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31st Nottingham Congress

The 2006 Nottingham Congress was held at Bramcote Hills Sport and Community College, Nottingham, on 22-23 April. Tony Wright and Neil Graham worked heroically, along with the Lakhani family, Tony's family and Michael Barnes (playing and organising at the same time), to ensure that everything ran smoothly.

Results

Here's a summary of the prizewinners. All scores are from a maximum of 5 points. Club names in parentheses indicate Notts League players.

Open

- ◆ 1st: GM Mark Hebden 4½; £300
- ◆ 2nd: IM Andrew Greet 4; £150
- ◆ 3rd equal: Paul Cumbers, Ankush Khandelwal (Nomads) and Don Mason 3½; £33.33 each

Don Mason qualifies for the British Championship with this result.

Major (Under 160)

- ◆ 1st: Donny Muter 4½; £250
- ◆ 2nd equal: Robert Dean, Derek Jarvis (West Nottingham), Ian Kingston (West Nottingham) and Amisha Parmar (West Nottingham) 4; £50 each

Minor (Under 120)

- ◆ 1st equal: Anjali Lakhani (Long Eaton) and Arturo Gonzales 4½; £140 each
- ◆ 3rd equal: Gary Hopkinson (Gambit), Christopher Lewis, Daniel Lin (West Nottingham), Lateefah Messam-Sparks (West Nottingham) and Alan Papier 4; £10 each

Trophies were also presented to Anjali Lakhani (best junior from Derbyshire and best Notts League junior) and Kishan Lakhani (best Notts Under 18). The Lakhani family may have to spend some of Anjali's prize money on some new shelving.

NCA best game prize

Entries are invited for the 2006 NCA best game prize. Please send your entries to Michael Barnes (mhbchess@yahoo.co.uk) by the end of May.

County Championship

Neil Graham

I cleared all the paperwork for the above event within two days and sent a prize list to the County Treasurer.

I have received phone calls from one competitor asking where his prize was and now have made enquiries to find that no one has been issued with their prize money some three weeks after the tournament ended. Can I firstly apologise to everyone about this; I am now endeavouring to get this matter put right. However, the reason is that every cheque issued by the NCA requires two signatories. I understand that the Finance Committee voted down a proposal for any single signatures on

NCA cheques. The Association needs a streamlined organisation, not something rooted in the 19th century, and to have to get every cheque double-signed is ludicrous. We vote in officers in whom we have confidence to get on with the Association's work, not to be shackled in bureaucracy. It's right to have an amount where cheques need a second signature, but to demand this for every cheque down to the last penny is just plain ridiculous.

League results

Drag Sudar has asked me to reiterate the point made way back in Issue No. 2 that there is no guarantee of promotion for teams finishing in the top two or of not being relegated if finishing above the bottom two. As stated in the fixtures handbook:

Although the LMC will aim to promote 2 and relegate 2 from each division it cannot guarantee how many teams will be promoted or relegated at the end of next season. This will depend on the entries received. The LMC will attempt to promote divisional champions where practicable.

Division 1

West Nottingham 1 – Gambit 1

1 Levens, D.	(155)	0	–	1	Barnes, M.	(190)
2 Nguyen, M. N.	(–)	1	–	0	Mercs, P.	(172)
3 Parmar, A.	(150)	½	–	½	Swain, J.	(172)
4 Kingston, I.	(144)	1	–	0	Hayward, B.	(148)
5 Collins, J.	(136)	1	–	0	Roper, K.	(125)

3½ – 1½

West Bridgford 1 – University 1

1 Richmond, R.	(188)	0	–	1	Posazhennikov, A.	(193)
2 Truman, R.	(164)	½	–	½	Walker, A.	(169)
3 Walker, T.	(160)	0	–	1	Lee, D.	(165)
4 Thompson, B.	(156)	0	–	1	McBeth, M.	(160)
5 Budd, C.	(–)	0	–	1	Billingham, J.	(155)

½ – 4½

University 2 – Ashfield 1

1 Emanuel, J.	(164)	½	–	½	Burke, S.	(163)
2 Clare, A.	(163)	½	–	½	Webster, R.	(154)
3 Walters, J. K.	(140)	0	–	1	Graham, N.	(136)
4 Ray, W.	(135)	½	–	½	Morgan, P.	(128)
5 Satz, A.	(144)	1	–	0	Taylor, R.	(124)

2½ – 2½

NCA Blitz Championship: 2 May 2006

Gambit Chess Club, Federation House, Claremont Road, Nottingham

Six-round Swiss, 10 minutes per player per game; enter on the night (£3.00 per player) up to 7:20 p.m. Play starts 7:30 p.m. Further details at the NCA web site.

Newark 1 – Gambit 2

1 Wells, D.	(153)	½	–	½	Sudar, D.	(131)
2 Coates, D.	(155)	½	–	½	Wright, A.	(134)
3 Ladds, G.	(144)	½	–	½	Soki, Z.	(–)
4 Blake, R.	(133)	1	–	0	Hunter, S.	(140)
5 Combie, A.	(126)	1	–	0	Edwards, R.	(136)

3½ – 1½

Division 2

In the Radcliffe & Bingham 1 vs. Grantham 1 result given last week, 'Smith, P. (78)' should read 'Smith, B. (86)'.

Fiveways 1 – Long Eaton 1

1 Flynn, D.	(137)	0	–	1	Evans, R.	(179)
2 Bhayat, S.	(127)	½	–	½	Gibson, G.	(152)
3 Bowen, L.	(106)	0	–	1	Robins, A.	(135)
4 Thorsen, A.	(104)	0	–	1	Brown, D.	(134)
5 Default	(–)	½	–	½	Default	(–)

1 – 4

Division 3**Ashfield 3 – Bunkers 2**

1 Cranmer, S.	(132)	½	–	½	Harvey, K.	(138)
2 Sayer, R.	(109)	1	–	0	Carter, M.	(124)
3 Lewis, T.	(109)	0	–	1	Spencer, A.	(106)
4 Morrey, A.	(108)	0	–	1	Moore, M.	(88)
5 Jackson, M.	(108)	1	–	0	Allen, P.	(102)

2½ – 2½

Division 4**West Nottingham 3 – Gambit 4**

1 Hinton, G.	(135)	1	–	0	Harper, M.	(107)
2 Willoughby, R.	(111)	0	–	1	Hobson, B.	(104)
3 Lin, D.	(104)	0	–	1	Padvis, D.	(104)
4 Burley, P.	(115)	½	–	½	Gibson, G.	(99)
5 Rowbotham, M.	(88)	0	–	1	Gretton, M.	(80)

1½ – 3½

Division 5

No results received.

League tables**Division 1**

Champions: Gambit 1

Relegated: West Nottingham 1 and Gambit 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Gambit 1	16	12	1	3	51	29	22	0	25
2 Mansfield 1	16	9	5	2	44	36	8	0	23
3 Ashfield 1	16	7	4	5	41	39	2	0	18
3 Newark 1	16	8	2	6	41	39	2	0	18
5 University 2	16	5	5	6	40½	39½	1	0	15
6 University 1	16	5	4	7	36½	43½	–7	0	14
7 West Bridgford 1	16	4	4	8	37	43	–6	0	12
8 Gambit 2	16	3	5	8	35	45	–10	0	11
9 West Nottingham 1	16	4	0	12	34	46	–12	–2	6

Division 2

Champions: Bunkers 1

Promoted: West Nottingham 2

Relegated: Fiveways 1 and Radcliffe & Bingham 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Bunkers 1	14	9	3	2	43½	26½	17	0	21
2 West Nottingham 2	14	9	1	4	41	29	12	0	19
3 Nomads 1	14	6	4	4	35½	34½	1	0	16
4 Grantham 1	14	6	3	5	37	33	4	0	15
5 Long Eaton 1	14	8	0	6	37½	32½	5	–4	12
6 Ashfield 2	14	4	3	7	31	39	–8	0	11
7 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	14	3	2	9	31½	38½	–7	0	8
8 Fiveways 1	14	2	2	10	23	47	–24	0	6

Division 3

Promoted: Ashfield 3 and either Bunkers 2 or Mansfield 2

Relegated: Ashfield 4 and one from Fiveways 2, University 3 and Nomads 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Ashfield 3	14	10	1	3	43½	26½	17	0	21
2 Mansfield 2	13	8	3	2	40	25	15	0	19
3 Bunkers 2	13	7	4	2	37½	27½	10	0	18
4 Gambit 3	14	6	3	5	38	32	6	0	15
5 Fiveways 2	13	2	6	5	28	37	–9	0	10
6 Nomads 2	14	3	4	7	28½	41½	–13	0	10
7 University 3	13	3	5	5	30	35	–5	–2	9
8 Ashfield 4	14	1	2	11	24½	45½	–21	0	4

Division 4

Champions: Newark 2

Promoted: West Nottingham 3

Relegated: Bunkers 3 and Nomads 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Newark 2	14	13	1	0	49½	20½	29	0	27
2 West Nottingham 3	14	8	2	4	40	30	10	0	18
3 Gambit 4	14	6	3	5	38½	31½	7	0	15
4 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	14	7	0	7	35½	34½	1	0	14
5 West Nottingham 4	14	6	1	7	33	37	–4	0	13
6 Ashfield 5	14	6	0	8	30	40	–10	0	12
7 Nomads 3	14	5	2	7	34½	35½	–1	–2	10
8 Bunkers 3	14	0	1	13	19	51	–32	0	1

Division 5

Champions: West Bridgford 2

Promoted: Long Eaton 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Bridgford 2	16	11	1	4	43½	20½	23	0	23
2 Long Eaton 2	16	11	1	4	41½	22½	19	0	23
3 Long Eaton 3	16	10	1	5	35½	28½	7	0	21
4 Grantham 2	15	9	1	5	35½	24½	11	0	19
5 West Nottingham 5	16	7	2	7	34½	29½	5	0	16
6 University 4	14	7	2	5	27	29	–2	–6	10
7 Bunkers 4	15	3	1	11	20½	39½	–19	0	7
8 Gambit 5	14	4	2	8	23	33	–10	–6	4
9 West Nottingham 6	16	1	1	14	15	49	–34	0	3