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TWO WEEKS TO GO...

32nd Nottingham Congress

21-22 April

Bramcote Hills Sport and Community College, Moor Lane,
Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3GA

Three sections:

♦ Open

Prizes: £300, £150, 100

Entry fee: £20 adults, £16 juniors

♦ Major (players graded below 160)

Prizes: £250, £120, 80

Entry fee: £18 adults, £14 juniors

♦ Minor (players graded below 120)

Prizes: £200, £80, 50

Entry fee: £16 adults, £12 juniors

All three competitions are five-round Swisses.

If you only play one congress a year, make it your local one!

Enter now: entry forms are available from the NCA web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>) and all NCA clubs.

Alternatively, contact Robert Richmond on 0115 945 5908.

ECF forum opens

The ECF has just opened an official discussion forum (<http://forum.bcfservices.org.uk/>) on which chess-related matters can be discussed. You need to register to be able to post messages, but anyone can read the various discussions.

This looks like a very good development. One of the biggest problems in English chess is the apparent remoteness of the ECF, so the opportunity to discuss issues online must be welcomed.

Trophies

Holders of all NCA trophies (League Championship, Division Championships, Handicap KO and County Individual Championships) are requested to return their trophies to a member of the Executive Committee on or before Monday 4 June (the day of the Rules Revision Meeting) to allow time for engraving.

League results

Division 1

Ashfield 1 – West Bridgford 1

1	Alcock, M.	(187)	1	–	0	Richmond, R.	(194)
2	Halfpenny, G.	(162)	1	–	0	Walker, T.	(167)
3	Burke, S.	(161)	0	–	1	Truman, R.	(167)
4	Webster, R.	(155)	1	–	0	Thompson, B.	(150)
5	Toothill, A.	(158)	0	–	1	Place, W.	(135)

3 – 2

Division 2

West Nottingham 2 – Ashfield 2

1	Kingston, I.	(143)	½	–	½	Taylor, R.	(127)
2	Collins, J.	(130)	0	–	1	Graham, N.	(133)
3	Day, J.	(119)	1	–	0	Morgan, D. P.	(134)
4	Zhang, M.	(78)	1	–	0	Robinson, A.	(117)
5	Willoughby, R.	(114)	0	–	1	Cranmer, S.	(139)

2½ – 2½

Gambit 2 – West Nottingham 1

1	Wright, A. J.	(154)	½	–	½	Levens, D.	(167)
2	Heath, K.	(55)	0	–	1	Basey, M.	(–)
3	Hunter, S.	(139)	½	–	½	Kingston, I.	(143)
4	Roper, K.	(143)	0	–	1	Keetley, M.	(136)
5	Hopkinson, G.	(101)	½	–	½	Collins, J.	(130)

1½ – 3½

Division 3

Nomads 2 – Radcliffe & Bingham 1

1	Rossiter, A.	(117)	1	–	0	London, N.	(126)
2	Pynegar, T.	(106)	1	–	0	Nicholson, I.	(136)
3	Darby, L.	(107)	½	–	½	Toms, D.	(129)
4	Cronshaw, D.	(96)	1	–	0	Murfet, G.	(113)
5	Pynegar, H.	(86)	½	–	½	Taylor, M.	(120)

4 – 1

Bunkers 2 – West Nottingham 3

1	Harvey, K.	(142)	1	–	0	Heining, D.	(109)
2	Carter, M.	(123)	½	–	½	Burley, P.	(114)
3	Moore, M.	(104)	1	–	0	Nehra, P.	(–)
4	Frings, M.	(70)	1	–	0	Williamson, E.	(114)
5	Parham, S.	(59)	0	–	1	Berdunov, N.	(–)

3½ – 1½

Newark 2 – Gambit 3

1	Combie, A.	(139)	0	–	1	Roper, K.	(143)
2	Wollerton, G.	(123)	0	–	1	Fillingham, I.	(94)
3	Burridge, I.	(138)	1	–	0	Hopkinson, G.	(101)
4	Harper, G.	(83)	½	–	½	Hobson, B.	(99)
5	Hargreaves, M.	(73)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
2½ – 2½							

Division 4

Gambit 4 – Radcliffe & Bingham 2

1	Harper, M.	(109)	1	–	0	Murfet, G.	(113)
2	Hobson, B.	(99)	0	–	1	Nailard, M.	(106)
3	Fillingham, I.	(94)	0	–	1	Redburn, B.	(95)
4	Ali, H.	(77)	½	–	½	Morrell, L.	(88)
5	Padvis, D.	(100)	1	–	0	Falgate, M.	(74)
2½ – 2½							

West Bridgford 2 – Ashfield 5

1	Hill, F.	(102)	0	–	1	McIntosh, S.	(91)
2	Milford, M.	(69)	1	–	0	Justice, E.	(81)
3	Godfrey, R.	(–)	½	–	½	Todd, P.	(81)
4	Gold, D.	(–)	1	–	0	Swift, S.	(–)
5	Garnett, R.	(–)	½	–	½	Beeby, F.	(50)
3 – 2							

Division 5

In the Grantham 2–West Nottingham 5 result reported last time, Grantham's Board 1 should have been P. Smith, not B. Smith.

West Nottingham 7 – Grantham 2

1	Ford, C.	(–)	1	–	0	Smith, B.	(77)
2	Maini, A.	(0)	0	–	1	Smith, P.	(78)
3	Wild, T.	(–)	0	–	1	Cumbers, C.	(76)
4	Mozaffari, M.	(–)	1	–	0	Default	(–)
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League tables

All promotion and relegation indications are provisional.

Division 1

The title race remains alive after Ashfield 1's win over West Bridgford 1. The winner will be decided when the leaders meet in their final match (nice piece of scheduling!). Ashfield will have to win 5–0; any other result will leave University 2 as champions.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 University 2	13	9	2	2	42	23	19	0	20
2 Ashfield 1	13	8	2	3	37	28	9	0	18
3 West Bridgford 1	12	6	3	3	34	26	8	0	15
4 Mansfield 1	12	4	4	4	31	29	2	0	12
5 Gambit 1	12	4	3	5	30½	29½	1	0	11
6 University 1	13	5	1	7	30	35	–5	0	11
7 Newark 1	12	3	2	7	24½	35½	–11	0	8
8 Bunkers 1	13	2	1	10	21	44	–23	0	5

Division 2

Nothing decided this week. Long Eaton need only a draw from their final match to win the division. Nomads 1 or Grantham 1 will go down after Ashfield 2 made their position safe with a draw against West Nottingham 2.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 PWest Nottingham 1	14	12	0	2	47	23	24	0	24
2 PLong Eaton	13	11	1	1	44½	20½	24	0	23
3 West Nottingham 2	14	6	2	6	36½	33½	3	0	14
4 Gambit 2	13	6	1	6	35½	29½	6	0	13
5 Ashfield 2	13	4	3	6	29½	35½	–6	0	11
6 Nomads 1	13	4	1	8	29	36	–7	0	9
7 Grantham 1	13	4	1	8	24	41	–17	0	9
8 Ashfield 3	13	1	1	11	19	46	–27	0	3

Division 3

It's all getting very tight. No issues are decided yet, and with Nomads 2 and Bunkers 2 both scoring upset wins this week almost anything is still possible.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 Radcliffe & Bingham 1	12	8	0	4	32	28	4	0	16
2 Mansfield 2	11	6	2	3	32½	22½	10	0	14
3 Newark 2	11	5	2	4	32½	22½	10	0	12
4 West Nottingham 3	12	5	2	5	30½	29½	1	0	12
5 Fiveways	11	5	1	5	25½	29½	–4	0	11
6 Nomads 2	11	4	2	5	26	29	–3	0	10
7 Bunkers 2	12	4	2	6	24½	35½	–11	0	10
8 Gambit 3	12	2	3	7	26½	33½	–7	0	7

Division 4

West Bridgford 2 and Ashfield 5 are both relegated, while Gambit 4 slipped out of the promotion race.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 PUniversity 3	13	9	2	2	41	24	17	0	20
2 West Nottingham 4	13	8	3	2	39½	25½	14	0	19
3 Gambit 4	13	6	4	3	35	30	5	0	16
4 Nomads 3	11	6	1	4	32	23	9	0	13
5 Ashfield 4	12	5	3	4	32	28	4	0	13
6 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	13	3	3	7	28½	36½	–8	0	9
7 West Bridgford 2	13	2	2	9	22½	42½	–20	0	6
8 Ashfield 5	12	1	2	9	19½	40½	–21	0	4

Division 5

Grantham 2's dropped point leaves West Nottingham 5 needing only a draw to win the division.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 PWest Nottingham 5	11	7	2	2	31	13	18	0	16
2 Grantham 2	11	6	3	2	28	16	12	0	15
3 Gambit 5	10	4	4	2	20	20	0	0	12
4 Bunkers 3	11	4	4	3	21½	22½	–1	0	12
5 University 4	12	4	2	6	22	26	–4	–2	8
6 West Nottingham 7	12	3	2	7	19	29	–10	0	8
7 West Nottingham 6	11	2	1	8	14½	29½	–15	0	5