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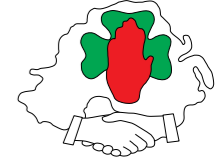
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Tough times lie ahead

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Harry Beckinsale, Secretary,
N.I. Federation of Clubs



John Davidson, Chairman,
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Despite evidence highlighting the ongoing difficulties faced by hospitality, there has been no firm evidence that help is forthcoming.

Energy costs continue to rise, with people rightfully asking why, when we are told that the country only relies on Russia for 4% of our energy. Nevertheless, there seems little light at the end of what appears to be a very long dark tunnel.

As mentioned last month, if nothing is done quickly, the entire hospitality sector will see numerous casualties being added to an already alarming number of closures.

Obviously there is a limit to what can be afforded, but it is difficult to see the rational behind allowing large bonuses to be paid to the CEOs of respective energy companies and those same companies

not having to underpin the increasing energy costs to consumers. Interestingly, the European Union are applying a windfall tax on those very same companies!

There is reason to believe that those sitting in Westminster cannot relate to how people are having to cope with day-to-day life, making it ever more important for the Legislative Assembly to intervene.

In respect to running a registered club, we are continually asked about things such as rates, Sky, PPLPRS etc., and it's surprising how many clubs are not availing of the saving to be derived from Sport and Recreational Relief, which affords 80% reduction in rates on those parts of a club utilised for a sport or leisure activity included on the rating agency's list of approved activities, always providing that the club meets

the minimum requirement of 20%.

The savings referred to not only apply to rates but have the potential of reducing your Sky TV tariff.

While some clubs may only reach the minimum 20% requirement, many others may have substantially more floor area used for sport or leisure, so you can imagine how much can be saved.

Remember, activities such as dancing and/or dance movement is included.

We keenly await the announcement from our new

Prime Minister as to how help will be rolled out in the coming months for both domestic and commercial customers. We can only hope that she will keep to her promise of doing all she can to avert financial disaster over the winter months when energy use is at its highest.

Whatever she does announce will, no doubt, be delayed for those of us in Northern Ireland, but in the absence of the Legislative Assembly sitting, we hope there will be a much needed intervention from the NIO to make sure this part of the UK isn't left lingering for a prolonged period of time, leaving us all facing financial hardship.

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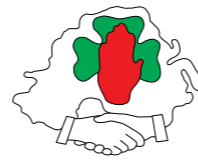
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Minutes of the Executive Meeting



Hosted by the H&W Welders FSC, Belfast, on Wednesday 14th September 2022

The Federation Executive Committee resumed meetings following the summer break, despite which work had continued throughout that time.

Leaf Club, one of the clubs instrumental in the formation of the Northern Ireland Federation of Clubs.

The Secretary continued to confirm that a further phase of the amended legislation pertaining to registered clubs will be introduced on 1st October 2022. Full details are available to members on the Federation website www.nifederationofclubs.com

The Chairman proceeded to provide details on a range of matters, to include those related to trustees, their importance, and the fact that

The Chairman opened the meeting by requesting the Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting. This was duly done, being proposed and seconded as a true record by Joe Patterson and Gerry Gallagher.

At this point the Secretary provided details on the passing of Fred Brady, formerly of The Ulster Maple

they often change through things such as trustees having passed away, resulting in their position not being replaced.

A call from a member club was received during the meeting, which provided an excellent example of the kind of query we regularly receive and the manner in which it is addressed.

Continuing, he covered details featured in Club Review on 'Confidentiality of Committee Meetings', an area of concern with some clubs experiencing problems as a result of information being shared following a committee meeting.

The committee commented on the excellent content in respective issues of 'Club Review', in that information for club officials is very informative and addresses many of the day-to-day issues facing club management committees.

Although the call received today was timely, it was

nevertheless proposed that mobile phones be switched off at future Executive Committee meetings.

In view of the difficulties within the NHS and ones ability to see a GP, the Secretary provided information on a private health scheme provided by 'Benenden Health'. The costs are very affordable and there are no exclusions to joining due to age or pre-existing conditions.

In conclusion, the Treasurer provided a detailed financial report which was passed and seconded by Gerry Gallagher and Tommy McMinn.

In closing, thanks was extended to the management committee of Harland & Wolff Welders FSC for the hospitality provided at today's meeting.

H. Beckinsale
Secretary

Phone scam alert

We are hearing new reports of phone scams from across the province and we urge everyone to be vigilant.

Phone scams are a common way for criminals to con people out of money using various tricks to get your personal or financial information. Over half of all scams start with a phone call. Below are some of the ways scammers try to trick you over the phone.

Bank and Building Society Scams

These scams typically involve a fraudster, pretending to be from your bank, phoning you to say you've been a victim of fraud. They may ask you for personal and financial information to get access to your bank account or to

commit identity theft. Or they may tell you there is a corrupt member of staff in your bank and they need your help to identify them.

They may also ask you to transfer all your funds into a 'safe account' because your account has been hacked.

What You Should Do

You should wait for 20 minutes before you call your bank on a trusted phone number to check it out. This is because scammers are able to keep phone lines open.

Whilst you think you are making a new phone call, the line is still open to the scammer who pretends to



be a different person from your bank or the police. If possible, use a different phone or call somebody else in the meantime.

Protecting Yourself from Telephone Scams

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Bank of England's warning to anyone with £20 & £50 paper notes featuring the Queen

The Bank of England (BoE) has issued a warning to anyone holding their £20 or £50 cash paper notes, asking for patience while a major change takes place.

From 30th September, paper £20 and £50 Bank of England notes will be redundant as part of a shake-up to tackle fake money. With this change

imminent, people have been rushing to change their bank notes.

These paper notes can be swapped for new polymer ones at your local bank. Certain branches of the Post Office have also been facilitating the swapping of these older paper notes up to a value of £300 from 15th September.



Smirnoff grows flavoured range with Berry Burst launch

Diageo has added Smirnoff Berry Burst to its flavoured vodka range. The new variety will be available across the off-trade and on-trade from September.

Its launch comes with the flavoured vodka segment growing in the off-trade at 70%. Additionally, four in 10 bottles of vodka sold in the off-trade are Smirnoff, according to retail data company Dunnhumby.

Nick Payman, head of Smirnoff GB at Diageo, said, "The Smirnoff brand is a leader when it comes to delivering consistently high-quality liquids that are trusted by consumers

and is also known for its innovation and ability to provide exciting new ways for people to enjoy vodka.

"Smirnoff Berry Burst is a bold new variant that taps into trending berry flavours and is the perfect accompaniment for key social occasions - it's a great addition to our portfolio following the launches of Smirnoff Raspberry Crush and Smirnoff Mango & Passionfruit Twist."



Club meetings: Points of procedure

Club meetings are of two kinds - (1) General Meetings, to which all members of the club are summoned, and (2) Committee Meetings, which only duly appointed members of the committee are eligible to attend.

The principal General Meeting each year is the Annual General Meeting, which is held at the stated time and for stated purposes (the transaction of business) as laid down in the rules. Any other General Meeting is a Special General Meeting convened for a special reason as defined in the rules.

General Meeting Notice

Every meeting must be properly summoned by the Secretary, either by sending a notice to all members entitled to attend or by display of announcement on the notice board. Length of notice should be stated in the rules.

Quorum

There must be a quorum present at a meeting to enable business to be transacted. The number should be laid down in the rules. If a quorum is not present within a reasonable time of the hour appointed for the meeting, the meeting is automatically adjourned. No quorum is required for an AGM, unless the rules state otherwise.

Meeting Chairman

The President should preside ex officio; in his absence the Chairman presides, and failing him the Vice-Chairman. If neither is present, the meeting elects its own Chairman. In such cases, the Secretary or convener of the meeting should ask for nominations. No seconder is needed. If more than one nomination is received, the names should be put in

alphabetical order and the person receiving the highest number of votes takes the Chair at once.

The primary duty of a Chairman is to decide who is entitled to address the meeting, and to maintain order. He must not allow any discussion unless it bears directly on the subject under discussion. He should allow no member to speak when the mover of a motion or amendment has resumed his seat, unless such member rises to second the resolution or amendment under discussion. The Chairman's decision on all points of order is final. If his directions are disobeyed, he should declare the meeting adjourned, and quit the Chair.

Validity of Meeting

The first business of the Chairman is to call on the Secretary to read the notice summoning the meeting or alternatively to ask if it shall 'be taken as read' by consent.

Confirmation of Minutes

The Chairman should next call upon the Secretary to read the Minutes of the previous meeting. After they have been read and before any question or discussion is allowed, the Chairman must ask for the motion: That the Minutes are confirmed as a true record of the previous meeting. Once this has been duly moved, seconded and agreed, the Chairman signs the Minutes close to the last line, thereby preventing subsequent additions. No one should be allowed to discuss the business recorded in the previous Minutes; the only matter on which discussion can take place is whether they are an accurate report of the previous meeting. Questions can now be asked to ascertain whether

the resolutions recorded in the minutes have been carried out and any motion not hostile to, or varying such resolutions, may be accepted by the Chairman. If anyone desires to amend or rescind any of the resolutions, due notice must be given for inclusion in the agenda for the next meeting.

Business for which the Meeting was Convened

This must be transacted in the order in which it appears on the agenda. The order cannot be changed except with the consent of a three-quarters majority of the members voting.

Motions

A motion should be moved by the person named on the agenda, unless the meeting agrees to some other person moving it. No discussion on any motion should be permitted until it has been seconded. If the motion is not seconded it lapses, and the Chairman should proceed to the next business. A motion may be withdrawn by the proposer either before or during discussion, with the permission of the seconder and of the meeting. Such a withdrawal cannot take place after the motion has been voted on.

Amendments

An amendment is a proposal to alter the wording of a motion. More than one amendment may be put forward on any one motion, but only one may be discussed at a time. An amendment must have a bearing on the subject of the motion; it should not be a direct negative, since it is open to anyone who is totally opposed to the motion to speak and vote against it. Like a motion, an amendment must be proposed and seconded before it can be discussed. The withdrawal of an amendment is carried out in the same way as that of a motion.

Voting

After an amendment has been discussed, the Chairman should read out the motion and the amendment. He should ask 'those in favour' of the amendment to show hands and then 'those against.' If an amendment is carried, it becomes the 'substantive motion,' that is to say it replaces the motion in its original form and becomes the subject before the meeting for further discussion and amendment. At the close of the debate the motion is put to the vote, either in its original form or as amended.

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Q. Life membership and the criteria which may allow an honour are varied. Are there any guidelines, benchmarks or precedents which you can advise? I appreciate that there will be various opinions on what should be required for this facility to be given to a member and I am also wary of allowing the “floodgates” to open so that every “Tom, Dick, and Harry” can be put forward for this desirable position.

A. The problem which you have raised is not uncommon. In most clubs the qualification for life membership was set probably before the First World War and in a great number of clubs the rules for this type of membership have not been changed since the late 1800s.

It is not that long ago when a man who reached sixty-five was considered to be elderly and to have done quite well. Therefore it is not uncommon to see a life membership qualification of, perhaps, twenty years continuous membership and to have attained the age of sixty. Whilst I am not saying this is not an achievement, many clubs no longer regard this as a suitable qualification to warrant life membership.

Many clubs are now changing their rules in order to either raise the bar for life membership or to convert this class of membership to be determined

by the committee for some recognised service to the club. Ultimately, it is up to each individual club to determine whether to continue with life membership, to alter the qualification for life membership or to leave the qualification as it is.

Importantly, if the rules are amended, then all existing life members and future candidates for life membership are bound by the new terms.

You will appreciate that a person who has enjoyed free subscription for a length of time may not be particularly pleased about any change which involves becoming liable for subscription again. As such, some clubs have altered the qualification for life membership but have only applied this to future candidates.

Q. At our last committee meeting there was a query as to the accuracy of the minutes. Can you explain the correct procedure for confirming the committee minutes?

A. At every committee meeting the chairman should call upon the secretary to read the minutes of the previous meeting. After they have been read and before any questions or discussion is allowed, the chairman must ask for the motion: That the minutes are confirmed as a true record of the previous meeting. Once this has been duly moved, seconded and agreed, the chairman signs the minutes close to the last line, thereby preventing subsequent additions.

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Q. Recently a committee member resigned from the committee. He is now asking if he can withdraw his resignation or if the committee could refuse to accept it?

A. Under the majority of clubs’ rules, once a committee member’s written resignation has been handed to the secretary and properly recorded then it cannot be withdrawn.

There is no requirement for a resignation to be accepted in order for it to become valid and there is no provision under which a resignation cannot be accepted.

All officers and committee members are able to resign from the committee at any time; it is not possible to refuse to accept a resignation.

The committee can use the Casual Vacancies Rule to appoint a replacement person to the vacant position. Under these circumstances, it may be that the committee decides to re-appoint the person who has just resigned to the position although equally the committee may decide to appoint another person to this position.

If the committee decides not to appoint the person under the Casual Vacancies Rule then they will have to wait until the next Annual General Meeting in order to stand for re-election.

Q. Our club rules are quite old and still provide for a large number of officers and committee members to be elected each year. This has left us in the situation where there is rarely a competitive contest for committee elections since it is

difficult to fill all the positions. Is it time to revise the committee structure?

A. This is a good question and I think it is one that most clubs need to address. Many clubs do find it difficult to recruit a full committee and a reduction in committee numbers may assist this situation.

The Clubs Order stipulates a minimum of Secretary, Treasurer and three committee persons. If insufficient members volunteer to be elected then the committee is allowed to co-opt members into any vacancies, who must then stand for election the following year. I would suggest that the committee considers revising the committee structure in the following way: President, Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Committee Members x 8.

Total: Four officers and eight committee members giving a total of 12 elected positions.

Typically, committees tend to range from between six to nine committee members plus the elected officers. Officers are normally elected on either a yearly or two yearly term of office with committee members elected for a two year or three year term. You may also wish to reduce the committee quorum requirement to four. All these changes will need to be approved by the club’s members at a Special General Meeting as they are rule revisions. I do think it can be beneficial to have a good small committee and a contest for members who wish to be part of the committee rather than a large committee whom anyone can automatically be elected to due to a shortage of competing candidates.

Q. When an agenda item for the AGM is proposed, does the proposer and seconder have to be present at the meeting in order for the agenda item to be discussed and voted upon?

A. I confirm that the actual Proposer and the Secunder

of the motion do not have to be present at the meeting but somebody must propose the motion in their absence and it needs to be seconded in order for a discussion and voting to take place.

Q. The committee considers that it has reason to invite a member to attend a disciplinary meeting to answer allegations which have been made against them. Can you confirm the correct procedure that we should follow? We are conscious of getting the disciplinary procedure correct.

A. This is a common question and it is important to follow the correct disciplinary procedure. Failure to follow the correct procedure could result in any disciplinary decision made becoming invalid.

The committee cannot expel or suspend a member from the club without first inviting them to a committee meeting. A suspension or permanent expulsion can only take place once a disciplinary meeting has been held. The committee can also only suspend a member for a maximum of twelve months.

If the committee are of the opinion that this individual’s behaviour has either broken specific club rules/bye-laws or could be judged to be prejudicial to the interests of the club then they can summon this member to appear before the committee. The committee should inform them of the allegations that have been made against when asking them to attend the disciplinary meeting.

The committee can also instruct this member to withdraw from the facilities of membership until he appears before the disciplinary meeting. It is normal that once the withdrawal takes place that a disciplinary meeting is held within two months and that at least seven days’ notice of the meeting must be given to the member, in accordance with

the club’s rules. If this is how the committee wishes to proceed you should write to the member and inform them that due to their conduct he has been requested to appear in front of the committee. You should also include the precise details of the complaint and alleged conduct which has forced the committee to summon the member to them.

The committee should then hold the disciplinary meeting and, after reviewing any points this member has to make in their defence, the committee should decide if their conduct requires a suspension of membership up to one year in length, permanent expulsion from the club by terminating their membership, or no action taken against them.

If the committee decides to withdraw the facilities of membership from the member until the committee has heard the disciplinary meeting then this means that they will be unable to enter the club until the disciplinary meeting has been heard.

Q. The present Treasurer wishes to step down with immediate effect but would like to continue as a committee member. We would like to offer the post of Treasurer to the member who came second at the last election ballot who is currently serving as a committee member. Can these members effectively ‘swap’ positions?

A. I can confirm that a resignation of the Treasurer has caused a “casual vacancy”. This vacancy can be filled by the committee who have the authority to appoint any member of the club to take on the role and office of Treasurer. If, therefore, the committee wish to appoint the member of the committee (who coincidentally came second in the election for the position of Treasurer), then they are able to do this by

a committee vote and without further reference to the club’s members. The place left on the committee caused by this casual vacancy appointment (since the present committee member cannot occupy both a committee position and the position of Treasurer) will create a further casual vacancy which can then be filled by the resigning Treasurer should this be agreeable to the committee. I trust this is of assistance and explains why the proposed “swap” would be acceptable under the rules by using the authority which is vested in the committee.

Q. Are employees able to use the Club’s Gaming Machines? We have Members who consider that it would be unfair for an employee to win a jackpot, perhaps aided by watching the machine.

A. Opinion is divided on whether it is possible for a person to determine when a machine might pay out although we are aware that there is a common perception that watching machines gives rise to an unfair advantage. Gaming machines have to adhere to strict average pay-outs and this is calculated over the course of a machine’s entire life and is therefore unpredictable. It may be that a machine goes months between the jackpot being won or it may be that two jackpots occur on the same day. With the advent of extra features such as nudges and hi/lo gameplay it is even more difficult to calculate if a machine is about to pay out.

It is, however, preferable to avoid any possibility of an unfair advantage, real or imagined, and as such it is good practice to prohibit Club employees from using the Club’s gaming machines.

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Speaking about the support they received from Cancer Fund for Children, Annabel's parents said, "To say our world was turned upside down is an understatement. We asked ourselves countless times how are we ever going to get through this.

"Not long after Annabel was diagnosed, Regina at Cancer Fund for Children contacted us. It was great to talk to someone who understood what we were going through. We soon came to realise that we weren't alone, that there were people there to listen and support us as a family.

"We were offered the support of a Cancer Support Specialist to help Annabel manage her emotions through this journey. Our amazing specialist, Hannah visits our home regularly and has helped Annabel so much with managing her fears and anxieties. Hannah is such a ray of sunshine coming in to our home and has given us so much support as a family.

"We've also had a lovely, relaxing therapeutic break at Daisy Lodge. The setting is beautiful, the staff are amazing and it's great to share your experiences with other families affected by cancer. We would highly recommend that anyone going through childhood cancer stay there.

"Cancer Fund for Children have been an amazing support to us as a family and we know that they'll be there to support us every step of the way as Annabel continues her journey."

We would like to take this opportunity to thank clubs throughout Northern Ireland for their continued support which allows us to provide children, young people and their families with support in their homes, on hospital wards and at our therapeutic short break centre Daisy Lodge, in Newcastle Co. Down. The reality is we need to raise £2.4 million every year to help ensure



Annabel and her parents Sharon and Tim.

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Annabel and her Cancer Support Specialist Hannah.

Fuelling a greener future

E10 petrol rolling out in Northern Ireland on 1st November

- Greener E10 petrol to be rolled out across Northern Ireland from November, with a Government campaign launched today to raise awareness
- Move will align Northern Ireland with Great Britain and could help cut carbon emissions across the UK - the equivalent to taking 350,000 cars off UK roads every year
- 95% of petrol cars already compatible with E10 petrol, but campaign promotes tool to enable drivers to check if their car can use it

Drivers across Northern Ireland will soon be able to fill up with greener fuel when E10 petrol is rolled out as the new standard grade of petrol from 1st November.

The roll-out of E10, which is petrol blended with up to 10% renewable ethanol, will help Northern Ireland to decarbonise transport, as it is greener than existing petrol. Its use across the UK could contribute to cutting transport CO2 emissions in the UK by potentially 750,000 tonnes a year - equivalent to a forest the size of the Isle of Wight capturing carbon every year.

To help raise awareness of the upcoming switch, the UK Government has launched an information campaign for motorists in Northern Ireland that will see new fuel pump labels, as well as targeted digital, radio and social media advertising.

While 95% of petrol cars will be compatible, the campaign will encourage those who are unsure

to check their vehicle can use the fuel using our online compatibility checker tool. This will ask you for information about your car before checking a database highlighting your cars compatibility.

As well as playing a part in the UK's ambitions to decarbonise transport and reach its Net Zero goals, according to industry, the roll-out of E10 petrol could support thousands of jobs throughout the supply chain and boost job opportunities across the country.

This is something that Vivergo, a British ethanol producer, has already seen with 100 new jobs since E10's introduction in Great Britain and as we work towards decarbonisation, this will hopefully be a sign of more opportunities.

Decarbonisation Minister Trudy Harrison said, "We're determined to cut emissions from all our roads and clean up our air as we accelerate towards a zero-emission transport future.

"Although more and more motorists are driving electric vehicles, there are steps we can take to reduce emissions from the millions of vehicles already on our roads.

"The small switch to E10 petrol will not only help drivers across the country reduce their environmental impact, but also could create thousands of jobs across the UK."

Former Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Shailesh Vara said, "The Government is committed to supporting the

growth of green energy across the UK and the introduction of E10 petrol will help reduce emissions of carbon dioxide on Northern Ireland roads.

"The decarbonisation of transport methods has an important part to play in achieving the UK's net zero goals as well as creating opportunities for growth in our economy."

Gaynor Hartnell, Chief Executive of the Renewable Transport Fuel Association (RTFA) said, "Most petrol cars on the road are optimised to run on E10, and it's very welcome that motorists in Northern Ireland will soon

benefit from having access to this greener fuel."

The introduction of E10 will see renewable ethanol in petrol double, from the current petrol blend E5 containing no more than 5% ethanol, further reducing emissions from millions of cars in line with our climate targets.

A small number of older vehicles, including classic cars and some from the early 2000s, will continue to need E5 fuel, which is why supplies of E5 petrol will be maintained in the 'Super' petrol grade. Motorists are advised to use the E10 compatibility checker to see if their vehicle is compatible.

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With Liverpool's slow start, and Arsenal enjoying time at the top of the table, the 2022/23 season is shaping up to be as unpredictable as ever.

With Sky Sports in your club, you can offer your members the opportunity to not only experience all that excitement live, but with like-minded sports fans too.

We're just over a month into the 2022/23 season, and as the home of the Premier League, Sky Sports has already shown at least one fixture from every single club in the league. But with the Premier League, the SPL and the return of the WSL, there's plenty more to come.

With points and pride at stake, derby days always offer drama and excitement, and they don't come much bigger than the Manchester derby. Members can soak up the atmosphere as Manchester Utd travel to Manchester City's Etihad Stadium to bring an end to the blue's dominance when they meet on Sunday 2nd October.

Whether they're winning or losing, Liverpool remain a source of conversation, and your members will have plenty to talk about when they take on a strong-performing Arsenal side on Sunday 9th October, and Manchester City the following week on Sunday 16th October, both exclusively live on Sky Sports.

Rangers may have dropped points in their recent clash with Celtic, but this early in

the season, a title challenge remains within their reach. As the home of Scottish Football, your members can catch all the drama from Scotland's two biggest clubs, with a fixture from either Rangers or Celtic exclusively live on Sky Sports every week in October.

We're three-quarters of the way through the F1 Season, which means from now until November, members can watch every practice, qualifying and Grand Prix from six exclusively live race weekends on the Sky Sports F1 channel. Epic battles lay in wait as the season heads to Singapore, Japan, USA, Mexico, Brazil as it hurtles towards the season finale at Abu Dhabi.

Darts remains a firm favourite amongst sports fans, and members can catch action from the World Grand Prix of Darts as the tournament heads to Leicester's Morningside Arena this October, exclusively live on Sky Sports. Plus, the new NFL season is underway on Sky Sports, offering 100 games live including Sunday night triple headers to keep fans entertained from 5pm.

With a host of sporting events taking place this Autumn on Sky Sports, there's plenty of reasons for clubs to shout about all the sport on offer. By using your MySkySports account to promote the sport you're going to be showing, you can help members to plan ahead, so they can settle in to watch all of the fantastic content coming up over the next few months.



A selection of sports fixtures coming up this summer:

- Sunday 25th September.....WSL Chelsea v Man City - kick off - 4.00pm
WSL Liverpool v Everton - kick off - 6.45pm
- Friday 30th - Sunday 2nd October..... F1 Race Weekend - Singapore
- Saturday 1st October.....Hearts v Rangers - kick off - 12.30pm
West Ham Utd v Wolves - kick off - 5.30pm
- Sunday 2nd October.....Man City v Man Utd - kick off - 2.00pm
Leeds Utd v Aston Villa - kick off - 4.30pm
- Monday 3rd - Sun 9th October Grand Prix of Darts - Leicester
- Monday 3rd October..... Leicester City v Notts Forest - kick off - 8.00pm
- Friday 7th - Sunday 9th October.....F1 Race Weekend - Japan
- Saturday 8th October..... St Johnstone v Celtic - kick off - 12.30pm
Brighton v Spurs - kick off - 5.30pm
- Sunday 9th OctoberCrystal Palace v Leeds Utd - kick off - 2pm
Arsenal v Liverpool - kick off - 4.30pm
- Monday 10th October.....Notts Forest v Aston Villa - kick off - 8.00pm
- Friday 14th October.....Brentford v Brighton - kick off - 8.00pm
- Saturday 15th October.....Spurs v Everton - kick off - 5.30pm
WSL Reading v Arsenal - kick off - 6.45pm
- Sunday 16th October.....Motherwell v Rangers - kick off - 12pm
Aston Villa v Chelsea - kick off - 2.00pm
Liverpool v Man City - kick off - 4.30pm

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United Wines, new wine list training available

Over the past few challenging years, we have endeavoured to create an innovative range of wines which reflect what your customers are drinking. Below I have given a few points to think about when compiling a wine list.

Having a good wine list in your venue is a critical tool to help maximise sales. Not only will a list help showcase your range but more importantly it will help with up-selling, incremental purchases and promoting your most profitable listings.

Ciaran Meyler, Wine Manager, United Wines

The perfect wine list does exist!

Creating a good wine list takes time and so we believe that it should be in place for at least 12 months, however this should not prevent you from offering a Wine of the Month or brand-new quarter bottles for events.

What's selling?

The most popular white grape varieties are Sauvignon Blanc, Pinot Grigio and Chardonnay. However, consumers are always on the lookout for something new. Add a few interesting varieties like Albarino, Chenin Blanc, Verdejo or Picpuol.

The most popular reds are Merlot, Shiraz, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec; however, every list needs a Tempranillo and Pinot Noir. Italian reds are also coming back into fashion, try a Primitivo or a Montepulciano to appeal to that more adventurous consumer.

White Zinfandel is still the most popular rose, however drier styles are much more on trend, try a Pinot Grigio Blush or something from Provence in France.

Consumer Trends and Needs

Trends are showing that consumers are drinking less but are willing to spend more for higher quality and to ensure you satisfy the consumer's needs, offer more wines by the glass in different sizes, 125ml right up to 1/2 litre carafe.

Our team will work with you to create a bespoke wine list taking into consideration your food offering and customer profile. We can also offer a comprehensive range of training courses which can be tailored to suit your needs, food & wine pairing information as well as ice buckets and wine coolers.*



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Nigel pays homage to three legends from the showband era



Nigel Blair, Belfast 89FM.

Gerry Rice, who played multiple woodwind instruments (it was said he could make a clarinet talk) became a professional musician at the very young age of only 16 years, when he joined Jimmy Compton's band, later joining the Dave Glover Showband. He toured Ireland, enjoying occasional work at the Arcadia Ballroom in Portrush, (Summer/Easter) and was a founding member of the Witnesses Showband, touring America and Bermuda, and where I believe all three worked together for a long time.

As showbands began to phase out, Gerry was able to maintain his career as a freelance musician. He was excellent at reading music and was very much in demand; he was a first call session musician for TV recordings and backed artistes visiting Ireland. He was in the pit orchestra of the Grand Opera House, Belfast, for ballet, opera, pantomime and other musical shows for over thirty-five years.

He played with the John Anderson Big Band on a number 1 UK hit Jive Bunny. He also recorded with artistes such as Johnny Mathis, Howard Keel, Van Morrison, and countless other international stars.

Highly regarded in the world of jazz, Gerry played with the cream of British stars, and played for over 25 years in a gig he loved in the Europa Hotel, with his famed Jazz Quartet, until five years before his passing on 9th August 2021, when in his early 80s.

Harry (Trixie) Hamilton, Gerry Rice, and Tony Morelli, three giants of the bygone showband scene who headlined entertainment in the north and south of Ireland for many years.

All three of these great musicians, singers and stage performers were of the highest calibre and at a time were members of the Witnesses Showband who toured Ireland, UK and beyond, including America and Bermuda for quite a while.

Tony Morelli, guitarist and lead vocalist, earlier in his career, was with the Dave Glover Showband. He was blessed with a fantastic vocal range, pure quality in the delivery of any song. A very handsome man, with his inherited Italian good looks and jet black hair. I had the privilege of backing him on many occasions when he appeared in cabaret, and enjoyed his performances in the Europa Hotel.

Sadly, on 15th August 2012, at the age of 74, Tony passed away. His daughter Antoinette Morelli is herself a celebrated actress in America, Ireland and the UK.



(L-R Harry (Trixie) Hamilton, Gerry Rice and Tony Morelli.

His son Dr Brian Rice, lectured in music at Liverpool University, and in a career change, now performs on cruise ships. His grandson, Declan, is also recognised as one of the best percussionists in the business.

Last but not least in the trilogy of legends, Harry (Trixie) Hamilton, a master multi-instrumentalist. He was a personality second to none, a pleasure to know and a laugh a minute. In recent years I interviewed him at Belfast 89FM and he had every one of us in raptures of laughter in the studio, with endless humorous stories from his career as one of the most respected entertainers in show business. Whilst in the Bahamas, Harry introduced Elvis Presley on stage at one of his shows. At an earlier meeting, Harry told Elvis if he had any difficulty entering the venue, just mention my name, or words to that affect. He spent a lifetime ensuring musicians would have a fair deal, being

one of the foremost members of the musicians union.

Harry performed until he was 88 years of age, and passed away after a short illness on the 25th July 2022 at the age of ninety. His son Harry, has just recently celebrated 30 years as front-man and lead vocalist extraordinaire with his Queen tribute band Flash Harry.

I could write volumes on these three legends, their lives as stars of the entertainment world, and still not cover many aspects of each one's speciality and expertise. I believe they were destined to be together in the Witnesses Showband doing what they did best, providing entertainment to the extreme and would play together at times thereafter, always with that spark of magic.

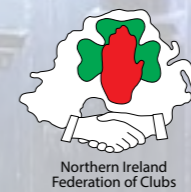
I look at the lives of Tony, Gerry and Trixie, with deep respect and long may their memory live on.

Nigel

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Ulster GAA encourages clubs to aim for excellence with Club Maith

Ulster GAA is encouraging clubs across the province to engage in the Bank of Ireland Club Maith accreditation scheme.

The scheme allows for clubs to review how they currently operate through a process of benchmarking against best practice.

In doing so, it encourages them to aim for excellence in the core areas of GAA club activity: Governance; Community Engagement; Coaching & Games; Health & Wellbeing and Safeguarding Our Members.

The launch of the partnership between Ulster GAA and Bank of Ireland was recently held at Stewartstown Harps GAC, Co Tyrone, who currently hold a Club Maith Gold standard accreditation. As a long-

standing corporate partner of Ulster GAA, the Bank are also sponsors of the Dr McKenna Cup competition and Club Together volunteer development conference held earlier this year.

Ulster GAA President, Ciaran McLaughlin commented, "The real value of Club Maith is the journey that it takes a participating club on. This is something accredited clubs can testify to, with improvements being seen in many aspects of club life.

"Increasingly, we are seeing clubs that have embarked on the Club Maith pathway are realising their potential both on and off the field.

"We warmly welcome Bank of Ireland's sponsorship of the Club Maith scheme, and thank them for furthering their



Front; Niall Devlin, Head of Business Banking NI, Bank of Ireland, and Ciaran McLaughlin, Ulster GAA President, with Stewartstown Harps GAC committee members; Paddy Park, Cathal Coyle, Sean Gallagher and Martin Campbell.

support of Gaelic games in the province."

Niall Devlin, Head of Business Banking NI, Bank of Ireland said, "We are delighted to work in partnership with Ulster GAA to champion best practice through the Club Maith accreditation scheme.

"By committing to the scheme, participating clubs make a statement of intent that they want to achieve the highest standards for the club and its members across all aspects of club life from finance and safeguarding to coaching and

community engagement. Securing the accreditation is proof of the clubs' commitment to success and I would encourage those who haven't yet signed up to do so."

If your club is currently not Club Maith accredited, but you are interested in applying and want to register your interest or just have a general question, please contact fionntan.odowd@ulster@gaa.ie

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NI Football Writers' Awards



Coleraine striker, Matthew Shevlin, picks up his Player of the Month Award from NIFWA Chairwoman, Ruth Gorman, and Gerry Flynn from Dream Spanish Homes.

Coleraine FC striker Matthew Shevlin has been named Dream Spanish Homes Player of the Month for August. The 23-year-old scored six goals in the first month of the season, finding

the net against Portadown, Carrick Rangers and Glenavon.

Shevlin said, "I'm delighted with my start to the season, but more importantly the team has also made a good start. I think you can attribute it to our good pre-season. Oran Kearney ran us hard and I think that hard work has paid off."

"We're right up there but other teams have also impressed. It's a very competitive league where everyone can win on their day. We were confident going into the Glenavon game and ended up on the end of a heavy defeat, which proved how difficult this league is."

Dream Spanish Homes is a property company run by ex-

Coleraine and Cliftonville left-back Gerry Flynn, specialising in finding the ideal home for those looking to relocate to Spain.

Gerry said, "We're delighted to be the new sponsors of this prestigious award. I'm also pleased that the first award went to a player from one of my old clubs. Matthew is a smashing young footballer with a real eye for goal."

NIFWA Chair Ruth Gorman said, "We're thrilled to have Dream Spanish Homes on board for the new season. The company has been a long-time supporter of our association, and with Gerry's history in Irish League football, it's a great match."

Glentoran's Mick McDermott is the Manager of the Month for August.

The Glens defeated Crusaders, Dungannon Swifts and Portadown to finish the month unbeaten.

McDermott said, "After a disappointing end to last season, we needed a good start to this season."

"Some people might say we haven't played the top teams, because that's people's nature unfortunately, but I don't look at it that way. Every team in the Premiership is capable of winning games. I've been very impressed by Newry City, and Carrick Rangers have made a fantastic start to the season, so there are no easy wins."

"You have to show up every week and play your best. If you



NIFWA Chairwoman, Ruth Gorman presents Mick McDermott with his award.

don't, you'll lose. And that's a great thing for the league.

"This is a great award to win and I'd like to thank the Football Writers' for it, but I hope to win something better by the end of the season."

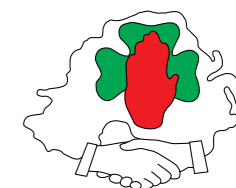
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