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Are your club facilities meeting the expectations of your members and guests?



Harry Beckinsale, Secretary,
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For as many years as I can remember, the Federation have regularly focused on the important matter of member facilities, ie: those which attract members and their guests to utilise their club regularly.

It is no secret that people, young and old, have become accustomed to the decor and ambiance enjoyed in modern premises, in respect to which registered club premises have seen significant improvements being introduced over recent years.

Indeed, it has been found that those which have prepared best have suffered less, and there is nowhere this is more evident than in Northern Ireland, whereas the traditional workingmen's club is mainly in mainland UK.

My position as Federation Secretary and as a former musician has allowed me to visit many clubs throughout the province and therefore provides an excellent insight into how our member clubs have developed.

Of course, like all sectors of the leisure industry, the financial crises, followed by the pandemic, provided many challenges which resulted in a small number of closures. However, overall, those which prepared best did indeed suffer less.

The standard in the modern club is equal to most, if not all, other leisure outlets, providing a range of benefits to members, to include a restaurant facility, sporting and leisure facilities and a warm and friendly atmosphere in the company of friends and other members and guests.

The range of suppliers the Federation have engaged with provide the important services required for management committees to successfully maintain their clubrooms to the highest standard.

From energy and drinks suppliers to refurbishment, the list of our associated suppliers allows us to monitor and assist committees where and when possible should a problem arise.

Energy costs are a major area of concern globally, and MJ Utilities have been associated with the club sector for some time now, and I am certain they will do their utmost to provide the best tariff available via a no obligation quotation.

Drinks suppliers were overall excellent in providing support during the pandemic, and we have acknowledged thanks for that support.

Naturally, there has been some drop-off in refurbishing clubrooms due to the pandemic, but now that things are fast returning to normal, our associated provider, **Pubs Clubs Interiors (PCI)**, anticipate growth in the months that lie ahead.

One other item of importance is good Wi-Fi coverage, which everyone is expecting. There is nothing more frustrating than bad coverage, and it is something likely to impact on turnover.

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Sky announce a lower than inflation rate rise

Price increases are to be expected, but it is refreshing to note that, amidst the unacceptable rise in the cost of energy and fuel, Sky have applied a lower than inflation rate increase of 7%.

There is nothing quite like live sport when it comes to bringing people together, whether through the turnstiles or in a club environment. Whether your members and guests are hard core sports fans, follow an individual team or player, or just casually watch from time to time, watching live sport in a club setting is undiminished and plays a key role in creating a great atmosphere and connecting people from all walks of life.

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- Action from all the men's and women's golf Majors, including every day from the 150th Open Championship. Plus, weekly tournaments from the PGA, LPGA and DP World Tour.
- There's cricket all summer long with every England home Test match, ODI and T20 from the men's and women's games live. Plus, all the action from The Hundred and the Vitality T20 Blast.
- Plus, World Matchplay Darts,

the all-action Super League including the Magic Weekend and Grand Final, and so much more.

To show you what's coming up on Sky Sports for the rest of the year a digital guide is available and an exciting video which pulls together all the great content coming up.

Sky have also been developing more features on MySkySports - via a dedicated support tool giving customers everything they required to promote live sport all in one place.

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Trustees of a registered club

Although we have covered this in the past, one of the questions most commonly asked is that related to the role of Trustees. The following should hopefully explain everything you need to know in this complex area.

The assets of a Club are owned by the members for the time being jointly, in equal shares, subject to any rule in the constitution to the contrary. A Club may have hundreds of members. It would be administratively inconvenient to have the property of the Club vested in all of the members because each time a member joined or left the title documents would have to be changed. For this reason arrangements are usually made for any property owned by a Club to be vested in Trustees. There are usually between three and seven Trustees. These Trustees are not the beneficial owners of the Club premises. They are what is known as 'Bare Trustees' in that they hold the Club property on behalf of all of the members for the time being and they are required to deal with the property of the Club as directed by the Committee on behalf of the membership.

If Trustees fail to comply with the directions of the Committee there should be provision in the Constitution of a Club to remove the Trustees from their position. Unless removed, Trustees generally hold their position until they die or retire. This ensures continuity and avoids title documents having to be regularly amended.

Trustees are often asked to sign documents on behalf of the Club. In relation to borrowing money by the Club the Trustees will often be required to sign mortgages of the club premises as security to the lender. This does not mean that they owe the money personally. However, when signing any document Trustees must ensure that it is clear from the document that they are signing as Trustees. This will help avoid any suggestion of personal liability for loans to the Club.

Secondly, before assuming the role of Trustee, prospective Trustees must ensure that the rules of the Club provide that the Trustees will be indemnified from the assets of the Club in respect of any claim made against them as Trustees. This will not remove all risk.

Difficulties could arise if there is a claim made against a Trustee and the Club does not have sufficient funds or assets from which to indemnify the Trustee. In those circumstances the Trustee is entitled to require each Club member to indemnify him in relation to any claim. However, it will be the Trustee who is named initially in any legal proceedings and then it will be up to the Trustee to pursue the members of the Club to indemnify him in relation to any claim.

The standard rule book of the Federation of Clubs has a clause relating to the appointment of Trustees and the removal of Trustees. It also incorporates an indemnity for the Trustees.

Trustees should not assume that because their names are on the title deeds that they have any greater ownership rights to the Club property than other members. This is not the case. They hold the property in name only as bare trustees and do so on behalf of the full membership of the Club. They must act at the direction of the Committee of the Club. Consequently they have no beneficial ownership rights over the property.

Finally some Club premises may be owned by organisations such as the Orange Institutions, Ancient Order of Hibernians etc. In those circumstances the premises should be leased to the Club. The lease should be between the Trustees of the Institution and the Trustees of the Club. The Trustees of the Club will then hold the lease on Trust for the members of the Club just like any other asset. The Lease should specify the terms under which the Club occupy the premises. In this situation the Trustees of the Institution are just like any other Landlord and have no entitlement to control the running of the Club.

The Committee of the Club is entitled to govern its own affairs without interference from the Landlord Trustees, unless of course it is in breach of the terms of the Lease, when the normal laws of Landlord and Tenant will apply.

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Machine Games Duty

What you pay it on

You may have to pay Machine Games Duty (MGD) if there are machines that give cash prizes on your premises. You pay duty on:

- slot and fruit machines, and other gaming machines
- quiz machines and other 'skill with prize' machines

You do not pay it on machines where the prize is less than the cost to play, or on takings from charity events, tournaments, lottery machines or if the machine is for domestic use.

Your takings from machine games will be exempt from VAT if you pay MGD.

If you're responsible for MGD you'll need to register, send

regular returns, pay duty and keep records.

Who's responsible for registering and paying

It's your responsibility if you hold any of the following licences:

- premises licence, for example for gambling or alcohol
- family entertainment centre gaming machine permit
- club premises certificate, a club gaming permit or club machine permit
- prize gaming permit or amusement permit
- registration certificate including a club registration certificate
- bookmaking office licence or bingo club licence
- licence to sell alcohol in Northern Ireland

You may have to pay a penalty if you do not register when you should.

Register

Register for Machine Games Duty (MGD) at least 14 days before you make your machines available to play.

You register by adding MGD to your HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC) account. If you do not have one (or only have an account for personal tax), create an account as an organisation.

To register for MGD, you'll need:

- any licence or permit numbers for your premises
- your Unique Taxpayer Reference (UTR), if you're

registered for Self Assessment or Corporation Tax

- your VAT number, if you're registered for VAT
- your National Insurance number
- to know how many machines you have
- your accountant's MGD agent reference number and postcode, if you want them to file returns on your behalf

After you've registered

You'll need to keep accurate records to show:

- how you worked out the figures for your return
- that the amount you've paid is correct

Keep your records for 4 years as HMRC might ask to see them.



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LRA launches employer toolkit

A brand-new online toolkit, developed to help existing and growing businesses navigate the diverse rules and regulations of the employment landscape, has been launched by the Labour Relations Agency (LRA).

Free to use and totally impartial, the new service is accessible via the LRA's website (www.lra.org.uk) and outlines the full range of policies and procedures needed for the workplace, particularly as organisations adapt to new ways of working in a post-pandemic world.

All businesses across NI, irrespective of size, scale, or sector, can use the online toolkit which provides the most up to date employment advice, draft documentation and information on a single platform.

Each document can be downloaded and either replicated or adapted to fit the specific needs of the organisation. This includes a 'Written Statement of Employment Particulars' template, an essential document that must be issued to new employees within two months of commencing employment.

Other areas covered range from the prevention and management of disputes within the workplace to handling sickness absence. Topical issues such as harassment, bullying, and supporting employees through the menopause are also fully covered.

According to Employment Relations Manager Helen Smyth, the online toolkit enables employers to be fully up to speed on employee rights and responsibilities, "The aim of the

new toolkit is to offer employers and HR practitioners a highly efficient guide which is not only accessible but easy to use and understand. It is empowering and confidence-building as it encourages businesses and workforces to be more informed and in control of all the policies and procedures they have in place."

The launch of the toolkit supplements the vast array of free information available from the LRA. This includes the recently published Hybrid Working Guide, which aims to support businesses and organisations as workforces continue to return to offices after two years of home working.

Minister for the Economy, Gordon Lyons welcomed the new addition to the LRA's suite of services, "I wish to commend the LRA on their development of an Online Employer Toolkit that will assist both new and existing businesses in Northern Ireland navigate our employment relations rules and regulations and adopt best practice in employment relations generally. I am sure many will benefit from having the most up to date employment advice, draft documentation and information on policies and procedures needed for the workplace, all within a single platform, accessible online and free of charge."

County Antrim business, Glover and King Solicitors is just one of the many organisations that have already benefited from the online service. Company Director Zara King said, "As a small firm, the employment toolkit was a tremendous help to our

Labour Relations agency

improving employment relations

business. We're grateful to the LRA for their support and guidance in introducing us to this service.

"It's easy to use and helps point you in the right direction in terms of your specific business needs. I would highly


recommend this online tool to any organisation."

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When deciding to refurbish your club premises, it can sometimes be the case that you fall back into what you are familiar with, resulting in something similar to what went before.

Taking a brave decision to create something new can, however, provide many benefits, not least of which is the creation of a modern and fresh environment to not only cater for existing members, but to create something which will attract new members and guests.

This was the case a few years ago for the iconic Harland & Wolff Welders Football and Social Club in East Belfast when they were considering their options for a refurbishment of their premises.

The temptation to refresh what was already there was avoided and resulted in a fresh and attractive clubroom.

This departure from the traditional design was a brave step to take, with the new approach encompassing the view expressed so often during the economic recession, that those who prepare best, suffer less.

Despite suffering the worst of the pandemic, the H&W Welders committee are of no doubt that the decision to progress with PCI was the right one to take, as their members and guests now have a high quality facility at their disposal, which in turn has attracted people back into the club post Covid.

The commitment to local communities by registered clubs, such as the H&W Welders, is recognised as being of immense value, and this refurbishment is a shining example of the contribution made to respective communities throughout Northern Ireland.

Working within budget, PCI's highly skilled management team brought a refreshing new approach to the fore by focusing on modern design, including the use of high quality materials and creating state-of-the-art facilities for members and guests alike.

Project managing from start to finish, PCI would also like to mention the sub-contractors they engaged in completing the H&W Welders FSC refurbishment:

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FROM CONCEPT TO COMPLETION



Q. Can a club member stand for multiple roles at the same AGM? Does the club member also have to physically be in attendance at the AGM in order to be elected to a role?

A. Club members can stand for election to multiple roles at the same time as long as the club rules/constitution allow.

If elected to more than one role they will have to choose which role they wish to fill. There is no requirement

for a person who has been nominated for a role to be in physical attendance at the AGM. Persons can be elected in their absence if this is the decision of the members and is within the club's constitution.

Q. Each year our club holds one or two events, the admissions to which have, in recent years, been by 'ticket only.' We have some members who question this and say that they must be allowed to enter the club, even if they do not wish to buy a ticket. We would appreciate your clarification of this matter.

A. I confirm that it is in order for an event to be promoted at the club, the admission to which is by ticket only. A member of a club does not have an automatic legal right of entry to their club. Consequently, if a ticket only event is organised and promoted, then members

who do not wish to purchase a ticket may not enter a club at such an occasion. Ticket events are few and far between and in most clubs only take place on New Year's Eve. By selling tickets for such an event the committee will at least be able to manage the number of staff required and levels of entertainment and refreshments required etc., which otherwise they may not be able to do on what can be either a very busy or a very quiet night.

In addition, the numbers allowed into your club is limited to the maximum number permitted under your club insurance policy.

Q. We wish to plan an Open Day in an effort to encourage new members into the club. We intend to open on a Saturday morning from 11am to 1pm to allow potential members to call into the club for a coffee, view our facilities and get to know the benefits of becoming a member. How can we legally invite these people in without signing them in as members' guests?

A. I confirm that such an event would be possible under the terms of the 1996 Clubs Order.

Q. Our president customarily opens the committee meetings and then passes the proceedings to the chairman.

Is it also acceptable that our president has the power to propose or second motions at committee meetings?

A. It is more common for the chairman to open committee meetings and then continue to chair proceedings. I would suggest that the practice you have described is one that may be specific to your club. The president, like any other officer or committee member, is able to propose, second and vote at committee meetings.

The president of the club has the same voting powers as any other officer or committee member. The only exception to this may be if the club has an honorary president who may not have voting powers at committee meetings and would purely be seen as a figurehead of the club.

However, under the terms of most clubs' rules, the president does take the chair at a club's annual general meeting. It is quite common for presidents to formally open a general meeting of the club and following a short address to hand over proceedings to the club chairman. Each individual club will usually establish the sequence and procedure that suits their own particular needs and reflects the personalities of the current officers.

If you have any questions you need answered for your club, then please send them to us at: info@nifederationofclubs.com

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Did you know:

- Employers Liability

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

What are the risks of not having any cover?

The consequences of not having any Employers'

Liability cover are that you are breaking the law and could even be subject to a fine. A lack of Public Liability Insurance could open your club up to very expensive claims in the event of negligence within your premises.

On top of all this, any expenses incurred that would have been covered by an insurance policy will subsequently have to be settled from your own club funds.

What is "underinsurance" and what are the risks for my club?

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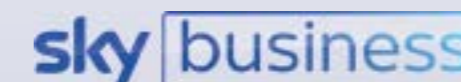
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Sky Sports – create memorable moments for your members this summer...

Throughout July, Sky Sports will be showing live Summer Rugby Internationals as Ireland, England, Scotland, and Wales each embark on three-match tours of the Southern Hemisphere. Starting on Saturday 2nd July and culminating on Saturday 16th July, there's three consecutive weekends of back-to-back unmissable international rugby from breakfast until late, alongside even more live action.

On 2nd, 9th and 16th July, the Irish games kick off a day of back-to-back rugby, which sees Australia vs England, South Africa vs Wales, and Argentina vs Scotland.

With the four provincial GAA football championships all tied up, the race for the Sam Maguire Cup heats up this month. The All-Ireland semi-finals will be taking place across the weekend of 9th and 10th July.

At the time of print, the draw for the quarter finals had just taken place, with some pairings look set to cause a stir. With a record-breaking attendance expected for the quarter finals, all eyes will now be on the final four, and for members that can't make it to Croke Park, joining fellow sports fans at their local club will be the next best thing.

Plus, members are sure to come back for more later in the month, when the All-Ireland Final will be shown live on Sky Sports Arena - helping to bring your club an unbeatable atmosphere and offering members a matchday experience like no other.

Teeing off at St Andrews' historic Old Course on Thursday 14th July, the 150th Open Championship will be an event to remember. Ireland's Rory McIlroy is tipped as one of the favourites to win, but with the top three golfers in the world taking part, including Scottie Scheffler and Jon Rahm, plus title defender Colin Morikawa, this could be anyone's game. Sky Sports' dedicated Open channel will show round-the-clock coverage throughout the week, so members can follow the full story of Rory McIlroy's quest for the Claret Jug as The Open unfolds.

And with Leona Maguire's top-10 finish in the US Women's Open, there will be a keen interest in women's golf too. Sky Sports will show exclusive action from the fourth of the women's golf majors, when it heads to the Amundi Evian Championship from Thursday 21st July to Sunday 24th July.

You can offer your members Formula 1 action with every race weekend exclusively live on Sky Sports. Members can settle in to eight hours of live coverage from all three days of racing at Silverstone, Spielberg, Le Castellet and Budapest this month.

With a host of sporting events taking place across July, venues should make sure they've registered with www.myskysports.com to receive their regular emails to help promote and plan ahead; order free poster packs, and share upcoming fixtures on their social media channels, all with one click.



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A selection of sports fixtures coming up this summer:

- Friday 1st - Sunday 3rd July British F1 Race Weekend
- Saturday 2nd July from 8.05am Summer Rugby Internationals
New Zealand v Ireland, Australia v England,
South Africa v Wales, Argentina v Scotland
- GAA All-Ireland SHC semi-finals,
Kilkenny v Quarter-final winner
- Sunday 3rd July GAA All-Ireland SHC semi-finals,
Munster provincial winner v Quarter-final winner
- Saturday 9th July from 8.05am Summer Rugby Internationals
New Zealand v Ireland, Australia v England,
South Africa v Wales, Argentina v Scotland
- Saturday 9th July 5.30pm GAA All-Ireland SHC semi-finals,
Galway/Armagh v Derry/Clare
- Sunday 10th July 3.30pm GAA All-Ireland SHC semi-finals,
Kerry/Mayo v Dublin/Cork
- Thursday 14th - Sunday 17th July The Open
- Saturday 16th July from 8.05am Summer Rugby Internationals
New Zealand v Ireland, Australia v England,
South Africa v Wales, Argentina v Scotland
- Sunday 17th July GAA All-Ireland SHC Final
- Sunday 24th July GAA All-Ireland SFC

Sip into something summery

Schweppes kicks off the summer season with its exciting Pink Soda and Lemonade launch

Ireland and Northern Ireland's number one mixer, Schweppes, is kicking off the summer season with the launch of Pink Soda and Lemonade non-returnable glass in the on-trade.

Available from 1st May 2022, the two new flavours are an exciting addition to the extensive 200ml Schweppes Core range, which includes Schweppes Tonic Water, Slimline Tonic Water, Soda Water, Ginger Ale, and Slimline Elderflower Tonic Water, and the Schweppes Signature Collection range.

Schweppes Pink Soda and Lemonade provide an opportunity to further grow Schweppes within the on-trade, driving brand relevance with the return of the summer social occasion in pubs, bars and restaurants. Consumers continue to look for flavoured mixer options, which deliver on taste and fizz, and Schweppes Pink Soda and Lemonade can create mixed drinks that meet these demands.

Schweppes Pink Soda offers a variety of mixing and drink options and is fantastic as a spritz drink made with gin or Rose wine garnished with a pink grapefruit. Spritz drinks will continue to be a popular menu choice this summer in the on-trade linked to consumer demand for simple cocktails and low-calorie drink options. Calorie count is among the top reasons for consumers choosing a spirit and mixer or spritz option - and Schweppes Pink Soda has only 40 calories.

This summer Schweppes will drive awareness and trial of the launch through a targeted social, PR, and Experiential media plan. The launch will also be supported with a fully integrated Marketing Campaign, including value added deals with activation items such as glassware and 'gin trees' to keep the brand top of mind for customers.

The 'Spritz' summer trend will be supported all summer long through venue point-of-sale and a newly developed 'suggested serve' booklet providing venues inspiration to create serves linked to all Schweppes varieties. The Schweppes sales team will also work in partnership with outlets to activate the brand on menus, highlighting mixability opportunities and suggested serves.

Andrea Whyte, Coca-Cola HBC Ireland and Northern Ireland Marketing Director said, "We are delighted to be launching two fantastic flavours

as part our Schweppes range. The Pink Soda and Lemonade innovations will be the perfect drink accompaniment this summer.

"The variants will also meet the needs of customers who wish to choose the healthier mixer option. The low Kcal content

in both pink soda (40kcal) and Lemonade (66kcal) will be an appealing factor to the target market. We have no doubt that this summer will be bigger and better than ever for our Schweppes brand, and we look forward to seeing our new campaign come to life in trade".

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New Berry Blast from WKD

Continuing its mission to create fun flavours for an innovation-loving audience to enjoy, WKD is launching an eye-catching Berry Blast variant.

New WKD Berry Blast is the latest recruit to SHS Drinks' market-leading RTD range. Offered with the same 4.0% ABV as the brand's existing regular RTDs, the new addition will hold strong appeal for the brand's 18 to 24-year-old target market.

Available in 275ml glass bottles, Berry Blast will refresh fridges and revitalise consumer interest in the category. Launched in May in time for summer sales, the new offering will quench WKD drinkers' thirst for new variants to try on nights out.

WKD Berry Blast benefits from a striking label featuring flavour-explosion graphics designed to both convey the vibrant taste of the product and maximise back-bar and fridge standout.

With four times the consumer awareness of other RTD brands and sales +24% over the last two years, WKD is in a strong position from which to successfully introduce new variants to the on-trade.

With berry currently the fastest-growing flavour within the overall alcohol category, SHS believes that WKD Berry Blast will both recruit new consumers and encourage existing RTD drinkers to reappraise flavour choices.

Alison Gray, head of brand - WKD at SHS Drinks, says, "Berry is set to be the next big thing in RTD flavours and our eye-catching Berry Blast packs are going to ensure that WKD is front and centre and grabs attention in pubs and bars. Our target market actively seeks out innovation and new variants; they expect WKD to deliver new products on a regular basis and our latest offering will not disappoint.

"Our consumers tell us that when they get together with mates to socialise and enjoy WKD on nights out, they always have a great time. Now, with the launch of our latest fruity variant, we can really inspire them to get together and have a Blast!"



I'm a Derry Girl! Hit TV show inspires tours

The hit TV show, Derry Girls, may have ended but its legacy will live on in the place that inspired it with the creation of themed tours and food experiences to delight fans. But it is the rich history of the region, the LegenDerry food and drink, friendliness of the people and quality of the places to eat and stay that will have visitors coming back for more to the 400-year-old Walled City, explained Odhran Dunne, Visit Derry.

Odhran said, "As the 'Home of Derry Girls' the city had a starring role in the series with creator, Lisa McGee herself describing it as "another character in the show".

The historic city walls, Bogside area and iconic landmarks such as The Guildhall, Long Tower Church and Free Derry Corner are regularly used as a backdrop to the hit show. "Our message to visitors is to book a short break to fill the Derry Girls shaped hole in their lives now the final series has ended. Become a Derry Girl by following in the footsteps of Erin, Orla, Michelle, Clare and James with an expert local guide; enjoy the food that features in the show and get a selfie at the famous mural. Come as yourself but leave a Derry Girl. You don't have to be a fan of the show to fall in love with the city. The many museums bring our fascinating



Tour guides (l to r): Gleann Doherty, Derry Guided Tours, Derry Girls Sites Private Walking Tour; Fergal Doherty, Wild Atlantic Travel Co, Taste The North West, Derry Girls Food Tour; and Charlene McCrossan from Martin McCrossan City Tours, 'Derry Girls' Tour, all enjoying a cream horn made famous by the show to mark the end of the iconic series.

history to life and the food culture is as varied as it is delicious.

We have many world-class events happening throughout 2022 like the Foyle Maritime Festival, the LegenDerry Street Food Festival

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Madrí Excepcional has already broken into the top-ten best-selling draught world lagers in NI [1] so we are confident that this campaign will capture the imagination of consumers across the Island of Ireland and inspire beer drinkers to discover the soul of Madrid.



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A star in the making

Nigel chats with 14 year-old musical prodigy, Zac Mac



Nigel Blair, Belfast 89FM.

Over recent years it has given me great pleasure in preparing my column for the Club Review magazine. Content has been mainly on entertainers, musicians, singers, and songwriters that I have interviewed in my role as a radio presenter at Belfast 89FM.

Some have already achieved stardom and are household names in Northern Ireland and beyond. Others have been chosen for their talent in all walks of entertainment, comedy, theatre, and recording artists, specifically those I believe will achieve great success and are on a journey of their choice in entertainment.

In this edition I have chosen to feature my youngest guest to date, recently turned fourteen years of age, a guitarist and singer songwriter, Zac Mac.

Zac is a young man and already a great guitarist, who recently recorded his single 'Electric Hands', which is a demonstration of his songwriting skills and ability

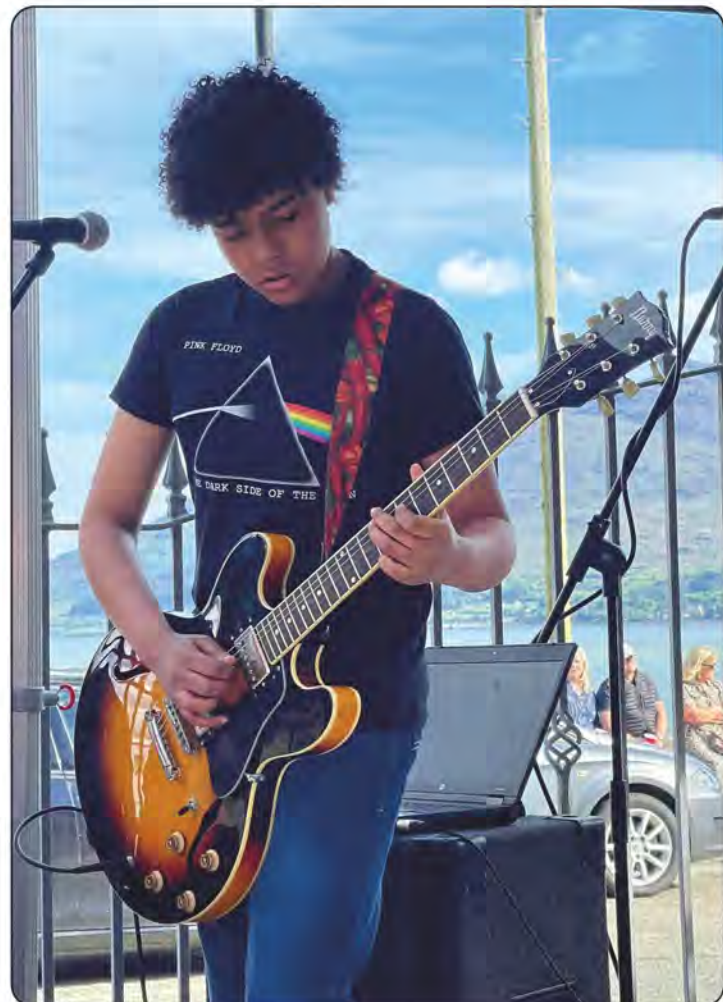
as an already accomplished guitarist.

Zac arrived for interview accompanied by his father, who naturally enough has great expectations for Zac's musical journey. I must say, on hearing the new release, it was difficult to comprehend that Zac at his age had produced such quality.

When asked where did it all begin, Zac said, "I began to play the guitar from the age of four. My father, also a musician/guitarist, taught me all the chord shapes and various progressions in lead guitar playing, and still does; he is also a very competent player of the bagpipes. My grandfather also played bagpipes, saxophone, and clarinet, and shares great memories of the showband era. I was born and reared on music in my home town Lurgan, a place I love."

Zac's music choice is rock/blues/indi, and a little classical. He told me, "Practise is very important to me, and I manage four hours every day; I love listening to and playing music. By the age of twelve I had passed my level three grades in electric guitar. I have been told it is quite possible I am the youngest person in Ireland to do so with an overall 95% distinction.

"My first radio interview was with Kerry McClean, at the age of twelve, which spurred me on to continue; there have been three others including yours. I am to release another single, which I'm currently



working on, within the next few months, and look forward to returning to Belfast 89 FM at your invitation to the Fun-Day Sunday Club, for its 89FM debut."

Zac has played many festivals such as the Master McGrath festival in Lurgan, the Guinness Blues on the Bay Festival in Warrenpoint, the multi ethnic youth fest in Ormeau Park, also playing at weddings and hotel venues.

He told me "I am really looking forward to playing at the Conal Montgomery

Festival in Killyleagh on the 16th July. Conal has been kind to me from the very start, he is a great songwriter who I have the greatest respect for."

To conclude, I must say that Zac Mac is a fine young man. Well mannered and respectful to others, he is leagues ahead in his songwriting and guitar playing than most at his age, and I have no doubt that he is heading for a great musical journey and career as a guitarist and singer songwriter.

Thank you, Zac Mac.

Nigel

Exciting Ulster Poc Fada Final held at Glenarm

Tuesday 21st June saw the return of the Ulster Poc Fada Final back in Glenarm after a three-year absence.

Before the competition took place over the 4km course, Ulster GAA Vice President and Hurling Committee Chairperson Michael Geoghegan welcomed spectators onto the mountain and began proceedings with a minute's silence for Damien Casey, the recently passed Eoghan Ruadh, Tyrone and Ulster Hurler.

There was a great interest in the event, with over 100 people on the mountain, in which turned out to be a tightly contested competition among the 26 competitors across the four categories: Senior & U16 Hurlers, and Senior & U16 Camogie.

Portaferry's Pearce Smyth took the Senior Hurling Trophy back to the Ards, coming home in 25 pocs, defeating Ballinascreen's Cormac Gough by 66yds.

The Senior Ladies title went to Tyrone., with Catherine Muldoon of Eglish making her way around the course in 26 pocs, one ahead of Armagh's Ciarraí Devlin and Cavan's Laura Bambrick, who only had five yards between them.

In the Under 16 Hurling competition, Antrim champion Sean Óg McLaren and Shea Pucci from Down both finished on 28 pocs, with the young St Paul's man McLaren winning by 21 yards.

The Under 16 Camogie competition was also a close affair with the top two ladies coming home in 38 pocs. Ballinascreen's Tiarna Kelly overcame Naiose Hughes of Ballymacnab by 82 yards to claim the U16 crown.

Each of the four winners were presented with their Ulster Medal and a £50 O'Neills Sportswear voucher, sponsored by Ulster GAA.



Congratulations to all the winners, Ulster will have four counties progressing to the All-Ireland Finals. These provincial champions will

test themselves against the best in Ireland on Annaverna Mountain, in the Cooley Range, Co. Louth on Monday 1st August.

Translink Young Volunteer winner is a role model

23-year-old GAA volunteer, Hannah Shiels, from the Fanad Gaels club in County Donegal, has been awarded the prestigious Translink Young GAA Volunteer of the Month award for May.



Cianin McLaughlin, UGAA President, Hannah Shiels, Fanad Gaels, and Gerard Porter, Translink.

Hannah has been cited for the outstanding dedication she gives to her club across a number of roles. As well as being a dedicated member of

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NI Football Writers' Awards



Linfield Assistant Manager, Ross Oliver, picks up David Healy's Manager of the Year Award from Football Writer's Chairwoman, Ruth Gorman, and Aktivora's Tommy Kincaid.

Linfield Football Club's David Healy is the Aktivora Manager of the Year.

Northern Ireland's record goalscorer guided the Blues to their fourth Danske Bank Premiership title in a row, and Healy's fifth league title in six years.

Healy, who is currently enjoying a well-earned break, said, "I would like to thank NIFL, the Football Writers' Association and sponsors Aktivora. This award is not just for me, it's also for my

backroom staff and for the players. A manager cannot win trophies on his own, so credit must go to everyone at the club."

Linfield assistant manager Ross Oliver, who collected the trophy from NIFWA chairwoman Ruth Gorman on Healy's behalf, paid tribute to the former Leeds United striker. David has done a superb job here. He has worked incredibly hard since his appointment in 2015 and he has delivered time and time again."



NIFWA Charwoman, Ruth Gorman, presents Linfield midfielder Chris Shields with his Player of the Year award.

Linfield FC midfielder Chris Shields was the toast of the 2022 NI Football Awards.

After helping the Blues to their fourth Premiership title in a row, the former Dundalk man was crowned Danske Bank Footballer of the Year.

A delighted Shields said, "It's a great honour for me to win this award. I'd like to thank the Football Writers' Association, NIFL and Danske Bank for this prize. This is obviously my first year at

Linfield, so I'm delighted that I have been recognised in this way. But really, this is just an added bonus. I came here to win the league and that's exactly what happened.

"I must give a lot of credit to David Healy, who put faith in me. He's a top class manager, and I'm glad I've been able to repay him.

"It was incredibly tough, with Cliftonville pushing us all the way, but I think we deserved the title."

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Kerry Beattie has been named the Women's Premiership Player of the Year.

Beattie was part of the Glentoran side that won last season's Women's Danske Bank Premiership. Her performances earned her a move to Scottish side Glasgow City FC.

She said, "I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who voted for me. It means the

world to me to be recognised by the Football Writers' Association and NIFL.



"I had a fantastic 2021 with both Glentoran and Northern Ireland, and I'm hoping for more of the same with Glasgow City."



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