@jlgrant.com



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Despite the difficult economic circumstances, members of the Raven Social Club in east Belfast have raised a record £1,725 in a fundraising event to combat heart disease. The event is held each year in memory of the former President of the Club, the late David Ervine who was MLA in east Belfast.

Stephen Beattie, chairman of the club, said, "I thank the club members for such generosity in these difficult times. We



Jeanette Ervine and Dawn Purvis MLA present Andrew Dougal, NICHS Chief Executive with a donation on behalf of the members of the Raven Club.

were astounded that the event produced such a large sum. We are very pleased that these funds will be used to tackle high blood pressure which was a problem David Ervine had encountered for some time before his death".

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Under the theme of the "WKD Big Weekend", consumers in on-trade outlets will have the opportunity to get free, oversized sunglasses in a range of WKD colours. The comedy glasses will be given away to purchasers and will bring a bonus bank holiday buzz to outlets by creating theatre and a talk-about factor.

"WKD consumers lead busy

lives and they really want to have fun at weekends," says Debs Carter, Marketing Director for Beverage Brands, owner of WKD. "We plan to make a big deal of the bank holiday season and will ensure the extra days off are even better for our consumers. We can't guarantee the weather to generate a glaring need to wear shades, but we can promise participants some WKD style in the form of enormous, colourful sunglasses that will make the wearers really stand out in a crowd. The super-sized sunnies will be highly sought-after and will help build rate of sale for stockists. Coupled with our TV support and the launch of WKD Purple Limited Edition, WKD is all set for big success in the months ahead," concludes Carter.

The advertisement features a large pair of red sunglasses with blue lenses. A yellow sign with black text reads "EYE EYE! FREE BIG SUNNIES WITH ANY 2 BOTTLES." Below the sunglasses are four bottles of WKD drinks in different colors: orange, purple, blue, and red. The text "Have you got a WKD side?" is written in a blue banner. The background is black with a blue border. The WKD logo is visible in the top left and bottom right corners. The website "drinkaware.co.uk" is mentioned at the bottom.

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Sylvia Carcagno triumphs as winner of 2011 Diageo World Class vodka heat

Bartenders from across the island of Ireland converged in Dublin recently to compete for the coveted title at the second Irish heat of the Diageo Reserve World Class Bartender of the Year 2011 Competition.

Sylvia Carcagno from Sheen Falls Lodge, Kerry fought off strong competition to be named winner and secured her place in the Irish final with her winning cocktails 'The Raspberry Ciroc' and 'Lavender Ketelini'.

Speaking at the event, Judge Kevin Thornton said of Sylvia Carcagno, "Sylvia exuded confidence behind the bar, impressing us with every aspect

of her cocktail making. She showed skill and intuition when mixing unique, homemade flavours to create two fantastic cocktails. A well deserved win."

Judge Tom Doorley added, "Sylvia has great confidence and style. With a quiet elegance and calm manner she informed the audience while creating her two well balanced cocktails that showed a real purity of flavour." Niamh Henry, Reserve Brand Manager at Diageo Ireland, said, "Diageo Reserve is committed to supporting and developing the trade and so, World Class is not just a competition – it's about raising the bar in the industry and celebrating the

flair, creativity and skill of the bartender."

Sylvia will be joining the Bushmills Malts, Johnnie Walker, and Classic Malts Whisk(e)y heat winner, Raf Agapito, in the all-Ireland final to be held in June 2011.

The Tanqueray Gin Heat will follow in 2011 to form part of the Irish bartender's ultimate challenge.

Sylvia Carcagno with one of her winning cocktails.



Captain Morgan challenge

Captain Morgan was welcomed on dry land by Northern Ireland model Katie Larmour recently to announce details of his latest quest 'Dare the Captain'. The Captain is calling on his legions of Facebook fans to dare him to do something truly legendary which he will undertake when he returns to these shores in mid April.

There are thousands of pounds from the Captain's bounty up for grabs for the best dare including a cash prize of £4,000 for the overall winning dare!

At the launch, Captain Morgan commented, "It's great to be back in the Emerald Isle.

People here have a tremendous imagination and I'm looking forward to undertaking the winning dare and filming it for all my fans to see.



Pictured at the launch of 'Dare the Captain' is Captain Morgan with model Katie Larmour.

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Bushmills master distiller set to take distillery on tour...



More than 100,000 people tour the Old Bushmills Distillery each year making it one of Northern Ireland's most popular visitor attractions, but this year the distillery itself is set to go on tour as part of a global competition - 'Make it 2 Bushmills'.

Colum Egan, Master Distiller at the Old Bushmills Distillery, is offering two friends the chance to work alongside him for two weeks, to learn the skills of whiskey-making that have been alive and well in the Bushmills area for over 400 years, before he packs up the best bits of the Old Bushmills Distillery to go on tour. Destination? The winners' home town.

Speaking ahead of the launch of Make it 2 Bushmills, on St Patrick's Day, Colum said, "As one of Northern Ireland's most popular exports, we know that our whiskey is enjoyed by people in countries right around the world, but not everyone can come to Bushmills and experience the distillery for themselves, so we thought it was about time that we visited them.

"We're going to bring two friends here, give them behind-the-scenes access to the distillery, £5,000 spending money, luxury penthouse accommodation and the chance to together make their own unique blend of Bushmills Irish Whiskey. Then we're going



Bushmills Master Distiller Colum Egan has his cases packed and is ready to go on tour. Picture credit Darren Kidd/Presseye.com

to take the distillery on tour, when we pack up some of the equipment, people and the whiskey that make our distillery the home of the world's Best Irish Whiskey, and bring them to the winners' home town for the ultimate Bushmills party, where the winners and their friends will be the guests of honour.

Make it 2 Bushmills will culminate in a global final - Bushcamp - a three day event taking place on Northern Ireland's spectacular north coast this August. Colum said, "At Bushcamp we'll be looking

for our winners - the two friends who best represent the Bushmills spirit of friendship, so we'll be challenging our finalists to together try some of the things the team here love to do. We'll not be forgetting the whiskey of course - we're going to test the palettes of our finalists with a series of whiskey challenges."

To enter or find out more, visit facebook.com/bushmills1608.

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Magners Light Awards do it with style



Sense Night Club, Glenavon Hotel, Cookstown, received the Award for Most Stylish Club at this year's Magners Light Style Awards. Pictured at the presentation with (far left) James Simpson, Magners Marketing Manager, representing Sense are (l-r) Shaun Scullion, Steven Davidson, Marketing Manager; Sorcha Walls, PR Manager; Brian Morris, Owner; Neil Calvert, Owen Mallon, and Graeme Eastwood.

As the winners of the 2011 Magners Light Style Awards were revealed, James Simpson, Magners Marketing Manager, said, "The job of choosing the top looks and venues from right across Northern Ireland just gets tougher every year and I think that reflects the vitality of the social scene here. Our Judging Panel and readers of the Ulster Tatler have been deliberating for several months now to come up with our twelve winners and I think they have certainly sparked some lively debate along the way!"

James thanked all those who voted online and the judges who spent many hours scrutinizing and debating their way through the selection process. Serving alongside James on the judging panel were

Tracey Hall, Director of Style Academy Model Agency; Pete Snodden, DJ; Gemma Garrett, Model & Media Personality; Award-Winning Presseye.com Photographer, Darren Kidd; and Nuala Meenehan, Ulster Tatler's Social Correspondent.

James said, "We're delighted to acknowledge the most iconically stylish people and places with the Magners Light Style Awards. Magners Light is firmly established as Northern Ireland's favourite low calorie cider. With only 92 calories per bottle yet the same 4.5% alcohol content as Magners Original, it is a perfect choice for the style and figure-conscious - male or female. It's no surprise that such a sleek brand has become synonymous with style and glamour."

A WKD boost for on-trade with new purple limited edition

WKD is poised to turn purple as Beverage Brands embarks on the latest wave of innovation for Northern Ireland's most popular 'Ready To Drink' (RTD) brand.

Available for a six month period from March, WKD Purple breaks new ground by becoming the first ever Limited Edition to be launched by the iconic brand which has been the RTD category's No 1 best-seller for the best part of the last decade.

In addition to the WKD Purple launch, the on-trade will also benefit significantly from the £30 million marketing investment behind WKD in 2011. Last year over 40,000 WKD branded activities from sampling to rate-of-sale driving kits hit the on-trade. In 2011 WKD Purple provides a great opportunity to grow this further.

Limited Edition WKD Purple will have the same 4% ABV as its stable mates - WKD Blue, WKD Red and WKD Iron Brew. It will also have the same Recommended Retail Price as the other lines in the WKD range and will be available in cases of 12 x 275ml bottles and 24 x 275ml.

Beverage Brands will also be bringing the campaign to life at outlet level through a number of initiatives. Point of sale kits will be inserted into cases of WKD Purple, and Beverage Brands will be working with customers to develop bespoke activity which will create excitement and theatre in their outlet.

Debs Carter, Marketing Director at Beverage Brands, says, "From the outset we've always sought to create a point-of-difference for WKD. WKD Iron Brew brought a new dimension to the RTD market when it was launched in 1996 as did WKD Blue in 2001, and WKD Purple is yet further proof of our commitment to driving the market forward.

"It's the powerful combination of innovation and consistent, targeted advertising and marketing support that's made WKD the RTD category leader with a massive 57% share of on-trade RTD sales."

Debs Carter concluded, "WKD has always been synonymous with a great night out and this year will be no exception. The launch of WKD Purple, along with our total brand investment, will enable licensees to create excitement in outlets and help deliver increased footfall and rate of sale."



Nigel Worthington

Time to quit smoking

Nigel Worthington, Northern Ireland Football Manager, and senior international, Steve Davis, joined the Ulster Cancer Foundation (UCF) to ask thousands of smokers in Northern Ireland - 'Is it time to quit on No Smoking Day - Wednesday 9th March?'

Speaking at the launch of No Smoking Day, Nigel Worthington said, "I am delighted to support UCF to promote this year's No Smoking Day alongside the Irish FA's Child and Player Welfare Department. It just wouldn't be possible for any smoker to reach peak fitness whether in the professional or amateur game. This is the message that

the Child and Player Welfare Department sent out in the lead up to No Smoking Day in our local clubs. Any young player serious about their sport will play harder and last longer if they don't smoke."

Gerry McElwee, Head of Cancer Prevention, UCF, which co-ordinated No Smoking Day in Northern Ireland said, "24% of adults in Northern Ireland smoke and research has shown that over two thirds of them would like to stop. Stopping smoking is the most important thing that you can do to improve your health but it requires commitment and planning. That's why we at UCF are working more closely



Nigel Worthington (right), NI Football Manager and mid-fielder Steve Davis (left) joined Gerry McElwee, UCF, at the launch of No Smoking Day.

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Local 6-a-side teams have their eyes on the Tennent's Sixes Trophy

With limited spaces available to take part in the remaining heats in Cookstown, Derry and Craigavon, local 6-a-side teams will want to ensure their team's signed up for a heat via Tonthepitch.com to have the chance of winning one of the last twelve spots for the Final of the all new Tennent's Sixes Tournament.

As previous heat winners, Hightown FC from Glengormley, Catalina Wine Mixers from South Belfast, Inverary Caledonian Thistle from East Belfast, and The Water Boys from North Belfast are amongst twelve teams who've already secured places in the final of the first Tennent's Sixes Tournament.

They have already pocketed their rewards for making it through as regional heat winners - £250 for the team plus all playing teams get a goodie bag with everything from t-shirts to vouchers for post-match Tennent's.

The four top 6-a-side teams from each heat will meet for the Grand Final on Saturday 28th May at Stormont PlayBall where there will be more than bragging rights up for grabs.

The overall Tournament winning team wins:

- the prestigious new Tennent's Sixes trophy
- £500.00
- a branded strip
- the winning team's photo featured on a mega billboard in their home town!

The qualified teams have been quick on the ball, registering

their players and team at Tonthepitch.com and securing their Bid for Glory in the new Tournament, but there are still (limited) places available for 6-a-side teams up for the fresh challenge of the Tennent's Sixes.

Remaining Tennent's Sixes heats are:

Heat 5 – Sunday April 10th
Mid Ulster Sports Arena, Cookstown

Heat 6 – Sunday May 1st
Magee Campus, Derry

Heat 7 – Sunday May 15th
Craigavon Leisure Centre

The new tournament has been designed not only to showcase the best of 6-a-side across Northern Ireland but also to play up the famous sociability of small-sided soccer. After each Heat players will be invited to get together to follow up their pitch performance with post match analysis and a complimentary pint of Tennent's.

Ensure you register your team for a spot in the remaining heats at Tonthepitch.com – a new sporting and social web site totally dedicated to amateur and small sided soccer in Northern Ireland. Created by Tennent's Lager, it gives every single team and every single player across the province their own 'instant' web pages – all free of charge – and will provide a much-needed central hub of information.



Hightown FC from Glengormley, won the first heat. The team is pictured with (far left) DJ Connor Phillips and (front left) Joan Kelly from Tennent's.

The new web resource caters for every level and ability and will be a major 'shop window' for amateur clubs and their players and for the highly competitive 5- and 6-a-side fraternity. The site will make it easier than ever before to set up a game, find somewhere to play, scout new players or even start up a team from scratch. Visitors will be able to find new teams and players, talk tactics, review players and performances and indulge in some of the craic which is at the heart of the game.

For enquiries about registering a team contact Ian Martin on 078 71 966833 or email ian@nifootball.com



Inverary Caledonian Thistle FC, East Belfast.



Catalina Wine Mixers, South Belfast.



The Water Boys, North Belfast.

UGAAWA Merit Award Winner



(L-R) JP GRaham (UGAAWA Chairman), Daniel Kille, Declan Reilly (Quinn Insurance Commercial Sales Manager). *Picture by Michael Cullen.*

The GAA programme is not all about county action and that's a point firmly noted by the Ulster GAA Writers as portrayed by their selection of the winner of the Quinn-insurance/UGAAWA Merit Award for February.

Daniel Kille got the nod after his superb display in helping Lisnaskea Emmett's win the All-Ireland Club Intermediate Championship title, at Croke Park, with an extra time win over St Joseph's Galway. The fleet footed attacker fired over nine points (although he was credited with only eight) in his team's historic victory, as well as giving quite a number of assists for other scores.

"Winning this award is unreal," enthused Daniel (24). "It was also unreal playing at Croke Park and winning an All-Ireland final there. "I still find it a bit hard to believe that we did it. We never looked too far ahead during

the championship and winning the All-Ireland title wasn't in our thoughts at the start of the season."

During the drum tight game with the Galway and Connacht champions, Kille was always to the fore. The Fermanagh senior team panellist started attacks and he finished attacks throughout the game as he proved to be a hot potato for the opposing defence.

Daniel received his award from Quinn-insurance Commercial Sales Manager Declan Reilly. He received an engraved Belleek Living Vase, specially designed Silver Cufflinks from Omeath jeweller Garrett Mallon, training gear from O'Neill's Sports, a Sports Voucher from the UGAAWA and two tickets plus overnight accommodation for the annual banquet in November.

DCU claim O'Connor Cup again

Dublin City University won the prestigious O'Connor Cup for a third successive year in dramatic fashion at blustery University of Limerick on Sunday 20th March.

DCU scored a 3-08 to 1-11 victory against University of Ulster, Jordanstown in an entertaining final but UUJ missed a penalty in the dying seconds when a goal would have taken the game into extra-time.

In the sixth minute of stoppage time, full-forward Aoife McDonnell saw her effort comfortably saved by DCU goalkeeper Becky Walsh and within seconds, referee Sean Joy blew his full-time whistle.

Star-studded DCU scored two goals in the first six minutes of

the second half which changed the complexion of the game after UUJ had led by 1-05 to 1-04 at the end of a closely-fought first half.

Lyndsey Davey took a pass from the outstanding Ciara McAnespie for DCU's first half goal in the 14th minute before UUJ's top scorer Sinead Fegan responded with a 21st minute goal, pouncing at the second attempt after Walsh had saved the Down player's initial effort.

Three minutes after half-time, Monaghan's McAnespie sisters, combined for DCU's second goal as Ciara, who scored 1-03 from play in total, supplied a clinical finish.

Three minutes later, Cavan's Roisin O'Keeffe scored DCU's

third goal as her shot looped over the head of UUJ goalkeeper Emma Kelly and into the net.

DCU now led by 3-05 to 1-05 before a run of five unanswered points brought UUJ back to within a point of the winners.

DCU lost corner back Sinead O'Mahony to a 46th minute sin-binning but crucially, the Glasnevin-based outfit outscored UUJ by two points to one with O'Mahony off the pitch.

But even with a three-point lead and defending superbly, DCU were never safe until the final



Pictured at the O'Connor Cup Captains' Day, ahead of the tournament are, (L-R) Orla Fegan, UUJ, Shannon Quinn, DCU, Eilish Ward, NUI Galway, and Fiona Leavy, UL.

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whistle and they survived that late scare when Down forward McDonnell fluffed her lines.

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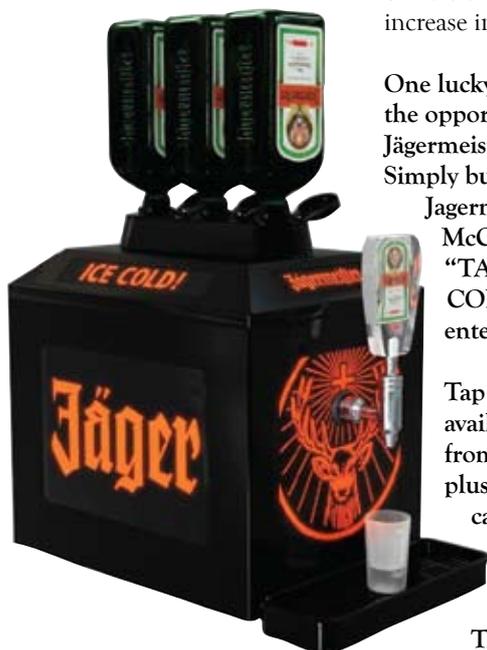
Its success is has been helped by Jägermeisters' unique promotion team campaign. The Jagermeister promotion

girls known as Jagerettes and promotion guys Jagerdudes visit venues throughout Northern Ireland getting the Jagermeister party started and SELLING ice cold shots of Jägermeister on behalf of the venue; **with all revenue going to the venue.** The Venue makes money and the consumers are treated to a perfectly served Jagermeister and branded goodies. **If you would like the Jagermeister promotion team to visit your venue, generate incremental sales and get the party started contact your sales rep at McCabes.**

Jägermeister has launched a slimline version of their famous liqueur dispensing gadget the TAP MACHINE. Clubs short space can now fit the redesigned, sleeker version of the Jägermeister tap machine behind their bars. The tap machine, which dispenses the liqueur brand at sub-zero temperatures -18oC has its owners experiencing a three-fold increase in sales of the liqueur.

One lucky reader has the opportunity to win a Jägermeister Tap Machine. Simply buy a case of Jagermeister from McCabes quoting "TAP MACHINE COMPETITION" to enter.

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Baxter makes it a Carling double for Crusaders

Crusaders boss Stephen Baxter has urged his in-form stars to keep their feet on the ground as their title bid continues to gather momentum.

Baxter, who who has been named the Carling Northern Ireland Football Writers Association Manager of the Month for February, knows he has a fight on his hands to beat the odds and claim the title, but he won't let his side get carried away before the job is done.

"We are not getting carried away at Crusaders. We have been playing well and getting good results, but we are acutely aware that this game can bite you on the backside when you least expect it. We are genuinely taking this season one game at a time. This award is terrific for me but it is for the entire club. I was delighted that Stuart Dallas was named Player of the Month - he has been a terrific signing and the boy has talent to burn.

"I want to thank Carling also as they continue to give our league terrific support."

Carling's Jordana Grimes said, "Stephen's leadership and guidance helped Crusaders enjoy a terrific month during February and they are now right back in the Carling Premiership title hunt. He fully deserves this award. Carling is delighted to be at the heart of local football, supporting local talent, and bringing local people back to the game."

Player of the Month

Signed from Coagh United in the summer, talented winger Stuart Dallas has caught the eye with his performances and goals. Having inspired the Crusaders up the table in February, Dallas has been named the Carling Northern Ireland Football Writers Association Player of the Month.

"One man doesn't make a team, I think everyone has been playing well and the results in February reflected that, we've been doing well and everyone seems to be very happy around the club at the minute," said Dallas.

"There is a lot of competition

for places at Seaview and that keeps everyone on their toes, and the manager will not tolerate any player going through the motions. I actually think I was playing better at the start of the season and felt my form dipped a little, but I was happy to do my bit in February and pitch in with a few goals as well.

"I'm very grateful to Carling and the Football Writers for this award, it's my first but I hope it isn't my last."



Crusaders boss Stephen Baxter receives the Carling Northern Ireland Football Writers' Association Manager of the Month award for February.



Crusaders midfielder Stuart Dallas receives the Carling Northern Ireland Football Writers' Association Player of the Month award for February

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Gritty Player confounds his many critics

A typically tenacious round of 66 at Augusta proved the turning point in one of Gary Player's finest years. Many believed that the South African was past his best before the third round of the Masters. Player had other ideas. He came back from five shots behind to join the leaders for the final day, then nosed ahead of the field to win by two shots from Dave Stockton and Tom Weiskopf. Player added the Open at Royal Lytham to his honours, beating Peter Oosterhuis by four shots in strong winds. It was the first Open where the big ball was compulsory.



He also recorded the 100th win of his career when he took the Australian Open and finished the year with a spectacular 59 to win the Brazilian Open.

McBride's Lions undefeated

The Springboks had never lost a major series on home soil, but 31 players were moulded into the greatest ever British Lions side under the Irishman Willie John McBride and they went rampaging through the veldt. The Lions knocked over all their opposition until a local referee robbed them of a perfect record in the last game of their 22-match tour.



Legendary captain Willie John McBride in action during the 1974 Lions tour of South Africa.

The score was 13-13 in the fourth Test in Johannesburg when Fergus Slattery crossed the Springbok line in the closing minutes. The referee was one of only a few people in the stadium who believed that the Irishman had not scored.

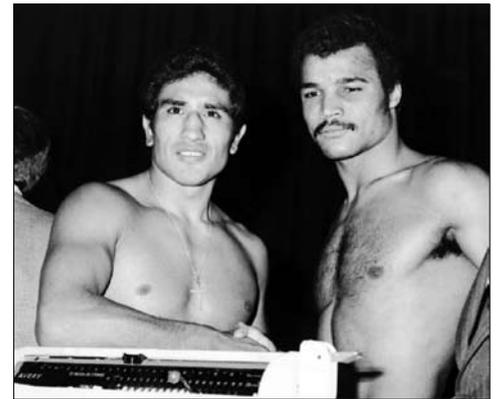
The Lions started the tour with trepidation. Three of their key backline players - Gerald Davies, David Duckham and Mike Gibson - were unavailable and several stars of the successful 1971 visit to New Zealand were missing.

But McBride, on a record fifth Lions tour, instilled pride in his players that produced the application and discipline to break down the invincibility of the South Africans. The Lions, who won the first Test 9-3 in the mud in Cape Town, gave their best display in the second Test in Pretoria, running in five tries to win 28-9 - a record defeat for the Springboks. The panic-struck South African selectors made 11 changes for the next match, but again the tourists were devastating, winning 26-9.

However, it was not all hard work for the Lions. Two planes were hired to take them to the Kruger National Park for a few days' relaxation. One plane was stocked with beer and was sent back to Johannesburg a day later for a refill.

Conteh claims world title

John Conteh captured the vacant WBC light heavyweight title when he won a thrilling unanimous points victory over Argentina's diamond-hard Jorge Ahumada at Wembley Arena on October 1.



Conteh and Ahumada weigh in.

Conteh had boxed brilliantly, using his wondrous speed to devastate the Argentinian with his lightning combinations. Any doubts that Conteh was just a fancy-dan fighter hiding behind a fabulous jab were dispelled when he slugged it out with Ahumada over the closing rounds and saw off the hard man's onslaught.

Also this year...

Football - Bill Nicholson, the manager of Spurs for 15 years, resigned on August 28 after Tottenham's worst start to the season for 62 years. Nicholson recommended either Danny Blanchflower or Johnny Giles as his successor. The board chose Terry Neill, a former Arsenal player.

Tennis - Bjorn Borg won his first major title, the French Open.

Racing - Dahlia won the King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Stakes for the second year running - the only horse to achieve the feat.

Motor Racing - The Philip Morris cigarette company signed a deal with McLaren to have their cars painted in the red and white colours of Marlboro.

Cricket - Greg Chappell, with 247 not out and 133 against New Zealand in Wellington, scored the then highest aggregate in a Test.

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