

National President's Report

It was a great privilege to be elected the 74th President of 41 Club in Torquay at the National AGM. Thanks must go to Mark Fairchild and his team of volunteers for giving us a superb conference even arranging the fire alarm on the Friday evening. It is just over three weeks since conference and we have already over 300 booked in for Cardiff 2020 conference.

I attended the funeral of Steve Bolter in Somerton on the Tuesday after conference. Steve was our National Councillor in Region 23. Steve had been a dedicated Councillor for his Region and was very well known and will be missed by all. Our thoughts are with Laura and family.

The reason we are here today is because of one man Louis Marchesi who had the foresight to found Round Table in 1927. His words are so relevant today. There are things we must do. There are things we can do and there are things we should do. Wise words which we can all adapt, adopt and improve.

My aims this year will be to encourage and promote membership of 41 Club. Our Acting Membership Officer Glen Lyon has set us a target of one new member per club this year. This will actually increase our membership which at present is in slow decline. I had the privilege to induct Andrew Clark to Lancaster 41 Club after he left Round Table also we have another new member waiting in the wings. At the same time we also have to work with Round Table which has had a declining membership over the years but this year thanks to the work RT President Dickie Holland and RT Vice President Paul Agnew membership of Round Table is actually increasing. Long may this continue. We have to



Andrew inducting Andrew Clark into Lancaster 41 Club

support Round Table, because if there is no Round Table there will be no 41 Club.

For the first time for many years we are having a joint charity with Tangent. We have decided to support the RNLI to raise £50,000 to provide 5 water rescue craft. The RNLI covers the whole

of our association, one of the few charities that does. Over the next 12 months there will be fundraising events, raffles etc. Please support them.

Over the next 12 months I hope to visit many clubs. Please contact me at president@41club.org and I will do my best to attend a club meeting or something more formal. Finally thank you for giving me this amazing opportunity to be the President of 41 Club. When I joined Round Table all those years ago, I never thought that this would be on the agenda.

Regards, Andrew.

National Membership Officer's Report

Well looks like Ellesmere Port 41Club are throwing down the gauntlet to all the other 41clubs in their efforts to secure the bottle of single malt for the club with the most new members by December 31st 2019 - Vision 2020

if you don't have a feeder Table there are still thousands of Ex Tablers out in our communities just waiting to get an invite to 41club. Reach out to them.

We are also working on chartering several brand new 41clubs including one in the Cayman Islands.

Yours in Continued Friendship, Glen

Your New National IRO – Andy Ventress The 41 International AGM

The 43rd International AGM of 41 International was held in Brussels from the 26th until the 28th April 2019. The meeting was opened at 8 30 prompt by President Ulrich Suppan who welcomed the guests and many past International Presidents who were in attendance. As usual, the aims and objects were read and the secretary did a roll call of countries, at this time there were 23 countries present and 5 absent. We then remembered those members that had passed away

There was an address to the delegates by the RTI VP who focused on the expansion of RTI, followed by greetings from the presidents of LCI, TCI and ACI.

during the last 12 months.

After the acceptance of the minutes of the HYM in Marrakesh with no matters arising, the board gave their reports.



President Ulrich telling us of all his visits over the year before the accounts and budget were accepted. After the coffee break, there was a report from India about the Service Award in Education and their aim to raise money to help with an education project around the world. There was a report on the legal status of 41 international, which will be investigated further by the international board. The YAP convenor gave a report about the programme in 2019 which includes 3 young people from GB&I visiting other countries on the programme.

Next was a motion on a name change and after much confusion with the voting, the motion was defeated. There were then 2 motions on rule changes, the first on many minor changes was passed and the second proposed by Malta concerning which countries are able to put candidates forward for the presidency was lost.

Eventually, some 1 hour late, I was able to give GB&I's presentation for the election of the 2021-2022 vice president and then present our candidate, Barry Durman who spoke to the AGM. As there were no other nominations, President Ulrich declared Barry elected.

Gopal Chopra from India was elected as secretary for 2019-2022.

There were 2 applications to host the HYM in 2021, however, Cyprus withdrew and therefore Denmark will be the host.

The incoming president Luc Trigaux from Belgium then addressed the meeting and his hope that we would 'make Tablers' 'and Circlers' in the coming year.

YiCF, Andy

[A light hearted review of the International AGM is under way]

And now for something completely different...

An elderly man walks into a confessional.

The following conversation ensues:

Man: 'I am 92 years old, have a wonderful wife of 70 years, many children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.

Yesterday, I picked up two college girls, hitchhiking.

We went to a motel, where I had sex with each of them three times.'

Priest: 'Are you sorry for your sins?'

Man: 'What sins?'

Priest: 'What kind of a Catholic are you?'

Man: 'I'm Jewish.'

Priest: 'Why are you telling me all this?'

Man: 'I'm 92 years old ... I'm telling everybody.'

A New Communications & IT Officer – and a new look for the Newsletter

Gentlemen, I am Don Mullane, London Old Tablers' Society (a founding club of 41 Club), Region 25, your new National Communications & IT Officer. My aim is to convey the news of what's happening to you in 41 Club Nationally as succinctly as possible, to effectively promote events (national, international, regional and local), and to safeguard and develop 41 Club. As I said at the National AGM this means promoting Round Table as much as possible as the future of 41 Club depends upon Round Table.

Gentlemen, things which we have taken for granted for so long are no longer true:-

- RTBI is no longer the biggest group of Tablers in the world!
- RTBI numbers roughly 3,800 Tablers (lower based upon the annual accounts).
- Round Table India has over 4,500 Tablers and is still climbing.
- The world is a changing place and we in 41 Club must change and evolve with it.
- We have about 14,800 members at present.
- Improving the conversion rate of former Tablers joining 41 Club simply isn't enough, as long as the number of Tablers continues to decline.
- 41 Club is already tackling this and is helping found new Tables this needs to be promoted, promoted, promoted!
- Growth of RTBI is the key to the continued success of 41 Club.
- National capitation in RTBI was £115 per head but has been reduced to £95 at their
 National AGM contrast this with the £14.50 for 41 Club.

Round Table needs our support and by supporting Round Table we are supporting ourselves. The only way to safeguard 41 Club is to safeguard Round Table. Our number one priority to grow 41 Club has to be to provide effective support to Round Table – and that is the task ahead. John Lamb a 41-er in Chesterfield, Derbyshire, is looking to charter a new Table; Dr Martyn Hooton of LOTS speaks in the article below how we can assist existing Tables.

Godwin Stewart, my predecessor, is providing much needed support and assistance in my transition into the role, for which I am most grateful to him. I am delighted that Graham Sloan and Des Fulcher have offered their full support and assistance, and Graham is managing CAS and related queries (in addition to helping Marchesi House and chasing capitation payments and the like). Ray Hill is also continuing as Honorary Webmaster, and is a great source of assistance. I am delighted to have them on my Committee going forwards.

Yours in Continued Friendship, Don

A Different Sort of Support

What do we really mean when we say we support Round Table? What do we actually do? We all know that 41 Club is dependent upon a strong Round Table and, despite some questionable stats, we all know Round Table membership has been declining over the past few decades. So, is all that support actually helping?

Whilst it's positive to stick ones hands in ones pockets to fund the latest venture, will this turn struggling clubs around? If it were as easy as buying our way out of trouble then, given the money sloshing around in the RT family cookie jars, we'd have it all sewn up by now and be at the bar.

For many "support" means attending RT events, nudging the balance sheet on to the right side of the breakeven line; but with too many grey beards or bald heads in the room there is evidence we may be part of the problem and deflecting the real issues. 20-30 years olds normally want to hang out with their mates not their great-uncle or boss' boss; why should Table be immune to this reality?

London Old Tablers have started offering a different kind of support. A few 41ers with recent experience are getting together with our RT Chairman and select members of his team and thrashing through a particular issue, such as declining membership, attendance or procedures. Think white-boards and brainstorming, honest appraisal of the issues and creative thinking about solutions.

Sounds a bit like the sort of thing successful businesses do across the country to develop effective strategies. We are putting our experiences, energy and commitment together to help him and his team generate their own solutions and build the confidence to implement them.

We may not be eking out more time pretending we are still Tablers, but if we can help Table rediscover its professional side and address its issues with practical solutions that will land and endure, then perhaps we can really say we have supported the turn around.

You don't need an MBA to do this, just some post-it notes, marker pens, an open mind to listen and contribute, and the strength not preach and say it was better in your day. It turns out that doesn't count as support either.

Dr Martyn Hooton, LOTS

Dates for your Diary

17th July Eastern Region Charity Golf Day Braintree Golf Club

19th July Region 23 Wessex Golf Tournament, 8th Nov Crane Valley Golf Club, Verwood

19/21 July Inaugural 41 Club Bikers Weekend

16th Aug RTCW Charity Golf Day

Dudsbury Golf Club, Dorset

18th Oct White Rose Dinner,

Castle Park Stadium. Doncaster

Red Rose Dinner, Clifton Arms Hotel

Lytham St Annes

31Oct-3 Nov Iberian Cluster 2019 Gran Hotel Sol y Mar, Calpe

15th Nov Dorset Knobs Dinner





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Email samantha@rtcw.org for more info or call 01202 514515







41 Club Region 23 [Wessex]

GOLF TOURNAMENT

FRIDAY 19th JULY 2019

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Come and enjoy a competitive round of golf
of Crane Valley GC for the fifth Region 23 Golf
Championship......with a snack lunch afterwards & prizes for
both Individual Stableford and Team [Bowmaker] competitions

Entry Fee £40 per player

Handicap Max. 28

Entries on enclosed <u>Booking Form</u> to Gerry Gallop at 30 Elms Avenue Lilliput Poole Dorset Bill 4 8F F or by email to leagues a nilworld.com by no later than Monday 8th July 2019 with cheques for 40 per person in favour of: 30m personth North 41 Club*



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SATURDAY — Morring ACIA, Evening — Covar reception in Davie, the hotels's charactegers and gin bar, tolewed by the black fe golds divine and dancing, finishing with an AlbA themo— Alexand Mar.

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Cluster Chairman: Andrew Johnson.

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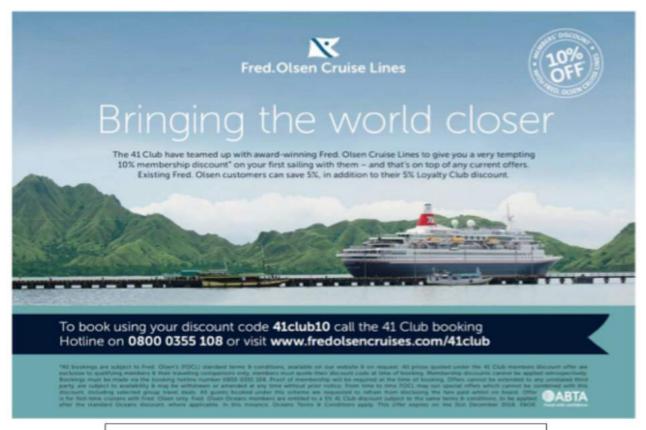
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Friday 15th November 2019







Captains Club Hotel, Christchurch
Cost £29pp, Black Tie or Bow Tie
Drinks Reception from 6.30pm
Dinner 7.30pm

Speaker - Denis Bundy

Booking details/contact - John Spinks

jrspinks@hotmail.com or 01425 673330





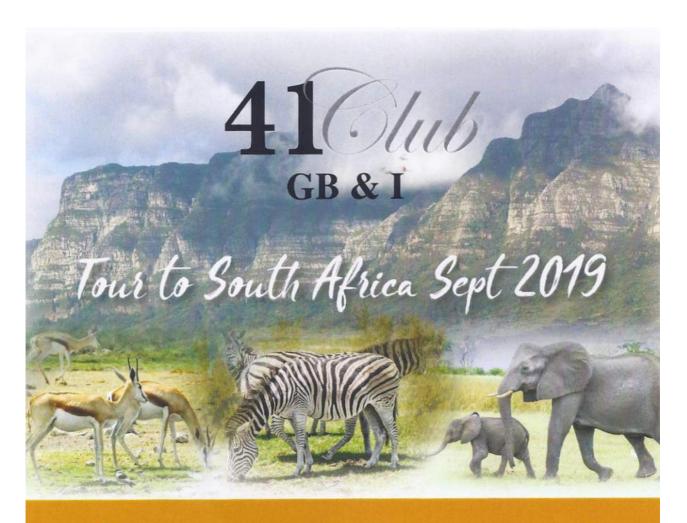












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