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32nd Nottingham Congress

As last year, the annual congress was played at Bramcote Hills Sport and Community College. This time, the event was organised by Robert Richmond, with Neil Graham on duty as chief arbiter. David Levens organised the refreshments and a rota of helpers to serve them.

It was a typically friendly affair, with very few problems for the organisers. International commitments kept the usual titled visitors away, and that opened the door for a very competitive Open.

Open

County Champion Alex Posazhennikov seized the opportunity to take a share of first place, in the process also qualifying for this year's British Championship. David Levens beat his club mate Matt Basey in the last round to be the best of the rest of the local contingent.

Pos	Name	Grade	Score
1 =	Alex Posazhennikov (Nottingham University)	185	4 £183.33
	Matthew Broomfield (South Norwood)	207	4 £183.33
	Philip Briggs (Tamworth)	187	4 £183.33
4 =	David Levens (West Nottingham)	166	3½
	Don Mason (Shirley)	195	3½
6 =	Ankush Khandelwal (Ashfield)	186	3
	Nicholas Walker (West Bromwich)	173	3
8 =	Akash Jain (Pinner)	141	2½
	Helge Hjort (Hendon)	161	2½
	Jim Nicholson (York RI)	173	2½
	Kishan Lakhani (Long Eaton)	166	2½
	Matthew Basey (West Nottingham)	e148	2½
	Mike Surtees (Bolton)	192	2½
	Peter Merics (Gambit)	176	2½
15 =	Brian Thompson (West Bridgford)	150	2
	David Coates (Lincoln)	161	2
	Ray Ilett (Peterborough)	154	2
	Russell James (South Birmingham)	190	2
	Steve Burke (Ashfield)	161	2
20 =	Moin Uddin (West Bromwich)	117	1½
	Philip Pelton (Kenilworth)	e180	1½
22	Pavel Ondrejka (Rugby)	164	1

Major (Under 160)

Another three-way tie, but this time none of the Nottinghamshire players was quite able to force their way into the money. Richard Webster, Giorgio Pierbattisti and Ian Kingston were all just a half-point away from the lead at the start of the last round, but only Richard managed to extract a draw from his game, which wasn't quite enough. Alex Combie and Derek Jarvis caught him to share fourth place.

Pos	Name	Grade	Score
1 =	Mark Ruston (Beckenham)	159	4 £150.00
	Phil Bull (Warley Quinborne)	133	4 £150.00
	Ryan Palmer (Newport)	152	4 £150.00
4 =	Alexander Combie (Newark)	139	3½
	Derek Jarvis (Breadsall)	148	3½
	Richard Webster (Ashfield)	155	3½
	Robert Dean (Pudsey)	138	3½
8 =	Giorgio Pierbattisti (Grantham)	146	3
	Ian Kingston (West Nottingham)	143	3
	James Thomson (—)	121	3
	Mike Lally (Phoenix)	142	3
	Robert Clegg (Huddersfield)	133	3
13 =	Andrew Price (Leamington)	140	2½
	Roger Howley (Bury)	151	2½
	Tony Wright (Gambit)	154	2½
16 =	Alan Ruffle (Birmingham)	139	2
	Andrew Farthing (Worcester)	e115	2
	Anjali Lakhani (Long Eaton)	117	2
	Dean Hartley (Amber Valley)	142	2
	Geoffrey Bishop (Chislehurst)	134	2
	Phil Watkinson (Wigston)	126	2
	Robert Taylor (Ashfield)	127	2
	Ross Blake (Newark)	137	2
	Steve Hunter (Gambit)	139	2
25	Richard Desmedt (Wombwell)	121	1½
26 =	Jonathan Day (West Nottingham)	119	1
	Marcel Taylor (Radcliffe & Bingham)	120	1
28	Brendan O'Gorman (DHSS)	144	½

Minor (Under 120)

There was a clear winner in the minor – perhaps surprising in the largest section. Once again the local players largely missed out, with only Daniel Lin making the prize list; his only loss was to the winner.

Pos	Name	Grade	Score
1	Binod Gyanwali (<i>High Peak</i>)	e118	5 £200
2	Henrik Stepanyan (<i>Sutton Coldfield</i>)	115	4½ £80
3=	Carl Gartside (<i>High Peak</i>)	118	4 £16.67
	Daniel Lin (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	118	4 £16.67
	Krishna Busappa (–)	–	4 £16.67
6=	Astghik Stepanyan (<i>Sutton Coldfield</i>)	e89	3½
	David Buckell (<i>Pendle</i>)	109	3½
	John Wunderle (<i>Liverpool</i>)	93	3½
	Mike Nailard (<i>Radcliffe & Bingham</i>)	106	3½
	Panchart Bunyakiati (<i>UCL</i>)	e110	3½
	Robert Willoughby (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	113	3½
	Terry Banwell (<i>London</i>)	100	3½
	Toby Thurgood (<i>Nomads</i>)	106	3½
14=	Andre Cockburn (<i>Derby & Mickleover</i>)	96	3
	Andrew Sutton (–)	e97	3
	Benjamin Hobson (<i>Gambit</i>)	99	3
	Christopher Lewis (<i>Newport</i>)	117	3
	Daniel Broughton (<i>West Bridgford</i>)	85	3
	Don Curry (<i>Halesowen</i>)	104	3
	Douglas Bramley (<i>Spondon</i>)	99	3
	Luke Alldread (<i>Belper</i>)	103	3
	Roger Walker (<i>Belper</i>)	104	3
	Thomas Burgess (<i>Sutton Coldfield</i>)	117	3
	Timothy Allen (<i>Battersea</i>)	103	3
	Timothy Russell (<i>Ashby</i>)	–	3
26=	Barry Miles (<i>Eastcote</i>)	90	2½
	Chris Cumbers (<i>Grantham</i>)	76	2½
	David Scorer (<i>Pendle</i>)	92	2½
	James Waddington (<i>Bolton</i>)	68	2½

Pos	Name	Grade	Score
	Mark Stone (<i>Petts Wood</i>)	80	2½
	Roy Watson (<i>Kenilworth</i>)	95	2½
	Samuel Milson (<i>Louth</i>)	86	2½
33=	Alex Taylor (<i>Newport</i>)	90	2
	Amy Milson (<i>Louth</i>)	41	2
	Dave Brown (<i>Peterborough</i>)	e80	2
	Martin Gibson (<i>Spondon</i>)	46	2
	Mike Falgate (<i>Radcliffe & Bingham</i>)	74	2
	Nigel Marshall (<i>Rolls Royce</i>)	92	2
	Phil Foley (<i>Upminster</i>)	82	2
	Radha Jain (<i>Sutton Coldfield</i>)	66	2
	Stephen Morley (<i>Radcliffe & Bingham</i>)	88	2
42=	Gary Hopkinson (<i>Gambit</i>)	101	1½
	Hamzah Ali (<i>Gambit</i>)	77	1½
	Michael Zhang (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	82	1½
	Phil Smith (<i>Rolls Royce</i>)	75	1½
	Tracey Clegg (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	60	1½
	William Preston (<i>Worksop</i>)	68	1½
48=	Arun Maini (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	0	1
	Joseph Pacitto (<i>Ashfield</i>)	e36	1
	Ken Heath (<i>Gambit</i>)	55	1+
	Neil Milson (<i>Louth</i>)	66	1+
	Paul Todd (<i>Ashfield</i>)	81	1
	Ross Mackay* (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	–	1
54=	Conrad Green (<i>Hassell</i>)	58	½
	Daniel Thurgood (<i>Nomads</i>)	–	½
	John Crawley (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	68	½
	Yash Gupta (<i>West Nottingham</i>)	10	½

No results slip was received at the end of Round 5 for the game between the two players whose score is marked '+'. We'll try to contact the players for the result.

*Ross Mackay played in Round 1 only to avoid a bye for his opponent.

One piece of trivia...

West Nottingham players (Matt Basey, Ian Kingston and Daniel Lin) shared first place in all three competitions overnight, but only one of them managed to win a game the following day. No staying power!