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Notts News – the summer

The final league results are published this week, but that doesn't mean that *Notts News* will be vanishing over the summer months. Instead, I'll be producing new issues either when I have enough material for an issue or when there is time-sensitive information to be distributed.

The web site will continue to be updated whenever news arrives.

NCA Blitz Championship

John Swain

Thirty-five players entered this year's Blitz, a similar number to the last couple of years (34 in 2004, 35 last year), but the clubs represented by more than one player only consisted of: Ashfield, Gambit, Mansfield, Newark, Nomads and West Bridgford; West Nottingham had a solitary participant, and other clubs were not represented at all. It would be good to have some feedback from absentees as well as participants regarding possible improvements about timing or format.

Those who did participate enjoyed a six-round, ten-minute tournament which was won for the third year running by our President, Michael Barnes (Gambit) who conceded a draw to Tim Walker, but won the rest, including defeating former champion Jon Tait (Mansfield) in the penultimate round. Ankush Khandelwal (Nomads) won the junior prize for his second equal position, alongside an unrewarded Jon Tait (5 points). Perhaps we should introduce a prize for second place? Chris Cantrill (Mansfield) deservedly picked up a prize, the best under 160 performance, losing in the last round to Michael Barnes and finishing on 4½ points. The best veteran performance (over 50) required two tie-breaks: Bob Taylor (Ashfield) and George Wagenbach (Mansfield) both scored 4 points and had an identical sum of progressive scores, but Bob emerged the winner by a point on sum of opponents' scores. Finally, another tie-break was required to determine the best under 120 grading prize, which was won by Mick Harper on sum of progressive scores ahead of Ben Hobson (both of Gambit, both with 3 points). The clock prize was won by Gambit on 12½ points, ahead of Mansfield (10½) and Ashfield (9½).

Many thanks are due to all who played. Particular thanks are due to co-controller Derek Padvis; to Michael Barnes, who booked the facilities in the face of some stalling, and who did the lower half of the draw again (whilst also winning the event, no mean feat!); to Ian Kingston who produced some attractive A5 fliers to advertise the event and made them available at the Congress; finally, to those who helped set up the equipment: Michael Barnes, Austen Carlton and Derek Padvis.

County U125 National Preliminary Round: Notts–Sussex

Derek Cronshaw

Without eight of the players who taken the team to the Midlands final, Notts A were seriously handicapped in their

match against Sussex, on 29 April. The win on board count therefore, against stronger opposition, was a real achievement for all the players involved. Games were evenly contested throughout, but of particular importance were the late draws from Ken Heath and Darran Ince, and a fine win in a complex game by Rob Willoughby. Well done everybody!

Please note that the next match will be on Saturday 20 May vs. Bedfordshire and that I shall be in Cyprus until 15 May. Be ready for a quick call-up.

Nottinghamshire U125 A – Sussex U125 29 April 2006

Board		Grade	Score		Grade
1	A. Carlton	121	½–½	D. Hirsch	110
2	D. Ince	119	½–½	J. Wilson	121
3	P. Burley	115	½–½	G. Thomas	120
4	R. Willoughby	111	1–0	R. Jones	112
5	T. Thurgood	105	0–1	R. Fisher	121
6	D. Lin	104	1–0	M. Plumb	113
7	J. Yang	104	1–0	R. Waddingham	104
8	B. Hobson	104	½–½	R. Hunt	112
9	D. Cronshaw	105	1–0	N. Carter	100
10	I. Fillingham	103	1–0	C. Linnett	105
11	D. Dunne	99	0–1	D. Grant	103
12	Ed Pynegar	96	½–½	E. Hillier	106
13	L. Morrell	89	0–1	R. Cumming	98
14	P. Smith	86	0–1	H. Gold	102
15	D. Blampied	66	0–1	D. Wallis	99
16	K. Heath	64	½–½	N. Mansfield	77

8–8

Notts win on board count

Gambit's Olympiad competitor

Abigail Cast (Gambit) writes to say: 'I just wanted to let you know that whilst I am not actively playing chess in Notts, I will be representing the Welsh women's team on Board 1 in the forthcoming Chess Olympiad in Turin, starting on 20 May. The Welsh women's team is quite interesting this year as it includes on Board 4 the current British Under 11 champion, Megan Owens, possibly the youngest player ever to represent any of the home countries in this event.'

'People can follow the fortunes of all teams competing in both the Men's and Women's Olympiads on the official website: <http://www.chessolympiad-torino2006.org/eng/index.php?pag=1>.'

NCA best game prize

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

The Weakest Link

Alan Morrey

Through my connection with Ashfield Chess Club, I have been contacted by the BBC with a view to getting entrants from Nottinghamshire, or near areas, for the above programme.

I have a very small number of application forms to hand, although if necessary further applications may be obtained.

Applications will be dealt with on a strictly first come, first served basis and I suggest that anyone interested phone me on 01623 453077. If they wish they may also contact me at alanmorrey98@bigfoot.com, although since a major computer crash two months ago the latter is not wholly reliable.

Information and an application form may also be obtained by email to weakestlink@bbc.co.uk.

Rules Revision Meeting

The deadline for submitting proposed rule changes has now passed. I've assembled this brief summary of the proposals received based on information supplied by Andy Walker. More details next week.

LMC proposed changes to existing rules

Proposal 1: in rule A13 change 'December' to 'January'.

Proposed: D. Levens; seconded: W. Bryce

Proposal 2: in rule DI, allow scanned results to be e-mailed.

Proposed: D. Sudar; seconded: W. Bryce

Proposal 3: to delete all references to 'adjudication'. Proposed:

D. Sudar; seconded: D. Levens

LMC re-write of rules

Proposed by D. Sudar and W. Bryce, a complete new set of rules, intended to be shorter and simpler than the present set; (Drag has supplied a complete '*.doc' attachment; this will be published in full next week.)

Proposed re-write

Proposed: A. N. Walker; seconded: D. Sudar. Essentially a proposal that (separately from the proposal above) a sub-committee be set up with the aim of producing a revised (short, simple) set of rules, and that if the revised set is approved by the Association and is deemed to be not significantly different in its effect on actual play, then the new rules be adopted immediately, notwithstanding A15.

League results

Division 3

Bunkers 2 – Fiveways 2					
1	Harvey, K.	(138)	½	– ½	Griffiths, D. (106)
2	Radford, M.	(120)	0	– 1	Bowen, L. (106)
3	Carter, M.	(124)	0	– 1	Thorsen, A. (104)
4	Spencer, A.	(106)	1	– 0	Dunne, D. (99)
5	Moore, M.	(88)	1	– 0	Default (–)
2½ – 2½					

University 3 – Mansfield 2					
1	Satz, A.	(144)	1	– 0	Wagenbach, J. (133)
2	Tassi, J.	(137)	0	– 1	Ze, C. (–)
3	Chilton, J.	(128)	0	– 1	Oldham, B. (128)
4	Yang, J.	(104)	½	– ½	Smith, V. (119)
5	Jacobs, P.	(98)	0	– 1	Walker, R. (103)
1½ – 3½					

Division 5

University 4 – Gambit 5					
1	Details unknown	–	–	Fredericks, E.	(80)
2		–	–	Heath, K.	(64)
3		–	–	Downie, S.	(–)
4	Default	(–)	0	– 1	Mosley, S. (44)
1½ – 2½					

The details of this match are unknown as the match card has not been received. Anyone who can supply the missing details should send them to the Records Secretary.

Gambit 5 – Bunkers 4					
1	Fredericks, E.	(80)	0	– 1	Frings, M. (71)
2	Heath, K.	(64)	0	– 1	Cairney, K. (–)
3	Mosley, S.	(44)	1	– 0	James, M. (0)
4	Groves, A.	(76)	1	– 0	Default (–)
2 – 2					

Grantham 2 – University 4					
Walkover			Default		
4 – 0					

League tables

At the League Secretary's request, I've added the word 'provisionally' where appropriate to make it crystal clear that all promotions and relegations are subject to any restructuring that might be necessary when entries for next season are received. Sorry if this seems like overkill.

See last week's issue or the web site for the final Division 1, 2 and 4 standings.

Division 3

Champions: Ashfield 3 (by virtue of having defaulted fewer boards than Mansfield 2)

Provisionally promoted: Mansfield 2

Provisionally relegated: Ashfield 4 and University 3

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	14	9	3	2	43½	26½	17	0	21
3 Bunkers 2	14	7	5	2	40	30	10	0	19
4 Gambit 3	14	6	3	5	38	32	6	0	15
5 Fiveways 2	14	2	7	5	30½	39½	–9	0	11
6 Nomads 2	14	3	4	7	28½	41½	–13	0	10
7 University 3	14	3	5	6	31½	38½	–7	–2	9
8 Ashfield 4	14	1	2	11	24½	45½	–21	0	4

Division 5

Champions: West Bridgford 2

Provisionally 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 Grantham 2	16	10	1	5	39½	24½	15	0	21
4 Long Eaton 3	16	10	1	5	35½	28½	7	0	21
5 West Nottingham 5	16	7	2	7	34½	29½	5	0	16
6 Bunkers 4	16	3	2	11	22½	41½	–19	0	8
7 Gambit 5	16	5	3	8	27½	36½	–9	–6	7
8 University 4	16	7	2	7	28½	35½	–7	–10	6
9 West Nottingham 6	16	1	1	14	15	49	–34	0	3