

2007 Dear Secretary,

I now give below the benefits of affiliating to the Wm Club & Institute Union are as follows:

Advice is available on administrative, employment, financial and legal matters. The Union is a member of CORCA the National Joint Industrial Council which determines the scheme of wages and conditions of service for stewards and staff;

The General Secretary is consulted by Government on various matters; he was consulted on the new Licensing Act 2003 and the Budd Report concerning gambling. There is an all party parliamentary committee which represents and supports CIU clubs in matters which they feel are detrimental to clubs;

The Union was successful on behalf of member clubs in reducing the licence fee payable to the Performing Right Society.

Lectures are held on various subjects - one was recently held on the various aspects of the new Licensing Act and how it affects clubs. There is to be another on the smoking ban and the Gambling Act. Assistance is also provided on Health & Safety matters such as the necessity to have a health and safety policy and a risk assessment.

Advice is also available on rule changes and matters dealing with the Financial Services Authority.

The Union produces a Club Journal which informs member clubs on a monthly basis matters which affect them. In order to generate business amongst clubs there are bowls, cribbage, darts, dominoes, golf, sea and river fishing competitions on national and local levels.

Supplies of accounts books, bingo books, raffle tickets, stationery etc can be purchased from the Branch Office at very competitive prices. A brochure is enclosed showing the items available from the Branch office.

The Union maintains a convalescent home for members and their spouses.

Affiliation to the Union allows members of affiliated clubs to visit other such clubs. However a club must participate in order to benefit from this additional income and to advertise the fact that it is affiliated to the Union.

There also tax advantages of being affiliated. As such only your investment income is subject to Corporation Tax. As a private club all income would be subject to the Tax.

As a society registered under the Industrial & Provident Society Acts the club is able to be sued this protects members and officers from certain elements of personal liability.

Union clubs are, subject to local conditions, able to apply for Discretionary Rate Relief which can benefit clubs to the extent of 80%. Advice is given on insurance matters through its own brokers CIU Insurance Services and rates are very competitive.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur Millard , Branch Secretary.