



NORTHERN CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT STUDENTS' SOCIETY

Newsletter- Summer 2010

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NCASS Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the NCASS members newsletter. We welcome any feedback on the newsletter. Please send any comments to Ellen Thomson, e.a.j.thomson@ncl.ac.uk

Welcome from NCASS Chair



Gemma Rigby, NCASS Chair

Congratulations to everyone who had exam success, those who Qualified were asked to join us in March at Newcastle to celebrate their achievements. All students sitting exams in June and July as always keep up the hard work and I hope it will be you who joins NCASS at the next Newly Qualified Ceremony.

We have had another busy calendar of events and I would like to thank you all for your support especially at the Annual Dinners where we raised a significant amount for our nominated charity the Idea league UK. **Gemma, May 2010**

Breaking News: At the NCASS AGM on 1st June, Gemma Rigby stepped down after 2 very successful years as NCASS Chair. The committee wish Gemma all the best for the future and thank her for her efforts with NCASS. Thanks also to Stacey Robinson who stepped down after doing a sterling job as NCASS Treasurer in recent years and to Claire Horness, who is no longer Vice-Chair but we are delighted to say remains as a Teesside Rep.

Andrew Ferguson, (National Audit Office) has been appointed Chair with effect from 1st June 2010. Further details of the new committee will be in the next newsletter.

Institute Student Council

The ICAEW Student Council (ISC) is the leading body for students studying the ACA. It

brings together student representatives from around the world, providing a voice and a feedback mechanism for you and your thousands of fellow training students. The student council meets quarterly across the UK and communicates with all areas of the ICAEW. The council is often asked to feed back their opinions of recent exams, and often is given first hand information about changes prior to any other students.

In addition the chair also sits on the ICAEW's governing council ensuring students have a voice at the very top of the Institute.

On April 9 2010, the ISC elected its new leaders for 2010/11. The new Chair is Richard Hopkins-Burton and Vice Chair is Tom Noble.

- Richard currently works in Birmingham at Deloitte in the Transaction Services team and joined the ISC as BCASS representative. Richard has now progressed to become ISC Chair.
- Tom works as a Senior Associate at Deloitte in Bristol within the Financial Services Audit team. Tom joined the ISC as BADCASS representative and now represents the ISC as Vice Chair.

As a Provisional Member you automatically become a member of your local student society/ network. Allocation of a student society/ network

is based on the primary address that you supply to the ICAEW. There are twenty six Student Societies spread across England, Wales, Cyprus, Russia, the Middle East and South East Asia.

Student Societies/ Networks provide a range of services and opportunities including:

- providing an ideal opportunity for students to network with other students who are studying for the ACA from a wide range of industries and organizations - nationally and internationally
- developing leadership and communication skills through skill-based seminars and webinars on subjects such as CV writing, assertiveness, body language and negotiating for success
- career support through seminars and presentations, topics include 'working in business' and 'working abroad'
- online ACA exam revision sessions
- running of a wide range of social events from football tournaments and pub quiz nights through to new member parties and annual balls/ dinners.

Support for members on Teesside

Members based on Teesside are encouraged to support NCASS events. NCASS has always had a strong presence on Teesside and the committee is delighted that we currently

have three committee members from the region. If you have any suggestions for events in the Teesside/ Darlington area please contact one of the following reps:

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Look out for details of forthcoming events on our website.

Student Deals

The Institute continues to improve its offers for students and members, which are accessible by logging onto the website and if you don't forget if you are still in your training contract you can apply for an NUS Associate card, which is fantastic for student discounts and can pay for itself in no time.

Meet our Regional Director

Keith Proudfoot, the ICAEW Regional Director took to the lanes and forest tracks of Northumberland earlier this year as his way of celebrating the 50th birthday of the Mini. Organised by the Mini Cooper Register's Newcastle & Durham region Keith participated in his first ever rally driving his 18 year old Rover Cooper.





Keith told us “Our first ambition was to successfully reach the end of the first stage. The second ambition was to avoid going over time – and we weren’t quite sure how we’d manage that. Fortunately the instructions were clear and my navigator Richard’s map and road reading so good that we only missed a couple of turns all night. Thanks to new halogen headlights in place of standard Mini lights we could see clearly enough to pick up many of the marker boards along the way.”

After around two hours of concentrated driving and route following around the Old Military Road and Tyne Valley we were finished our Novice class rally. It had been a highly enjoyable experience. A couple of hours later, in the Black Bull at Matfen after a buffet and de-brief with other crews, it was time for the results. The oldest pair in the novice class actually won the competition – so now I have a trophy in pride of place in my ICAEW home-office.

This novice crew really enjoyed it; we hope it won’t be too long before we try something similar again.

Recent NCASS Events

Newcastle Annual Dinner 9th April 2010

The NCASS Annual Dinner was in April, there was no Circus this year instead a very tasteful elegant Black and White Theme at the Civic Centre. This didn’t stop guests from dancing the night away and making the most of the late bar. The IDEA League was the nominated Charity and despite lower numbers in attendance than last year guests raised an impressive £980 for the charity.



Funds were raised through a Heads and Tails game and an array of amazing raffle prizes donated by a number of firms and local businesses including the Northern Society of Chartered Accountants, Deloitte, RMT Accountants & Business Advisors, Kaplan, Tyne and Wear Society of Chartered Accountants, KPMG, Newcastle University, Tenon and Marble Slab Creamery. A massive thank you to all who donated!



Football

23rd January 2010

When will this weather improve? The boys however, weren’t put off and took part in the NCASS Newcastle Football Tournament in January at Powerleague, Royal Quays.



The winners- Ryecroft Glenton

Seven teams entered teams from the NAO, Ryecroft Glenton, Northern Rock, Ward Hadaway, RHK and Hay & Kilner. The overall winner of the tournament was Ryecroft Glenton



Runners Up- NAO

Shelter Quiz

3rd March 2010

In March the pan professionals held a Quiz at Madam Koos in Newcastle to raise money for Shelter, the housing and homelessness charity. The event was sold out with over 200 accountants, surveyors, solicitors and planners putting their general knowledge skills to the test. The winners of the Quiz, (you won’t believe this) were RG Bargy aka Ryecroft Glenton, so a clean sweep of events for them!

This event wouldn't have been possible without the support from our sponsors AWD Chase de Vere and also Jacksons Law Firm who supplied the much needed pens. The Quiz was a huge success and looks to become a regular event and I am thrilled to announce that over £1,300 was raised for Shelter!

Shelter

Graduation Event 20th March 2010

Also in March those who qualified during the 2009 Advanced July and November sittings were invited by the Northern Society to attend the Newly Qualified Ceremony at Kings Hall, Newcastle University. Congratulations to all the Newly Qualified who also celebrated in style at the Dinners!



The event was supported by the Northern Society and guest speakers included Robin Fieth, the ICAEW's executive director, finance and operations and Margaret Fey, Chairman of Regional Development Agency One North East.

Please visit www.ncass.co.uk to see many more photos from the Newcastle Annual Dinner and other events.

NCASS have also been involved in a number of pan-professionals networking and social events including a Halloween Ball in October and a sell out Charity Quiz in aid of Shelter in February. A number of events are planned over the coming months. Keep checking our web site for full details.

Teesside Annual Dinner 21st May 2010

We held a successful Teesside Dinner in May at a new venue, Hardwick Hall.



We were delighted to see representation from so many firms and everyone had a great night. Again, our nominated charity was Idea League and we raised over £400 for them. The dinner also saw the award of the CU Peat prizes to Sarah McNally (Vantis) and Robert Cook (Tindle's). Also pictured are Teesside Chair Jerome Bury and Howard Murray, former trustee of the CU Peat prize.



Forthcoming NCASS Events

We are currently working on our calendar of events but please keep an eye on our web site, www.ncass.co.uk for updates.

Ideas for Events

If you have any ideas for events you would like to see us arrange, please drop us an e-mail. Remember, NCASS is here to support members and we are keen to put on events that you would like to attend.

And finally....

NCASS are always looking for enthusiastic new committee members; if you would like to be part of the team please contact Dawn (NCASS Administrator) at ncassadmin@btconnect.com

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