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NCA Blitz Championship – final reminder

Don't forget: the NCA Blitz Championship is at West Nottingham CC on Monday night – see the box for details.

Not included in the box are the details of the team prize. A chess clock will be awarded to the Nottinghamshire club with the highest combined score from three players, providing not more than one player is graded over 140 and at least one player is graded or has a playing strength known to be under 110. So if you're planning on coming it might be worth phoning a friend or two to put together a team.

4NCL final weekend

Details of the final 4NCL weekend, in which Nottinghamshire I narrowly missed out on promotion to Division 3, are now on the web site. A full report will appear in the next issue of Notts News.

East Midlands Junior Rapidplay Grand Prix

The final leg of the East Midlands Junior Rapidplay Grand Prix took place at Dovecote Primary School on 19 May. Results are slowly being added to the tournament web site (<http://www.westnottinghamchess.org/emj/>); the overall winners were:

Under 18 Lateefah Messam-Sparks (*also Best girl*)

Under 14 Brandon Clarke; *Girl*: Bethan Pearson

Under 12 Andrew Garside; *Girl*: Ella Macleod

Under 10 Lucien Holliday; *Girl*: Mathilda Pynegar

Under 9 Sohun Dhir; *Girl*: Imogen Allen

Rhyl Congress

David Levens (West Nottingham), Stan Cranmer (Ashfield) and Roger Walker (Mansfield) played at the Rhyl Congress from 18–20 May. David scored 2½/5 in the Open and won the grading prize; Stan finished equal second in the Major with 4/5; and Roger scored 2½/5 in the Minor. Full details at <http://www.rhylchess.co.uk/congress.htm>.

Summer Chess

Alex Posazhennikov tells me that the University Chess Club will be open for the first two weeks in June, but will then close until either the last week of September or the first week of October.

NCA Best Game Prize

Entries are coming in for the Best Game prize, but we'd like to see more. Any game played by anyone who has played in the Notts League this season or who lives in Nottinghamshire, in any event during the last season, whether in Nottinghamshire or elsewhere, is eligible.

Entries should reach David Levens (president@nottschess.org) by the end of June.

Coaching

David Levens

From Saturday June 2nd, I will be starting a coaching school for juniors. This will be in two sessions of 2 hours each, held at Bramcote Memorial Hall. The first, from 9:00–11:00 a.m., will be mainly for children under 9 who are in, or aspire to be in, the county side. The second, from 11:30 a.m. – 1.30 p.m., will be primarily for county under 11s and those who aspire to get in the county side, plus a few Year 7s who wish to continue improving their chess knowledge.

Already one adult player has asked me if I will be putting on the same kind of thing for adults. I am more than willing to do this if there is enough interest. An adult class, probably suitable for those graded under 125 (approximately), would take place on a Friday evening, assuming I can obtain the same or similar venue. The cost for all classes would be £7.50 per person for each 2 hour session. Folders and notes will be provided.

Coaching is by means of a projector linked to a laptop. I am confident that any adult attending such a course could put 10–20 points on their grade if they followed the lessons assiduously. Learning this way is better than reading a book. There aren't reams of analysis to learn and when you don't understand something you can ask questions!

Do not be put off by the fact that I am not a superstar player – teaching is a different skill from playing. To date I have helped 16 juniors to represent England at one level or another, the county junior side is now recognised as one of the best in the country and the Boys Junior High School, under my guidance, has reached the National Schools final every year, won it once and been runners up three times, and always against teams coached by titled players!

Any adults interested in pursuing this should contact me as soon as possible: david@chesscoach.co.uk.

NCA Blitz Championship

Monday 4 June 2007

West Nottingham Chess Club, Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD

- ♦ Six-round Swiss
- ♦ 10 minutes per player per game
- ♦ Prizes: Open, U150, U125 and U100; veteran (over 50); junior; team
- ♦ Entry fee: £3.00 per person on the night

Please arrive before 7:15 p.m. so that we can start promptly.

For more details, see http://www.nottschess.org/2006_07/blitz.html

High-speed fun!