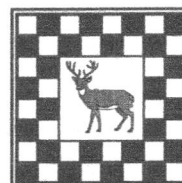


# HERTFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



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## Editorial

Since most clubs will be enjoying a summer recess, this Newsletter is only intended to form a brief summary of the year's activities. The distribution will be limited just to those attending the AGM. A fuller report of the activities since the last main Newsletter in March will be provided in the September issue. Thanks are due to all those who have kept me supplied with material.

## CLUB CHESS

Another year of Hertford domination in the league, as their first team retain their title despite being hard pressed by Royston, and their second and fourth teams also win promotion. Hoddesdon continue to do well in the club knockouts. The Puller Cup was again enjoyed by all, although there were two fewer teams than last year.

### Herts League

Division 1 winners Hertford I  
Division 2 winners Hertford II  
Division 3 winners Watford II  
Division 4 winners St Albans IV  
Division 5 winners (Hertford IV) - *Watford 4*  
Division 6 winners Barnet III  
Division 7 winners Mid Herts III

### Club Knockout Competitions

Russell Trophy Watford vs Royston or Barnet  
Sharp Trophy Hoddesdon 4 Watford 2  
U125 Trophy Hoddesdon 3.5 Hertford 1.5

### Individual Competitions

Capel Cup (APA) Steve Law 2.5 / 4  
Burn Cup (APA) Steve Collins, Ian Hall, Ian Mutton 3 / 4

### Herts Teams Quickplay (Puller Trophy)

Winners Royston I  
Team grading St Albans II  
Board 1 grading Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell  
Board 2 grading Kevin Clark  
Board 3 grading Kevin Ellis  
Board 4 grading Simon Cage

## COUNTY TEAMS

Another good year for county teams, with the first team retaining their title as Minor Counties Champions. Kevin Clark must be congratulated on his ability to raise a team with an average grade of 179.499... - we outgraded Norfolk by an average 13 points per board in the final but made hard work of winning. The U150 team also qualified for the BCF stages, taking full advantage of the SCCU tie-break rules (we were joint last); the U125 team also qualified for the BCF stages but this year went out to eventual finalists Hampshire. It was sad though to see the demise of the U100 team, with insufficient players in the squad to make the team viable, especially for away matches.

### SCCU County 1<sup>st</sup> Team Matches

Herts	12.5 - 3.5	Berks
Herts	5.5 - 10.5	Cambs
Herts	8.5 - 7.5	Oxford
Herts	8.5 - 7.5	Kent
Herts	11 - 5	Surrey
Herts	8 - 8	Sussex
Herts	8 - 8	Middx
Herts	5 - 11	Essex
Herts	7 - 9	Bucks

### BCF Minor County Team Matches

Herts	8* - 8	Suffolk
Herts	? - ?	Lincs
Herts	9 - 7	Norfolk

(\* = win on board count)

Flear trophy: Simon Knott 8 / 11

### SCCU County U150 Team Matches

Herts	8.5 - 7.5	Surrey
Herts	7.5 - 8.5	Essex
Herts	5 - 11	Sussex
Herts	6 - 10	Cambs
Herts	8.5 - 7.5	Kent

### BCF U150 County Matches

Herts	9 - 7	Leics
Herts	7 - 9	Devon

Tom Wright trophy: Phil Myers 4.5 / 6

### SCCU County U125 Team Matches

Herts	11 - 5	Sussex
Herts	8.5 - 7.5	Essex
Herts	7 - 9	Cambs
Herts	8.5 - 7.5	Surrey
Herts	10.5 - 5.5	Kent

### BCF U125 County Matches

Herts	7 - 9	Hants
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### SCCU County U100 Team Matches

Herts	3.5 - 8.5	Kent
Herts	5.5 - 6.5	Surrey

The other six fixtures were all defaulted 0-12.

### County Correspondence Team

No report at present

## JUNIOR CHESS

### BeNCH Junior League (U18)

Herts	5.5 - 6.5	Cambs
Herts	9.5 - 2.5	Beds
Herts	5 - 7	Northants
Herts	6 - 6	Cambs

Herts	??	Beds
Herts	??	Northants

#### SCCU U14 / grade U90

Herts	5-7	&	2-10	Middx
Herts	9-3	&	8.5-3.5	Middx
Herts	4-8	&	0-12	Essex
Herts	2-10	&	4.5-7.5	Essex

#### Secondary Schools League

U19	Queen Elizabeth Boys
U16	Queen Elizabeth Boys
U14	Queen Elizabeth Boys
Premier Cup	Queen Elizabeth Boys
Schools Cup	Bishops Stortford High

#### SCCU U18 Jamboree

Herts 6.5 / 12, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> / 6

Qualified for the minor jamboree but only one other team took part (??) – we lost, handicapped by poor availability.

#### North Herts League Junior Congress

U18	S. Samaraweera	U11	D. Cox
U17	G. Rehal	U10	C. Booton, J. Dent
U15	S. Jeraj	U9	J. Johnson
U14	B. Cheah	U8	D. Angel
U13	D. Allen	Team	St Thomas More
U12	A. Stoker		
Team	Hitchin Boys		

#### 'British Land' Chess Challenge Megafinal

	Boys	Girls
U18	H. Lossock	-
U15	L. D'Costa	F. Boyce
U13	M. Dignam	S. Harbour
U11	S. McGennity	M. Wood
U10	T. Harbour	Y. Cook
U9	E. Kilich / N. Shah *	E. Williams #
U8	R. Carr	S. Epstein
U7	T. Ball	R. Burr

\* equal on progressive scores, and play-off game drawn

# win on progressive score over N. Blackwood, L. Potter, L. Preston

#### N&E Herts Primary Schools Congress

	Boys	Girls
U7	R. Williams	J. Wu (age 4 !!)
U8	B. Sore, M. Turner	R. Allen
U9	T. Gosling	E. Williams
U10	D. Bailey, R. Persaud	L. Akrill
U11	N. Baranga	Y. Cook
Teams	Roundwood, Parkgate I	

#### C&W Herts Primary Schools Congress

	Boys	Girls
U7	M. Holmes, R. Scott	J. Wu
U8	R. Carr	-
U9	E. Kilich	E. Dynes, E. Williams
U10	D. Bailey	??
U11	S. McGennity, A. Preston	H. Tylour

#### Herts Junior Grand Prix

	U18	U11
1	M. Dignam (62)	A. Preston (65)
2	L. D'Costa (59)	R. Carr (58)
3	D. Allen (52)	Y. Cook (57)
4	R. Mycroft (38)	C. Everitt (47)

## CONGRESSES IN HERTFORDSHIRE

The Hitchin Congress had a total entry of about 185, roughly a 10% increase on last year. No GM's this time, but a good number of Hertfordshire winners.

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#### HCA 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Congress

Premier	S. Knott (FM)
Challengers	A. Horton-Kitchlew
Major	J. Angus
Minor	C. Gardiner, DG. Wayte
JG Jones trophy	L. D'Costa
U18 (Sat)	M. Goodwin
U14 (Sat)	T. Gilbert
U12 (Sat)	M. Allen
U10 (Sat)	Y. Cook
U8 (Sat)	R. Allen
U18 (Sun)	A. Rosewall
U14 (Sun)	R. Webb
U12 (Sun)	N. George
U10 (Sun)	T. Harbour
U8 (Sun)	E. Moss, G. Parker
Club Team	Bedford Junior Chess Club
School Team	John Henry Newman

#### 17<sup>th</sup> Barnet Congress

no report available

#### 16<sup>th</sup> Letchworth One-Day Congress

Premier	J. Hodgson (GM)
Challengers	?
Major	?
Minor	?
Bishops (U14)	?
Pawns (U11)	?
Team	?

#### 18<sup>th</sup> St Albans Congress

Open (U211)	B. Bogdanovic, B. Savage, C. Tippleston
Challengers	B. Morgan
Major	K. Foreman
Intermediate	A. Duncan
Minor	J. McKeon
Best U14 boy	J. Klimach
Best U14 girl	N. Miller, P. Aarons