



NATIONAL PRESIDENT – TERRY COOPER

The problem with doing a report as National President it always seems to be a “travelogue” but that in essence is what we do. The busiest part of the role of the President is to visit Clubs, attend Charters, Dinners and social functions for the whole of the Round Table Family. There is another side of course which is the Chairmanship of our National Board and Council and a day to day involvement in the administration functions of our Association. So it’s a bit like Home and Away rolled into Question Time, The Apprentice and Come Dine with me! One thing is certain, and all Presidents I’ve ever known have said the same, the year seems to go by like it was a month and you have a brilliant time (well most of the time anyway!).

So let’s start this report with the Travelogue part and it’s been much busier summer than I anticipated for what, I assumed, would be my quieter months! If I was to give you a report on everything I’ve done it would fill a small book so I’m going to just pick out some highlights. So if your event is not mentioned then it’s only due to lack of space and not because I didn’t enjoy it as I can say, without hesitation, that I’ve enjoyed every event I’ve attended and what a diverse mix they’ve been. I’ve walked a section of the Millennium Way, MC’d a Tangent Charity Lunch, driven my 1949 MG TC up to Macclesfield and back to attend the Classic Car Rally a round trip of 500 miles. Been to BBQ’s, Garden Parties, launched a new 41 Club in Liverpool, played skittles, attended the Regional Golf Days even though I don’t play, watched the Edinburgh Tattoo, been to a Round Table Twinning w/e and of course our 70th Charter Lunch in Leeds. I’ve reported on these on Facebook, in my monthly Blog on the Website and in the Newsletter so there are details out there if you want to read more. I’m delighted to say that wherever possible Lin has been with me as so much more these days in 41 Club are joint events with partners, which does make the travelling easier as I have a co-driver with me. However my Club have been great on the driving front coming to golf days with me and to local events when I’ve not needed to stay away. Looking at my diary from now until Christmas indicates that I’ve done the supposed “quiet bit” as the bookings are about double than over the previous three months!

Ok let’s move on to the other parts of my role and look at the business side since our June Council Meeting. I’ve attended LOTS who wanted a Question and Answer session with me about our Plans and Governance which turned into a wider discussion on membership and finance. Together with Secretary Manny we went to Chesterfield 41 Club as they had written to say they may disaffiliate hopefully after our visit they’ll change their minds and stay on board. We’ve secured the use of Office 365 for a while Longer by moving to a monthly tariff, saving ourselves a couple of grand a year but also allowing the ICT Committee time to advise us on future systems if required. We’ve sent out the promised questionnaire and had an amazing response from our members. On September 26th at Marchesi House we held the meeting of interested Clubs, promised at the AGM, to discuss the future of 41 Club and to gain views about all sorts of topics.

The minutes of that meeting will be circulated to National Council so we can consider the findings at this Council Meeting. As promised I will send out a quick update on what I think we





need to discuss in Birmingham so everyone knows the details ahead of the meeting and can come as prepared as possible.

It would be good if everyone had submitted a written report for this meeting, as it means we can dispense with the verbal reports and have questions and a discussion to move things forward.

This Council Meeting, by necessity, will be tight on time as we're hosting our international friends but I still want to get decisions on things like the ICT Report, Webmaster, the rewrite of the rule on performance, plans and governance and Conference in 2018. Whilst on the subject of International, Immediate Past President Jim would like our support and our endorsement for him to stand for the International Secretary post when it becomes vacant next year so I've asked Manny to add this to the Agenda.

Looking forward to seeing you all in Birmingham in a couple of weeks' time.

Yours in Continued Friendship,

Terry Cooper

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VICE PRESIDENT – BARRY DURHAM

It seems ages since the last Council Meeting, but I have been very busy preparing for next year. My PLC is busy setting up bank accounts, getting some sponsorship, liaising with my charity, planning JOGLE, setting up my diary and transport arrangements.

I have visited the following clubs / events:

Shirley Late Knights to Gaydon Motor Museum

RT Family Camping Weekend with Shirley

Tangent Presidents Charity Tea

Hinckley 41 Club/Hinckley Past Tablers Annual Joint Dinner

Wythall 41 Club walk and meal

Region 15 Golf

Shirley RT Area 35 Volleyball

RT Family Meeting at Marchesi House

Solihull 41 Club speaker meeting





Birdlip Classic Car Run

Birmingham Conference Meetings x 3

Wokingham 41 Club – Birds of Prey and dinner!

Atherstone and Lutterworth 41 Clubs joint Bowls night

Region 17 Dinner in Norwich

Vice Presidents get together

National Sporting Weekend in Norwich

Rubery and Kings Norton 41 Clubs joint dinner

Anniversary Dinner Leeds

Virtual Board Meeting

ABC 41 Club at Transport Museum

Shirley Late Knights v Shirley Table at indoor sports

41 Club Strategy Forum at Marchesi House

Region 21 Quiz

PHEW – I thought it had been a quiet summer – all this and working full time too!!

Strategy Forum

You will see the minutes from this forum. I thought it was good but nothing much really new came out of it. Certainly there was very little talk of cost cutting which was pleasing. There was also not any appetite for changing the structure of National Council as far as I could tell

Survey Monkey

Great response with some really interesting results, especially that 75% thought 41 Club was “good value for money”

I continue to think that we need a Community Service Officer on the Board if we are serious about that particular stated objective of our organisation and will be interested to hear what Jim Smith has to say on this.

I would love to change our name to Round Table Plus or similar. I would love to have a joint membership system with Round Table.





I continue to worry that we can only recruit from the 200-300 Tablers that leave each year, that only about 20% of them join us, so we share about 50 new members between 760 clubs. This is a recipe for long term extermination.

Lastly, despite what I just said, I continue to think that we have a fantastic organisation, with over 50 clubs meeting every weekday night of each month and doing loads of other events as well. Long may it continue.

Barry Durham

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IMMEDIATE PAST NATIONAL PRESIDENT – JIM SMITH

a. Progress on your key objectives.

Not sure if there are any specific ones although I will comment on the Community Project under b. below.

b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).

Community Project: Some limited progress made to date. Using the data from the recent survey I have made the following assumptions:

1. 23% of respondents are involved in their own fund raising
2. 41% assist their Round Tables in Community
3. 42% have no Community involvement at all.

In the age related profile there is a greater % involvement in those with ages under 55.

I conclude from this that there is mileage in supporting and promoting community activity amongst 41 clubs.

Have had some brief discussion with Round Table on their objectives for the newly appointed CS Officer Andrew Simmonds. For them whilst undertaking work in the community is very important the most important aspect of the role is to engender publicity in communities for work done to enhance the name and reputation of Round Table. Please see the Make a Difference Campaigns and recent video promotions.

My view on 41 club is that to encourage 41 clubs to undertake community work purely for the purpose of their own involvement will be difficult. Those who do will continue to do and those who don't won't start. We must therefore have a purpose.

The purpose should therefore be two-fold.

1. To promote active involvement in the community to improve opportunities to recruit new and younger members to clubs from Round Tables and give a purpose for those who haven't joined and may still be hanging on in Round Table.
2. To promote Round Table by using the Round Table family name in communication about activities in 41 club. This will in turn help to





improve membership of Round Table in a community and ultimately 41 club.

Publicity: Publicity is vital and the Association needs to support local activities by encouraging and assisting with promotion and PR after the event. This may involve some cost in developing publicity frameworks but as a start Council can assist by at the minimum identifying projects or work in all regions and assisting with promotion and publicity which should come with central specific information for press coverage to include the name of 41 Club associated with Round Table and the Round Table family. This project is virtually impossible to develop without support of Councillors in the field with knowledge of the activities of clubs in their Region.

There is one final thing that can be considered and that is targeted Community work. I am shortly to have discussion with RT VP Mark House as I have been made aware that there are or will be certain potential re-starts of Round Tables where there are existing 41 Clubs. Targeting 41 clubs on doing something in the community to raise awareness of their association in the Round Table family will firstly assist Round Table but could be a catalyst for an instant connection with any new Table formed. The principle here is akin to the Phoenix Project which is already on the stocks.

I recommend to Council we continue to progress Community activity along these lines.

c. Your activity during the period

Work on the CS project as above

Involvement in the team and interviews set up to recommend appointment of the new webmaster (see separate note)

Attended by invitation the launch of "Discover Round Table" promotion in Norwich

Attended the chartering of Woolton 41 Club in Region 8

Attended the 70th Charter lunch in Leeds

Attended Round Table International World meeting in Visby, Sweden in August to support past Round Table President Jason Thomson at his AGM.

d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.

CS Project continuation as shown above

e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.

No additional cost noted at this stage

f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.

Attended Round Table Biggest Wish event at Dayton Manor on behalf of the National President in July. A fantastic event which showed Round Table at it's best not only working with the community but supporting Round Table Children's Wish and enjoying a memorable fun evening at the gala dinner.

g. Recommendation for appointment of Webmaster





A full report on the process will be attached to this report for the eyes of members of the National Council only. The committee of myself, Ray Hill – National Communications Officer and Godwin Stewart – Region 8 undertook the process and made the following recommendation to the National Board at their virtual Board meeting on 15th September. The decision between the three of us was unanimous. We recommend that Dave Barker from Rhyl 41 club and OBE's be appointed Honorary webmaster. In addition we recommend that Sean Clarke of Sandbach 41 club be appointed Assistant webmaster. The board fully supports this recommendation and it be brought to the full National Council for their ratification at their meeting on the 24 October 2015.

Jim Smith

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NATIONAL SECRETARY – MANNY MARTINS

At the time of writing this – half way through the year – I have to start thinking of the 2016 AGM in Birmingham.

I will issue the notice on November 1 2015 giving notice of the AGM plus associated paperwork.

I also have to call for nominations for National Board and Council.

Next year, 2016, the following Officers retire from the National Board:-

Ray Hill – National Communications Officer

And

Dave Campbell – Association International Officer

Whilst

Duncan Kennedy- National Membership and Round Table Liaison Officer, comes to the end of his First Term.

Next year, 2016, the following National Councillors retire from the National Council:-

KEN DONALD - REGION 2

COLIN STEEN - REGION 4

ANDY WAITE - REGION 6

PETER GOOD – REGION 10

DAVID BROWN – REGION 23

Whilst





DUNCAN BALDWIN - REGION 5

PAUL COOPER - REGION 9

DAVID LEACH - REGION 24

JOHN ALFORD - REGION 25

Come to the end of their First Term.

Can I ask all National Board Officers to submit their End of Year reports for the 2016 Agenda and Order Paper to me by 31 December 2015 at the very latest. I need to set the paper out and submit to Marchesi House and the Printers in the New Year so time is of the essence. This report falls in line with our annual budget timeline so it starts in the last quarter of 2014 – 2015 i.e 01 January 2015 and ends in the third quarter of 2015 – 2016 i.e 31 December 2015.

You may remember that Mike Fitchett Past President submitted a Resolution for the 2016 AGM. It is proposed and seconded. I copy it below for comment.

FINANCE

Current Rule 20.7 replaced + new rule 20.9

20.7 The National Board and Council shall manage the Association's affairs within the budget agreed at each AGM for the financial year following. The National Treasurer shall report to the membership ahead of each Council Meeting, the progress made against the budget. Any additional expenditure, not presented to an AGM or contained within the budget shall not be authorised without prior approval of the membership at a General Meeting. In the event of an emergency, National Council may approve additional expenditure up to an amount not greater than 1% of the overall budget during the financial year with the membership being informed through the email system.

20.9 The Association's reserves shall be maintained at a level agreed at a General Meeting of the Association.

Rationale:

In the financial year ending 31st December 2014, expenditure was authorised by National Council that was not presented to the membership for their approval and resulted in the reserves being depleted by forty thousand pounds.

The current rule 20.7 was used to extricate National Council from the possibility of the authorisation process being proved invalid thereby rendering National Council open to the possibility of replacing the Association funds themselves.





Current rule 20.7 is ambiguous and could be challenged legally if an instance of this nature should arise again. New rule 20.7 gives clarity regarding what authority is bestowed on the National Board and National Council by the membership.

a. Progress on your key objectives.

All administration of the Association carried out as specified. I must admit disappointment that though I circulate all National Council Members we are still 6 reports short. The more disappointing issue for me is that only one of the reportees apologised for this in advance – nothing heard from the others.

b. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).

National Board Minutes.

At the July Performance Meeting I discussed the bouncing emails of new Ex – Round Tablers. It was agreed by them that they had not check/test the emails before giving them to President Terry. Nor had they had any feedback from Round Table President Steve. They agreed to check these out in future. I also expressed our disappointment on some of the services delivered lately. These comments were taken on board and an improvement programme agreed. I had booked this meeting only to find on my attendance that no one was expecting me and the necessary information had not been prepared. We agreed that all future meeting would take place via skype (I spent 7 hours travelling to and from the meeting) with information provided before hand.

I consulted with Region 8 Clubs and members on resplitting it back into Regions 7 and 8. I had a comedian from a Club in Region 5 (who must have dual membership with a Club in Region 8) that he wanted his Region 5 Club moved into Region 8. Following some discussions he is considering becoming an assistant/deputy National Councillor in Region 5 to Duncan Baldwin. Up to and after the required notice period had elapsed I had not received any representations against the resplitting. So this item is complete.

Following discussions with me Webmaster (then) Martin Green and Godwin Stewart (present) have completed the exercise of updating the website to reflect these changes. **I circulated region 7 with a National Councillor Election notice** and am pleased to announce that Kevin Lovett of Cheadle and Gatley 41 Club has submitted an application but there are still another 5 days to go before the deadline.

Phil Ellis our NCLO asked me to circulate Region 3 Ireland as there was a successor in the wings for National Councillor Region 3. To date with 5 days to go I have not received any nominations.

National Council Minutes.

As above plus:-





Wombwell and District 41 Club requested to move from Region 10 to Region 6, this was approved. I have carried out this exercise on CAS and asked Stewart Godwin to do this on our website.

c. Your activity during the period

All as above plus:-

I have applied for and received 6 tickets for Remembrance Sunday Parade at Whitehall.

I built and raced a pedal car in the July New Milton Pedal Car Grand Prix. My four Riders were David Leach – National Councillor Region 24, Steve Mullins – Area 1 Round Table Chairman, Jme May - Ex Round Tabler Hamble Valley Round Table and Jerry Numa – Chairman Fareham Round Table. Vice Chairman Barry could not make it, we missed his professional cyclist stamina and enthusiasm. Unfortunately Jme crashed the car in practice laps and between repairing and breaking down again and again due to the crash damage we were placed 31 out of 60 entries. Better luck next year, I will require four more riders as I am building a second car as well as repairing my number one car.

d. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.

A sound Strategy for 2015 – 2020 that grows the Association and keeps it interested, interesting, alive and growing.

e. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.

None

f. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.

Attended:-

25 June 2015 - Marchesi House Performance Meeting

26 July 2015 - Round Table Family Meeting

27 August 2015 – Cinema City Norwich – Loius Marchesi Room – great event – well organised by Des Fulcher National Councillor Region 17 who topped it off by organising a personal visit for me to the Lotus Works – absolutely brilliant, met the Founder's son.

21 September 2015 Chesterfield 41 Club – with President Terry – great night

Manny Martins

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NATIONAL TREASURER – MARK FAIRCHILD

My report is as published on the website.

Mark Fairchild
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NATIONAL MEMBERSHIP & ROUND TABLE LIAISON OFFICER

- a. **Progress on your key objectives.**
 - 1. **Data Project**

As a bit of history this project was achieved following the agreement with Round Table. All the contacts RT had were initially checked by our Treasurer – Mark Fairchild and those not shown as duplicates were then loaded on to the CAS system under Prospects. Various options were explored and with the consent of Council National President Terry undertook a trial to contact about 20 people to endeavour to put together a script for a telesales company. Following that trial it was agreed at Council that we would not proceed with a telesales company due to the fact that President Terry’s experience with the calls was that people only spoke to him because of his connection with 41 Club/Table. Councillors were asked to go through the data for their Region to remove any further duplicates and any they knew would not wish to join prior to an email going to all prospects. The email was sent and I dealt with 90+ responses I received directly and updated the database. I further cleansed the details by removing everyone under the age of 40 that hadn’t been removed by Councillors. I then produced an excel spreadsheet for each Region and this was provided to each Councillor. It was then up to the Councillors to take matters forward within their own Region either by contacting people themselves or, if the Councillor felt it more appropriate, to pass the details on to Clubs for them to make contact. Councillors are then to update the database accordingly.

Just as a reminder the terms on the database are:

- All Prospects -** All those that were on the RT database
- Imported -** Those not allocated elsewhere. This is the section that Councillors need to work on and to move people to other sections when enquiries completed
- Proposed/Marked Duplicate** Those that are already members of 41 Club
- Rejected Invite** Those who have said they do not want to join or where clearly they will not eg under the age of 40
- Invited Not Confirmed** Really speaks for itself





Pending Member

Again this rather speaks for itself.

Accepted & Joined

As does this

I set out below a report on the position so far.

**PROSPECTS
DATABASE**

Region	Imported	Duplicates	Rejected Invite	Invited		Pending	Joined
				Confirmed	not Confirmed		
1	187	1	35	0	0	0	
2	533	2	75	0	0	5	
3	104	1	22	0	0	0	
4	179	7	25	1	0	0	
5	142	10	17	0	0	0	
6	276	102	40	0	0	0	
8	200	62	43	0	0	0	
9	206	0	43	1	0	0	
10	245	3	27	0	0	0	
11	190	16	7	0	10	0	
12	133	9	22	1	0	0	
13	126	32	73	10	0	5	
14	167	2	23	0	0	0	
15	295	25	34	1	0	0	
17	300	61	3	0	0	2	
18	231	2	42	0	0	0	
19	222	3	18	0	0	0	
20	207	71	30	0	0	0	
21	180	70	46	0	0	0	
22	123	84	39	2	0	0	
23	326	15	2953	3	1	0	
24	236	4	30	1	0	0	
25	170	15	27	0	0	0	





Totals 4978 597 3674 20 11 12

It is clear that Councillors have taken action in relation to the database to a greater or lesser extent. I must point out the one anomaly and that is Region 23. For some reason RT put all their non Tabler contacts in RT Area 1 and they then fell into Region 23. I have moved all of those to Rejected Invite. The total of these was about 2,900. Therefore, if you take that figure out of the equation we had 6,389 prospects. At the moment we have 43 likely to join or who have joined.

I need to draw your attention to the Rejected Invite column. As I have mentioned above I placed 2,900 in there from Region 23. As I have also mentioned above I placed in this section all those under 40 who had not already been put in there. On further analysis of that section it shows 101 people who are over 40 and who do not wish to join.

Assuming that all Councillors have removed all duplicates it means that we have 4,978 people left to contact who may be prospects. If we look at those that have been contacted and are potential members, by my calculations that is the 101 who have said they do not wish to join and the 43 that could be or are a member. Therefore, out of 144 potential members 29% are or are likely to be a member. If we follow through that percentage to those left to contact this would result in a further 1,400 members. It is quite possible, however, that the Imported section still shows those who have been contacted but for some reason they have not been moved to another section. If that is the case it needs to be rectified so that we can reflect the accurate position.

I have always said that this is a long-term project. However, if Councillors are finding it difficult to make contact with everyone in their Region due to workload etc I wonder whether we should use volunteers (41ers) from outside Council to assist. This is just a thought and a matter for discussion at Council.

2. Retiring Tablers

A list of those who retired at the end of last March was sent to all Councillors with Tablers retiring in their Region.

3. Web Enquiries

I was receiving about 1 enquiry a fortnight through the web site from ex Tablers who are looking to join 41 Club. The youngest was 46 and the oldest 80. The main enquiry is from those who have moved location and are looking for a local Club. These have dried up over the summer but I suppose that was only to be expected.

4. Affiliations

Nick Lawton is looking after these and I am not aware of any to bring to the meeting.





5. Disaffiliations

As with affiliations Nick Lawton is overseeing this and I believe he will be suggesting Cowal 41 Club (Region 1) and New Milton (Region 23) for disaffiliation.

6. Rule Changes

I have put together a draft and as agreed this has been passed to Duncan Baldwin and Paul Camiss for comment. At the time of writing this I have not had feedback from Duncan. I set out below my initial draft.

10.8.1.1 Should a member of National Council which for the avoidance of doubt include National Officers (“the Relevant Person”) not perform satisfactorily in his duties in the opinion of either the membership (being a simple majority at an EGM or the AGM), National Councillors (by simple majority at a meeting or otherwise) or the National Board (by simple majority at a meeting or otherwise), the individual’s appointment shall be reviewed by a Committee (whose structure is as set out in clause 10.8.2 below) ~~consisting of the National Vice-President, Immediate Past National President and National Secretary or National Treasurer.~~

10.8.1.2 Should a formal complaint be made against a member of National Council then such complaint shall in the first instance be made to the National Secretary in writing who shall initiate the following procedures. In the event that the National Secretary is the subject of the complaint (“the Relevant Person”) the complaint shall in the first instance be made to the National President who shall then initiate the following procedures.

10.8.2.1 In the event that a complaint is made against a National Councillor then the chairman of the Committee shall be the National Councillors Liaison Officer (who for the purposes of this clause shall be treated as a member of the National Board even if he is also a National Councillor) (in the event that the NCLLO is the complainant or Relevant Person the chairman of the committee shall be the National President) and shall, in addition, consist of the National Secretary/National Treasurer and one other member of National Council. If the Committee deems appropriate, the individual Relevant Person may be suspended from office whilst the review takes place.

10.8.2.2 In the event that a complaint is made against a National Board member then the chairman of the Committee shall be the National President and shall, in addition, consist of the National Secretary/National Treasurer. If the Committee deems appropriate, the individual Relevant Person may be suspended from office whilst the review takes place. In the event that the National President is the Relevant Person or the complainant the committee shall be chaired by a past National President.

10.8.3.1 The National Secretary (or as mentioned above) shall refer any such complaint to the chairman of the relevant committee which committee shall firstly assess whether there is a prima facie case for such a complaint within 5 days of receipt by the chairman of the relevant committee.

10.8.3.2 In the event that the relevant committee decide that there is a prima facie case then the Committee Chairman shall within 5 working days of such a finding provide a copy to the Relevant Person and invite him to a meeting (such meeting to be either in person





or by electronic means such as Google Hangout) to discuss the complaint. The meeting must take place within 28 days of the complaint being provided to the Relevant Person.

10.8.3.3 The Committee shall offer three alternative dates to the Relevant person for such a meeting to take place and in the event that the Committee fail to suggest three alternative dates to the Relevant Person within that 28 day period the complaint will be treated as having been dismissed. In the event that the Relevant Person fails to accept one of the dates proposed and/or fails to attend at that meeting then the complaint will be treated as being upheld.

10.8.4 The outcome of ~~that review~~ **that meeting** may be either 'no action', a **further** meeting with the ~~individual~~ **Relevant Person** to discuss his position and to re-focus him, or his removal from office. **In cases of serious criminal activity the Committee may also remove the Relevant Person as a member of the Association.**

10.8.5.1 An appeal against the decision of this Committee may be made to an Appeal Committee consisting of ~~the National President assisted by two~~ Three Past National Presidents, who may either uphold the decision or over-rule it. The Appeal Committee's decision shall be final. ~~Matters of this nature must be dealt with in a timely manner and if appropriate, the individual may be suspended from office whilst the review takes place~~

10.8.5.2 The Appeal Committee shall hear the appeal within 28 days of the decision being made by the Committee. The provisions in clause 10.8.3 regarding timing and the outcome shall also apply to this appeal.

10.8.6 The Relevant Person may bring a representative with him to any meeting.

10.8.7 All paperwork received by the Committee and the Relevant Person and all discussions taking place during any such meetings shall remain strictly confidential to the Committee, the Relevant Person and if applicable the Relevant Person's representative. Failure to do so will result in the offending person being subject to proceedings under this clause 10.8.

10.8.8 For the avoidance of doubt no member of any such committee as aforesaid shall be the complainant or the Relevant Person.

10.8.9 The chairman of the relevant committee shall decide upon its membership pursuant to rule 10.8.2.

In addition to the amendment to this rule it occurs to me that we do not have a rule to govern the situation where a member of the Association (ie not on Council) is found guilty of a serious offence.

I would suggest an additional rule as follows:

In the event that a member of the Association shall be found guilty of a serious criminal offence his membership of the Association shall immediately cease and his details will be removed from CAS.





7. Prospective New Clubs

Set out below is the up to date position of the potential new Clubs and those Councillors who are helping to drive them forward.

Pending 2015			
Club	Region	Comment	Follow up by
Elgin	1	Nick Lawton met in March/October 2014. Met again in April 15 and invited to Area 13 AGM in Elgin in Nov 15. Those who go along are mixed about affiliation and so line of least resistance is to stay as they are. No RT locally so no pressure to change. Happy to be kept up to date with National.	NL
Forres	1	Nick Lawton met in October 2014 for 1st time. Met again in April 15 (with Elgin) and invited to Area 13 AGM in Elgin in Nov 15. Group not keen to affiliate although one member may get involved as part of Area 13 41 Club. No RT locally so no pressure to change. Happy to be kept up to date with National.	NL
Nairn	1	Recently disaffiliated, but still meeting. Nick Lawton has one contact in group and is looking to invite group to a joint meeting with Forres/Elgin met in Spring 14. Not likely that they will reaffiliate, although one member may get involved as part of Area 13 41 Club. No RT locally so no pressure to change. Happy to be kept up to date with National.	NL
Buckie	1	Informal club meets in Buckie. Nick Lawton to look to make contact for a meeting, perhaps with Elgin. No RT locally. Target Summer 15 and invite to Area 13 AGM in November 15.	NL



Thurso	1	Recently met with Thurso RT as a joint event with the waning Inverness RT; informal 41 Club in Thurso and discussion with existing RT members about setting up separate affiliated 41 Club was initiated. Lukewarm interest, so may be best to speak to informal club as in a small town the existing RT members are unlikely to set a new club up. NO CHANGE	NL
Mid-Argyll	1	Informal club meets; discussed affiliation with 2 members in April 2014 and again in October 14. Affiliation not likely. Possibility of Area 38 41 Club options, but only 1 RT open and a huge geographical area. NO CHANGE	NL
Dunfermline	2	Informal club meets	KD
Glenrothes	2	Informal club meets; following up with contact.	KD
Montrose and District	2	Informal club meets; will follow up	KD
Alnwick	4	CS to meet to discuss further	CS
East Lancashire	5		DB
Halifax	6		AW
Macclesfield	7		NM
New Mills Marple & District	7		NM
Bourne and District	9	Hope to receive application for affiliation shortly	PC
Congleton	11	41 Club disaffiliated in the 1980's; looking to do the same as Paul Molley did in Lymm	NM
Stone	11	Existing unaffiliated club. Trying to get them back into the fold	NM



Abergele	12	Small Table - not much chance but maybe next year due to a member being the local mayor	LB
Heswall	12	Existing unaffiliated club. Trying to get them back into the fold	LB
Colwyn Bay and District	12	Existing unaffiliated club. Trying to get them back into the fold	LB
Llanelli	13	Local discussions taking place regarding formation of a new Club	DK
West Bromwich	14	MM looking to get them to re-affiliate	MM
Mildenhall	17	DF liaising with them as could be looking to re-affiliate	DF
Fareham	23	Delicate situation - DB will keep on top but not likely for a year or two	DB
Romsey	23	Looking to set up an active club. Manny is liaising	MM
Epsom Old Salts	24	DL to contact to try to get them to affiliate	DL
Burgess Hill Active	24	DL to try to make contact	DL

- h. Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).**
See above.
- i. Your activity during the period**
I have been to Mumbles and other than that just my own Club.
- j. Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.**
See above
- k. Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.**
I do not believe that my recommendations have any cost implications.





I. Presidential Representation visits planned/undertaken.

None

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NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER – RAY HILL

August is very much the 'silly season' for news and I struggled to put together the September newsletter, however quite a lot has happened since we met at Harrogate in April.

Membership Survey

I am told that previous attempts at surveying members had not been very successful and that we could expect less than one hundred responses. It was decided to try a new approach by using Survey Monkey on the Internet, which is free for up to 100 responses and a maximum of 10 questions. We tested the survey on the members of the board and the national council. This resulted in some additional options on the questionnaire, which was then announced to the membership via email, announcements in the newsletter and on the website. Over 100 responses were achieved in the first few hours and by the time we closed the survey 1,891 members had completed the questionnaire, a response rate of over 16% of those contacted by email and over 10% of the total membership.

As a result of the overwhelming number of responses we have purchased a one year subscription to Survey Monkey to enable us to analyse all of the data. A link to the results have been made available to all members of council and to all members via the front page of the September newsletter.

If you have not already viewed the results they can be viewed here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.net/results/SM-G79QD5HY/>

There are some very predictable response but there are also some real surprises. All in all I believe that it was a very worthwhile exercise and will provide very valuable opinion for future actions by the national council.

Classic Rally 2015

Once again the rally was blessed with wonderful weather for the weekend in Cheshire. The number of cars attending was just over 40, double last year's attendance. Shrigley Hall proved to be an ideal venue (the national council weekend will be held there in October 2016). It is very much an event for members and their co-drivers and is a great example of 41 Club fellowship. Many are already making plans for attending the 2016 rally in the West Country to be organised by Terry Cooper.

Charity Calendar for 2016

The calendar is being produced in mid-September and will be available for distribution at the national council meeting in Birmingham. We have a great opportunity to sell them to the visitors at the HYM and I ask you all to ensure that we sell the entire stock this year.





Photographic Competition 2016

The competition is being launched in the October newsletter and November magazine. The rules will be as in previous years and I am investigating the possibility of electronic voting (via Survey Monkey) to open up the voting to all members, not just those attending the Conference.

Magazine Costs

Having maintained the magazine costs to what they were 5 years ago I am still looking at ways to reduce them if possible. I have been in contact with an alternative distributor and will be presenting the two quotations at the meeting in Birmingham.

If anybody knows of any other possible companies that would like to quote please let me know.

Honorary Webmaster

Four candidates for this post were invited for interview by myself, Jim Smith and Godwin Stewart. We were very pleased by the standard of the applicants and we will be making our recommendation for ratification by the National Council in Birmingham.

Obituaries

A question. Is it time that we stopped printing obituaries in the magazine? They are very much a feature of the past and should we just include them in our Book of Remembrances on the website? Your opinions would be appreciated.

The Future

By April it will be six and half years since I introduced the on-line monthly newsletter and five years of producing magazines. This will be in excess of 70 newsletters plus 15 magazines. In addition the role of the comms officer has increased with the growth of social media and much improved website facilities. My period as your editor will draw to an end and we will be voting a new Comms Officer into post. I ask you to consider whether you could fulfil this role in the future. It is a big responsibility and does take up a great deal of your time, but it can be very rewarding.

Ray Hill

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NATIONAL COUNCILLOR LIAISON OFFICER – PHILLIP ELLIS

- 1) Progress on your key objectives.

Key objectives are:

Communications within Board

ICT Committee investigations, report and recommendations

Rewrite the National Councillors job descriptions and contract





Rewrite the National Councillors Liaison Officers job description

Communications with National Councillors on their regions

Strategy & Governance review in Marchesi House

Region 3 Ireland & (Belfast 2018)

Communications within Board

Report compiled in b.

Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).

ICT Committee investigations, report and recommendations

Report compiled in b.

Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).

Rewrite the National Councillors job descriptions and contract

This is in progress, The main issues I find is that as an association we have always asked our Councillors to report on the past, also we have only looked at a “visit” based reporting system, were infect National Councillors do a lot more than that. I do not want to issue this without prior thought and consultation.

Rewrite the National Councillors Liaison Officers job description

By the end of December I will have a new job description and definition of the role that a NCLO should have within the National Association of the 41 Clubs.

Communications with National Councillors on their regions

I have maintained regular communications with all regions and their representatives over the last 3-4 months via both email and phone conversations. I have also taken the opportunity to meet and speak to all or any national Councillors when I can. I have asked all NC's is there is an event that would justify me coming over to speak to the clubs in their region I am more than happy to do so.

Region 3 Ireland

I have had a long negotiations with Stewart Thompson of Dublin 41 Club, who is willing to accept the position of National Councillor (NC) for region 3. I have informed the President Terry and also the National Secretary M Martins. A notice email has been sent out to all clubs in Ireland and I am hoping that Stewart will return the paper work ASAP. This position has been difficult to fill for many “excuses” or reasons, the most





common reason has been the time commitment is just too much. I understand this and see the same issue all over the UK & Ire we need to look into this and come up with a better way to have Face to face contact with our members to assist NC's.

I have spent a considerable amount of time over the last 4-5 months working with Visit Belfast (Belfast Tourist Board) and others to build relationships with local clubs within the Round Table Family Ireland. By bringing the show to Belfast (National Conferences of both 41 Club & Tangent) will not only give to 41Club & Tangent a boost but to Table and Ladies Circle.

I believe we have now put in place what will be an experience that will set the minimum standard for all future National Conferences. I have learned a massive amount about the operations of national conference with help from others who have ran National Conferences. I have had lots of help and assistants from both Andrew and the clubs in and around the Belfast area. Andrew has been over a few times and is excited at what we propose to offer you. I have had Alex & Jill over from Tangent and they are overwhelmed at what is to be offered to you all in April 2018. . Belfast is ready to welcome you to our Capital City and show you the delights that she can offer.

- 2) Progress on action points from the previous meetings (both Board and Council).

Communications within Board

On Tuesday 15th September we held the first "Google Hangouts" video conference (VC) for all the board. Leading up to the event I made myself available to assist any board member who requested help with this. The evening had what I would call a good success, with issues that can and should be taken into account. Any ICT (information Communication Technology) system will depend on a load of factors, some we can help with but most are constraints that we must work along with. Starting with what we can't control. Individual broadband speeds and reliability is just out of our control. A report this week 25/09/15 from the providers of broadband excluding has highly criticized BT and their roll out of Broadband. BT has come back with that everyone will have between 4-5 Mb broadband speeds by 2020. This is totally out of our control. Each individuals own system, we cannot as an Association force anyone to update their personal ICT in their home but in future we may stipulate that a minimum spec be essential for all board members, that's an item for debate. Google's own reconditions for Hangouts is a maximum of 10 persons using their own equipment. I notice that during the hangout on the 15th discipline is needed. The system with 10 online all at once will jump between individuals as each person speaks or makes noises near the microphone (mic). Protocol during a VC is different than a normal board meeting as "Technology" can be and is sensitive and cannot distinguish between a cup and a voice. At one spell each individual was witnessing the flickering between the visual aspects of the VC as no discipline was observed. Also as individuals joined I was interned helping others with their own attempts to come on board. The event is not to replace face-to-face board meetings but to supplement them and through time and usage I see it becoming more and more useful. The debate to use just phone conferencing I personally see no gain, if we can use a system that will give a full VC why should we not use it, after all it is a FREE system and it will get better and better through time.





ICT Committee investigations, report and recommendations

The committee and I have work on the report over the summer holidays and it is at this time envisaged will be issued to all National Council members on or before the NC meeting in October. This will give all members the opportunity to read in full the whole report and prepare themselves to ask relevant questions at the National Council meeting on the 24th October in Birmingham.

Strategy & Governance review in Marchesi House

This was a very informative meeting with some strong views and some misplaced ideas of the future of 41 Club. I am not so sure that agreement on the future was achieved or sought at the meeting. It was interesting have the information from the “survey” was put across by some attendees. I was however enthused by the attendees who travelled from all over the UK & Ireland. It proved that there is interest out there in what we are doing. There is passion to help the organization deal with the future and willingness to help get us to a better place.

3) Your activity during the period

Explained in A & B

Any recommendation you are making to move us in the right direction.

We need to adopt a new approach to reporting in 41 club nationally. Currently we at all levels report on the past with a small reference to the future. One reason no one wants to read this is it is history and in some cases based on an out of date CAS system. Could I ask the Vice President to work with me to Adapt with a view of improving reporting systems at all National levels?

We need to take training seriously, if we don't set budgets and proper systems in place by the next 41 club year we are continuing a system that is failing our membership. If this last year has proving anything it is that launching anything without a planning will fail in its objectives. If we don't train our National Officers, how do we expect our members to understand what we are doing?

After speaking to the clubs in Ireland it is obvious that it's time for change in the regional structure. I have now been the national Councillor for the last 5 years and that is too long. It discourages other members to step up and represent their regions as it's seen as a chore rather than an honour.

4) Any recommendation requiring cost should be costed so we can review it and where appropriate approve it before taking it to Council.

N/A

Phil Ellis





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NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OFFICER – ANDREW MACKERETH

70th Anniversary Lunch.

An afternoon of good food and fellowship at The Armories in Leeds on the 12th of September. Numbers were a little disappointing at 261 but everybody who came had a great time with good speeches especially from Martyn Lewis a very polished performance. The raffle for The Stroke Association raised over £2,000. Credit must go to Martin Green the organizer and Frank Venables who produced Friendship Continued which a copy given to each person who attended. There are a number of spare copies which Frank will be bringing to the Half Yearly in Birmingham available for purchase. As you all will know the 70th Lunch has made a loss but because of renegotiating the costs the loss was a lot smaller than was expected. The Treasurer will report on this. In the future we will have to be more realistic on break even figures as happens with Conference if we hold a similar event again.

Conference.

Birmingham 2016.

Andy Ventress and his team are working hard to produce a very good conference. As of the 1st of October there are 280 delegates booked with a month to go before the early booking discount finishes. The numbers are on a par with the Bournemouth Conference at the same time.

Praise must go to Mike Foley who is the Sponsorship Convener who has managed to get sponsorship in cash and kind. Probably his greatest success has been to do a deal with Fred Olsen Cruises where our members get 10% of all prices including sale prices and the Conference Committee get 5% of our members spend for their funds. Details are on The Conference Website. When Conference is over that 5% will come to Tangent / 41 Club to be shared 50 / 50.

Blackpool 2017

In mid-September the Conference Committee met for a weekend in Blackpool to iron out lots of details for 2017. Because of the illuminations we are still awaiting contracts but these have been promised in the very near future. The Conference Bank Account should be open early next week. Blackpool have some great original ideas.

Belfast 2018??

Phil and his small team are moving things forward well to the extent he has brought Colin Steen on board as Conference Treasurer. We are awaiting the break even budget which has been promised in about ten days' time well before the National Council Meeting in





Birmingham. Phil will present to National Council for their decision. There has been no other in interest in hosting 2018.

National Golf Competition.

Ken Donald organized the event which was held on a fine day at Ladbrooke Park Golf Club south of Birmingham. There was good competition with Newport 41 Club (Shropshire) winning the team competition again and the individual prize was won by David Stiles of Newport 41 Club. Barry Durman won the wooden spoon for the worst score.

Andrew MacKereth

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ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL OFFICER – DAVE CAMPBELL

Since my last report I have made the following visits.

- 19th – 21st June Austrian AGM in Feldkirch
- 11th – 13th September 48's Euro Weekend in Northwich, Cheshire
- 17th – 20th September 141 Euromeeting, Kempten, Bavaria
- 26th September Vaughan Harris Memorial Dinner
- 2nd – 4th October Belgian AGM, Brussels

I shall be attending the AGM's of 41 Club Switzerland and Malta in the next few weeks

Most of my spare time has been occupied with the arrangements for the forthcoming International HYM in Birmingham.

I am pleased to report that the event is a sell-out with approx 200 attendees.

Many foreign delegates are keen to visit Marchesi House. Our Archivist, Hugh Millward and the Round Table National President, Marcus Jones will be in attendance to show our guests around.

Applications for posts on the International Board will be advertised shortly. The cut-off date for submissions is 31st January 2016.

I have received the following invitation from Patrick Bellasse from France

We will celebrate our XXV anniversary from 4th to 14th May 2016 by a tour of Martinique by catamaran. It would be nice to have a representation of your country attend. I ask you to





41 Club
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National Council Report
Saturday 24 October 2015
Jurys Inn, Birmingham

publish the event to your members. Details and Registration can be done on the following website : www.club41-193.org

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If you are interested in attending, please make contact direct, copying me in on any correspondence.

Dave Campbell
International@41club.org



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REGION 1 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - NICK LAWTON

Risk Grading Report Date:

Not completed

Clubs Visited Personally:

Scottish Regions Golf – 17th August 2015

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

Meeting to be organised [maybe joint meeting] with Buckie, Forres and Nairn to discuss current status and assess interest in affiliation.

Members Forum with R2 – 10th October 15

Area 13 41 Club AGM – 14th November; opened up to local non-affiliated club members to attend and maybe become involved in an affiliated group in addition to their own 'club'.

Any other comments:

Please note my apologies for NC meeting.

Nick Lawton

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REGION 2 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - KEN DONALD

Clubs Visited Personally:

Blairgowrie

Edinburgh

Also attended the AGM of 41 Club Belgium

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None





Membership Initiatives: Scottish Regions Forum booked for 10th October 2015, and various club and member emails sent out. Little enthusiasm from the membership meant that the forum did not get enough critical mass to run.

Any other comments: Presidents Terry and Alex visited Edinburgh in August to fit in a performance of the Edinburgh Military Tattoo as part of savouring the atmosphere of Edinburgh's many Festivals.

Apologies that I will not be with you all in Birmingham as I will be in Portugal on holiday.

Scottish Regions Golf

Almost fifty 41 Club members from all over Scotland took part in the Scottish Regions Golf Competition over the prestigious Rosemount Course at Blairgowrie on 17th August 2015, and enjoyed a glorious day in the sunshine.

President Terry was in (non-playing) attendance, but enjoyed walking round much of the course watching play.

The team prizes were won by Troon with the best scratch score and the main prize, the team handicap prize was won by Blairgowrie, pipping Turriff and Linlithgow. Best individual performances and prizes were won by Drew Cochran (North Berwick 41 Club) and John Stuart (Blairgowrie 41 Club)

Thanks to Nick Lawton for assisting with the running of the competition on the day, and to Blairgowrie for providing such a wonderful venue.

National Golf

The finals of the National Golf Competition were held in fine weather on the lush links of Ladbrook Park Golf Club - just south of Birmingham - on Thursday 24th September. Winners of most of the Regional Events contested for the ultimate prize, the Cochran Cup, but equally other participants were made welcome and all were encouraged during their play by President Terry Cooper and National Fellowship Officer Andrew Mackereth.

The role of honour on the day comprised

- Least Best Prize – Barry Durman – Shirley Late Knights
- Longest Drive – David (Nobby) Stiles - Newport (Salop) 41 Club
- Nearest the pin – Mike Jeffrey - Swindon 41 Club
- Best Individual - David (Nobby) Stiles - Newport (Salop) 41 Club

Team competition: in third place Swindon (Region 21), whilst in second place were Tamworth (Region 15), but with an excellent best three Stableford scores of 96 points, the winners of the Cochran Cup for the second year running are Newport representing Region 11. Event organiser Ken Donald (region2@41club.org) thanked all those who had helped with the event and encouraged all golfers to look out for details of the 2016 event, as all 41ers may take part, whether or not they were regional winners.





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REGION 3 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PHILIP ELLIS

Risk Grading Report Date: 27/05/2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

Dublin, at Dublin AGM we had a great night but with decreasing numbers and no Round Table I recognised that this very important club is on a dangerous trend. Hopefully Stewart Thompson will be able in his year as chairman and also taking over the role of National Councillor of Region 3 will help their situation.

Enniskillen

I had another great night at Enniskillen 41 and finally we have got their CAS system in some sort of order. Fred the new secretary has now got access and between us we have updated the clubs records, now Fred can get all the other details in place to help the important club to us back onto the grid.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

N/A

Membership Initiatives:

Help plan the Belfast 2018 National Conference for 41 & Tangent

Any other comments:

After speaking to the clubs in Ireland it is obvious that it's time for change in the regional structure. I have now been the national Councillor for the last 5 years and that is too long. It discourages other members to step up and represent their regions as it's seen as a chore rather than an honour.

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REGION 4 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - COLIN STEEN

Club visits made and findings?

11th April Gosforth

5 out of 10 turned out (would have been 7, but 2 went the night before!) to discuss options for future meetings. Still a flicker of interest, but follow up email/letter did not generate much of a response, so still unclear as to what the future holds for this club.

Details of action taken with Clubs identified at risk on the Club Risk Report not detailed in (1.) above.

Nothing to report

Action and progress on retired Round Tablers Report.

Attended the Area 10 AGM on 2nd May at Sedgefield.

Roughly 20 out of 120 attended and all of the important posts have been filled for another year.

After the well supported Prince Bishop's dinner in March, I was advocating that Area 10 and, hopefully, Area 20 also, would be willing to be part of next year's P B dinner. After some discussion, the consensus was that Area 10 wished to preserve its Table identity and would host its own annual area dinner. It would support the P B Dinner, but as a separate event rather than a combined effort.

The response to my emails/letters, and follow up email/letters, to 41 Clubs about Tablers leaving under the age rule was discouraging to say the least. I am still firmly of the view that writing a letter at the very last moment is not the answer. So I asked Area 10 what help 41 Clubs could expect to aid them in the capture of those Tablers who would be leaving in the next few years under the age rule, given that we are a family of clubs and should take an interest in the concerns of other members of that family. We're not on their radar and this is something I intend insisting that we find time to fully discuss at our next Councillors' meeting. Will be attending the other, Area 20, AGM in June. Anticipating a similar outcome.

Date for a Forum(s) in your Region.

This is something else I would like to talk through at Councillor's meeting.

I am no longer convinced that this is the way forward until I identify which are the, roughly, one in three Clubs that would benefit / contribute to a forum.

How Microsoft 365 training is progressing? (Have you fixed a date and/or untaken training?)

No, not yet.

What Regional events do you have planned for this year?





Nothing to report.

Plans to visit Clubs at risk in July - September 2012.

Consett and Darlington Tankard arranged.

Waiting for response from:

The 41 Club of Wensleydale,
Richmond and District,
Wensleydale 41 Club

Colin Steen

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REGION 5 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DUNCAN BALDWIN

No report submitted

Duncan Baldwin

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REGION 6 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - ANDY WAITE

Since Bristol I have:

Manned an attendance stand with Godwin Stewart at the Sitlington RT 1088 Beer Festival 19-20 June. Good fun and a successful profile raiser.

I visited Brighouse on June 23d.

I visited next year's White Rose Dinner hosts Horsforth on July 1st.

I joined Rothwell 41 Club for their annual Canal cruise on July 14th.

I attended the Bambers' ruby wedding celebrations on July 26th.

I had a 3 week trip to South Africa, Botswana and Zambia 19 August-14 September, taking in both AGMs.

I visited Sitlington on September 23d

1st-4th October I was in Brussels for the Belgian AGM.

I have been busy co-ordinating the 2015 White Rose Dinner, to be held on 16th October, also editing the latest Hinge magazine, now available...

Membership Initiatives:





Ilkley have joined the fold. I continue to try to help start a 'young' 41 Club like Selby in Halifax.

Any other comments:

One Club still to pay for last year. I'm confident they will pay and that there is no need to disaffiliate them. Mark has been in contact as well as myself. They have promised to pay for both years and there is much email traffic to support this – Mark can confirm.

Andy Waite

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REGION 8 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – GODWIN STEWART

The Club Grading Report in CAS is accurate as of 8th October 2015 with two discrepancies over which I have no control:

Firstly, Hyde 41 Club is in Region 7, not Region 8.

Secondly, Woolton 41 Club *have* paid their capitations despite the indication in the Club Grading Report (and in the club capitation payments report) that they have not. Without that, the club's application for membership of the Association in June and subsequent ratification in the Council meeting would not have taken place!

Club Visits since previous report:

Woolton 41 Club, June 3rd 2015

At the time I was not a member of this club, so I'm including it here! This was the first time the club met as a group, with support also from Woolton RT 1282. Decisions were made regarding the meeting night and officers were elected. I was invited to join as a founder member and accepted on the proviso that I would not be able to support a club in Liverpool, based 35 miles away from my home, as well as my local clubs Leyland and Chorley Rural. I became the club's "National Liaison" Officer.

Woolton 41 Club Inaugural Charter, July 10th 2015

The event was attended by approximately 16, including President Terry, Immediate Past President Jim and National Councillor Lawrence Bamber. Terry presented Paul Welsby, Chairman of Woolton 41 Club, with the club's Charter, and inducted four new members into the club.

Bootle, Crosby & District 41 Club, July 29th

I hadn't visited this club in 2 years, so the aim of this visit was to try and get updated data into CAS and to urge the club to pay its capitations. Because nobody had updated the Chairman and the Treasurer in CAS, capitation bills and reminders were going to the wrong individuals, who were discarding them because they weren't concerned by the documents. I did manage to find out who the club officers are, although the Club Secretary is still the same person, so we will have the same problem in 2 years' time. 2015's capitations have now been paid.





Preston Old PARTS, August 13th 2015

Not strictly my Region but very close to the border! The purpose of this visit was to enjoy a good game of crown green bowling with some good friends and of course keep in touch with the club which is based only 6 miles from my own club, Leyland. Also, I wanted to help secure some Ways & Means equipment for Leyland Round Table. The end result was a good game followed by a good meal with some good banter and I was able to give my old Table details of the equipment that used to belong to Preston Amounderness RT and was collecting dust in the garage of Pete Caley. The operation was successful because Leyland RT ended up acquiring the equipment.

Formby 41 Club, August 20th 2015

This is another club that I hadn't visited in 2 years. It was an opportunity to have another game of crown green bowls (you'd think I'd be good at it by now...) and to help clear up some confusion regarding capitation fees. Once again, because CAS was out of date the incumbent Treasurer never received the capitation bill and paid at 2014's rated, hence an underpayment of £1 x 25 members. It was an enjoyable evening of bowling and snooker organised by the legendary Kevin Allars.

Other activities

ICT Review

The review has now been completed and circulated throughout National Council.

The process was long and protracted because of the depth of investigation required and the fact that so many people were on holiday, as is to be expected in the Summer months.

Feedback on the new website was gathered from Council and from many clubs. Feedback on the tools used by National Council was gathered and analysed.

The process whereby Toucan Internet was appointed to develop the website was investigated. Some members of the panel interviewing the candidates were spoken with, as was the other candidate.

Details of the agreements between 41 Club and the various service providers that we use were recorded.

Points where we have no specific process were identified and those where processes that we do have were "forgotten" have been noted.

The result of this review is a series of proposals to be discussed in National Council that will hopefully become recommendations and action points.

Honorary Webmaster

Along with Past President Jim and National Comms Officer Ray, I was part of the panel that defined what the Association was looking for in a new Honorary Webmaster and interviewed candidates.





We have reached a decision and made a recommendation that has the support of the National Board and will be brought before National Council for ratification.

We are also providing a report that documents the process that led to our recommendation.

Honorary Webmaster, take 2

Martin Green stepped away from any involvement with the website in September. Since then I have taken over as Interim Webmaster pending the appointment of a new Honorary Webmaster, which will hopefully happen at this Council meeting. At that point I'll provide a hand-over with some training on the CMS so that the new team can get up and running quickly.

Website development project management

Another effect of Martin stepping away is the requirement of the parties involved in the development of the website to liaise with 41 Club. This is another role that I have taken on for now and hope to continue in the future. Both Technos and Toucan have expressed their interest in liaising with someone in 41 Club who obviously knows the Association but also comes from a technical background, enabling efficient dialogue between all parties involved.

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REGION 9 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PAUL COOPER

No report submitted

Paul Cooper

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REGION 10 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – PETER GOOD

7th September.

Attended Round Table Area 14 Executive meeting, excellent meeting with President Marcus attending getting the lads really fired up with some very positive ideas, I do feel that Round Table is on the up now.

8th September.

Attended the 50th charter of Grantham 41 club. Only 25 attended but the fellowship was excellent, good food and good speaker.

Nice to see that they have a good relationship with their feeder table.

12th September.

Attended the 70th 41 Charter in Leeds,





We had a great night out after the event with Marcus, Bosco, Lawrence, Tony, Ray, Hugh and other guest!!

25th September.

Region 10 cluster night.

Attended by our President Terry.

This was hosted by Derby Merlin at Breads all Priory Hotel.

I would like to thank in my report Steve Workman who put a lot of work into organizing the event but was unable to attend

Also thanks to his helpers Will, Richard and Ralph.

It was a good event with different entertainment and plenty of fellowship.

2nd October.

Attended the 41 club of Belgium AGM in Brussels there where 4 of us from UK, Dave, Andy, Myself and Ken also Karen with Ken and Gill Young from Southend.

Excellent weekend as always we were shown round the House of Parliament and had lunch there which was great food.

I did wonder off for a look round myself at the end of lunch, and returned to find everyone had gone and I was locked in so I rang Dave and Andy who said we are back in town, so they had to come back and get security to find me.

Having got out we wandered into town to have a few more beers and found in the bar there was a group of women from all around the world having their Angora meeting which just got forgotten when arrived and bought them a few drinks.

Then we went onto the formal Dinner washed down with more wine and beer and great fun with these fantastic Ex Tablers who are same all over the world all like-minded people.

Next international I go to is Malta in three weeks taking the wives on this one!!!

Peter Good

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REGION 11 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - NICK MORCUMB

Risk Grading Report Date: 29 May 2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

- June 2015 Ellesmere Port meal at which we discussed a range of issues including membership and community/fundraising events. They would struggle to put on a community event but I have encouraged them to invite some guests to their annual stock exchange night.





- June 2015 Stoke Sutherland and Stoke Wedgewood crown green bowling. As with other clubs with no feeder table, membership is an issue but they are keen to do something and need help.
- June 2015 Cheadle walk and meal. They have a feeder table and have an active programme.
- July 2015 Stoke Sutherland and Stoke Wedgewood hosted the regional bowling competition. Well organised, great fun and hotly contested. We all brought picnics which made for a relaxed and enjoyable day. The winners were Crewe & Nantwich.
- July 2015 Tarporley Carnival. I helped set up and run the BBQ. They no longer have a feeder table but run the same community activities. People in the local pub knew who they were.
- July 2015 Lymm Active Pub Night – they have a vibrant Round Table and 41 Club who are both active in their community.
- July 2015 Newport (Salop) Ex Tablers hosted the regional golf competition. They were the eventually winners and went on to win the National Final as well which is FANTASTIC !
- August 2015 Crewe & Nantwich bowling against their Round Table. They have a young and active round table and as you can tell have good links between the clubs.
- August 2015 Sandbach golf driving range and meal. They have a feeder table, an active programme and do joint community events.
- September 2015 Alsager 50th Charter and regional 70th celebration attend by our National President Terry Cooper. They have a feeder table, an active programme and do joint community events. They have 50+ members.
- October 2015 Delamere Forest 175 Years of the Cunard Line Speaker Evening. No feeder table but run the santa float every year which is popular locally. This helps them gain a few extra members each year.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: There are no deputies at present

Membership Initiatives:

- For all clubs with Round Tables all 41 club members should invite friends, family and work colleagues who would make good Tablers to join their Round Table. 41 Club needs to support and grow Round Table.
- Promote 41 Club at local Community Events
- Promote 41 Club in local papers

Any other comments:

In the next few months I have already booked to visit Ellesmere, Stafford, Eccleshall, Ellesmere Port, Cheadle and Lymm.

I am keen to book in with other clubs at their events but am not getting any response from half a dozen of them. Please can they contact me ☺





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REGION 12 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - LAWRENCE BAMBER

1. Risk Grading Report: Sept 2014

2. Clubs & 41/RT Events visited /attended by NC since last NC in Brizzle :

16-06-15 Rhyl & District; visit to the North Wales Wireless Museum, Denbigh
20-06-15 Dragons: Summer BBQ & 2017 Conference Planning meeting
04-07-15 Classic Car Rally Dinner @ Shrigley Hall (with Mrs. Bamber!)
08-07-15 Wrexham 41 Club: RNIB Speaker & Folk Singer!
10-07-15 Woolton 41 Club: Inaugural /1st Charter Meeting/Dinner
21-07-15 Rhyl 41 Club: visit to Rhuddlan Castle
05-08-15 to 17-08-15 RTI, Visby, Gotland, Sweden
24-08-15 Meeting at Wirral Amateur Boxing Club with Nick Morecumbe re Charity Boxing Event
29 08-15 Assisted Poynton Round Table on Poynton Show Gate
09-09-15 Wrexham 41 Club: Speaker from Llangollen International Eisteddfod
10-09-15 Poynton 41 Club: visit to Etihad to see Man City v Liverpool Ladies Football!
11-09-15 to 13-09-15: 70th Anniversary Lunch, Leeds
15-09-15 Rhyl 41 Club: Speaker on Legal Experiences in a Solicitors 'Office!!
19-09-15 Meeting of 2017 Conference Committee in Blackpool
24-09-15 Poynton 41 Club: Quiz Night in Boar's Head (We came 2nd!!)
25-09-15 Region 10 Cluster Dinner, Breadsall Priory, Derby
26-09-15 England 25 - Wales 28
02-10-15 Leyland RT & 41 Club Charter Dinner
07-10-15 Deeside & Birkenhead 41 Clubs Joint Meeting: Speaker on Military Medicine!??
15-10-15 Glossop Charter Dinner (with Kevin Lovett)
16-10-15 White Rose Dinner, Wakefield
22-10-15 to 25-10-15 41 International HYM & NC Meeting, Birmingham

3. Deputy Visits

None

4. Membership Initiatives

Deputy Sharky is continuing to follow up the names on the Prospects Database: separate report to follow.

5. Admin Tasks undertaken

July: 7
August: 11
Sept: 8





Oct: 9 (to Date)

6. Tri Regional Charity Event

Regions 8, 11 & 12 are supporting the Wirral Amateur Boxing Club's Event at Ellesmere Port Civic Centre on October 30th.

The Club (which was found by David Campbell) has to raise £ 18,000 by the year end to buy its gym premises from Vauxhall Sports & Social, otherwise they will have to fold.

We are asking 41 Clubs & Roundtables in the Wirral, Cheshire, Merseyside & North Wales Regions & Areas to support the event by attending on the evening for a Gentlemen's Boxing Evening.

The spin off may be to attract prospective Tablers & 41ers to the Event, as well as helping a worthy cause!

All Welcome : see the previously circulated Flyer : tickets still available from Macca!!

That's All Folks!!!

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REGION 13 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – STEVE JAMES

Risk Grading Report Date: 8th October 2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

Cardiff: 6th May 2015 formal speaker meeting on the "Italian connection" which was very informative. I have concerns about membership and have encouraged one of the newest members to consider establishing a 41 Active because despite the number of age retirees leaving Cardiff 26 they do not join 41 club.

Haverfordwest : 2nd July 2015 informal meeting

Llantwit Major: 6th July 2015 social evening flying model planes. Different and very enjoyable and luckily I didn't crash the plane!!

Llantrisant : 30th July 2015 formal speaker meeting on the Cardiff Bay barrage project. Excellent attendance with over 30 people from Llantrisant, Pontypridd and Llantwit Major 41 clubs in attendance.

Abergavenny: 2nd September 2015 informal social evening.

Newport: 7th September 2015 formal speaker meeting on how to make history interesting. Attendance remarkable with the majority of Newport's 43 members in attendance. Induction of new member at meeting. The club is going from strength to strength.





Pontypridd 41 Club: When I joined my own club last year they only met on average 3 times a year (at the AGM, Christmas luncheon and Autumn luncheon) Since being elected President in the Autumn I have concentrated on establishing a programme of social events for the coming year and have introduced monthly informal meetings. These initiatives have been welcomed by the younger members and we have recently inducted another member to the club. The membership in the last 12 months has risen from 16 to 24 members.

Region Weekend Away: On the weekend of 16-18th October I have arranged an initial joint Roundtable and 41 Club weekend away at the Imperial hotel in Torquay. On the Saturday evening we have a black tie gala dinner in aid of RT Children's Wish and it is pleasing to report that we have the following clubs present for the dinner: Pontypridd 41 Club, Pontypridd Roundtable, Newport 41 Club, Llantrisant 41 Club, Torquay Ladies Circle, Torquay Roundtable, Torquay 41 Club and Newton Abbott 41 club.

Clubs Visited by Deputies: N/A

Membership Initiatives:

All Membership Officers and Club Contacts have been contacted and given the names and details of the prospective members within their area. I will continue to liaise with clubs and the prospective members.

Any other comments

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REGION 14 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – CLIVE THOMPSON

No report submitted

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REGION 15 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ATKINS

Risk Grading Report Date: not done

Clubs Visited Personally:

Coleshill 41 club .Northampton Nene 41 club, Atherstone, Nuneaton Bedworth (triangular meeting) Tamworth, Hinckley Ex Tablers.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:





Trying to get the clubs to invite past members who have not been to a meeting for a while. Send out a newsletter and keep them on a mailing list, then call them to invite them to a few meetings, without screwing them for subs and capitation before they have been welcomed back into the club.

Liaised with Round Table to help out with bonfire and sleigh collections and children in need, so that there is continuity, so that the RT membership is known to past table before they move across into our clubs.

Any other comments:

As well as visiting clubs, I have also helped with Nuneaton 136 RT 70th Charter weekend.

I helped organise together with half a dozen 41ers Nuneaton's Nun fest beer and music festival which was attended by 41 clubs from Region 15 and some from Lichfield.

I have attended the 136 club international meeting in Sedan France with fellow 41ers and Round Table members 4 days.

I am helping Dave Campbell and the committee organise the HYM meeting in October.

I have visited an old Nuneaton past tabler for their 30th Charter in Chester.

Attended the 70th Charter dinner in Leeds, and out of the 262 attendees 12% were from Region 15 .Whether that was as a result of a mass mail out and phone round , or the influence of Barry Durman as VP, we will never know , but we did support it from my region.

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REGION 17 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DES FULCHER

Risk Grading Report Date: Oct 2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

5.6.15 – Met with committee organisers for the 70th Charter event and the key fundraising manager for the nominated charity at Dunston Hall.

18.6.15 – Spent an evening with Harleston & District 41 Club at a local gliding club which included a guest speaker giving a talk on some of the local air bases used by the American Air Forces during world war two.

26.6.15 – Attended the latest Round Table Informal Lunch Club in Norwich taking flyers for the Region 17 special 70th Charter Event as agreed with the organiser. Also saw one or two 41 Club members who often attend this informal meeting.





29.6.15 – Met with Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club Chairman and Secretary at Dunston Hall for a press & media photo shoot with the East Anglia's Children's Hospices (EACH) Fundraising Manager.

2.7.15 – Spent a day helping the Rotary Club of Norwich at the Royal Norfolk Show driving golf buggies around after the Junior Vice President (who also happens to be an ex-Tabler and potential 41 Club member I'm working on!) gave me the opportunity.

17.7.15 – Attended a relatively new Round Table Informal Lunch Club started in North Norfolk with the help of a 41'er who also helped the Norwich Round Table Informal Lunch Club get started. Took a potential Round Table member along with me who I'm hoping will soon join Harleston & District Round Table.

6.8.15 – Met the new EACH contact James Bacon nearby their offices in Hethersett to progress matters relating to the Special 70th Charter Event at the end of this month.

14.8.15 – Met Tim Skinner (Norwich Wensum & Yare 41 Club Secretary) at Dunston Hall to update on matters related to the Special 70th Charter Event.

24.8.15 – Visited Tim Skinner at home in Wymondham to sort table plans and some finer details for the Special 70th Charter Event taking place Friday this week.

27.8.15 – Met with 41 Club National Secretary Manny Martins, Tangent IPP Janice O'Neill, Round Table Norwich No1 IPC Richard King and Guy Martin (Project Manager at Cinema City) to present a framed limited edition print of Louis Marchesi to be shared by 41 Club and Tangent & hung in Marchesi House Birmingham.

27.8.15 – Region 17 Special 70th Charter Dinner Dance at Dunston Hall, Norwich. A superb evening which was very well supported by local Tangent Members with 41 Club National Vice President Barry Durman and Tangent National President Alex Voller in attendance. 41 Club National Secretary Manny Martins and Region 19 National Councillor Tom Abbott also came along, Tom kindly helping as MC for the evening.

4.9.15 – Round Table Promotional Video Launch at Cinema City, Norwich. Amongst some local notable individuals and members of Round Table Board a special launch was presented – it was very brief, but had a good focus!

29.9.15 – Brief visit to South Norfolk 41 Club to give an update on some Regional and National matters. Took the opportunity to present sales items for this club which I have recently joined and helped with certain administrative aspects on CAS.

5.10.15 – North Norfolk Cluster meeting at Bodham. A special annual event which members of Holt, North Walsham and Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club take turns in organising. Keith Loads of Holt and North Norfolk 41 Club introduced everyone to 'King Water Rat' Ian Richards, one of the selected number from the Grand Order of Water Rats which entertainers aspire to become a member of. DF gave an update on a few Regional and National matters after Ian managed to get a fairly elderly audience laughing with his comedy act, some concern arose with 41 Club members who had forgotten what meal they ordered – swiftly rectified by eating two of the same course in some cases!





41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP

National Council Report
Saturday 24 October 2015
Jurys Inn, Birmingham

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Sheringham & Cromer 41 Club

South Norfolk 41 Club

North Walsham 41 Club

Holt 41 Club

North Norfolk 41 Club

Membership Initiatives:

Work with Deputy N/C Kelly Clarke to rejuvenate North Norfolk

Continued search for Deputy in the former Region 16

Summer 'active' events concept

Any other comments:

I am extremely pleased to advise that one of the newest 41 Club groups in Region 17 namely South Norfolk 41 Club have already reached over twenty members, one being a former Coventry Tabler who is also heavily involved with the Rotary Club of Norwich – where Louis Marchesi was a member before starting Round Table!

It was quite interesting to learn from experience as a volunteer at the Royal Norfolk Show in July how Rotary engage with many people whilst providing a valuable service – maybe next year we could involve local 41 Club groups too.

Another Deputy National Councillor has decided to step down during the summer, despite being a past National Councillor Mark Ramsay is faced with personal and work pressures which led to the decision. Finding deputies appears to be quite difficult, maybe this is something we should discuss further in Council.

Members of 41 Club in Region 17 had some fabulous support from Tangent at the special 70th Charter event in August, of our members who attended some made comment about the poor turnout of local clubs, on a positive note almost £250 was raised for The Nook Appeal from East Anglia's Children's Hospices – hopefully the Lotus cars package which Vice President Barry Durman is auctioning will increase this further.

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41 Club
CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP



REGION 18 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - SEAN McCORMICK

Risk Grading Report Date: 9^h October 2015

Clubs Visited Personally:

Halstead

Braintree

Great Dunmow

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None Advised

Membership Initiatives:

41 Club Eastern Regional Golf Competition in Chelmsford – As has already been reported on by Terry in the 'E'Newsblast. Very well attended, superbly organised by Nigel Davis from Ely and Gerry Woodruff from Colchester ReTreads with winners going through to National Finals.

Any other comments:

We are awaiting on details of the Martin Young Memorial/Essex Cluster Meeting but as Martin Johnson (who is normally instrumental in organising the event) has had a very sick wife, we are awaiting on confirmation. However, we were told to hold the date of 11th January 2016, Venue is Saxon Hall, Southend.

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REGION 19 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - TOM ABBOTT

No report submitted

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REGION 20 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DEREK KNOWLDEN

No report submitted

Derek Knowlden

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REGION 21 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – KEVIN CHARD

Date: 29th September 2015

Risk Grading Report Date:

Clubs Visited Personally:

June 2015 I visited Evesham 41 Club and attended their Chairman's BBQ and Croquet event. 15 members and partners attended. This is a strong club with good social events planned for the year ahead.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Membership Initiatives:

In July the Region 21 Skittles competition reached its conclusion with the Final being held in Cheltenham. The 4 clubs to reach the final and compete for the coveted trophy were Cheltenham, Newent, Bath and Henleaze. We were delighted that the National President was in attendance along with 32 players and a few supporters. Congratulations to Cheltenham 41 Club who were the winners.

In August I arranged and attended the Region 21 Golf Competition and dinner at Thornbury Golf Club. Seven 41 club teams of three players took part in what was a great day of sporting prowess and fellowship. The National President attended and spent much of the day keeping up with play in a golf buggy. Swindon were the worthy winners after being runners up in 2014. They went on to represent the Region in the National Golf Competition held in September.

Any other comments:

In August I took part in Ilfracombe Round Tables Birdman event. This event was very well attended by the community and it was evident that many 41 club members were helping Round Table to run this very large event. I jumped off the pier dressed as a Knight of the Round Table and raised £220 in sponsorship for the Presidents Charity, The Stroke Association.

The Region 21 Quiz takes place on 8th October and to date a dozen teams have entered.

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REGION 22 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – MARK FAIRCHILD (CARETAKER)

Risk Grading Report Date: 7/10/15

Clubs Visited Personally:

Ilfracombe 41 Club to help their Round Table put on the south West Birdman. A great weekend camping at the Rugby Club, a 6 hour stint in the bar (behind it !) and an unexpected flight off the pier dressed as a Penguin as part of Barnstaple Round Table's winning entry.

Newton Abbot 41 Club for their 41st Charter and 70th Anniversary dinner. Another good night with an older club, including the induction of two new members.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None

Membership Initiatives:

Have had initial discussions with former members of Okehampton RT about forming a new "active" club in the town. If all goes to plan we should have an application in the New Year.

Any other comments:

Haven't completely ruled out the chances of having a Regional 70th Function, or probably more realistically a couple, one for RT Area 19 and 31.

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REGION 23 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR – DAVID BROWN

Risk Grading Report Date: 08/10/15

Clubs Visited Personally:

Ilminster

Showtime!

Wellington and Taunton.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

None as still no deputies (willing or otherwise!)

Membership Initiatives:





None except to promote wherever possible Regional events, interclub meetings and events and simply the good will and fellowship of 41 as THE club after Round Table.

Any other comments:

Appreciate still not fulfilling my commitment to the role as a National Councillor, through an increasingly busy life (Despite retirement) and call of family in New Zealand. Just about to depart there for four months.

Regional Golf did take place and despite valiant efforts by Gerry Gallop was sadly very poorly supported.

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REGION 24 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - DAVID LEACH

Risk Grading Report Date: 07/10/15

Clubs Visited Personally:

Region 24 Golf Day and Annual Dinner 05/06/15

Although the attendance was not as extensive as had been hoped this was a very enjoyable event. I thank Peter McBride and his team for putting in so much hard work to get this event off the ground and I hope that we can build on this next year. National President Terry was in attendance as was Gill Harris who presented the prizes. It was held at Woldingham Golf Course which has no water hazards and therefore suited by game perfectly. I was able to meet a number of different clubs before, during and after the round and into the evening. Congratulations to Camberley who won and who were invited to represent our Region at the National event (though the indications were not terribly promising).

Well done to all those clubs that were represented:

Wimbledon 41 Club

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club

Camberley 41 Club

Cranleigh 41 Club

Kingston 41 Club

Congratulations to Camberley who won and who were invited to represent our Region at the National event (though the indications were not terribly promising).

Bexhill 41 Club 22/06/15

Bexhill are a well-supported, friendly and welcoming club who have a very active programme of events. On this occasion, they were visiting a fascinating site currently owned by Sussex Police and used for training purposes including tasers, riot control and firearms. The site was originally the Crowborough Wireless Telegraph Station and was used during WW2 to transmit propaganda to the Continent and subsequently as a nuclear bunker. There was much banter as we were escorted around and afterwards we relocated to a nearby pub for a meal.





Guildford 41 Club 28/07/15

This is a very strong club with a large turn-out of its members. The club is very well organised and this meeting was at Guildford Golf Club. They have an extensive programme of events and on this night had a speaker who talked eloquently on the National Sporting Weekend 05/0915

Not really a club visit and sadly there were only a few 41 Clubbers from Region 24 there.

Clubs Visited by Deputies:

Clubs visited by Steve Whitaker.

Wallington & Carshalton 41 Club
Detailed report not available at this time.

Paul Rawlinson spends most of the summer out of the UK.

Forthcoming Events:

Wimbledon 41 Club are hosting an inter-club meeting on 13/10/15 which I will be attending. I am aware that London Old Tablers Society will be attending as will my club Kingston 41 Club.

Membership Initiatives:

Steve Whitaker is in contact with Epsom Old Salts and is trying to get them to affiliate. He will have another go at new Chairman Tony Hart in due course. Steve has interests in a number of clubs outside of Region 24 and is keen to promote the reformation of a Round Table club in Epsom.

Any other comments:

None

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REGION 25 NATIONAL COUNCILLOR - JOHN S ALFORD

The holiday season has meant that I have not made so many clubs since the June meeting.

However, this is partly due to clubs not having the correct details of their Club contact and their correct e-mail.

I have so far visited 24 clubs and only have 7 clubs which I have not had visited in the region.

When returning from France on holiday we visited Guy Le Huidoux (Immediate Past President of France) and his wife at their home in Baden near Vannes. Many would have met him at Transmarche in Dover this year. We had a very enjoyable visit. Some interesting facts about





France 41 are that they have paid their outstanding fees to International 41 Association. At their AGM's 50% of clubs plus 1 have to attend to form a quorum. We have less than 10% of clubs attend our AGM.

They pay a capitation to both National and Region of about £100.00. So ours looks very cheap. There are about 4,000 members in Round Table in this country in France it is 3,000 which is food for thought.

As Chairman of my club (Medway) it does get difficult to visit clubs that met on the same day. However, I was able to take the club for a visit to Bexley 41 Club where they had a speaker Brigadier Brian Parritt retired who spoke on Korea. He was an excellent speaker and can recommend to other clubs and he lives near Ashford. Bexley are one of those clubs that have a set venue to themselves which many clubs do not. The advantage is that they are able to have speakers and have other activities.

The second visit was to Herne Bay 41 club. The club had arranged their meeting at Tankerton so that Keith Burniston who was unable to attend meetings due to ill health could attend. Sadly Keith died the week before, however his wife Sylvia asked for the meeting to continue and to attend herself on his behalf. This snowballed with other wives and friends attending. Evidently it is unusual for Herne Bay to have joint meetings with their wives. I left with the impression that this may well change.

Region 25 Petanque (Boules) evening took place at Gillingham on Monday, 21st September with meal and drink. The evening was attended by Northfleet, Weald of Kent, Chatham, Westerham and Medway 41 clubs.

There was torrential rain throughout with many members discovering that their waterproofs were not. The final was between Weald of Kent and Medway with the formal winning for the second year. They do however, practice for the event beforehand.

Upcoming event before next NC meeting is the Region 25 70th Anniversary Dinner at Weald of Kent Golf Club on Wednesday, 21st with guest speaker Terry Cooper (not the footballer) National 41 Club President. It is also Trafalgar Day and those attending have been asked to wear something Navy. The loyal toast is to be in tradition Navy fashion seating down.

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HONORARY ARCHIVIST - HUGH MILWARD

Very little to report for this meeting other than all is well in ensuring that the Archive Room at Marchesi House is "Ship Shape" for our International visitors when they come over to Birmingham for the Half Yearly Meeting in October. More items have been displayed and are now all labelled as to their history and where they came from.

I continue to assist members and Clubs in digging out archive information on past members and Club history for Club Charters etc, but the requests for Table Archive I struggle to find as there is no Table Archivist or storage as such. My apologies to Club members if I am unable to help in this matter.

I am compiling a full set of Past Presidential Banners but there are a number missing so I will be chasing up Past Presidents to see if we can get a full set.

The other item is that I am missing a hard copy of a recent magazine, the one with the two very tarty Showgirls on the front cover. Yes, that one! So if you have a spare copy for the archive I would be very grateful.

As usual the number of obituaries coming through is steady but it is still a very sad job to undertake. I am pleased to report that all Obituaries received to date are now on our new Website.

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HONORARY SOLICITOR – PAUL CAMMISS

No report submitted

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