

# Notts News

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### NEXT WEEKEND – ENTER NOW!

#### 18th Nottingham Rapidplay

Sunday 18 February  
Nottingham High School, Waverley Mount, Nottingham  
NG7 4ED

- ♦ Open: open to all players
- ♦ Major: for players graded below 140
- ♦ Minor: for players graded below 110

Six-round Swiss. Thirty minutes per player for all moves.  
Play starts at 10:00 a.m.

**Enter now:** entry forms have been sent to all NCA clubs and may also be downloaded from the NCA web site. Alternatively, contact Robert Richmond on 0115 945 5908.

#### National Club Championship

Bob Taylor has provided an update on Ashfield's progress in the National Club Championship, reported in the previous issue: on 28 January, Ashfield beat Lancaster 2½-1½, thereby joining Newark in the quarter-finals of the Minor section.

#### Fiveways take a mid-season break

David Griffiths

All clubs lose members from time to time, for a number of reasons. A couple of years ago we lost John Kirk, because he emigrated to the South of France to purchase and run a 14 bedroom hotel in the Pyrenees, with his wife and son. Further details on his hotel can be found at [www.lesrochershotel.co.uk](http://www.lesrochershotel.co.uk).

The hotel is ideally placed, just south of Lourdes, within 30 minutes' drive of six ski resorts.

So, as a club, we decided to have a mid-season break (thanks to West Nottingham for rearranging a match and Ryanair for very cheap flights) and visit our ex-member to see how his chess was coming on.

After an early morning drive to Stansted, we boarded a cheap flight to Pau and then picked up two hire cars for our 1 hour drive to the hotel (total cost for a return trip to the hotel, including flights and car hire, was £77 each!). I must say, a great time was had by all for four days, hurtling down the ski slopes during the day (thankfully no breaks), with après ski comprising of lager and chess (just like our home games).

We will be running a similar trip next year and may well consider opening this up to other chess players from the Notts League. If anyone is interested let me know ([drgriffiths@email.com](mailto:drgriffiths@email.com)). If we can get enough players together we can arrange to take on a French chess club (probably Lourdes as it is nearest). We could only get four

from our club this year, not enough for a match, so we stayed in the bar!

The result – John's chess has deteriorated, but his skiing, cooking and hospitality have improved, and are second to none.

Definitely recommended!

#### 4th Cleveland Weekend Congress

Three Notts League players competed in the Minor section of the Cleveland Congress, held on 19-21 January. Ray Sayer (Ashfield) scored 3½/5 to finish =4th, Ben Hobson (Gambit) scored 3 and Roger Walker (Mansfield) 2½.

#### League results

##### Division 1

Gambit 1 – Ashfield 1					
1 Barnes, M.	(186)	1	– 0	Default	(–)
2 Mercs, P.	(176)	½	– ½	Burke, S.	(161)
3 Hayward, B.	(148)	1	– 0	Webster, R.	(155)
4 Hunter, S.	(139)	½	– ½	Morgan, D. P.	(134)
5 Roper, K.	(143)	½	– ½	Graham, N.	(133)
		4	– 1		

½ point penalty applied: Rule D9

##### Division 2

Ashfield 3 – West Nottingham 1					
1 Cranmer, S.	(139)	0	– 1	Levens, D.	(167)
2 Robinson, A.	(117)	0	– 1	Basey, M.	(–)
3 Sayer, R.	(103)	½	– ½	Collins, J.	(130)
4 Lewis, T.	(107)	0	– 1	Kingston, I.	(143)
5 Jackson, M.	(107)	0	– 1	Williamson, E.	(114)
		½	– 4½		

##### Division 3

Gambit 3 – Radcliffe & Bingham 1					
1 Tassi, I.	(131)	1	– 0	London, N.	(126)
2 Gibson, G.	(107)	0	– 1	Toms, D.	(129)
3 Hopkinson, G.	(101)	0	– 1	Taylor, M.	(120)
4 Brown, A.	(87)	½	– ½	Murfet, G.	(113)
5 Chambers, A.	(–)	0	– 1	Nailard, M.	(106)
		1½	– 3½		

##### Division 4

Ashfield 4 – West Bridgford 2					
1 Wright, N.	(98)	0	– 1	Place, W.	(135)
2 Clarke, P.	(94)	½	– ½	Hill, F.	(102)
3 Potter, C.	(90)	1	– 0	Gold, D.	(–)
4 McIntosh, S.	(91)	1	– 0	Gill, R.	(–)
5 Dyce, R.	(83)	½	– ½	Tys, S.	(70)
		3	– 2		

## Division 5

Bunkers 3 – West Nottingham 6										
1	Wilson, R.	(74)	1	–	0	Alfred, L.	(–)			
2	Chubb, A.	(72)	0	–	1	Nicholson, J.	(–)			
3	Frings, M.	(70)	1	–	0	Williamson, O.	(–)			
4	Cairney, K.	(42)	1	–	0	Mackay, R.	(–)			
			<b>3</b>		<b>– 1</b>					

West Nottingham 7 – Bunkers 3										
1	Ford, S.	(–)	0	–	1	Chubb, A.	(72)			
2	Maini, A.	(0)	1	–	0	Parham, S.	(59)			
3	Ford, C.	(–)	1	–	0	Cairney, K.	(42)			
4	Gupta, Y.	(10)	0	–	1	Swords, M.	(–)			
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## League tables

### Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Bridgford 1	10	6	3	1	30	20	10	0	15
2 University 2	8	6	1	1	27	13	14	0	13
3 Ashfield 1	10	5	2	3	28	22	6	0	12
4 Mansfield 1	9	3	3	3	23	22	1	0	9
5 University 1	8	3	1	4	19½	20½	–1	0	7
6 Gambit 1	9	2	3	4	20½	24½	–4	0	7
7 Newark 1	7	1	2	4	12½	22½	–10	0	4
8 Bunkers 1	9	1	1	7	14½	30½	–16	0	3

### Division 2

The first issue of the season has been (more or less) decided – barring penalties, West Nottingham are guaranteed a top two finish by one of their teams.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 1	10	9	0	1	34½	15½	19	0	18
2 Long Eaton	9	7	1	1	30½	14½	16	0	15
3 West Nottingham 2	9	5	1	3	24½	20½	4	0	11
4 Ashfield 2	10	3	2	5	21½	28½	–7	0	8
5 Gambit 2	9	3	1	5	21	24	–3	0	7
6 Grantham 1	9	3	1	5	18½	26½	–8	0	7
7 Nomads 1	9	2	1	6	18	27	–9	0	5
8 Ashfield 3	9	1	1	7	16½	28½	–12	0	3

### Division 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	10	7	0	3	28	22	6	0	14
2 West Nottingham 3	7	4	2	1	21½	13½	8	0	10
3 Fiveways	8	4	1	3	19	21	–2	0	9
4 Newark 2	7	3	1	3	20	15	5	0	7
5 Nomads 2	8	2	2	4	18	22	–4	0	6
6 Mansfield 2	6	2	1	3	16	14	2	0	5
7 Gambit 3	8	2	1	5	18	22	–4	0	5
8 Bunkers 2	6	2	0	4	9½	20½	–11	0	4

## Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Gambit 4	9	5	3	1	24½	20½	4	0	13
2 West Nottingham 4	8	5	2	1	25½	14½	11	0	12
3 Ashfield 4	11	5	2	4	29½	25½	4	0	12
4 Nomads 3	8	5	1	2	26	14	12	0	11
5 University 3	8	4	2	2	23	17	6	0	10
6 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	9	3	1	5	21	24	–3	0	7
7 Ashfield 5	9	1	1	7	13	32	–19	0	3
8 West Bridgford 2	8	0	2	6	12½	27½	–15	0	2

## Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 West Nottingham 5	8	5	1	2	22½	9½	13	0	11
2 Grantham 2	6	4	1	1	16½	7½	9	0	9
3 Bunkers 3	9	3	3	3	17	19	–2	0	9
4 Gambit 5	7	3	2	2	13½	14½	–1	0	8
5 University 4	7	3	1	3	14½	13½	1	0	7
6 West Nottingham 7	9	3	1	5	14½	21½	–7	0	7
7 West Nottingham 6	10	2	1	7	13½	26½	–13	0	5