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Summer Publication Schedule

The league season may be over, but there is still a lot of chess activity to be reported. *Notts News* will, as last year, be published over the summer months whenever there is enough material to fill an issue or there is important information to announce. There will definitely be an issue next week, including (if nothing else) the Trent Megafinal of the UK Chess Challenge and the EPSCA U11 final.

Watch out also for an announcement about the NCA Blitz Championship.

Nottingham Congress Feedback

David Levens

The number of entries for this year's congress was lower than in 2006 and, in consequence, the Association made a small loss. What was particularly disappointing was the low number of entries from our own county association – so far as I can see we had 39 out of the 255 people who played in the Notts League participating in the event. That's a mere 15%.

I realise, of course, that many of us have family commitments and other interests at weekends, but surely a 25% turnout isn't a lot to expect? That would equate to roughly another 20 or so entries from NCA members and a healthy profit for your association!

Clearly we are not making the event attractive enough for local players to consider it worthwhile entering. If the Executive Committee is to fulfil its obligations we also need the support of our members. It would be a great help, therefore, if members would inform us what they would like to see done better.

- ♦ Would you be more likely to enter the congress if there was at least one grading prize per section?
- ♦ Would you like to see slow starter prizes?
- ♦ Would you like a different/better venue? If so, what don't you like about Bramcote Hills School? This venue, incidentally offers plenty of parking, is easy to get to, and has good catering facilities and an adequate dining/rest area.
- ♦ How about prizes for best junior (under 16) performance and best senior (over 60) performance at the congress? Anything else?

NB: Your comments are vital!

Please send any comments to president@nottschess.org. If you'd like them to be published in *Notts News* as well, please copy them to nottsnews@nottschess.org.

Rules Revision Meeting

Andrew Walker reports that no proposals for Rule Revisions were received by the 30 April deadline. There is still time for proposals for other agenda items for the 4 June meeting; if none are received, it is proposed that the meeting be cancelled.

Inter-County U150 Quarter-Final

This match, against Cumbria, is now confirmed as being in Leeds on 19 May. Players should all have been contacted by now (Neil Graham emailed everyone on 3 May). If you missed the email, please get in touch with Neil immediately.

Braille Chess Association Championship

Steve Thacker (West Nottingham) competed in the Braille Chess Association Championship, held in Bournemouth from 4–11 April. He finished 7th with a score of 3½/7.

EPSCA U9 Championship

The NPSCA team travelled to Gloucestershire on 28 April for the EPSCA Under 9 Championship, having qualified by winning the Midlands title. They improved by one place on last year's performance finishing 6th with 21 points (maximum 36). Barnet ran away with the event (31 points), but the next five teams were separated by just 2½ points.

World School Championship

Lateefah Messam-Sparks (West Nottingham) represented England in the Girls Under 15 section of the World School Championship, held in Halkidiki, Greece, from 27 April–6 May. After rocketing away to a 3/3 start, she went through a rough spell, losing to the two highest rated players. However, a strong finish took her to a final score of 6/9 and third place – an excellent result.

National Club Championship

Bob Taylor reports that Ashfield's progress in the Minor Section was ended by Bedford in the quarter-finals on 15 April. Both teams were a player short, and although the match ended in a 1½–1½ draw, Ashfield were eliminated on board count.

Great Yarmouth Congress

Bob Taylor (busy man) also reports from the Great Yarmouth Congress (28–29 April), played at 'the venue for the up-coming British championships – Great Yarmouth College. I played in the Major and only scored 2½ from 5. While playing I found that Ross Blake (Newark) was also playing. He scored 3 from 5 in the same section, only losing in the last round. I found that the accommodation is a fair walk from the venue. I didn't find any accommodation near the venue, but don't let that put you off entering the British'.

Southend Congress

Richard Webster and Ray Sayer (both Ashfield) played in the Open at the Southend Congress from 6–9 April, scoring 3½ and 2 out of 7 respectively.

Spondon Summer Open Championship

Spondon Chess Club is holding its annual Summer Open Championship during June and July. The event will be an 8-round Swiss; best six results to count. Entries (£8.00 adults; £4.00 juniors; free to Spondon members) by 5 June (the date of the first round) to Bert Loomes (01332 736276, 07751113583, 5 Ullswater Drive, Spondon DE21 7JY, Bert27@talktalk.net), from whom further details can be obtained.

League results

Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 all finished last week. The final three matches in Division 3 complete this season's league programme.

Division 3

Nomads 2 – Gambit 3					
1	Pynegar, T.	(106)	½	– ½	Tassi, J. (131)
2	Thurgood, T.	(109)	1	– 0	Default (–)
3	Darby, L.	(107)	0	– 1	Roper, K. (143)
4	Pynegar, H.	(86)	0	– 1	Brown, A. (87)
5	Smith, P.	(87)	½	– ½	Hopkinson, G. (101)
2½ – 2½					

½ point penalty applied: Rule D9

West Nottingham 3 – Newark 2					
1	Lin, D.	(118)	0	– 1	Combie, A. (139)
2	Nehra, P.	(–)	0	– 1	Wollerton, G. (123)
3	Burley, P.	(114)	½	– ½	Aiton, K. (131)
4	Willoughby, R.	(113)	½	– ½	Myers, R. (115)
5	Berdunov, N.	(–)	1	– 0	O'Malia, R. (85)
2 – 3					

Fiveways – Mansfield 2					
1	Flynn, D.	(132)	0	– 1	Wagenbach, J. (132)
2	Best, I.	(117)	½	– ½	Oldham, B. (130)
3	Griffiths, D.	(106)	0	– 1	Smith, V. (114)
4	Bowen, L.	(113)	0	– 1	Harrison, R. (99)
5	Thorsen, A.	(105)	0	– 1	Walker, R. (104)
½ – 4½					

Dave Griffiths: This match was far closer than the score suggests. At 10 p.m. Fiveways were winning (only IB's drawn game had been completed). DF was a piece up, DG was a pawn up, and LB and AT both had crushing attacks. But it all went horribly wrong after the time control – at least we fielded five players!

League tables

All promotion and relegation indications are provisional.

Although final tables for Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 were published last week, they're repeated here with the Division 3 table for convenience.

Division 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 ^C University 2	14	9	3	2	44½	25½	19	0	21
2 Ashfield 1	14	8	3	3	39½	30½	9	0	19
3 West Bridgford 1	14	7	4	3	40½	29½	11	0	18
4 Gambit 1	14	5	4	5	38	32	6	0	14
5 Mansfield 1	14	5	4	5	35	35	0	–2	12
6 University 1	14	5	1	8	31	39	–8	0	11
7 ^r Newark 1	14	3	4	7	29½	40½	–11	0	10
8 ^r Bunkers 1	14	2	1	11	22	48	–26	0	5

Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 ^C Long Eaton	14	12	1	1	48	22	26	0	25
2 ^P West Nottingham 1	14	12	0	2	47	23	24	0	24
3 Gambit 2	14	6	2	6	38	32	6	0	14
4 West Nottingham 2	14	6	2	6	36½	33½	3	0	14
5 Ashfield 2	14	4	4	6	32	38	–6	0	12
6 Grantham 1	14	5	1	8	27½	42½	–15	0	11
7 ^r Nomads 1	14	4	1	9	30½	39½	–9	0	9
8 ^r Ashfield 3	14	1	1	12	20½	49½	–29	0	3

Division 3

Mansfield 2's strong finish earned them the Division 3 title, while Fiveways' dreadful run sees them relegated.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 ^C Mansfield 2	14	8	3	3	43	27	16	0	19
2 ^P Radcliffe & Bingham 1	14	9	1	4	39	31	8	0	19
3 Newark 2	14	7	3	4	43	27	16	0	17
4 West Nottingham 3	14	5	3	6	35	35	0	0	13
5 Nomads 2	14	5	3	6	33½	36½	–3	0	13
6 Bunkers 2	14	4	3	7	28½	41½	–13	0	11
7 ^r Fiveways	14	5	1	8	26½	43½	–17	0	11
8 ^r Gambit 3	14	2	5	7	31½	38½	–7	0	9

Division 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 ^C University 3	14	10	2	2	46	24	22	0	22
2 ^P Nomads 3	14	9	1	4	44	26	18	0	19
3 West Nottingham 4	14	8	3	3	41	29	12	0	19
4 Gambit 4	14	7	4	3	38	32	6	0	18
5 Ashfield 4	14	6	3	5	36½	33½	3	0	15
6 Radcliffe & Bingham 2	14	3	3	8	30	40	–10	0	9
7 ^r West Bridgford 2	14	2	2	10	24½	45½	–21	0	6
8 ^r Ashfield 5	14	1	2	11	20	50	–30	0	4

Division 5

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pt
1 ^C West Nottingham 5	12	7	3	2	33	15	18	0	17
2 ^P Grantham 2	12	6	4	2	30	18	12	0	16
3 Gambit 5	12	5	5	2	25½	22½	3	0	15
4 Bunkers 3	12	4	5	3	23½	24½	–1	0	13
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	12	2	1	9	15	33	–18	0	5