

Notts News

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TWO DAYS TO GO!

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.

County Championship

The bright red letters say it all – and by the time you read this there may be less than 24 hours to get your entry in. You can enter on the Saturday morning **before 9:15 a.m.**; a phone call before then would help with planning.

Warwickshire U150–Nottinghamshire U150

Neil Graham

Nottinghamshire made a successful start to the 2006–07 season with a win over Warwickshire, reversing the defeat of last year. The team welcomed Matt Basey, Alex Combie, Will Place, Oliver Exton and Anjali Lakhani for their first matches. Indeed, with a number of absentees, there will be competition for places this year.

The main problem was actually reaching the venue, as there was a jam on the M42 and then a diversionary route to avoid M6 roadworks was recommended. There was also an ill-founded dependence on Notts' navigating skills. Fortunately our opponents were gracious enough to allow the clocks to be started some 20 minutes late, and eventually all the Notts players were sat at the board and playing.

Keith Brameld soon had an initial win for us, which together with a number of draws gave us an early 2½–1½ lead, which we never lost. Further wins for Bill Ray, myself, Steve Hunter and then Drag Sudar with a well-played endgame kept us slightly in front whenever Warwickshire looked like catching us up. With three games left we were in the lead by 7½–5½. Bob Taylor's position was untenable as his opponent had connected passed pawns, so the Board 15 game was conceded. The remaining games were both in our favour and Will Place duly scored the match-winning point. Keith Roper unfortunately blundered right at the end of the four-hour session, so the match result (8½–7½) was rather closer than the play itself suggested.

I'd like to thank our opponents for their hospitality and for giving us extra time to arrive at the venue.

Warwickshire U150 – Nottinghamshire U150 15 October 2006

Board	Grade	Grade
1	Richard Reynolds 146	½–½ Brian Hayward 148
2	Robert Wallman 146	0–1 Keith Brameld 143
3	Trevor Holt 145	1–0 Keith Roper 143
4	Mark Cundy 145	½–½ Kevin Harvey 142
5	Neil Clarke 141	½–½ Matt Basey 148*
6	Darren Lee 141	0–1 Steve Hunter 139
7	Gary Hope 140	½–½ Tim Lane 139
8	Robert Walker 140	1–0 Alex Combie 139
9	Adrian Fowkes 140	0–1 Will Place 135
10	Colin Eckloff 138	1–0 Phil Morgan 134
11	Keith Thomas 137	0–1 Drag Sudar 134
12	Chris Evans 137	0–1 Neil Graham 133
13	Phil Bull 133	0–1 Bill Ray 131
14	Jon Turner 121	1–0 Oliver Exton 128
15	John Fahy 130	1–0 Bob Taylor 127
16	Alan Burnett 130	½–½ Anjali Lakhani 117

7½–8½

Michael Adams held by Steve Hunter

England's No. 1 player, Michael Adams gave a simultaneous display after the North of England Rapidplay (<http://www.northofenglands.co.uk/>) in Sheffield on 1 October. Among those taking on the World No. 9 was Gambit's Steve Hunter, who was one of five players to take a draw from the Grandmaster – a terrific result. (Thanks to Brian Hayward for passing on the news.)

Alex Combie (Newark) writes to say that he scored 5/6 to take second prize (£100) in the rapidplay. He lost to Michael Adams in the simultaneous display, but only after nearly three hours play.

Erratum

The telephone number listed for Brian Hayward on p. 7 of the League Handbook is wrong. It should be 0115 987 3784.

Handicap Knockout

One unofficial result from Round 1 has reached me, with West Nottingham Fantasy becoming the first team into Round 2. Details later. The full first round draw is given below; all matches to be played by 10 November.

Newark B
Bigmat Yobs

WN Nightmare
Ashfield Allstars

WN Illusion
Ashfield Astra

Bunkers 3½
WN Fantasy 5

University Wiseheads
Newark A

Radcliffe Rockets
Mansfield

Ashfield Academicals
Bingham Bombers

Fiveways
WN Daydream

Learning the rules

Len Darby

I thought that I would bring to your attention the following incident that happened in a recent league match, so as to bring it to the notice of those who may not be aware of the rule.

Player 1 made his move and pressed his clock. Player 2 asked him, politely, if he would please make his move and press his clock with the same hand. Player 1 seemed confused. Player 2 then explained the rule. A high-graded person, who was watching but not playing, nodded in agreement. Player 1's captain, playing two boards along, looked up and said he had never heard of the rule. The game carried on.

I think all players, of any level, should try to learn as many rules as possible; team captains even more so. Also, in case of disagreement, a copy of the rules should be to hand to consult at all matches.

The rule that Len is referring to is Article 6.8b of the current FIDE Laws of Chess: 'A player must stop his clock with the same hand as that with which he made his move'. During the early part of the game it hardly matters, but when either player is in time trouble the seconds gained by pressing the clock instantly (or even before the move has actually been completed on the board) could be critical.

The Laws of Chess can be found online at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/fide/lawschess2005.htm>. All clubs were sent a copy at the start of this season.

League results

It seems that there are one or two old match cards in circulation, addressed to Ian Fillingham rather than to me. Please check before you post them that they're going to the right person.

Division 1

Bunkers 1 – University 1					
1	Harrison, J.	(150)	0	– 1	Posazhennikov, A. (185)
2	Brameld, K.	(143)	½	– ½	Thompson, I. (167)
3	Jennings, G.	(143)	0	– 1	Lee, D. (163)
4	Harvey, K.	(142)	½	– ½	Walker, A. (162)
5	Moore, M.	(104)	1	– 0	Default (–)
			2	– 3	

*Ashfield 1 – Gambit 1					
1	Khandelwal, A.	(187)	1	– 0	Barnes, M. (186)
2	Alcock, M.	(187)	1	– 0	Mercs, P. (176)
3	Halfpenny, G.	(162)	1	– 0	Hayward, B. (148)
4	Burke, S.	(161)	½	– ½	Soki, Z. (151)
5	Webster, R.	(155)	½	– ½	Roper, K. (143)
			4	– 1	

Division 2

Nomads 1 – West Nottingham 1					
1	Hill, M.	(132)	0	– 1	Levens, D. (167)
2	Exton, O.	(128)	0	– 1	Basey, M. (–)
3	Kendall, T.	(118)	½	– ½	Parmar, A. (159)
4	Marriott, R.	(121)	1	– 0	Kingston, I. (143)
5	Darby, L.	(107)	0	– 1	Williamson, E. (114)
			1½	– 3½	

Division 3

West Nottingham 3 – Radcliffe & Bingham 1					
1	Ineligible player	(–)	0	– 1	London, N. (126)
2	Messam-Sparks, L.	(121)	0	– 1	Toms, D. (129)
3	Burley, P.	(114)	½	– ½	Taylor, M. (120)
4	Willoughby, R.	(113)	½	– ½	Nailard, M. (106)
5	Crawley, J.	(68)	1	– 0	Morley, S. (88)
			1	– 4	
<i>1 point penalty applied</i>					

Division 4

Nomads 3 – Ashfield 5					
1	Ince, D.	(116)	1	– 0	Norris-Hunt, T. (68)
2	Cronshaw, D.	(96)	1	– 0	Saunders, R. (–)
3	Dawson, R.	(74)	1	– 0	Pacitto, J. A. (–)
4	Smith, P.	(87)	1	– 0	Beeby, F. (50)
5	Craig, G.	(–)	1	– 0	Default (–)
			5	– 0	

West Bridgford 2 – Ashfield 4					
Details awaited					
			2½	– 2½	

Division 5

Bunkers 3 – West Nottingham 7					
1	Wilson, R.	(74)	0	– 1	Gupta-Kaistha, A. (44)
2	Frings, M.	(70)	1	– 0	Ford, S. (–)
3	Blampied, D.	(60)	½	– ½	Gupta, Y. (10)
4	Cairney, K.	(42)	1	– 0	Maini, A. (0)
			2½	– 1½	

West Nottingham 7 – West Nottingham 5

1 Gupta, D.	(–)	0	–	1	Lim, E.	(74)
2 Maini, A.	(0)	0	–	1	Alfred, A.	(63)
3 Maini, D.	(–)	0	–	1	Zhang, M.	(78)
4 Gupta, Y.	(10)	0	–	1	Gupta-Kaistha, A.	(44)
0 – 4						

*Gambit 5 – University 4

1 Mosley, S.	(35)	0	–	1	Pym, J.	(106)
2 Ali, H.	(77)	½	–	½	Hamby, S.	(–)
3 Watson, R.	(68)	0	–	1	Ferris, S.	(–)
4 Heath, K.	(55)	0	–	1	Keller, S.	(–)
½ – 3½						

League tables

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Ashfield 1	3	2	1	0	10	5	5	0	5
2 Mansfield 1	2	1	1	0	6	4	2	0	3
3 University 2	1	1	0	0	3½	1½	2	0	2
4 Bunkers 1	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	2
5 University 1	2	1	0	1	4½	5½	–1	0	2
6 West Bridgford 1	2	1	0	1	4½	5½	–1	0	2
7 Newark 1	1	0	0	1	1½	3½	–2	0	0
8 Gambit 1	3	0	0	3	5	10	–5	0	0

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 1	4	4	0	0	15½	4½	11	0	8
2 Long Eaton	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	0	4
3 West Nottingham 2	3	2	0	1	8	7	1	0	4
4 Nomads 1	3	2	0	1	7½	7½	0	0	4
5 Ashfield 2	3	1	0	2	6½	8½	–2	0	2
6 Gambit 2	2	0	0	2	4	6	–2	0	0
7 Ashfield 3	3	0	0	3	5	10	–5	0	0
8 Grantham 1	2	0	0	2	1½	8½	–7	0	0

Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	3	3	0	0	10½	4½	6	0	6
2 Nomads 2	2	1	1	0	6½	3½	3	0	3
3 Gambit 3	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	0	2
4 Bunkers 2	2	1	0	1	5	5	0	0	2
5 West Nottingham 3	2	1	0	1	4½	5½	–1	0	2
6 Newark 2	2	0	1	1	4	6	–2	0	1
7 Mansfield 2	2	0	0	2	3½	6½	–3	0	0
8 Fiveways	2	0	0	2	2	8	–6	0	0

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 4	3	3	0	0	10½	4½	6	0	6
2 Gambit 4	2	2	0	0	6½	3½	3	0	4
3 Nomads 3	2	1	1	0	7½	2½	5	0	3
4 Ashfield 4	3	1	1	1	8½	6½	2	0	3
5 West Bridgford 2	2	0	1	1	4½	5½	–1	0	1
6 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	2	0	1	1	4	6	–2	0	1
7 University 3	1	0	0	1	2	3	–1	0	0
8 Ashfield 5	3	0	0	3	1½	13½	–12	0	0

Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 5	2	2	0	0	8	0	8	0	4
2 Bunkers 3	2	2	0	0	5	3	2	0	4
3 University 4	1	1	0	0	3½	½	3	0	2
4 West Nottingham 7	3	1	0	2	4½	7½	–3	0	2
5 Grantham 2	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	0	1
6 Gambit 5	2	0	1	1	2½	5½	–3	0	1
7 West Nottingham 6	3	0	0	3	2½	9½	–7	0	0