

THE  
HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION  
NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 1989

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The new season already looks to have some interesting features. 50 teams in the league is certainly a milestone and shows how keenly contested is chess competition in Hertfordshire. Letchworth now leads the way with six teams in the league but none in Division 1 and 2. This must be some kind of record!

The proposed closed county rule changes favouring adjournments rather than adjudications will bring significant changes to the style of competitive league chess in Herts if they are approved at the SGM. In the wider chess environment, debate continues on whether to phase out adjudications. My reading is that demand grows to avoid adjudications but there is still a strongly held view that quick play or allegro finishes do tend to diminish the quality of the chess game. If sponsorship is to be obtained, for example, for the Counties Championships, then games will have to be finished in one session so as to maximise publicity. To inject a note of controversy, I would personally prefer to see all games completed in one session - all the moves in 90 minutes each, say, for a 3 hour league game.

At a national level, there are exciting developments and, in particular, the strength of England's younger players including the world's youngest Grandmaster, Michael Adams, augurs well for the future. In October the British Chess Federation will stage the World Chess Championship semi final matches at Sadlers Wells - Speelman v Timman and Karpov v Yusupov. The Federation also expects to hold the final match in the spring of 1990 to determine the challenger to Kasparov. These matches will be sponsored by Pilkington Glass.

For the first time the 1989 finals of the Counties Championship and the finals of the Leigh Interests National Club Championships were played over one weekend, 24 and 25 June in Derby, though no Herts teams were playing. This proved to be a tremendous success, with some very close results. There was a one day quick play tournament each day so spectators could both play and watch chess. Glynne should please note the writer achieved a plus score and no draws!! The 1990 finals will be played over the weekend 23 and 24 June again in Derby, so book these dates in your diary.

The British Chess Federation is proceeding with plans to launch a Direct Membership drive in 1990. Details will be available in about 3 months time, but essentially the Scheme will offer various benefits against an annual subscription. The intention is that Counties will earn a commission calculated on the members of the Federation who live in their jurisdiction. Also the Scheme will aim to phase out the Counties Levy paid to the Federation so all of this should help to improve the financial position of Counties. The Direct Membership Scheme will be managed by the Director of Home Chess and Services, who is also responsible for managing the Counties Championships (final stages) and the National Club Championships. The Management Board of the Federation is proposing my appointment as Director of Home Chess and Services at the annual Council Meeting on 16 September and I very much look forward to taking on greater responsibility for the development of chess in England.

BRYAN FEWELL

HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION  
Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended 15 April 1989

1988 values		£.p
	<u>GENERAL INCOME FOR THE YEAR</u>	
152	President and Vice Presidents subscriptions	161.50
725	Club Affiliations and unattached members fees	A 670.00
358	BCF fees	A 445.00
112	Other income	B 90.16
<u>1347</u>		<u>1366.66</u>
	<u>EXPENSES PAYABLE FROM THIS INCOME</u>	
655	Affiliation fees and other payments to the BCF/SCCU	682.16 B
420	General Expenses	486.49 C 1168.65
<u>272</u>		<u>198.01</u>
	<u>THE FOLLOWING EXPENSES MADE NET LOSSES</u>	
21	Correspondence chess	26.50
134	County matches	216.61
8(pr)	Individual Tournaments, Russell & Sharp competitions	10.00
<u>5</u>	Team tournament	20.00 D 273.11
	<u>WHILE THE FOLLOWING MADE NET PROFITS</u>	
26	Congress	20.44
23(loss)	Junior Chess	14.10 D 34.54
149	<u>THE NET COST OF ALL ACTIVITIES WAS</u>	238.57
123(pr)	The overall excess of expenditure over income was	40.56

	<u>BALANCE SHEET AS AT 15 APRIL 1989</u>		
588	Total Funds of the Association as at 16 April 1988	711.08	
123(pr)	Plus: Excess of expenditure over income (as above)	40.56	670.52
-	E J LEYNS FUND		500.00
<u>711</u>			<u>1170.52</u>
	<u>THESE FUNDS CONSISTED OF:</u>		
1272	Balances with Bank, Building Societies and Cash		E 1416.77
55	Add: Amounts owing to the Association		
<u>1327</u>			
616	Less: Amounts owed by the Association		F 246.25
<u>711</u>			<u>1170.52</u>

NOTES:

- (a) Equipment cost is shown as an expense in the year of purchase.  
 (b) No value is put on equipment or ties held for sale on 15 April 1989.

EQUIPMENT:

Silver cups: Burn, Capel, Daish, Hakansson, Lee-Johnson,  
 'new' Puller, 'old' Puller, Sharp.  
 Silver plate cups: Berry, Davis, 3 School League Divisions, 3, 4 and 5.  
 Montague Jones Board, 5 Engraved Chess Clocks,  
 50 County Match sets and boards, 45 County Match Clocks, 23 Ties.  
 Mrs Pattison Board, Set and Clock.  
 K L Woodland Board, Set and Clock

*C. Lean*

22nd May 1989.

(C LEAN)  
 Hon Treasurer

NOTES TO THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT AND BALANCE SHEET  
For the year ending 15 April 1989

A CLUB AFFILIATION, UNATTACHED MEMBERS, and BCF FEES

Allenburys	32.00	17.50	Old Elizabethans	14.00	-
Barnet	37.00	22.50	Pin Green	40.00	12.50
Bishop's Stortford	40.00	25.00	Rothamsted	20.00	-
Borehamwood	16.00	-	Royston	26.00	7.50
Hemel Hempstead	48.00	2.50	St Albans	72.0	40.00
Hilltop	48.00	20.00	Stevenage	38.00	5.00
Hoddesdon	48.00	10.00	Watford	50.00	12.50
IDEC	26.00	-	Welwyn Garden City	24.00	5.00
Letchworth & Baldock	63.00	12.50	Unattached Members	28.00	37.50
Carried forward	358.00	110.00		670.00	230.00

The second column is BCF fees paid as well as club fees. In addition £92.50 for 37 Vice Presidents, £17.50 from the South Herts Congress and £105.00 from the Hitchin Congress were also allocated to BCF fees.

B OTHER INCOME

Adjudications	25.99
Interest	37.17
Other	27.00
	<u>90.16</u>

BCF/SCCU Expenses

BCF fees	570.16
Year Books and Entry	57.00
SCCU fees	40.00
SCCU Bulletins (3)	15.00
	<u>682.16</u>

C GENERAL EXPENSES

AGM Hall Hire	31.00
Bulletin	129.46
Equipment	25.00
Grading list	46.25
Insurance	75.70
Carried forward	<u>307.41</u>

League Secretary	23.86
Secretary	102.60
Treasurer	24.55
Other	28.07
	<u>486.49</u>

D INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ON ACTIVITIES

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenditure</u>
Hitchin Congress	2419.60	2399.16
Correspondence chess	-	26.50
County Matches	-	216.61
Individual Tournaments, Russell & Sharp competitions	-	10.00
Junior Chess	85.10	71.00
Team Tournament (1988)	12.80	32.80

E BANK, BUILDING SOCIETIES AND CASH BALANCES

Cash	4.02	Cheltenham & Glos B/Soc	810.02
Midland Bank (Current Account)	2.73	Woolwich Building Society	600.00
	<u>6.75</u>		<u>1416.77</u>

F AMOUNT OWED BY THE ASSOCIATION

1989 Charity Congress	69.50
Bulletin (Est)	120.00
County Matches (est)	30.75
Individual Tournaments	11.00
Other (Engraving)	15.00
	<u>246.25</u>

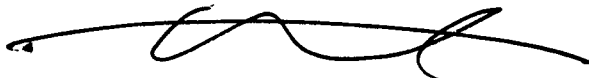
AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

I have audited the financial statements on pages 1 and 2 in accordance with approved Auditing Standards.

In common with many other organisations of a similar size and nature, the Association's system of control is dependent on the close involvement of the Treasurer and other officers. Where independent confirmation of the completeness of the accounting records was not therefore available I have accepted assurances from the Treasurer that all the Association's transactions have been reflected in the records. The operation of a system of budgetary control has supported my reliance on this assurance. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the accounting policies stated.

Subject to the foregoing, in my opinion the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 15 April 1989 and of its ~~surplus~~ for the year then ended.

*at deficit*



T Tomkins, FCCA  
22 May 1989

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1989 AGM

This season has had more than the usual amount of variations from the budget, and the final outcome of a reasonably small deficit has been more by good luck than anything else.

The season started off badly with several unexpected expenses:

1. The hire of a room for the September executive, since Hilltop was unavailable, cost £40.
2. The hire of a room for the final of the Under-180 Grading Knock-Out last June cost £30.
3. The withdrawal of Hertford and British Aerospace reduced the expected income from Club and Member fees by £40, which ended up £45 below budget.
4. The deposit with the BCF for County adjudications ran out, and needed a payment of £46, to raise it to the required level.
5. The Bulletin was expected to come below budget and, as the SCCU was trying out the publishing of individual County grading lists, we ordered 100 for the County at a cost of £46. Although this was a successful innovation and much appreciated by Vice-Presidents and Club team captains, the Bulletin was eventually slightly over budget, so that the reserve from last year of £250 to cover these was exceeded by £55.

As the season progressed, it became clear that some other expenses were going to be slightly over budget. Finally, due to the short period before Easter, a Quick-Play congress was not held, so an expected income of £25 did not occur.

However, this was offset by three improvements - Vice-Presidents contributed £26 more than the budget, income towards BCF fees was £45 over budget, and the switch to the Plinston Hall in Letchworth for the AGM incurs a cost £19 less than the budget. After these were all taken into account, a deficit of £170 appeared probable.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1989 AGM (continued)

I have in the past deliberately not asked the Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association for any printing help towards the Bulletin. They already give a grant towards the Hitchin Congress and set and print two sets of Congress entry forms each year (8,000 - 9,000 leaflets) and do all my Chess typing (including these accounts) at no charge. However, when I mentioned the Bulletin problem to a colleague in charge of the photocopying area, I was offered the facilities to produce the Bulletin at cost price - giving an estimate of £120. This, being £130 below budget, reduced the deficit to a not excessive figure of £40.

1989-90 Budget

The following figures for 1988-89 differ from the main account figures given earlier because of the omission of adjustments carried over from 1987-88.

	INCOME				EXPENSE		
	88/89	89/90			88/89	89/90	
	Est	Actl	Est		Est	Actl	Est
Vice Presidents	135	161	170 (a)	BCF/SCCU Fees	612	610	660 (d)
Club Fees	38	34	40 (a)	BCF/SCCU Other	75	72	75 (d)
Member Fes	675	634	750 (a)	Bulletin	250	120	125 (e)
BCF Fees	400	445	425 (a)	Grading List	-	46	60 (e)
Adjudications	25	15	15 (b)	Insurance	75	76	80
Interest	30	37	50 (c)	League Secretary	15	24	25
Congresses	50	20	25	Secretary	100	140	120
Other	40	27	25	Correspondence	23	27	30
	<u>1393</u>	<u>1373</u>	<u>1500</u>	County Matches	175	190	175
Loss	2			Indiv. Tourns.	-	11	10
Profit		<u>2</u>	<u>60</u>	Junior Chess	10	- 14	10
	<u>1395</u>	<u>1371</u>	<u>1440</u>	Team Tourn.	5	-	5
				Equipment	25	25	25
				Other	30	44	40
					<u>1395</u>	<u>1371</u>	<u>1440</u>

- (a) Based on the following, mainly increased, fees which I will propose at the AGM. Club £2.50. Senior Members £2.50. Junior Members £1.25.  
Vice Presidents £5.00 minimum. BCF Fees £2.50 (unaltered)
- (b) Assuming we charge the BCF fee + £1. If the BCF fees remain unaltered at £5 (and £10 for an appeal), our charges would be £6, and £11 for an appeal.
- (c) Based on current high interest rates continuing for most of the year.
- (d) Based on the proposed BCF and SCCU fees and magazine rates.
- (e) Based on continuation of the favourable printing costs, as given in my report above, for the Bulletin. However, it is expected that the Herts Grading list will be more expensive.

Other budget costs have generally been increased slightly to allow for inflationary increases in postage, stationery, telephone calls etc.

*J. Leon.* 24<sup>th</sup> May 1989.

HERTFORDSHIRE CORRESPONDENCE CHESS 1987/88

COUNTIES AND DISTRICTS CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

DIVISION 2 SINCLAIR TROPHY

HERTS v COMPOSITE TEAM

A P Primett	½	½	J T Cutler	(Northants)
G W Davis	½	½	P Terry	(Lincoln)
P A May	1	0	J Morton	(Northumberland)
A D Harley	0	1	M G Smith	(Staffordshire)
P Convery	0	1	P J Barnett	(Cheshire & N Wales)
G Williams	0	1	A M Barber	(Cumbria)
D R Brennan	0	1	J Love	(Yorkshire I)
C J Pawson	1	0	G Wesson	(Staffordshire)
G Ford	½	½	N Birtwhistle	(Lincoln)
E H Ratcliffe	0	1	B Rhodes	(Greater Manchester)
B A Morris	½	½	A W Busby	(Cornwall)
H M Lawrance	½	½	R Stec	(Buckinghamshire)
G M Daniel	½	½	P Campbell	(Durham)
P Joyce	0	1	M Whall	(Leicestershire)
S J Cooley	½	½	D Bethell	(Wiltshire)
S R Capsey	0	1	J Sawiak	(Northants)
J D Rhodes	0	1	R Hewes	(Lincoln)
J A James	0	1	G Harrison	(Northumberland)
J Sharp	½	½	M Connolly	(Greater Manchester)
R Talbot	1	0	J Hicks	(Cheshire & N Wales)
J A Foster	0	1	M Hulme	(Cumbria)
G A M Miller	0	1	A Dyball	(Yorkshire I)
A J Chaney	½	½	C P Kanky	(Staffordshire)
A J R Reed	0	1	J Kean	(Northamptonshire)
R Forst	½	½	D Major	(Greater Manchester)
G E Hickford	1	0	F T C Johns	(Cornwall)
P A Hubbard	0	1	S Jones	(Buckinghamshire)
R R Claret	½	½	S Smith	(Durham)
E G D Crowden	0	1	R Timpson	(Leicestershire)
M J Leech	½	½	T M Flanagan	(Wiltshire)

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The division was won by Leicester on 23 points, followed by Yorkshire with 20. Unfortunately Hertfordshire were last.

THE BRITISH CHESS CORRESPONDENCE CHESS LEAGUE 1987/88

DIVISION I

- |                             |                        |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Camborne and Redruth 11½ | 5. Liverpool 'B' 7½    |
| Warrington 11½              | N Thames Gas 7½        |
| 2. MENSA 'B' 9½             | 6. Insurance 'B' 7     |
| 3. York 9                   | C S Friends 7          |
| Woodpushers 9               | Railways 'A' 7         |
| 4. Stafford 8               | 7. Norfolk & Norwich 6 |
|                             | 8. Herts 5½            |
|                             | 9. Notts Mechanics 3½  |

POSTAL CHESS LEAGUE 1987/88

DIVISION 1

1. Upton Dragons 25
2. Sutton Coldfield 23
3. Gravesend 22½
4. Camden 21½
5. Vikings 20
6. Civil Service 19½
- Ten of Herts 19½
- Thanet 19½
7. Old Bristolians 17
8. Superhoers 16½
9. TSB 16

DIVISION 2

1. Mushrooms II 25½
2. Upminster 25
3. Sutton Coldfield 22
4. Killingworth 21½
5. Crowood 20
6. Open University 17
7. Camden II 15½
8. Civil Service 'B' 15
- Old Elizabethans 15
9. Herts Masters 14
10. West Herts 12½

Scores are from a possible 40 points maximum. Two double pairings per player.

BCCL scores are from a possible 16 points maximum. One double pairing per player.

Herts Chess Caps were awarded for best performances.

1987 - G M Daniel (Ten of Herts)	1988 - M T G Dyer (Ten of Herts)
L R Young (West Herts)	J A Chaney (Herts Masters)
J West (Herts Masters)	E Bishopp (West Herts)

E G D CROWDEN

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GRADING - JUNE 1989

Twelve months ago I reported on several changes, either already enacted, or proposed, by the BCF. The new enlarged BCF List, containing all players with 10+ games, duly appeared on 1 September, and looks set to do so again this year. As I anticipated, subsequent mid-season lists never materialised, and, one presumes, will now be forgotten.

No more has been heard of the proposals for 'rolling grades', or the possible change to an ELO type system.

A new proposal, however, of an official BCF Quick-play Grading List (for all games with a time limit of between 20 and 60 minutes per player), is being promoted and, providing sufficient support from the people who actually have to do the work - the graders - can be obtained, there is a distinct possibility that these lists could start appearing next season.

## THE HERTFORDSHIRE SEASON

The season started badly, with the loss of two member clubs - Hertford and British Aerospace. Surprisingly, only 4 of the 26 players previously registered with these two clubs turned up elsewhere, so it was to be expected that the number of Herts registered players would be down on last season. The generally healthy state of Hertfordshire chess, however, meant that the number of players dropped only by 8, from 382 in 1987/8 to 374 in 1988/9, with the number of new players also down from 97 to 74. The number of games graded, at 1943, was well up on last season's 1780, despite the lower number of league games. This was due mainly to two causes; firstly, more clubs submitted internal results (two for the first time); and secondly, Hoddesdon sent in their results for the last two seasons from the Herts Local League competition, with the result that many Hoddesdon players had a large number of games assigned to them.

As might be anticipated, the club with the highest total of games was Hoddesdon with 469 individual games from their 32 players. The club with the largest number of players was Letchworth & Baldock, whose 36 players amassed 352 games.

On the individual front, the 'endurance prize' not surprisingly, went to a Hoddesdon player - Ken Chowne completed 47 (yes forty seven) games for a total of 6289 points - easily the highest point count.

The performance of the season came from Hemel Hempstead's Steve Law. Steve, who for a number of seasons has hovered between 165 and 168, suddenly found himself playing on board 1 in Division 1, and up against the very best players in the county. His response was to return 7 points from 12 games, for an average of 196; after adjustment for other games this season, added to the carry over from last season to make up the 30 games, he seems set to end with a grade of 182 for 1989. This is just good enough to bring him into the 'Top Ten'.

The full list of top players contains 7 of the names from last year.

### Herts Top Ten (minimum 5 league games):

1. D Coleman - B. Stortford 209
  2. A Simpson - Hilltop 207
  3. A Trangmar - Pin Green 202
  4. J Rudge - Watford 192
  5. P Brown - Royston 190
  6. P Maguire - Pin Green 189
  7. J Lumsden - Watford 186
  8. R Ellames - B. Stortford 185
  9. P Byway - Hilltop 184
  10. S Law - Hemel Hempstead 182
- N Willmott - Hilltop 182  
K Clark - Royston 182

All statistics in this report refer only to games played under the jurisdiction of the HCA, so grades may vary where a number of matches have been played outside the county.

DAVID PARROTT  
County Grader

1988 HITCHIN CONGRESS

Premier:

1st Paul Littlewood, St Albans and James Howell, Oxford University; 5/5

Challengers:

1st Graham Brown, now Yatton & Clevedon; N Martin, Hazells & Banbury;  
S Harwood, Southend - all 4½/5.  
Best Herts: Len Barham, St Albans.

Major:

1st Peter Grant-Ross, London; 2nd D W Gunter, London.  
Best Herts: Martin Johnson.

Rooks (U17): Vineet Sood of Richmond 4½/5.

Bishops (U14): John Roche of Sutton Coldfield.  
Best Herts: Peter Luxford, Watford Boys.

Knights (U11): Lee Jacobs, Pinner.

261 played; the second highest ever,

The best thing about the Congress is the evident satisfaction of the players, and the vast distances they are prepared to travel.

The worst is the lack of Hertfordshire juniors - there are very few.

Overheard in the Major:

"I'll offer you a draw."

"No, I'm losing, so I'll resign."

The congress season in Hertfordshire has changed tremendously in the 12 years since I first sorted a pairing card. The Annual Congress as recently as 1975 lost money, and large losses were not uncommon. The number of players, the scale of the prize-funds, and the shape of the sections have all changed; the display of pairings and results have been revolutionised.

More congresses have arrived, with the County Congress being joined by Barnet, St Albans and the Charity Congress, with a clutch of Quickplays, organised through Pin Green, Letchworth and Hilltop clubs. There is a body of experienced congress controllers: Dave Stapleton, Tim Thurstan and Malcolm Harding (in order of joining the team) are all capable of running a congress on their own. Without them the congress circuit in Hertfordshire would be unable to thrive.

I only wish I was paid for all the hours that go into organising a congress (but then you couldn't afford me!).

One enjoyable experience was watching that old favourite, Keith Hemingway of Stevenage take on the IMs at St Albans. In round 1 he rolled over Mike Basman, in round 2 he repeated the performance for Paul Littlewood. The games are below, with Keith's own annotations. Unfortunately we couldn't find him an IM for round 3 so he fell away a bit: his score of 3½/5 grading out at 230. (Better than me: Ed). Can this be the same Keith Hemingway I once beat in a league match? - Ah well, we all have our moments.

Little known facts No 16372: Bryan Fewell organised the 1968 Hertfordshire Congress.

This congress attracted 208 players and 25 teams.

Premier: 1st S Giddings (Black Lion) 4½/5; 2nd A Raof (Hendon) 4; 3rd = G Kenworthy (Powdermill), A Kinsman (Wimbledon) 3½.

Grading: U-190: D Ledger (Bedford) 3½; U-175: R Lamont (Thetford), Selim (Mayflower), W Tabakiernik (Letchworth & Baldock) 3.

Challengers: 1st K Yusof 5/5; 2nd = D Walker (Kettering), F Cockerill (Peterborough), R Schmidt (W Germany), S Matthews (Bedford) 4. Grading U-145: S Matthews; U-135: S Jerome (Willesden & Brent), K Williamson (Leighton Buzzard) 3.

Major: 1st = J P Lewis (Tunbridge Wells), I K Watson (Pin Green), Y Hori 4½/5. Grading U-106: D Hibbert (Kent) 4; Junior: J Roche (Sutton Coldfield), D Fisher (Solihull Lodge) 4; Veterans: B C Farr (St Neots) 3; Ladies: C Jackson (Hilltop); Slow Starter: T Williams (Watford) 3.

Novices: 1st = Dear (Letchworth), S Lee (Stevenage), T Cutler (St Albans) 5/6. Rooks (U-17): 1st P Devonald (Watford Boys GS) 5/6; 2nd = O Duncan (Pinner), A Hall, P Pelton (both Watford Boys GS) 4.

Teams: 1st Pin Green 72½% (A Brocklehurst, A Proudfoot, L Jones, I K Watson).

#### CHARITY CONGRESS

The 1989 Charity Congress, set up as a 'Son of National Chess Day' took place on 8, 9 July 1989.

Michael Adams took the top prize, in between leading Truro School in the Times Schools finals (they came 3rd) and taking his 3rd GM norm. He played very well.

Hertfordshire players didn't do anything much. There were only 11, including juniors! Steve Law and Andy Brocklehurst did manage to share a grading prize. There are hardly any Hertfordshire juniors at all, anyway (outside Watford BGS, and they didn't come) playing in congresses.

We made a profit, some £156 going to Help the Aged. Next year's Charity Congress is likely to be in aid of Childline - the children's abuse counselling service (0800-1111). A few more entries would have produced a much larger profit.

Those interested in administrative detail may be entertained to know that we (the congresses between Bury/Dunstable/St Neots/St Albans) have now gone through 3 printings of the colourful pairing cards; some 11,000 cards have been shuffled and dealt, some ending up as the famous mailing list. A fourth printing of 10,000 should last about 5 years. And the cost 2½ pence each. That used to be expensive - now it is cheap, and they are good.

Quote from the congress. Imagine background laughter:

"Hey that's four blacks in a row" T.S.  
"But you had white in round 3" G.J.  
"Well I played black" T.S.  
"And you scored 2½/3 with your blacks?" G.J.  
"Yes" T.S.  
"And 0/1 with white" G.J.  
"Yes" T.S.  
"And you want white" G.J.  
"Certainly" T.S.

He lost (with white) after a redraw.

Hitchin Charity Congress 200 Played. £1375 Prizes. Help the Aged received £156.

Premier: 1st M Adams (Truro) 5/5. 2nd = A D Wallace (Gravesend), A Webster (Sutton), J Ward (Kings Head), J Howell (Harrogate) 4/5. Grading A: R McMichael, W Stanton, D Lynch 3½. Grading B: D Ledger, S Law 3½. Grading C: M Benson, A Brocklehurst 2½. Juniors: D Hassapis, P Tozer.

Challengers (U151): 1st E Vosa (Leicester) 5/5; 2nd C Tandy (Norwich) 4½/5; 3rd = E Key (York), C Wallace (London), M Kobylka (Spalding) 4/5. Grading: C E W Barber (Alton) 2.

Major (U126): 1st = J Ng (Flitwick), W D Rawlings (Loughton) 4½/5; 3rd = R Burroughs, M Connock, P Grant-Ross, G Hughes, D Ryan. Juniors: M Ram, P Hastings. Ladies: J Johnson. Veterans: P C Elliott, G S Hathorn, M M Wali, E W Engert.

Bishops (U.14 1 day): 1st D Boone (Clacton) 5/6; 2nd = B McFarlane (BMS), R Morgan (BMS) 4½/6.

Knights (U.11 1 day): 1st = A Edmans (Earley), M Wells (Sudbury) 5/6. 3rd S Miah (Mayflower) 4½/6. 4th = J Rawlings (Wanstead), D Whitehead (Sudbury) 4/6. Best U7: S Haslinger 3½

ST ALBANS OPEN 8.4.89

White: M Basman

Black: T K Hemingway

1. P-KN4	P-Q4	26. RxR(f)	B-R5ch
2. P-KR3	P-KN3	27. R-N3(g)	BxRch
3. P-Q4	B-N2	28. K-B1(h)	RxPch
4. KN-B3	KN-B3	29. K-N2	R-B7ch
5. B-N2	P-B3	30. KxB	RxN
6. P-B3	P-KR4	31. BxP	QxQP
7. P-N5	N-K5	32. Q-B4	Q-N7ch
8. B-B4	P-R5	33. K-R4	R-Q5
9. QN-Q2	B-B4	34. BxPch	K-N2
10. N-K5	QN-Q2	35. PxB	RxQch
11. N-N4	P-K4(a)	36. BxR	Q-Q5
12. NxB	NxNP	37. R-QB1	Q-Q7
13. NxN	BxN	38. P-Q7	QxQPch
14. Q-N3	N-K3	39. B-N5	QxP
15. B-R2	B-R3	40. R-B7ch	K-R3
16. QxNP(b)	N-B5	41. RxP	Q-N5ch
17. BxN(c)	BxB	42. K-N3	Q-B6ch
18. P-K3	B-Q3	43. K-N4	P-R6
19. Q-R6	R-QN1	44. R-R6	QxP
20. P-QN4	O-O	45. B-B6	P-R7
21. B-B3	Q-B3	46. R-R8	Q-N7ch
22. P-QR4	KR-K1(d)	47. K-B5	Q-B6ch
23. P-R5	P-QB4!	48. Resigns(i)	
24. NPxB	RxPch		
25. K-Q1(e)	R-N8ch		

- (a) If 11 .... BxN, 12 NxN!
- (b) So that if 16 .... BxNch; 17 KxB, Q-N4ch; 18 K-K3, QxB; 19 QxRch.
- (c) If 17 B-B3, R-QN1; 18 ... RxNP
- (d) Setting the trap.
- (e) If 25 PxR, B-N6ch wins the queen.  
If 25 K-B1, B-QN4ch wins the queen.
- (f) If 26 K-B2, B-B4ch; 27 B-K4!? RxB!  
If 26 NxR, QxBch wins.
- (g) If 27 K-B1, RxPch; 28 K-N2, R-B7ch;  
29 K-R3, BxPch wins the queen and soon mates.
- (h) If 28 NxB, QxBch wins.
- (i) There follows 48 K moves, QxBch, and P=Qch winning the rook.

White: T K Hemingway

Black: P E Littlewood

1. P-Q4	N-KB3	26. P-Q5(i)	P-N3
2. P-QB4	P-K3	27. R-Q3(j)	R-B5
3. N-QB3	B-N5	28. R-K3	Q-B4
4. P-QR3	BxNch	29. Q-Q2	R-R5(k)
5. PxB	P-B4	30. BxRP(l)	N-N2
6. Q-B2(a)	N-B3	31. R3-B3(m)	Q-K2
7. N-B3	P-Q3	32. BxP	N-Q3
8. P-K4(b)	P-K4	33. B-B5	R-KR1
9. B-K2	P-KR3	34. Q-Q1!	RxRP
10. B-K3(c)	KN-N5	35. R-N3ch	K-B1
11. QR-Q1	NxB	36. Q-N4	Q-B3
12. PxN	Q-K2	37. R2-B3	Q-R3
13. O-O	O-O(d)	38. K-R2(n)	R-R8
14. R-B2	B-N5	39. B-K6	K-K2
15. P-R3(e)	BxN	40. BxP	K-Q1(o)
16. BxB	Q-N4	41. B-N8	P-N4
17. Q-K2	BPxP(f)	42. Q-K6	QxQ
18. KPxB	QR-B1	43. PxQ	NxB
19. B-N4	R-B2	44. R-N7	K-K1
20. P-B5(g)	Q-K2	45. R3-B7	N-Q3
21. R-B5(h)	P-KN3	46. R-Q7	N-B4
22. R-B2	K-N2	47. B-R7	NxR
23. Q-N2	P-KR4	48. B-N6ch	K-B1
24. B-K2	N-Q1	49. P-K7ch	K-N1
25. PxP	QxP	50. R-Q8ch	Resigns

- (a) 6 P-KB3 or P-K3 is better.
- (b) 8 P-K3 is better.
- (c) White has a bad game and tries to hang on.
- (d) Black has a won game.
- (e) Hoping for 15 .... B-R4; 16 NxKP!
- (f) Gives white some hope by freeing the pawns.
- (g) Threatening to advance the Queen's pawn if 20 ... PxP.
- (h) If 21 BPxB, QxP; 22 QPxB then QxP.  
The move played now threatens the above after preliminary Q-B4 or Q-N5.
- (i) White threatens P-QB4 and Q-QN4 advancing the passed Queen's pawn.
- (j) Threatens 28 BxRP, PxB!; 29 R-N3ch and R-B5 etc.
- (k) The rook is momentarily out of play.
- (l) If 30 ... PxB; 31 R-N3ch etc.
- (m) Threatening BxNP followed by ...KxB; R-N3ch or ... PxB; RxR.
- (n) B-K6 is quicker.
- (o) If 40 .... NxR; 41 RxNch, KxR; Q-Q7ch, K-B1; 43 R-B3ch and mates.

6th BARNET CONGRESS HELD ON 7 & 8 JANUARY 1989 AT MILL HILL SCHOOL

Amateur (U-191): 1st T Love 4½/5; 2nd = A Bryce, D Hassapis, N Regan, D J Stewardson, W Stanton 4.

Intermediate (U-151): 1st = D C Okike, B C Patel, C I C H Wallace 4½/5; 4th = G S Jacobs, A Kent, S L Wedlock 4.

Novice (U-111): 1st E Griffiths 5½/6; 2nd = R J Aldridge, D J Chamberlain 5; 4th = J Arazi, C Davies, P C Elliott, C J Lethbridge, C S Silverman, J Tait, A Wright 4½. Junior Prize: N Gough 4.

Ladies Prize: J Johnson 4.

There was a total entry of 183, and they enjoyed spacious playing conditions, and the beautiful school grounds to walk in between rounds. The congress was organised by the Barnet Chess Club.

P E R BADGER

RUSSELL TROPHY 1988-89

BARNET	6	BARNET	4		
ROTHAMSTED (W)	0				
WATFORD	4	WATFORD	2		
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	2			BARNET	4
HODDESDON	6			HODDESDON	2
HERTFORD (W)	0	HODDESDON	4		
WELWYN GARDEN CITY	6	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	2		BARNET 3
IDEC	0				
HILLTOP	4				
STEVENAGE	2	HILLTOP	6		HILLTOP 3
LETCHEWORTH & BALDOCK	3.5	LETCHEWORTH & BALDOCK (W)	0		
ST ALBANS	2.5			HILLTOP	4
ROYSTON	3.5			ROYSTON	2
BISHOPS STORTFORD	2.5	ROYSTON	5		
PIN GREEN	4.5	PIN GREEN	1		
ALLENBURYS	1.5				(W) = Withdrawn

BARNET won on Board Count

SHARP TROPHY 1988-89

HILLTOP	5.5	HILLTOP	5		
ST ALBANS	0.5				
WELWYN GARDEN CITY	6	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	1		
ROYSTON (W)	0			HILLTOP	4
HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	3.5			HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	2
WATFORD	2.5	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	3		
		(Won on Board Count)			
ROTHAMSTED	4	ROTHAMSTED	3		HILLTOP 4
IDEC	2				
STEVENAGE	4.5				
LETCHEWORTH & BALDOCK	1.5	STEVENAGE	4		STEVENAGE 2
PIN GREEN	Bye	PIN GREEN	2	STEVENAGE	3.5
BISHOPS STORTFORD	5			BISHOPS STORTFORD	2.5
BARNET	1	BISHOPS STORTFORD	4.5		
HODDESDON	3.5	HODDESDON	1.5		
ALLENBURYS	2.5				

COUNTY FIRST TEAM MATCHES 1988/89

HERTS v KENT 1.10.88 (Hoddesdon)

S J B Knott	0	1	J J Ady
N H Bradbury	1	0	R G Eales
P V Byway	½	½	A E Hanreck
C Morrison	0	1	I R Watson
S Swanson	½	½	R M R O'Kelly
J F Rudge	0	1	J N Sugden
H W Murphy	0	1	M P Cook
P A J Brown	1	0	P J O'Donovan
default	0	1	J E Scholes
M A Boyce	½	½	A P Smith
J R Denton	0	1	G Botley
H L Tebbs	0	1	J D Wager
J Cook	0	1	J Wood
C E Majer	½	½	P J Heaven
default	0	1	M A Adkins
S Law	½	½	D C Taylor
B Morris	1	0	C I Howell
B D Judkins	1	0	A Trehy
M T G Dyer	½	½	N C Mackett
default	0	0	default
	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	

OXON v HERTS 15.10.88 (Cowley)

F van Hassett	0	1	N H Bradbury
R J Starkie	0	1	P V Byway
P Mukherjee	0	1	H W Murphy
A D Wallace	½	½	P G Maguire
K Tan	0	1	J R Denton
N Jackubovics	0	1	K R Clark
M J Nightall	½	½	H L Tebbs
J Hastings	1	0	D Drakeford
S Ansell	½	½	G H Steen
A J Barwise	½	½	C E Majer
N J Hepworth	½	½	T A Sinkinson
G W Chapman	½	½	J Cook
D Godfrey	0	1	S Law
J Stayt	½	½	M Benson
G P Alcock	0	1	B Morris
P Saxon	0	1	R J Arnot
J Cooper	0	1	M T G Dyer
H A J Searle	1	0	T C Gavriel
N Weardon	0	1	B D Judkins
D Metcalfe	0	1	T R Reeves
	<u>5½</u>	<u>14½</u>	

HERTS v BUCKS 5.11.88 (Hitchin)

S J B Knott	½	½	G M Boyce
N H Bradbury	½	½	N Davey
P V Byway	0	1	C Frostick
S J Roe	1	0	R D W Marsh
J F Rudge	1	0	R D de Coverly
H W Murphy	1	0	A Robbings
P G Maguire	1	0	D R Smith
K R Clark	1	0	S P Finn
J G Foulger	0	1	C Bowley
J R Denton	0	1	J Beedle
H L Tebbs	½	½	E N Bramley
G A Hollis	1	0	H M Frostick
J D H Sachs	1	0	J Fetterlein
D Drakeford	½	½	C D Floyd
G H Steen	½	½	A Dunlop
J Cook	½	½	N Martin
C E Majer	1	0	A G Brown
S Law	½	½	D J Turner
B Morris	1	0	S Charles
B D Judkins	½	½	N Johnson
	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	

MIDDX v HERTS 19.11.88 (Hendon)

A J Whiteley	0	1	S J B Knott
S H Berry	½	½	N H Bradbury
K Shovel	1	0	S Swanson
A P Law	1	0	H W Murphy
R F Holmes	1	0	J F Rudge
R Kane (r)	0	1	P G Maguire
J T Ward	½	½	K R Clark
F Rayner	1	0	M A Boyce
S J Rodericks	½	½	D Drakeford
R J McMichael	1	0	G A Hollis
R Colston	½	½	J R Denton
K I Norman	½	½	J Cook
D P Lynch	1	0	C E Majer
J Burke	1	0	T A Sinkinson
A N Raof	½	½	S Law
S Spivak	1	0	M Benson
K R Barnes	1	0	A Atkinson
A O Alabi	0	1	B Morris
C Mackenzie	½	½	M T G Dyer
M Paley	½	½	B D Judkins
	<u>13</u>	<u>7</u>	

ESSEX v HERTS 28.1.89 (Wanstead)

K Bowden	1	0	S J B Knott
N L Carr	1	0	default
D J Coleman	0	1	P V Byway
G Kenworthy	0	1	S Swanson
D Sherman	1	0	S J Roe
J Rogers	1	0	J F Rudge
M S Twyble	1	0	H W Murphy
G Speed	0	1	K R Clark
J A Goldberg	1	0	P A J Brown
I J Myall	1	0	D Drakeford
P Hasson	½	½	M A Boyce
J P Manley	0	1	J R Denton
G J Moore	½	½	H L Tebbs
J C Moore	1	0	T A Sinkinson
I B N Smith	0	1	C E Majer
A J Tredinnick	0	1	S Law
C R Ramage	0	1	J Cook
S M Kalinsky	1	0	B Morris
S W Ruthen	1	0	A Atkinson
G F Yates	0	1	T R Reeves
	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	

HERTS v SUSSEX 18.2.89 (Hoddesdon)

S J B Knott	½	½	B J Denman
default	0	1	G H James
P V Byway	½	½	D B Graham
S Swanson	1	0	L Rutherford
S J Roe	½	½	S J Newman
H W Murphy	½	½	G Rivers
K R Clark	0	1	S O N Hawes
D Drakeford	0	1	J I P Simpole
M A Boyce	0	1	I G Kelly
J D H Sachs	1	0	A Hall
H L Tebbs	1	0	P R Selby
T A Sinkinson	0	1	A P R Lewis
C E Majer	½	½	P Watson
S Law	0	1	J Graham
J Cook	0	1	M R Stott
M J Cohen	1	0	A Cooper
M Benson	½	½	L J Cannon
B D Judkins	1	0	R Almond
R J Arnot	½	½	R Sherlock
T R Reeves	½	½	M R Hickman
	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	

COUNTY SECOND TEAM MATCHES 1988/89

HERTS v OXON 15.10.88 (Welwyn Garden City)

J Glynne Jones	0	1	N Jenkinson
S C Charles	1	0	R Howell
D P Young	½	½	C Copeland
P A Thornton	1	0	S Taylor
B A Fewell	½	½	C Evens
A Atkinson	½	½	D Sayers
K R Chowne	½	½	C Byott
R C Harrison	0	1	J Cliffe
M R Johnson	0	1	J Hurst
J A Leake	½	½	B Frost
J C Robertson	0	1	R Davies
M Connock	0	1	M Clark
A C Jeffries	½	½	B Corns
Q A Latif	0	1	D Wood
F J Batchelor	1	0	W Bond
G Finlay	0	1	J Smith
J Hollingworth	0	1	A Wells
T C Wright	1	0	P Bizzell
Default	0	1	
Default	0	1	
	<u>7</u>	<u>13</u>	

HERTS v BERKS 5.11.88 (Welwyn Garden City)

M T G Dyer	0	1	S Knight
A Atkinson	½	½	E Smith
P A Thornton	½	½	N Staples
R C Harrison	½	½	R Brown
G M Daniel	0	1	W Makar
K R Chowne	½	½	K Savoy
M R Johnson	1	0	J Armstrong
R V Dugdale	0	1	H Sloan
J C Robertson	½	½	J Cade
R C Base	½	½	A Robins
Q A Latif	0	1	R Ough
G S Gray	1	0	S Pickering
D Stacey	1	0	W Bainbridge
D J Belton	1	0	M Tarrant
F J Batchelor	½	½	B Kocan
A C Jeffries	1	0	F Fraser
G Finlay	½	½	K Gunn
J Hollingworth	1	0	J Hooker
	1	0	Default
	1	0	Default
	<u>12</u>	<u>8</u>	

BUCKS v HERTS 26.11.88 (High Wycombe)

J Beedle	1	0	B D Judkins
J Alster	1	0	S C Charles
J Springall	½	½	D P Young
R Stec	1	0	P A Thornton
D Webb	0	1	M M Wali
K Wallis	½	½	R C Harrison
K Chojnacki	1	0	K R Chowne
B Ginger	½	½	M R Johnson
T Rixon	0	1	J A Leake
G Edmonds	½	½	R V Dugdale
A Mikvrenda	0	1	R C Base
D Carrod	1	0	J C Robertson
A Munt	0	1	D J Belton
S Salvage	½	½	M Connock
F Deeks	1	0	Default
R Johnson	0	1	Q A Latif
J Wytatyk	0	1	D Stacey
J Brown	1	0	G Finlay
R Hull	0	1	T C Wright
J Smith	1	0	J Hollingworth
	<u>10½</u>	<u>9½</u>	

BERKS v HERTS 17.12.88 (Maidenhead)

S A Foister	½	½	M T G Dyer
T G Townsend	0	1	B D Judkins
R Burns	0	1	A Atkinson
C Trinder	1	0	S C Charles
R J Coates	1	0	M M Wali
J P Masters	1	0	Default
T M Davies	0	1	R C Harrison
L W McMath	0	1	K R Chowne
B J Gray	1	0	R V Dugdale
S L Freitag	½	½	M R Johnson
S J Foster	0	1	J A Leake
A OShea	0	1	R C Base
J A Sansum	0	1	A Potter
M C Stieber	1	0	Default
M C Dodsley	0	1	Q A Latif
M J Whiteaker	0	1	J C Robertson
M T Blackman	1	0	Default
S G Pugh	0	1	T C Wright
C M Pugh	0	1	J Hollingworth
H J Chapman	1	0	Default
	<u>8</u>	<u>12</u>	

BUCKS v HERTS 14.1.89 (Hazlemere)

D Wood	1	0	A Atkinson
N Orolil	0	1	S C Charles
A Horn	½	½	B D Judkins
A Dennis	½	½	M M Wali
T Rogers	0	1	D P Young
M Nixon	0	1	B A Fewell
S Pickard	0	1	R C Harrison
M Brown	0	1	K R Chowne
P Colburn	½	½	M R Johnson
C Melville	0	1	J A Leake
M Walters	0	1	G M Daniel
A Robbings	0	1	R C Base
W Whittow	½	½	R V Dugdale
R Smith	0	1	A C Jeffries
A Taylor	0	1	Q A Latif
D Lambourne	1	0	D Stacey
A Gorge	0	1	F J Batchelor
L Rainbird	0	1	D J Belton
J Downie	0	1	M Connock
M George	0	1	J Hollingworth
	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	

OXON v HERTS 11.2.89 (Cowley)

N Jacobovic	1	0	A Atkinson
N Jenkinson	½	½	M T G Dyer
C Evens	1	0	Default
R Lear	1	0	B D Judkins
C Copeland	½	½	S C Charles
F Taylor	½	½	P A Thornton
C Byott	0	1	M M Wali
H Searle	½	½	B A Fewell
J Cooper	0	1	R C Harrison
B Frost	½	½	K R Chowne
L Millin	1	0	Default
T Smith	0	1	J A Leake
A Wyeth	½	½	M R Johnson
P Saxon	0	1	A Potter
D Metcalfe	½	½	R C Base
M Coleman	0	1	D J Belton
B Cornes	½	½	J C Robertson
R Cherry	1	0	D Stacey
D Buckland	0	1	M Connock
L Collins	0	1	T C Wright
	<u>9</u>	<u>11</u>	

BERKS v HERTS 4.3.89 (Maidenhead)

P Thompson	0	1
D Corallo	0	1
N Staples	0	1
E Smith	1	0
R Brown	½	½
G Foster	1	0
W Maker	½	½
K Savoy	1	0
J Code	1	0
G Waldrett	½	½
H Sloan	1	0
C Gardner	½	½
R Ough	½	½
B Kocan	1	0
A Robins	1	0
M Tarrant	0	1
W Bainbridge	1	0
K Gunn	1	0
S Gaines	0	1
P Morley	1	0
<u>12½</u>	<u>7½</u>	

HERTS v BUCKS 1.4.89 (Welwyn)

M T G Dyer	0	1	J Beedle
A Atkinson	1	0	S Scopes
B D Judkins	0	1	J Springall
J Glynne Jones	1	0	R Neil
S C Charles	½	½	D Webb
D P Young	0	1	K Chojnacki
P A Thornton	0	1	R Ginger
B A Fewell	1	0	N Martin
M M Wali	0	1	N Johnson
R C Harrison	1	0	R Keane
K R Chowne	0	1	A Munt
M R Johnson	½	½	T Rixon
A Potter	0	1	T Hackett
J A Leake	1	0	S Turvey
R V Dugdale	1	0	J Arthur
R C Base	1	0	R Johnson
Q A Latif	0	1	I Hall
J C Robertson	½	½	M Vann
A C Jeffries	½	½	P Birch
Q A Latif	1	0	Ms J Smith
<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>		

UNDER 180 GRADING KNOCK-OUT

Due to problems with the organisation of County matches this season, it seemed probable that this event would not take place. Very late in the season the previous year's organiser, Dr D J Opie of Sussex, stepped into the breach. However, it was too late to organise a full knock out competition so he organised an inter County Jamboree, which was held at Hassocks on 22 July 1989. The results of the Hertfordshire players were as follows:

T A Sinkinson (H)	½	½	A Hall (Sx)	P E Badger (H)	1	0	R Sherlock (Sx)
M Stockwell (Sy)	½	½	H L Tebbs (H)	J D H Sachs (H)	1	0	J S Williams (K)
P R Selby (Sx)	½	½	D Drakeford (H)	M H Micklethwaite	0	1	S Law (H)
B Morris (H)	1	0	F C Manning (Sy)	E A Parker (Sy)	0	1	R J Arnot (H)
A Atkinson (H)	1	0	M R Croft (K)	R D Hirsch (Sx)	1	0	B D Judkins (H)

The final result was a win for Herts with 7.5/10, followed by Sussex 6, Surrey 3.5 and Kent 3.

LEAGUE REPORT - AGM June 1989

My first season as League Secretary has been most interesting and enjoyable and more so for the kind co-operation of my partners-in-crime Dave Parrott and Tim Thurstan.

Promotions and Relegations

All scheduled matches have been played and despite some badgering from me the teams have quietly got on with the job of completing their fixtures. Well done Captains! Only one adjudication is outstanding, Letchworth 1 v Bishops Stortford 2, and the result will not affect promotion or relegation.

The following teams in divisions 2 to 7 respectively have earned promotion:

Royston 1, Stevenage 1, Stevenage 2, Hemel Hempstead 2, Hoddesdon 3 and Letchworth 4.

On a less happy note the following teams in divisions 1 to 6 respectively have earned relegation:

Hoddesdon 1, Letchworth 1, St Albans 3, Watford 4, Hemel Hempstead 3 and Watford 5.

Hilltop produced a convincing final score in division 1, as did Royston 1 in division 2, Hemel Hempstead 2 in division 5 and Letchworth 4 in division 7. Exercising a modicum of self-control I refrain from comment on the teams heading in the reverse direction.

Next Season

The withdrawal of three teams last season, two from Hertford and one from British Aerospace, leaves the numbers of teams in the league as 7, 7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 6, from division 1 to division 7 respectively. Two or three teams may apply for entry to the league next season and I propose to accommodate them and maintain a balanced league by further promotion of appropriate teams.

Best wishes to all teams for next season.

JOHN LEAKE  
League Secretary

**HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
**Final League Positions at end of 1988/9 Season**

Legend :- E = Double default  
A = Adjudications

Div	P	W	D	L	E	A	Potential Points Variation		Match Points	Game Points			
							+ve	-ve		F	A		
Div 1													
	Hilltop 1	12	10	1	1				21	41.5	-	18.5	<b>Champions</b>
	B Stortford 1	12	7	2	3				16	34	-	26	
	Pin Green 1	12	4	5	3				13	29	-	31	
	Watford 1	12	3	3	6				9	29.5	-	30.5	
	St Albans 1	12	3	3	6				9	26	-	34	
	H Hempstead 1	12	4	1	7				9	25	-	35	
	Hoddesdon 1	12	3	1	8				7	25	-	35	<b>Relegation</b>
Div 2													
	Royston 1	12	8	4	0				20	39.5	-	20.5	<b>Promotion</b>
	B Stortford 2	12	6	2	4	A		(-1)	14	34	-	25	
	Watford 2	12	5	4	3				14	32	-	28	
	Hilltop 2	12	5	1	6				11	27.5	-	32.5	
	St Albans 2	12	3	4	5				10	28	-	32	
	Pin Green 2	12	3	4	5				10	25	-	35	
	Letchworth 1	12	1	3	8	A		(+1)	5	23	-	36	<b>Relegation</b>
Div 3													
	Stevenage 1	10	7	2	1				16	31.5	-	18.5	<b>Promotion</b>
	Allenburys 1	10	5	2	3				12	27	-	23	
	WGC 1	10	4	3	3				11	25	-	25	
	Watford 3	10	4	0	6				8	21.5	-	28.5	
	Hoddesdon 2	10	3	1	6				7	24	-	26	
	St Albans 3	10	2	2	6				6	21	-	29	<b>Relegation</b>
	Hertford 1	0	0	0	0				0	0	-	0	<b>Withdrawn</b>
Div 4													
	Stevenage 2	12	6	2	4				14	34	-	26	<b>Promotion</b>
	Hilltop 3	12	6	2	4				14	33.5	-	26.5	
	Old Eliz's	12	6	1	5				13	29	-	31	
	Letchworth 2	12	6	0	6				12	29	-	31	
	Hilltop 4	12	5	1	6				11	27	-	33	
	IDEC	12	5	0	7				10	29	-	31	
	Watford 4	12	4	2	6				10	28.5	-	31.5	<b>Relegation</b>
Div 5													
	H Hempstead 2	10	8	2	0				18	36	-	14	<b>Promotion</b>
	St Albans 4	10	5	2	3				12	25.5	-	24.5	
	Pin Green 3	10	4	2	4				10	26	-	24	
	Letchworth 3	10	3	1	6				7	23.5	-	26.5	
	Borehamwood	10	3	1	6				7	19	-	31	
	H Hempstead 3	10	3	0	7				6	20	-	30	<b>Relegation</b>
	Hertford 2	0	0	0	0				0	0	-	0	<b>Withdrawn</b>
Div 6													
	Hoddesdon 3	12	9	3	0				21	43	-	17	<b>Promotion</b>
	B Stortford 3	12	8	2	2				18	38	-	22	
	Rothamsted	12	6	2	4	E			14	32.5	-	26.5	
	Allenburys 2	12	6	1	5				13	30.5	-	29.5	
	Barnet	12	5	2	5				12	31	-	29	
	Stevenage 3	12	3	0	9				6	23	-	37	
	Watford 5	12	0	0	12	E			0	11	-	48	<b>Relegation</b>
Div 7													
	Letchworth 4	10	9	1	0				19	37	-	13	<b>Promotion</b>
	WGC 2	10	6	0	4				12	27	-	23	
	Letchworth 5	10	5	1	4				11	26	-	24	
	Royston 2	10	3	3	4				9	24	-	26	
	St Albans 5	10	4	0	6				8	19.5	-	30.5	
	H Hempstead 4	10	0	1	9				1	16.5	-	33.5	<b>Relegation</b>
	Br Aerospace	0	0	0	0				0	0	-	0	<b>Withdrawn</b>

Board 2 of BERKS 2 v HERTS 2 on 17 December 1988

White: B D JUDKINS      Black: T TOWNSEND

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|-----|-------|----------|-----|--------|-------------|-----|-------------------------------|
| 1.  | P-K4  | P-QB4    | 19. | N-R4   | B-K3        | (a) | Allowing White to play        |
| 2.  | N-KB3 | P-Q3     | 20. | P-B4   | B-B4(b)     |     | P-K5, shutting in Black's     |
| 3.  | P-Q3  | N-QB3    | 21. | P-N4   | BxNP        |     | King's Bishop and allowing a  |
| 4.  | P-KN3 | P-KN3    | 22. | PxB    | QxP         |     | K-side attack.                |
| 5.  | B-N2  | B-N2     | 23. | Q-KB2  | N(B)-N5     | (b) | If 20 .... Q-B2, 21 P-B5 B-B1 |
| 6.  | P-B3  | N-B3     | 24. | B-B3   | Q-K3(?) (c) |     | 22. Q-B4 is strong.           |
| 7.  | O-O   | O-O      | 25. | P-B5   | BxPch       | (c) | 24.... Q-Q2 is better         |
| 8.  | P-KR3 | B-Q2     | 26. | PxB    | QxPch       |     | although 25. P-B5 still gives |
| 9.  | B-K3  | Q-B1     | 27. | Q-N3   | QxPch(d)    |     | White a strong attack.        |
| 10. | K-R2  | R-N1     | 28. | R-KB2  | Q-R1        | (d) | 27.... QxQch. 28. KxQ lasts   |
| 11. | QN-Q2 | P-QN4    | 29. | B-R5   | R-N3        |     | longer.                       |
| 12. | P-Q4  | PxP      | 30. | K-N2   | P-Q5        | (e) | If 32.... QxB. 33. N-K5ch     |
| 13. | PxP   | P-Q4?(a) | 31. | PxP    | RPxP        |     | Q-N2. 34. BxPch. K-B1.        |
| 14. | P-K5  | N-K1     | 32. | NxP!   | PxN(e)      |     | 35. B-K6ch wins.              |
| 15. | R-QB1 | N-QB2    | 33. | BxP    | QxB         |     | If 33. NxPch. K-R1.           |
| 16. | N-N3  | N-R3     | 34. | B-B7ch | K-R2        |     | 34. RxP. R-K3.                |
| 17. | Q-Q2  | R-Q1     | 35. | R-KR1  | P-Q6        |     | 35. N-N6 also wins.           |
| 18. | B-R6  | B-R1     | 36. | B-K6!  | Resigns     |     |                               |

HITCHIN CHARITY CONGRESS. Round 2 on 8 July 1989

White: C E MAJER      Black: Hung A Sin

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|-----|-------|--------|-----|-----------|-------|
| 1.  | P-K4  | P-QB4  | 14. | N-Q2      | O-O   |
| 2.  | P-Q4  | PxP    | 15. | P-KR4     | N-N5  |
| 3.  | P-QB3 | P-KN3  | 16. | P-R5      | NxBch |
| 4.  | N-B3  | B-N2   | 17. | QxN       | B-N4  |
| 5.  | PxP   | P-Q4   | 18. | K-K2      | Q-N3  |
| 6.  | P-K5  | B-N5   | 19. | R-R3      | P-B4  |
| 7.  | B-K3  | N-KR3  | 20. | PxNP      | PxP   |
| 8.  | Qn-Q2 | N-B3   | 21. | QR-R1     | P-B5  |
| 9.  | P-KR3 | BxN    | 22. | R-R8ch    | K-B2  |
| 10. | NxB   | N-B4   | 23. | R(1)-R7ch | K-K3  |
| 11. | B-Q3  | NxB    | 24. | RxR       | RxR   |
| 12. | PxN   | B-R3   | 25. | QxPch     | B-B3  |
| 13. | Q-K2  | Q-R4ch | 26. | Q-N4      | Mate. |

CAPEL CUP 1988-89

Round	1		2		3		4		5	
1. P V Byway	0.5	7	1.5	4	2	5	3	2	4	3
2. P A Brown	1	8	2	5	2.5	3	2.5	1	2.5	4
3. D J Faulkner	1	9	2	6	2.5	2	2.5	4	2.5	1
4. K R Clark	1	10	1	1	2	7	3	3	4	2
5. D Drakeford	1	11	1	2	1.5	1	2.5	9	3	6
6. A Atkinson	1	12	1	3	1.5	8	2	10	2.5	5
7. R J Noakes	0.5	1	0.5	10	Withdrawn					
8. P A Thornton	0	2	1	11	1.5	6	2	12		
9. K R Chowne	0	3	0	12	1	11	1	5	2	
10. D W Parrot	0	4	1	7	2	12	2.5	6	-	
11. T R Reeves	0	5	0	8	0	9	1		1	12
12. R R Claret	0	6	1	9	1	10	1.5	8	2.5	11

Paul Byway and Kevin Clark both had 4 points.  
Paul Byway won on Tie Break.

BURN TROPHY 1988-89

C E Majer										
K R Chowne	C E Majer									
A Atkinson	A Atkinson									
R J Noakes (w)										
D J Faulkner										
T C Wright	D J Faulkner									
D Parrott	D Parrott									
J Hollingworth										
B A Fewell (w)										
P A Thornton	P A Thornton									
R R Claret	R R Claret									
I G Matthew										
B Morris										
D Drakeford	D Drakeford									
T G Williams	T G Williams									
BYE										

(w) = withdrawn

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September 1989

THE BURN AND CAPEL CUPS

The Capel Cup is the County Individual major trophy. It is a Swiss tournament. The winner as County Champion shall be nominated to play as Hertfordshire representative in the SCCU Individual Championships for the following season, and will also have the right to play top board in County matches. The current holder is Paul Byway.

The Burn Cup is the County Individual minor trophy. It is a knockout competition - the winner of this trophy shall not compete for it again unless over the age of 45 years. The current holder is David Faulkner.

Both competitions are individual games played by arrangement between the players in homes and clubs. The winners will hold on to the trophies for one year and will also win County ties. The player with black has home advantage and provides the equipment. Black will also be responsible for arranging dates and communicating results. Any disputes should be referred to me immediately.

Entry fees, to cover expenses: Capel £1.50, Burn £1.00, Both £2.00.  
Closing Date: 10 October 1989.

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Entry Form:

Name:

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Event:

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Telephone:

Club:

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