

## **Correspondence Report**

I took over the captaincy of the correspondence team about four years ago. From year one it was a disaster and carried on into the state it is in now. DEAD!!

The first year it was still being run by the ECF but nobody in the ECF could be bothered to organise the event so it was cancelled that year. The ECF passed on responsibility for running the tournament to a private internet correspondence organisation and the year after a County event was run similar to the previous format but with changes that saw two games per player and allowed the use of computers. The following years the format changed so that the old traditional correspondence style of play amongst English counties changed to such a degree that the original spirit of county chess was lost forever.

During that period as captain I found it increasing hard to get teams out. We started with three teams, then is dropped to two teams, and at the start of the new season last September I could not raise a single team. I did try asking other local counties to merge with Notts but nothing happened. So reluctantly I had to withdraw Notts from the correspondence tournament.

I do not see a future for correspondence chess for the Notts Association.

I resign my position as captain.

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