

# Notts News

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### General Meeting reminder

A final reminder that the General Meeting of the NCA to discuss the Membership Scheme takes place on Tuesday 19 September at 7:30 p.m. at Gambit CC. See *Notts News* No. 3 (13 September) for more information.

### Nottinghamshire County Championship

Ian Kingston

Your entry form for the 2006 Nottinghamshire County Championship (21–22 October) is included with this issue of *Notts News*. Printed copies are also being sent to clubs, and you can of course download a copy from the web site. If the technology fails and your club runs out of copies, please contact me and I'll send you a form.

You'll see from the form that we have gained a quartet of sponsors (Specsavers; Kirk Hallam and Grangewood Family Dental Practices; Jaysons Pharmacy; and Sterling Financial Services Ltd). Each of them will be supplying a trophy as well as cash, and they have all agreed to sponsor their particular section of the competition for the next three years. This has allowed us to provide more prizes and to hire an excellent venue, and we are very grateful to all of them.

With four sections and five titles on offer, everyone has a realistic chance to become a County Champion. Enter now and make this tournament a success!

### Publicity

Looking at the wider picture: we (the NCA) need to make sure that this competition is visible to the community at large. One good way of doing this is to get items published in the local press. Please take a few moments to find a contact email address or phone number for your local paper(s) and pass them on to me. I'll do the rest.

### Handicap reminder

A reminder that the deadline to enter teams in the Handicap Knockout is Tuesday 19 September. Entries to Michael Barnes ([mhbchess@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:mhbchess@yahoo.co.uk)); more details in *Notts News* No. 2 (2 September).

### Leamington Rapidplay

Several NCA players took part in the Leamington Rapidplay on 10 September (all scores out of six points):

- ♦ **U160:** Kishan Lakhani 4 (Long Eaton); Daniel Wells (Newark) 3½
- ♦ **U130:** Oliver Exton (Nomads) 4½; Janos Wagenbach (Mansfield) 4
- ♦ **U70:** Dorothy Blampied (Bunkers) 4½

### Leek Congress

Maurice Hill (Nomads) won his section in the Leek Congress on 8–10 September with a score of 4/5.

### European Youth Championships

Ankush Khandelwal and Amisha Parmar are representing England in the Boys Under 16 and Girls Under 14 tournaments, respectively, at the European Youth Championships in Herceg Novi, Montenegro, from 9–20 September. With five of the nine rounds completed, Ankush has 2 points and Amisha 3½.

### Expansion

The NCA has been working behind the scenes since the AGM to try to expand chess in Nottinghamshire. The first efforts involve helping to try to set up clubs at Nottingham Trent University and Castle College. David Levens and Ian Kingston attended the Castle College Freshers Fayre and drummed up enough interest to make a club there a serious possibility, and work will continue with both institutions to try to make this a reality. If we succeed, new teams could appear in Division 5 before Christmas.

Places like Castle College, which have many local students, could become a source of players for existing clubs as students leave education and look for clubs elsewhere in the county. And more variety – new faces, new venues – must be a good thing.

### Ashfield Championship

Neil Graham reports that the Ashfield Club Championship was won by Glenn Halfpenny with a perfect 5/5. Richard Webster, Neil Graham, Phil Morgan and Bob Taylor shared second place with 3/5. Ten players competed.

### World Championship Match

The match to reunify the World Championship takes place in Elista, Kalmykia, from 20 September–13 October. FIDE World Champion Veselin Topalov and Classical World Champion Vladimir Kramnik will play a 12 game match to repair the split caused in 1993 when Kasparov and Short broke away from FIDE to play their match.

There is more information at <http://www.fide.com/news.asp?id=978>, but as yet there is no official web site. In fact, FIDE is doing an appalling job of publicising the match. The days when a World Championship match would allow chess to break out of the confines of the weekly or daily newspaper column and into the news pages seem to be long gone, and FIDE appears to be doing nothing to change this. However, the clash between Topalov's dynamic style and Kramnik's solid positional game could see a genuinely exciting match.

### League results

The league season started this week, and I'm delighted to say that all results were reported promptly.

Results will be reported here in the same way as last year, except that I will flag provisional results with an asterisk, as on the web site. *Provisional* means one of the following:

- ♦ The result has been reported, but not in the officially approved manner (match card sent via post; scanned copy of match card sent via email). Don't let that stop you emailing typed results to me though.
- ♦ The Records Secretary (that's me too) has not been supplied with the relevant details about players new to a club as required under Rule C6.
- ♦ The eligibility of a player to play for a particular team (Rule C4) potentially depends on the participants in another match that has yet to be reported.
- ♦ I have a life (sort of) and I haven't yet got round to making the necessary checks, even though all the information has been supplied.

Clubs with multiple teams always have to keep an eye on who is eligible to play for which team, so as to avoid incurring a penalty. I will contact any club that appears to have incurred such a penalty to explain why and to give an opportunity for you to correct any error that I might make.

I mentioned at the AGM that combining the roles of Records Secretary and Bulletin Editor/Webmaster would lead to a loss of cross-checking of results, since only one person is now looking at the match cards instead of two. Please, therefore, check your results carefully when they are published and let me know immediately when the inevitable mistakes occur.

The league tables, in both *Notts News* and on the web site, will continue to show the 'two up, two down' promotion and relegation zones, since these are nominally what we are all playing for. Remember that because of the fluctuating number of teams in the league there is no guarantee that teams will be promoted or relegated.

#### Division 1

No matches this week

#### Division 2

##### West Nottingham 1 – West Nottingham 2

1 Levens, D.	(167)	½	–	½	Kingston, I.	(143)
2 Mehton, A.	(148)	1	–	0	Collins, J.	(130)
3 Basey, M.	(–)	1	–	0	Williamson, E.	(114)
4 Keetley, M.	(136)	1	–	0	Willoughby, R.	(114)
5 Lin, D.	(117)	1	–	0	Zhang, M.	(78)
4½ – ½						

##### Ashfield 3 – Ashfield 2

1 Cranmer, S.	(139)	½	–	½	Webster, R.	(155)
2 Lewis, T.	(107)	1	–	0	Morgan, D. P.	(134)
3 Morrey, A.	(104)	0	–	1	Graham, N.	(133)
4 Jackson, M.	(107)	½	–	½	Taylor, R.	(127)
5 Dyce, R.	(83)	0	–	1	Robinson, A.	(117)
2 – 3						

#### Division 3

##### \*Fiveways – Bunkers 2

1 Flynn, D.	(132)	1	–	0	Griffiths, A.	(150)
2 Bowen, L.	(113)	0	–	1	Brameld, K.	(143)
3 Griffiths, D.	(106)	0	–	1	Harvey, K.	(142)
4 Thorsen, A.	(105)	0	–	1	Radford, M.	(120)
5 Dunne, D.	(100)	0	–	1	Moore, M.	(104)
1 – 4						

#### Division 4

##### Radcliffe & Bingham 2 – West Nottingham 4

1 Nailard, M.	(106)	0	–	1	Kingston, I.	(143)
2 Redburn, B.	(95)	0	–	1	Messam-Sparks, L.	(121)
3 Morley, S.	(88)	½	–	½	Burley, P.	(116)
4 Buttery, J.	(84)	0	–	1	Willoughby, R.	(114)
5 Erlingsson, E.	(–)	1	–	0	Crawley, J.	(67)
1½ – 3½						

##### Ashfield 4 – Ashfield 5

1 Wright, N.	(98)	1	–	0	Justice, E.	(81)
2 Clarke, P.	(94)	1	–	0	Todd, P.	(81)
3 Potter, C.	(90)	1	–	0	Norris-Hunt, T.	(68)
4 McIntosh, S.	(91)	1	–	0	Beeby, F.	(50)
5 Dyce, R.	(83)	1	–	0	Ramsell, R.	(–)
5 – 0						

#### Division 5

##### West Nottingham 5 – West Nottingham 6

1 Lim, E.	(74)	1	–	0	Alfred, L.	(22)
2 Clegg, T.	(58)	1	–	0	Gupta, Y.	(10)
3 Gupta-Kaistha, A.	(44)	1	–	0	Williamson, P.	(24)
4 Alfred, A.	(63)	1	–	0	Williamson, O.	(30)
4 – 0						

### League tables

The tables for Division 1 (no matches) and Divisions 3 and 5 (one match each) are somewhat unnecessary and have been held over. Apologies to the runaway leaders of the latter two divisions.

#### Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 1	1	1	0	0	4½	½	4	0	2
2 Ashfield 2	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	2
3 Gambit 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Grantham 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 Long Eaton	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 Nomads 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Ashfield 3	1	0	0	1	2	3	–1	0	0
8 West Nottingham 2	1	0	0	1	½	4½	–4	0	0

#### Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Ashfield 4	1	1	0	0	5	0	5	0	2
2 West Nottingham 4	1	1	0	0	3½	1½	2	0	2
3 Gambit 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4 Nomads 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5 University 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 West Bridgford 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	1	0	0	1	1½	3½	–2	0	0
8 Ashfield 5	1	0	0	1	0	5	–5	0	0