

# Club Mirror calls on clubs to fight the Late Night Levy

Club Mirror invited a close knit group of industry experts to Westminster on June 29 to discuss plans to fight the Late Night Levy.

Under the current proposals the Levy will be based on the yearly fee already paid to the Licensing Authority with a ceiling identified so far as £4,500.

Once it's implemented it will be too late to act; clubs refusing to pay the fee would find their Club Premises Certificates and Premises Licences suspended.

"Many clubs just aren't aware of the implications," said Club Mirror's legal expert from Poppleston Allen, Nick Walton. "We need clubs and club associations to get on board to fight this."



• Turn to pages 18/19 for information on how to join the battle, and why you should.

Pictured above, left to right: Chris Haley, managing director of Dransfields; Paul Nunny, executive

director, Cask Marque; Gary Creed, leisure business manager, Cryo-Service; Sean Ferris, publisher of Club Mirror and Club Mirror legal expert, solicitor Nick Walton, from Poppleston Allen.

## AMENDMENTS TO SMOKING BAN

Forest (Freedom Organisation for the Right to Enjoy Smoking Tobacco) held a reception at the House of Commons on June 29 in support of its campaign to amend the smoking ban.

The campaign, dubbed Save our Pubs and Clubs, aims to persuade the Coalition Government to review the impact of the smoking ban on pubs and clubs, and, long-term, to allow people to smoke in a controlled indoor environment.

MPs John Hemming (Birmingham, Yardley), Greg Knight (East Yorkshire) and Roger Godsiff (Birmingham Hall Green) hosted the event, with CIU general secretary Mick McGlasham, also addressing the audience in support of the initiative.

Club Mirror lent its weight to the campaign on behalf of its 12,000 club readers, with publisher Sean Ferris attending, along with guests from Club Mirror's Late Night Levy working group (see story above).

The event marked the fourth anniversary of the introduction of the public smoking ban in England on 1 July, 2007.

# October vending machine ban plan stands

The Government will go ahead with plans to ban the sale of cigarettes from vending machines in England from 1 October, 2011, having dismissed an appeal by Imperial Tobacco Group PLC's cigarette vending machine subsidiary Sinclair Collis over legislation to ban sales of tobacco from vending machines in the UK.

The objective of the Government's Tobacco Control

Plan is to reduce smoking rates in England by the end of 2015.

A three-pronged plan is in place and the aim is to reduce adult smoking from its current 21.2% to 18.5%, to bring down smoking from 15% to 12% of 15-year-olds and to bring it down from 14% to 11% for pregnant mothers.

Two of the three Court of Appeal judges agreed that the High Court's decision should be

upheld. The view of the third judge was that a ban on tobacco vending sales was disproportionate.

"We will be asking the Court for permission to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. If permission to appeal is granted, we have also asked the Court to delay implementation of the vending ban until the appeal has been decided," said a spokesperson for Sinclair Collis.

## RACING TIPS:



Mark Howard, *Racing UK* pundit, previews the run up to Glorious Goodwood.

The action comes thick and fast on Racing UK during July and the month couldn't get off to a better start with a double header on Saturday 2nd. Sandown stages the Coral Eclipse which promises to be one of the races of the season with last year's Epsom Derby and Prix de L'Arc de Triomphe winner Workforce going head to head with the ex-Aussie trained So You Think. The latter may have had his reputation dented at Royal Ascot last month but Aidan O'Brien's five-year-old will provide stiff opposition to Sir Michael's Stoute's colt. Haydock hosts the Lancashire Oaks and Old Newton Cup on a glittering card at the Merseyside track during the same afternoon. Look out for the Roger Varian-trained pair Ferdoos and Pekan Star in those two events.

The Racing UK roadshow then moves on to Newmarket for three superb days of racing on the picturesque July course (7th - 9th). For the first time, the feature event, the Group 1 July Cup is being staged on a Saturday and it will attract the best sprinters from all over the world. Delegator and Lady of The Desert, two notable absentees from the Royal meeting, are expected to line up but don't discount Bated Breath bouncing back to form provided he encounters his favoured fast ground. The supporting cast isn't too bad either, with significant juveniles contests such as the Cherry Hinton and July Stakes on the programme. The Princess of Wales's Stakes is regarded as a pointer to the King George later this month and for those who enjoy competitive handicaps, they don't come much tougher than the Bunbury Cup over seven furlongs.



The other highlight of the month is, of course, the five days at 'Glorious Goodwood' (26th - 30th) - a magnificent occasion and one of the biggest meetings in the Flat racing calendar. Canford Cliffs won the Sussex Stakes 12 months ago and he is sure to be close to the top of the betting once again having already collected two Group 1 victories during 2011. Richard Hannon's colt may cross swords with the mighty Frankel for the first time. If he does, it will be one of the most eagerly awaited match-ups for many years. The other Group 1 during the week is the Nassau Stakes for fillies and mares over 10 furlongs. It doesn't get much better than this - watch it unfold live on Racing UK.



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