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*Centenary
Issue*



Hertfordshire claim their third successive Minor Counties title, defeating Norfolk by a record margin!
 Team L-R (standing) Jerry Rudge, Steve Weston, Bill Somerset, Caius Turner, Chris Majer, Barry Morris, Howard Tebbs, Simon Knott, Paul Byway, Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell,
 (kneeling) Costas Harris, Steve Swanson, John Denton, Kevin Clark, Phil Gregory, Gary Kenworthy

Centenary Year – a look back

Firstly, a happy New Year to you all! Perhaps we should all be looking forward at the start of a new year, but I thought I would be different and take a look back over our Centenary Year.

The celebrations actually stretched over some fourteen months, beginning with the 50 – board match against a combined SCCU team at the end of September 2000, and ending with the Centenary Dinner in November 2001. Other highlights during the year included the visit of a team from our twinning region of Rheinland-Pfalz in Germany, and hosting the National Counties rapidplay competition, both in September 2001.

Throughout, of course, we continued with our usual full programme of league and cup activities, along with the Hitchin Congress, a number of junior tournaments and the Capel and Burn Cup competitions (amongst other things). The first thing that struck me was the amount of hard work needed to organise and run all the Centenary events on top of an already busy programme. An undertaking of this nature has to be a team effort, and a great deal of credit is due to many individuals. Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell has done a great deal to coordinate the activities, as well as detailed work, particularly on the dinner. Anthony Burrows organised the International Match almost single-handedly, and Chris Majer was heavily involved in both the SCCU match and the National Counties Rapidplay. Alan Brewis did an excellent job in securing Chris Ward as our simultaneous player and guest speaker for the dinner, and in arranging the first class venue of the Jarvis Hotel at Hatfield. Apologies to those who have not had a mention, but space is limited!

Whilst celebrating the Centenary was a valid objective in itself, we have also sown the seeds of what should become a very significant relationship with Hertfordshire County Council. They kindly made available the magnificent venue of County Hall, for both for the SCCU and International matches. More importantly, the Chairman and Leader of the Council both attended the Centenary Dinner, and made a strong commitment to support the development of chess, particularly at junior level, within Hertfordshire. This is no short-term 'flash in the pan' – we are talking of a long-term commitment, over a period of several years. Detailed plans are in the course of preparation, and I will keep you informed of our progress in future newsletters.

On the 'domestic' front, the league title has once again been won by Hertford, but this time with the distinction of a 100% match point score. Despite the presence of several other teams in the first division which looked very strong on paper, Hertford managed a clean sweep! Congratulations are also due to their top board player and county board 1, Simon Knott, on being awarded (belatedly, some would say) the title of International Master.

Once again, the county first team has reached the final of the Minor Counties competition, and in an echo of last year, we contested the final against Norfolk on the day after the AGM. We succeeded in winning, to give us a hat-trick of wins in successive years under the inspired captaincy of Kevin Clark.

Unfortunately the previous season has not been without problems, particularly in terms of the high number of defaulted matches. There is a strong consensus that something needs to be done to discourage whole match defaults, and various proposals will be discussed with a view to solving this problem. The Association exists to promote and encourage the playing of chess in Hertfordshire - a statement which is so obvious it should not need to be made, but perhaps we are sometimes in danger of losing sight of this when we plunge into lively debates about the rules!

John Denton

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**Hertfordshire Chess Association
Financial Statements**

Income and Expenditure Account for the Year Ended 15 April 2001

2000 General Income		2001	2000 General Expenses		2001
£4.00	Adjudications	£54.00	£100.00	AGM/committee hall hire	£100.00
£94.65	Club affiliation fees	£90.00	£28.00	BCF Year Books	£0.00
£94.23	Interest	£146.06	£9.81	Herts grading lists	£0.00
£443.50	President & Vice-President subs	£299.00	£171.85	Insurance	£188.92
£8.80	Sales - score sheets	£0.00	£79.10	Newsletters	£60.00
£6.00	Sales - ties	£6.00	£30.00	SCCU fees	£149.87
£63.00	Unattached member subs	£60.00	£60.31	Secretary	£52.20
			£19.50	Treasurer	£20.00
			£0.00	Adjudications	£18.00
£42.35	Other	£86.40	£90.00	Tie fund appropriation	£60.00
£756.53	TOTAL	£741.46	£76.00	Other	£31.36
			£664.57	TOTAL	£680.35

Income and Expenses for Activities

2000		Income	Expenses	Surplus/deficit
£171.49	Hitchin congress	£3,130.14	£2,590.57	£539.57
-£46.79	Correspondence chess	£0.00	£46.80	-£46.80
-£159.49	County matches	£480.00	£329.58	£150.42
-£325.55	County matches - hall hire	£0.00	£157.55	-£157.55
£5.61	Individual tournaments	£110.00	£104.00	£6.00
£485.82	Junior - congresses	£561.00	£234.33	£326.67
£58.47	Junior - Basman Megafinal	£502.27	£115.00	£387.27
£6.20	Junior - schools league	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
-£66.30	Junior - other	£0.00	£161.70	-£161.70
£411.13	League	£1,437.40	£887.83	£549.57
£14.75	Quickplay tournament	£48.00	£65.15	-£17.15
£62.56	Team knock-outs	£176.00	£0.00	£176.00
£617.90	TOTAL	£6,444.81	£4,692.51	£1,752.30

Specific funds

	Value at 16 April 2000	Income	Expenses	Surplus/deficit	Value at 15 April 2001
Centenary	£46.45	£642.00	£230.00	£412.00	£458.45
HSBC N Herts League	£174.51	£0.00	£110.83	-£110.83	£63.68

Balance Sheet as at 15 April 2001

2000 Association Funds		2001	2000 Assets & Liabilities		2001
£1,461.18	Funds as at 16th April 2000	£2,171.04	£3,301.05	Assets	
£756.53	Add general income	£741.46	£405.50	Bank & cash balances	£5,464.59
£664.57	Less general expenditure	£680.35	£3,706.55	Add sums owing to the Associa	£421.99
£91.96	Net general income/(expenditure)	£61.11		Total assets	£5,886.58
				Liabilities	
£1,216.03	Add from activities in surplus		£150.00	Bulletin	£60.00
£598.13	Less from activities in deficit		£100.00	County matches, final stages	£100.00
£617.90	Net surplus on activities	£1,752.30	£250.05	County matches	£100.00
			£50.00	Junior congresses, etc.	£50.00
£709.86	Surplus for the year	£1,813.41	£450.00	Ties replacement fund	£510.00
			£314.50	Other sums payable	£560.00
£2,171.04	Total funds at 15 April 2001	£3,984.45	£46.45	Centenary fund	£458.45
			£174.51	HSBC secondary school fund	£63.68
	Consisting of				
£727.87	Congress fund	£1,267.44			
£1,443.17	General fund	£2,717.01	£1,535.51	Total liabilities	£1,902.13
£2,171.04	Total funds	£3,984.45	£2,171.04	Net assets	£3,984.45

Accounting policy and equipment

Note: No value is put on equipment, score sheets or ties as at 15 April 2001

Equipment - silver cups: Burn, Capel, Hakansson, Lee-Johnson, 'new' Puller, 'old' Puller, Sharp
 Equipment - silver plate cups: Berry, Davis, E J Leyns, 3 schools league
 Equipment - G W Davis board and set, J E Gateley board and set, Montague-Jones board and set
 Mrs Pattison board and set, K L Woodland board and set, 5 engraved chess clocks
 70 county match boards and sets, 70 county match clocks, 75 ties

(D R Brennan)
 Hon Treasurer
 21st June 2001

HCA Centenary Challenge Match 2000

Hertfordshire Chess Association vs Southern Counties Chess Union



(L-R: C.Crouch, C.Majer, J.Denton, R.Ellis, S.Knott)



Cllr. R.Ellis welcomed everyone to County Hall, and started the match by playing the first move on board one.



A view of the playing hall from the lower boards