

Notts News

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General Meeting

The Special General Meeting held on 19 September to consider the proposed membership scheme was well attended. Opinions about the scheme were split approximately equally. After lengthy debate, the scheme was rejected.

It was announced that Terry Norris-Hunt has agreed to be captain of the County Under 100 team, and the meeting approved this. No captain has been found for the Under 125 team, which means that there will almost certainly be no Nottinghamshire team in that competition this year.

One other vacancy has been filled since the AGM: Dave Griffiths is a reserve LMC member.

H. E. Atkins Memorial Congress, Leicester

Gambit's Michael Barnes led the Nottinghamshire contingent at the Atkins Memorial, held on 15-17 September, scoring 4/5 to share first place in the Premier (Under 220) event.

All Notts scores:

- ♦ **Premier U220:** Michael Barnes 4/5 (= 1st); David Coates (Newark) 3 (U175 grading prize), Keith Brameld (Bunkers) 1½, Brian Thompson ½
- ♦ **Major U141:** Steve Hunter (Gambit) 3½ (= 2nd), Mark Radford (Bunkers) 2½, Robert Taylor (Ashfield) 1

Nottinghamshire County Championship 2006

21-22 October

Beeston Youth and Community Centre, West End,
Beeston, Nottingham NG9 1GL

This year, everyone has a chance to win a County Championship title – with four graded sections, plus the junior championship, anyone who can put together a good run of form could win one of the trophies.

Highlights:

- ♦ Four graded sections: opportunities for everyone
- ♦ 17 prizes in total
- ♦ Fun prizes: Game of the Day and Slow Starter prizes to keep everyone involved right to the end
- ♦ Excellent venue
- ♦ Sponsorship from four local businesses
- ♦ Just £10 to enter

This is a great opportunity to play in a local competition and support the NCA's efforts to widen participation in the only weekend tournament exclusive to Notts players.

Enter now: entry forms are available from the NCA web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>) and all NCA clubs. Alternatively, contact Ian Kingston via email (chess@iankingston.com) or on 0115 967 8367.

- ♦ **Intermediate U121:** Darran Ince (Nomads) 1
- ♦ **Minor U101:** Ben Hobson (Gambit) 2½, Dave Dunne (Fiveways) ½

Brandon Clarke, who plays for the Nottinghamshire Under 11 team, scored 3/5 in the Intermediate section, sharing the U110 grading prize.

4NCL

Nottinghamshire's teams opened their 4NCL season on Saturday. Details of the matches will appear on the website as soon as I get them, or you can check the 4NCL site: <http://www.4ncl.co.uk/>. In the Saturday matches, Nottinghamshire 1 were leading 5-0 when I left (wins for Robert Richmond, Pete Mercks, David Levens, Kishan Lakhani and Richard Webster), with a 6-0 whitewash looking likely. Nottinghamshire 2 were facing tougher opposition; the score stood at 1-1 (draws for Maurice Hill and me), with the outcome very unclear.

World Championship Match

The match between Kramnik and Topalov got under way on Saturday, Kramnik winning game 1 after Topalov blundered while pressing for a win. There is now a web site for the match – <http://www.worldchess2006.com/> on which the games are being broadcast live. Games start at midday in the UK.

League results

A quiet week – the General Meeting took place on Tuesday, which is a popular match night. Next week sees Division 1 finally get under way.

Division 1

No matches this week

Division 2

Long Eaton – Grantham 1

1 Evans, R.	(181)	½	–	½	Payne, N.	(168)
2 Lakhani, K.	(166)	1	–	0	Palmer, T.	(113)
3 Robins, A.	(146)	1	–	0	Mason, B.	(102)
4 Lakhani, A.	(116)	½	–	½	Cumbers, C.	(76)
5 Davies, N.	(116)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
		4	–	1		

Nomads 1 – Gambit 2

1 Hill, M.	(132)	½	–	½	Wright, A.	(154)
2 Rossiter, A.	(117)	1	–	0	Soki, Z.	(151)
3 Exton, O.	(128)	1	–	0	Hunter, S.	(139)
4 Kendall, T.	(118)	0	–	1	Sudar, D.	(134)
5 Marriott, R.	(121)	½	–	½	Padvis, D.	(100)
		3	–	2		

Division 3

No matches this week

Division 4

No results received.

Division 5

No matches this week

League tables

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	Long Eaton	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	0	2
3	Ashfield 2	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	2
4	Nomads 1	1	1	0	0	3	2	1	0	2
5	Ashfield 3	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0	0
6	Gambit 2	1	0	0	1	2	3	-1	0	0
7	Grantham 1	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0	0
8	West Nottingham 2	1	0	0	1	½	4½	-4	0	0

Division 3

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	Bunkers 2	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	0	2
2	Gambit 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Mansfield 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Newark 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	Nomads 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	Radcliffe & Bingham 1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	West Nottingham 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8	Fiveways	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	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

Division 5

	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1	West Nottingham 5	1	1	0	0	4	0	4	0	2
2	Bunkers 3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Gambit 5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Grantham 2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
5	University 4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6	West Nottingham 7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	West Nottingham 6	1	0	0	1	0	4	-4	0	0