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Introduction

This issue includes formal notice of this year's Rules Revision Meeting (RRM). As Andy Walker notes below, we'd like to use *Notts News* as a forum for discussion about possible rule changes prior to the meeting. Everyone has ideas about the rules and what they'd like changed, so please let *Notts News* know what you think – emails to nottsnews@nottschess.org please.

The RRM is the only opportunity to change the rules. Don't miss out on the chance to make your views known.

Also: This is a slightly truncated issue – I have more results in hand, but no time (despite Ian Fillingham getting them to me early) to process everything in between helping out at the County Under 9 Midlands Zonal and heading off to play in the Rapidplay. Depending on how things pan out, I will either push out an extra midweek issue or make next week's a bumper catch-up edition.

Rules Revision Meeting

Andrew Walker

The Rules Revision Meeting of the NCA will be held on Tuesday 6 June at 7:30 p.m. at Gambit Chess Club. Proposals for changes to the League Rules should reach me [Andrew Walker, *not* the *Notts News* editor] no later than 2 May, and should be made in accordance with Rule A15 (see <http://nottschess.org/info.html#rules> or the 2005–2006 NCA Handbook). The NCA accepts emails (to anw@maths.nott.ac.uk as 'writing'). In addition, the Editor and Secretary hope that by giving somewhat extended notice, it may be possible for views and suggestions to appear and be discussed in *Notts News*, resulting in better-formulated proposals.

The RRM is also a General Meeting of the NCA; any other items for the agenda should reach me no later than 16 May. The NCA Constitution (<http://nottschess.org/info.html#const>, immediately following the League Rules) details who may attend and vote at the meeting.

The NCA Annual General Meeting is provisionally set for Tuesday 4 July.

Handicap Knockout

In the semi-finals, The League Champions posted a 5½–3½ win over West Nottingham Nightmare, who were never able to recover from a 2½–½ deficit after the first set of games. A worse fate befell Fiveways though, who suffered the competition's first whitewash against Bigmat Yobs. According to Michael Barnes, the match was nothing like as one-sided as the 9–0 scoreline suggests: 6–3 would have been a fairer reflection.

County Championship: 1–2 April 2006

The Summit Centre, Pavilion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield, Notts NG17 7LL

Entry forms from the NCA web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>)

Fiveways – Bigmat Yobs

Fiveways		B1	B2	B3	Total
A1 Flynn, D.	(136)	0	0	0	0
A2 Bhayat, S.	(127)	0	0	0	0
A3 Thorsen, A.	(104)	0	0	0	0

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Bigmat Yobs		A1	A2	A3	
B1 Barnes, M.	(190)	1	1	1	3
B2 Wright, A. J.	(134)	1	1	1	3
B3 Sudar, D.	(131)	1	1	1	3

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West Nottingham Nightmare – The League Champions

West Nottingham Nightmare		B1	B2	B3	Total
A1 Kingston, I.	(144)	0	1	0	1
A2 Keetley, M.	(137)	½	1	0	1½
A3 Burley, P.	(115)	0	0	1	1

3½

The League Champions		A1	A2	A3	
B1 Tait, J.	(194)	1	½	1	2½
B2 Morrison, K.	(159)	0	0	1	1
B3 Wagenbach, J.	(133)	1	1	0	2

5½

League results

Division I

West Bridgford I – West Nottingham I

1 Richmond, R.	(188)	1	–	0	Levens, D.	(155)
2 Truman, R.	(164)	0	–	1	Nguyen, M. N.	(–)
3 Walker, T.	(160)	1	–	0	Jarvis, D.	(153)
4 Thompson, B.	(156)	1	–	0	Kingston, I.	(144)
5 Budd, C.	(–)	0	–	1	Collins, J.	(136)
		3	–	2		

Nottingham Congress: 22–23 April

Bramcote Hills Sport and Community College, Moor Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3GA

Entry forms from the NCA web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>) or Congress Secretary Tony Wright (0115 917 2468)

Ashfield 1 – Gambit 1

1 Halfpenny, G.	(175)	½	–	½	Barnes, M.	(190)
2 Burke, S.	(163)	1	–	0	Mercks, P.	(172)
3 Graham, N.	(136)	½	–	½	Swain, J.	(172)
4 Morgan, P.	(128)	1	–	0	Hayward, B.	(148)
5 Taylor, R.	(124)	0	–	1	Roper, K.	(125)
		3	–	2		

Division 2**Ashfield 2 – Fiveways 1**

1 Taylor, R.	(124)	0	–	1	Flynn, D.	(137)
2 Morgan, D.	(128)	½	–	½	Bhayat, S.	(127)
3 Graham, N.	(136)	½	–	½	Best, I.	(116)
4 Robinson, A.	(114)	1	–	0	Thorsen, A.	(104)
5 Cranmer, S.	(132)	1	–	0	Bowen, L.	(106)
		3	–	2		

Division 3

Results to follow.

Division 4**West Nottingham 4 – Ashfield 5**

1 Lin, D.	(104)	1	–	0	McIntosh, S.	(96)
2 Herbert, M.	(109)	1	–	0	Wright, N.	(87)
3 Williamson, E.	(96)	0	–	1	Dyce, R.	(86)
4 Wheate, A.	(–)	0	–	1	Todd, P.	(85)
5 Needham, R.	(55)	1	–	0	Beeby, F.	(–)
		3	–	2		

Division 5**Grantham 2 – West Nottingham 5**

1 –	(–)	½	–	½	Needham, R.	(55)
2 Cumbers, C.	(84)	1	–	0	Clegg, T.	(49)
3 –	(–)	1	–	0	Needham, M.	(–)
4 Smith, P.	(78)	0	–	1	Zhang, M.	(–)
		2½	–	1½		

League tables**Division 1**

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Gambit 1	12	9	1	2	38½	21½	17	0	19
2 Mansfield 1	12	8	3	1	34	26	8	0	19
3 Ashfield 1	13	6	3	4	34	31	3	0	15
4 Newark 1	12	6	1	5	31	29	2	0	13
5 University 2	12	4	4	4	31½	28½	3	0	12
6 University 1	12	4	2	6	26½	33½	–7	0	10
7 West Bridgford 1	12	3	4	5	28½	31½	–3	0	10
8 Gambit 2	12	1	4	7	23½	36½	–13	0	6
9 West Nottingham 1	13	3	0	10	27½	37½	–10	–2	4

Blame Marcel Taylor for this one:

A chess congress is going to be held in a large hotel. The players are relaxing in the lobby, prior to the start of the competition. One thing leads to another and they start bragging about their chess skills. Suddenly the hotel manager comes over and tells them all to leave. 'Why?', they ask. 'Because I don't allow chess nuts boasting in an open foyer.'

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Bunkers 1	10	8	1	1	33½	16½	17	0	17
2 West Nottingham 2	11	7	1	3	32½	22½	10	0	15
3 Grantham 1	10	5	3	2	28½	21½	7	0	13
4 Ashfield 2	12	4	2	6	27	33	–6	0	10
5 Nomads 1	10	3	3	4	23	27	–4	0	9
6 Long Eaton 1	10	5	0	5	25½	24½	1	–4	6
7 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	10	2	2	6	22½	27½	–5	0	6
8 Fiveways 1	11	1	2	8	17½	37½	–20	0	4

Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Bunkers 2	10	6	3	1	30	20	10	0	15
2 Ashfield 3	10	7	0	3	30½	19½	11	0	14
3 Gambit 3	11	6	2	3	31½	23½	8	0	14
4 Mansfield 2	9	4	3	2	25	20	5	0	11
5 Fiveways 2	9	2	5	2	21½	23½	–2	0	9
6 Nomads 2	10	1	3	6	18½	31½	–13	0	5
7 University 3	8	2	2	4	17½	22½	–5	–2	4
8 Ashfield 4	11	1	2	8	20½	34½	–14	0	4

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Newark 2	10	10	0	0	35½	14½	21	0	20
2 West Nottingham 3	10	6	1	3	29	21	8	0	13
3 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	10	6	0	4	28	22	6	0	12
4 Gambit 4	11	4	3	4	28½	26½	2	0	11
5 Nomads 3	10	4	2	4	28	22	6	0	10
6 Ashfield 5	12	5	0	7	25	35	–10	0	10
7 West Nottingham 4	12	4	1	7	26	34	–8	0	9
8 Bunkers 3	11	0	1	10	15	40	–25	0	1

Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Bridgford 2	12	9	1	2	32½	15½	17	0	19
2 Long Eaton 3	12	8	1	3	26½	21½	5	0	17
3 Grantham 2	12	7	1	4	29	19	10	0	15
4 Long Eaton 2	11	6	1	4	26	18	8	0	13
5 University 4	10	6	1	3	22	18	4	0	13
6 West Nottingham 5	13	5	2	6	26½	25½	1	0	12
7 Bunkers 4	12	3	0	9	18½	29½	–11	0	6
8 West Nottingham 6	12	1	1	10	12	36	–24	0	3
9 Gambit 5	10	2	2	6	15	25	–10	–4	2