

# THE EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009



*IM Jovanka Houska, WIM Ingrid Lauterbach and WFMs Meri Grigoryan and Sabrina Chevannes at the 2009 European Team Championships*

## Round 1

Simon's promising opening soon became a big attack and he won material as his opponent's kingside began to fall apart. Luke suffered a surprise loss as a blocked position exploded into life in Luke's time trouble and his opponent emerged from the tactics with a material advantage ... [now read on]

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# Editorial

We have received a large donation of books for the National Chess Library in Hastings from Chris Ravilious, the well known chess historian, to whom I send grateful thanks. Because of donations such as this the library is going from strength to strength. If you wish to follow suit please contact the office. Following the elections at the AGM in October there have been many changes to the ECF Board and we can look forward to interesting times ahead. If you have any articles that you would like to see in Chess Moves please once again contact us. This is the Christmas issue and the Office staff would like to proffer season's greetings to everyone

**Cynthia Gurney, Editor**

# ECF News

## ECF ELECTION RESULTS

### – the new incumbents

President – **C J de MOOI**

Director of Home Chess – **Adam Raoof**

Director of International Chess – **Lawrence Cooper**

Director of Marketing – **Stewart Reuben**

FIDE Delegate – **Nigel Short**

Since the October Council Meeting, the Board has made two additional appointments - Gareth Caller is the new Finance Director and John Paines has joined the Board in a new role, that of Non-Executive Chairman

The ECF would like to thank the outgoing officers – President and FIDE Delegate Gerry Walsh, Director of Home Chess Cyril Johnson and Director of Marketing Peter Wilson for all of their hard work and loyal service during their tenures

### The Current Board is now as follows –

President - CJ de Mooi

Chief Executive - Chris Majer

Alternate Director to Chief Executive - Andrew Farthing

Non-Executive Chairman – John Paines

Director of Home Chess - Adam Raoof

Director of International Chess - Lawrence Cooper


Director of Junior Chess and Education - Peter Purland

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Non-Executive Director - Alan Martin (ACM)



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**Stephen Rothwell**  
*Badische Neueste Nachrichten, 1993*



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## ECF Vacancies

### Manager of Prisons Chess

There are more people in prison now than ever before. Chess is viewed by HMG as being an aid to resettlement of offenders and teaching many of the same values which are encouraged in our chess for schools program. There is a need for someone to set up and co-ordinate chess in the prisons in England. The needs and opportunities vary from establishment to establishment. Preliminary contact has been made with the Dept for Justice and the successful candidate would be expected to build on the initial contacts and with assistance from others organise teaching and support for the inmates.

### Manager of Women's Chess

Appointed by the Board and reports to the Chief Executive. Offers advice and promotes all kinds of suitable activity, particularly education, training and practice, for all female players. Co-operates with other ECF Directors, ECF Affiliates, and other organisations whether or not specifically identified with women's chess. Co-operates with other bodies, as appropriate, to organise the participation by females in all forms of chess activity. Makes grants to events, teams, players and coaches in accordance with the Annual Business Plan and Budget.

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[John Paines is standing down]

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In all instances, interested parties should initially contact the Office on 01424 775222 or [office@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:office@englishchess.org.uk)



## National Club Major

- from Julie Johnson

For your information - the draw is as follows

**Preliminary match - Barnsley v Alwoodley**

### Round 1

Bushbury v Barnsley or Alwoodley

Maidstone v Hastings

Gloucester v Brown Jack

Bourne End v St Albans

Wood Green v London Deaf

Ilford v Metropolitan

Home Office & Justice v Wanstead & Woodford

Hackney v Athenaeum

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# THE EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009

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[pictures courtesy of <http://www.eurons2009.com>, Meri Grigoryan and Andrew Greet]



Stuart and Stephen both won long games. Stuart's was more tactical but resulted in an ending with an extra pawn. Stephen had a quiet middle game but outplayed his opponent winning a pawn in the ending and mopping up afterwards.

Jovanka had a solid draw on board 1 whilst Ingrid's hippo set-up bamboozled her higher rated opponent. Natasha had a promising attacking position in the middle game but blundered an exchange after which her attacking chances disappeared. Meri lost a long and complicated game where her opponent sacrificed an exchange for a pawn but then won a further two pawns in a double edged middle game emerging with a massive pawn centre in the ending

### Round 2

Despite being heavily outrated the men put up a creditable performance against the second seeds. Simon was taken by surprise in the opening and although he had some compensation in a Benko type position it was probably insufficient and white broke through in the centre to win convincingly. Mickey had a catastrophic opening but fought back well to reach an ending a pawn down that offered some hope until a cheapo finished him off. Luke played the Breyer for the first time and managed a solid

draw with black but Stuart was the real success story winning a messy game where his piece sac for two pawns created an imbalance and he won back an exchange and eventually had too many pawns in a rook versus bishop and knight ending.

The women will probably be disappointed with their 2-2 draw. Jovanka equalised easily and seemed to be outplaying her opponent until a pawn blunder after which her opponent's draw offer was accepted. Ingrid lost a long game where her opponent played very enterprising chess in a queen less middle game, sacrificing an exchange and winning it back and then converting the ending. Natasha managed to unbalance her game but not necessarily to her advantage and eventually drew. Sabrina won a tough game where she outplayed her opponent but time shortage meant the result was in some doubt until the end.

### Round 3

Round 3 produced a "What happened next" moment as within seconds of the start and with all players having survived the zero default time (and the majority having played their first move) a noise that bore an uncanny resemblance to a mobile phone was emitted. A second bleep narrowed the culprit down to the Bulgarians boards





3 and 4 and the third bleep merely confirmed this. Despite the best attempts of the Bulgarians to innocently look under the table and remain poker faced a second and third arbiter had now descended on the scene. What followed was somewhat farcical. Despite the best efforts of the Bulgarian board three to "prove" there was no phone in his pocket or coat the arbiters seized the coats of the boards three and four and a thorough search found the offending item. Mr Delchev's mobile was now the centre of attention. The chief arbiter convinced herself that this was indeed the mobile responsible and Mr Delchev was promptly defaulted and had to reluctantly sign the scoresheet leaving England 1-0 up with only one black game left to negotiate.

Eventually focus switched back to the mundane matter of chess pieces being moved and Luke swept aside his higher rated opponent in just 19 moves with a kingside demolition. After the shock of his first round defeat Luke had bounced back in spectacular style. Stephen was close to winning in the middle and endgame but in the end played safe and assured England of a surprise match victory. Sadly Mickey lost in time trouble in what is probably the hardest possible pairing in chess, black against Topolov. A great victory for the team and one hopes the momentum can be carried forward into the match against France.



opponent had lost a rook after which Ingrid mopped up. Sabrina had a complicated game where her opponent had a queen against two rooks. The rooks lacked scope though and the active queen proved to be stronger and she gradually accumulated pawns in Sabrina's time trouble. Meri turned down a draw and overpressed in an ending after swapping queens possibly prematurely. This must be one of the most traumatic ways to lose but I think all of the English delegation respected the fact that she did everything to try and win to save the match and were all gutted when her attempts backfired.



The ladies had a tough pairing. Outrated on all four boards but much drama unfolded and England were certainly unlucky to be on the end of the receiving of a 3-1 defeat. Jovanka was probably always struggling and slipped to defeat but Ingrid won in a game I have yet to fully understand. She had a cramped position from the opening but an interesting double edged piece sacrifice unbalanced proceedings and the next time I looked her



#### Round 4

After the euphoria of the victory against Bulgaria the open team was brought down to earth with a bump. As captain I take responsibility for this and have to confess my team

selection regarding colours wasn't the best. Mickey got off the mark in a Berlin Defence where his pawn sacrifice was neutralised and repetition ensued. Luke was hit by a lot of theory and lost the exchange and was unable to gain sufficient counterplay. Simon always looked a little worse in a Dutch and his position gradually fell apart whilst Stuart produced a miraculous save when his opponent allowed him to escape to an ending with g+h pawns versus N+g pawn which turned out to be completely drawn.

Jovanka's opponent's double fianchetto opening led to a quiet position and mass exchanges on the c file. Ingrid made an incorrect recapture in the opening and thereafter stood worse and went progressively downhill. Meri recovered from her tragic demise yesterday with a shortish draw. This left Natasha needing a win to save the match which she accomplished in a tense finish after winning queen and pawn for rook and bishop in the late middle game.

### Round 5

England had to fight extremely hard to save the match against Romania. Mickey equalised comfortably and the game finished in an early draw. Luke's small edge disappeared after a blunder led to him having to shed pawns to force a draw in a rook and opposite coloured bishop ending. Stephen had a complicated game that at first glance looked promising but soon became an unpleasant ending that his opponent might have tried to make more of. This left Stuart with the task of holding an unpleasant middle game that became a rook ending a pawn down. He held the ending relatively easily although it was a long and tiring game and once again he deserves great credit.

The women had a comfortable victory. Jovanka was coasting to victory although blundering a piece when on the verge of victory left her having to win a 4 pawn v bishop and pawn ending. Thankfully she was able to win it to save her from what would have been a very painful experience and lost rating points. Ingrid comfortably outplayed her opponent who desperately sacrificed a piece to no avail. Natasha had a hard fought and complicated draw and Sabrina's opening pawn grab was successful although her opponent missed a chance to get back into the game after missing or declining the possibility of winning back a sacrificed exchange which would have led to a roughly equal ending. As it was, Sabrina carefully converted her extra exchange to move onto a plus score.

### Round 6

The men's team produced an efficient performance with two short draws with black and once Luke had won a piece Simon put the team first and offered a draw although he had a pleasant advantage and could have played on if needed. Luke's game was a somewhat bizarre affair but he built up a time advantage and his opponent crumbled under the pressure. It was pleasing to get a win without any long games and hopefully the players will be fresh going into the next round.

The women came close to causing an upset against their higher rated opponents. Meri secured a solid draw on bottom board and Jovanka stood well early on. However, Ingrid drifted from a good position as she struggled to assess the match situation and remaining uncertain if she needed to play for a win she made an error and lost the

game. Natasha also lost a complicated game which left England two down and although Jovanka converted in a queen and pawn ending after an uncertain period the team were left with the frustrated feeling of what might have been.

### Round 7

Round 7 proved to be a desperately disappointing day for the men's team. Stephen always seemed to be a bit worse and went downhill losing a queen and pawn ending a pawn down. I think it's only fair to mention that his night's sleep had been interrupted by two Serbian drunks who burst into his room at 3.30 in the morning and the whole experience left him somewhat shaken. I admired his determination to play but it clearly affected him although to his credit he didn't use it as an excuse. Luke had a complex King's Indian that finished as a draw. Mickey appeared to be outplaying Korchnoi on board 1 but let his advantage slip and Stuart's opponent somehow survived despite leaving himself with 2 seconds for a move on several occasions and also being a lot worse. This was a most frustrating result from a match that we seemed to have the better of but a reminder of how narrow the margins are between success and failure.



The women's match was equally frustrating. Jovanka had a fairly solid draw on top board whilst Ingrid was a pawn up but was unable to convert it. The bottom two boards were totally chaotic. Sabrina played 2 h3 and 3 g4 against the Dutch and an exchange sac on move six gave her a lot of play. However, she fell behind in development and subsequently lost material. I stopped watching, assuming her opponent was about to win but was shocked to later hear her opponent had gone astray and even messed up before Sabrina actually lost on time. Natasha was worse and seemingly close to losing before a bizarre finish where her opponent had just made a second queen after which Natasha gratefully took perpetual check. You can imagine her surprise when a win was pointed out to her. She could take the newly promoted queen and be material up or if her opponent recaptured Natasha actually had a mate in 3!

### Round 8

The men had a very hard fought match that ended even. Mickey's opponent sacrificed a pawn but always had plenty of compensation and the game fizzled out into a drawish ending. Luke had a complicated middle game where he appeared to miss a win, instead sacrificing an exchange for what looked like a winning attack but black had a defence and a repetition soon followed. Simon won a nice game where he also sacrificed an exchange but obtained a





complete bind and his opponent was unable to find the right defence and allowed Simon to break through and win material. Stuart tried the same opening that had surprised Stephen in round five but white reacted well and Stuart's visually worse opening became a difficult middle game and eventually an ending a pawn down which his opponent was able to convert.

The women appeared to have their match firmly in control but the match almost turned around in the time scrambles. Jovanka won a pawn and appeared to be heading for a win but allowed her opponent to escape into a drawn rook and pawn ending. Meri had a crushing position from the early middle game but her opponent did manage to fight back but Meri always appeared to retain control. Ingrid won a pawn early on and her opponent then sacrificed an exchange for what looked like insufficient compensation. However, the game became messy and I have it on good authority (from the women's captain Andrew Greet) that her opponent may have even missed a win before Ingrid finally liquidated into a won ending. Sabrina showed great fighting spirit to save a difficult position and managed to escape to a queen and pawn ending that she was able to hold.



### Round 9

The men had a resounding last round victory lifting the team up to 12th. Mickey recorded his first win in a Lopez where his opponent consistently refused to play the natural ...c5 move and left himself with a position devoid of counterplay. Mickey's technique did the rest. Luke ground down his opponent after a lot of manoeuvring led to a better endgame and his passed b pawn forced the win of a piece. Stuart had a decent opening but slipped into a worse position but managed to find a trick to keep the

balance. Stephen bounced back from his round 7 loss with a controlled victory with black. He won a pawn and then successfully repulsed the white initiative before winning material. An excellent end to a mixed tournament. There was the high of beating the 4th seeds Bulgaria and the low of losing to Switzerland when a top ten finish was looking a possibility.

**Final scores: Mickey 3.5/8, Luke 5/9, Stuart 5.5/9, Simon 2.5/5 and Stephen 3/5**



The women also finished with a victory and this left them placed 17th, five places above their seeding. Meri had a quick win with black despite opening with 1...a6 and 2... b5. Jovanka ground out an extra pawn in a rook and opposite coloured bishop ending but Ingrid chose an incorrect plan in the middle game and lost material. Natasha had an amazing game where she won a piece for a pawn in the opening. I naively expected that to be the last moment of interest but first the game became somewhat complicated when Natasha sacrificed an exchange back and next time I looked she had an extra pawn in a knight and pawn ending. There followed a moment of mutual chess blindness where Natasha's knight somewhat unwisely forked her opponent's knight and rook. Thankfully her opponent missed the tempting NxN winning a piece and after that normal service was resumed and Natasha was able to win and avoid the horrible feeling of letting a whole point slip through her fingers.

**Final scores: Jovanka 5.5/9, Ingrid 4.5/9, Natasha 3.5/7, Meri 3/6 & Sabrina 2.5/5**

Thanks to Lawrence Cooper for his reports



# Dieppe Open Chess

report by Sarah Hegarty



On 23rd August I travelled to Dieppe to participate in the Dieppe Open Chess Championships. However, my main reason for going was to play four rapidplay matches against the French prodigy Salome Neuhauser.

These took place on the 25th and the 27th August at 8:30PM in the Grand Casino in Dieppe. I had done lots of preparation but was not really sure what to expect. When I first saw the playing venue I was very nervous because it was an auditorium and there were lots of people in the audience. However, once we started, I was able to ignore the audience and concentrate on the matches. The first game went well and I was able to win with black; putting me in a more confident position for the second match which took place the same night.

The second game was a main line najdorf that I had been preparing before the game so I was able to obtain a lovely attacking position which she was not prepared for so she went on the defensive and I was able to win. Leading 2-0 after the first night made me delighted; a really comfortable position to be in.

However, I still had to play two more matches on the evening of the 27th August. This was tiring because my open game had gone on until 7:00PM. Salome was not competing in the open so she had more time to prepare for the remaining two matches. I was not sure what to play for my second game with the black pieces. My main defence to 1.e4 is the Sicilian Accelerated Dragon but I was happy with how the alekhine had gone previously and thought she might not be expecting a second alekhine. I played it and she had obviously prepared thoroughly. I thought I was doing alright but could not think of a plan and ended up playing a weak move and lost the match. I was now a bit worried because I definitely did not want to lose the last game. I was expecting a different Sicilian defence; maybe a dragon. Surprisingly she repeated the najdorf but this time was very prepared. After 8.Nc6 in round one I would have played Ivanchuk's queen sacrifice but was not confident in round 4 as she had obviously prepared it. I did not know another move in this line so started to panic. I spent 10 minutes on move 7 of a rapidplay game after deciding that I had no choice but to put two pieces en prise and hope for a winning attack. Glenn Flear my coach has said to me, "Don't take any risks, just play sensibly", but

I had no choice. My attack was strong and I won the game which meant I won the overall match 3-1. I was so delighted as I had really felt the pressure playing on a stage with a big audience.

I won a trophy and champagne. In the open I finished on 4.5/8 (had to miss the last round) and I felt that went well - got the opportunity to play two grandmasters.

## November Rating List

from Lawrence Cooper

### Top Men:

1	Short, Nigel D	g	ENG	2707	16	1965
2	Adams, Michael	g	ENG	2698	12	1971
3	McShane, Luke J	g	ENG	2615	0	1984
4	Howell, David W L	g	ENG	2597	9	1990
5	Conquest, Stuart C	g	ENG	2563	0	1967
6	Jones, Gawain C B	g	ENG	2556	18	1987
7	Williams, Simon K	g	ENG	2550	11	1979
8	Haslinger, Stewart G	g	ENG	2548	9	1981
9	Pert, Nicholas	g	ENG	2541	0	1981
10	Gordon, Stephen J	g	ENG	2527	9	1986
11	Speelman, Jon S	g	ENG	2525	0	1956
12	Parker, Jonathan F	g	ENG	2523	0	1976
13	Hebden, Mark L	g	ENG	2522	9	1958
14	Turner, Matthew J	g	ENG	2508	0	1975
15	Flear, Glenn C	g	ENG	2504	12	1959

### Top Women:

1	Hunt, Harriet V	m	ENG	2452	0	1978
2	Houska, Jovanka	m	ENG	2391	10	1980
3	Ciukyte, Dagne	m	ENG	2344	0	1977
4	Lalic, Susan K	m	ENG	2310	0	1965
5	Corke, Anya	wg	ENG	2284	0	1990
6	Regan, Natasha K	wm	ENG	2170	0	1971
7	Lauterbach, Ingrid	wm	ENG	2163	0	1960
8	Bellin, Jana	wg	ENG	2151	0	1947
9	Grigoryan, Meri	wf	ENG	2122	0	1977
10	Tidman, Sophie E	wf	ENG	2110	0	1984
11	Forbes, Cathy	wm	ENG	2106	0	1968
12	Hegarty, Sarah N		ENG	2068	17	1988
13	Bhatia, Kanwal K		ENG	2058	0	1981
14	Chevannes, Sabrina L	wf	ENG	2042	5	1986

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# THE LONDON CHESS CLASSIC

8-15 Dec 2009

Thanks to the efforts of Malcolm Pein and some significant sponsorship, The London Chess Classic 2009 at Olympia Conference Centre will be the highest level tournament in London for 25 years and will be the first in a series of events designed to increase enthusiasm for chess in the UK and promote the game and its undoubted educational benefits in schools and communities. It is also the objective of the organising team to bring the world championship to London in the Olympic year 2012.

England's four leading Grandmasters; Nigel Short, Michael Adams, Luke McShane and David Howell will be pitched against a world class field that includes a former world champion Vladimir Kramnik and 18 year old Magnus Carlsen ranked world number two and widely seen a future holder of the world crown. One of China's finest players; Ni Hua and the US Champion Hikaru Nakamura, complete the field. Read their profiles on our website <http://www.londonchessclassic.com/>.

The venue is luxurious, and has a history of hosting many other world-class conferences and sporting events. Spectators will be treated to live commentary on the games from Grandmasters and will be able to play tournament or informal games all day. Tickets for the auditorium and commentary room and even a simul with Victor Korchnoi are now on sale, so book early!

## NOT JUST FOR SPECTATORS!

Whilst Malcolm is looking after his eight players in the main event, he has given me the opportunity to co-ordinate all the side events - which will probably have over 200 players! There are seven events, controlled capably by the 'A' Team of Arbiters headed by Alex McFarlane, familiar to many of you who have taken part in the British or Scottish Championships.

- 1 International FIDE Open (one section, 9 rounds)
- 1 Weekend Congress (4 sections, 5 rounds)
- 1 Rapidplay (4 sections, 6 rounds)
- 1 Junior Rapidplay (6 rounds)
- 7 Blitz events in the evenings plus a Grand Blitz Prix!

We will also have stewarding from a team of students on the innovative 'Personal Best' scheme, run by the City Lit Institute - <http://www.citylit.ac.uk/> - all of whom will be hoping use this experience to good use as stewards at the 2012 Olympic Games. So nobody will get lost in the vast playing hall!

# International News

## World Youth Championships:

<http://wycc2009.tsf.org.tr/>

England is represented by ten juniors at this prestigious junior event which starts on Thursday 12th. All sections are 11 rounds with one double round and one rest day.

James Adair (Boys Under 18s), Katie Hale (Girls Under 18s), Yang Fan Zhou (Boys U16s), Astghik Stepanyan (Girls U16s), Felix Ynojosa (Boys U14s), Radha Jain (Girls U14s), James Bowler (Boys U12s), Nathasha Bogoda (Girls U12s), Ravi Haria (Boys U10s) and Anna Wang (Girls U10s). Megan Owens of Wales is also playing in the Girls Under 14s.

## Guernsey International Chess Festival:

<http://www.guernseychessclub.org.gg/festival/crosstable.aspx?year=2009&tournament=O>

GM Tiger Hillarp Persson won this year's open event with 6.5/7. Four players shared second, Samuel Franklin, Jan Havenaar, GMs Oleg Korneev and Bojan Kurajica. IM Robert Bellin and Christian Baumert finished on 5. Clearly the stand out result is the performance of 15 year old Samuel Franklin who scored 5.5/7 against an average of 2246 defeating IM Robert Bellin in round three and finishing with a draw against Tiger in the last round.

## Austrian Bundesliga:

[http://www.chess.at/staatsligen/stl\\_a.htm](http://www.chess.at/staatsligen/stl_a.htm)

<http://www.chess-results.com/tnr21147.aspx>

Peter Wells scored 3/3 playing on board five for Styria Graz. He defeated IM Karl Friedrich Volkman 2404, Peter Olle 2248 and IM Manfred Freitag 2387.

Now that the European Team Championships are over I thought it worth publicising the forthcoming events involving the England teams. Dates for 2010 and 2011 are as follows:

19th September - 4th October 2010 Olympiad in Khanty Mansiysk Siberia.

2-12 November 2011 European Team in Heraklion Greece.

In addition the following other dates in 2010 may be of interest:

3-Jan-2010 14-Jan-2010 World Team Championship 2010 Bursa, Turkey

17-Mar-2010 26-Mar-2010 World Amateur Chess Championships 2010 Skokie/Chicago, Illinois, USA

23-Apr-2010 6-May-2010 Women's FIDE Grand Prix Series Nalchik, Russia

9-May-2010 25-May-2010 FIDE Grand Prix Series Astrakhan, Russia





23-Jun-2010 6-Jul-2010 Women's FIDE Grand Prix Series Jermuk, Armenia  
 24-Jul-2010 1-Aug-2010 World Youth U-16 Chess Olympiad 2010 Antalya, Turkey  
 29-Jul-2010 12-Aug-2010 Women's FIDE Grand Prix Series Ulan Batar, Mongolia  
 2-Aug-2010 17-Aug-2010 World Junior and Girls U-20 Chess Championship Chotowa Czarna, Poland  
 19-Oct-2010 31-Oct-2010 World Youth Championships 2010 Halkidiki, Greece  
 27-Oct-2010 9-Nov-2010 Women's FIDE Grand Prix Series Vina del Mar, Chile  
 2-Dec-2010 25-Dec-2010 Women's World Chess Championship 2010 Turkey  
 29-Jan-2010 7-Feb-2010 ISCU Grand Prix 2010 Moscow, Russia  
 7-Feb-2010 7-Feb-2010 European Blitz Championship 2010 Paris, France  
 10-Feb-2010 18-Feb-2010 European Senior Team Chess Championship 2010 Dresden, Germany  
 5-Mar-2010 19-Mar-2010 European Individual Chess Championship 2010 Rijeka, Croatia  
 5-Mar-2010 19-Mar-2010 European Individual Women's

Chess Championship 2010 Rijeka, Croatia  
 5-Apr-2010 12-Apr-2010 European Individual School Championship Thessaloniki, Greece  
 29-May-2010 6-Jun-2010 Mitropa Cup 2010 Chur, Switzerland  
 14-Jul-2010 22-Jul-2010 European Youth Team Chess Championship 2010 Pardubice, Czech Republic  
 3-Aug-2010 12-Aug-2010 EU Youth Championship 2010 Mureck, Austria  
 17-Sep-2010 28-Sep-2010 European Youth U 8-18 Chess Championship 2010 Batumi, Georgia  
 29-Sep-2010 1-Oct-2010 European Individual and Team Championship for Cadets and Juniors 2010 (Rapid and Blitz) Batumi, Georgia  
 3-Oct-2010 15-Oct-2010 European Senior Chess Championship 2010 Halkidiki, Greece  
 16-Oct-2010 24-Oct-2010 European Club Cup 2010 Plovdiv, Bulgaria  
 16-Oct-2010 24-Oct-2010 European Club Cup for Women 2010 Plovdiv, Bulgaria

In addition to the individual websites the latest international chess news can be found at the following link: <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic783.html>

# Junior News

## InventiChess Tournament in Antwerp

On 19th - 20th September, Samuel Franklin and Saravanan Sathyanandha participated in the Five-Country Youth Tournament in Antwerp, organized by InventiChess alongside the GM Tournament. Samuel won the tournament with 7.5/10 and Saravanan was fourth equal with 5.5/10. They played against juniors from Belgium, France, the Netherlands and Germany in a rapidplay format. For the press conference and sponsorship, each junior was paired

with a participant in the GM Tournament - Samuel with GM Barosz Socko of Poland and Saravanan with local Belgian IM Bart Mickiels. Arrangements were made for the juniors to stay with local families, making the weekend a special experience



# The World Youth Chess Championships



**The Chess Village** [picture courtesy of - <http://wycc2009.tsf.org.tr/>]  
[team pictures courtesy of – Sonal Haria]

## World Youth 2009: Coaching report from Lawrence Cooper

### Round 1:

**James Adair v GM Salem AR Saler 2472 0 - 1 Parlidou, Katerine v Katie Hale 1-0 Domnika Ostrowska 1938 v Astghik Stepanyan 1-0**

Clearly 0/3 was not the start we had hoped for but on rating it wasn't a total shock. The chaotic organisation meant that pairings appeared just 50 minutes before the start of the round and due to the paranoia about the zero default times and the bizarre decision to have only one entrance for 700+ kids as well as parents and coaches much of the time that could have been used for preparation was spent fighting our way into the tournament hall and finding the right board. This was particularly difficult in the Girls Under 16s as the board numbers were different to the pairings and so players were undecided if to sit by their name tag or on the board number they had been allocated. The round started twenty minutes late and finally players found their opponents and scoresheets appeared. I can honestly say that having attended football matches with 60,000+ spectators I've never seen such chaos and one only hopes they never have a fire as it would be impossible to evacuate in time.

Finally the chess got underway and whilst the English contingent had a fairly positive day my three students

faced tough opponents and toiled in vain. James Adair was playing in the Boys Under 18s, Katie Hale was in the girls under 18 and Astghik Stepanyan was in the girls under 16.

James faced a 2472 GM and was surprised by a sideline in a Sicilian Richter-Rauzer. With hindsight 7 Bb5 and 10 f4 followed by the committal f5 were better options and in the game the complications following 13 Qe3 favoured his opponent and his subsequent piece sacrifice was met by a clever refutation that led to a winning ending.

13 Qg3 was the alternative and one he spent time on, although it looked better for white at first glance we subsequently decided that black had a good position with plenty of activity. It would, though, have been better than the game. We were left with the frustrated feeling that a bit more time to prepare would have helped him navigate the unusual opening and left him better equipped to fight his higher rated opponent on an equal footing.

Katie played the Classical Dutch but probably chose an inferior plan to the more usual 6... or 7...Ne4. In the game, although she managed to play e5 her opponent had already broken in the centre with e4 and Katie's position soon became critical. Her last chance may well have been 13...Nh5 instead of the automatic recapture on f4. After that she was in trouble and was unable to parry all her opponent's threats and lost

material on the kingside. A tough baptism but I think it was probably down to her inactivity prior to the event and I'm sure she'll get sharper as the tournament progresses.

Astghik obtained a reasonable looking position from the opening. We had actually looked at the opening quickly before the game and I was happy with the plan she chose. However, before the middle game had really got going she played the dubious 12...Qc7 and by not choosing the unappetising Qd8 the move after found herself in trouble. Although her opponent missed a clear win soon after Astghik's pieces remained marooned on the queenside and white broke through with a mating attack. A frustrating game after a decent opening but a timely reminder that one mistake at this level can prove costly.



*Go team!*



*Sun, sea and chess*

### Round 2:

**Yilmaz Baler 1847 v James Adair 1-0  
Katie Hale v Orehek Spela 1890 1-0  
Astghik Stepanyan v Szilvia Dudas 1820 0.5-0.5**

Round 2 featured many ups and downs and at the end my trio seemed to have come off worst. James was facing a seriously underrated Turkish player and had a hard fought struggle where his optimism seemed to get the better



of him when he declined a repetition but then went wrong soon after. It was an interesting game with chances for both players and his opponent played more like a 2200+ than an 1847.

Katie had a marathon game which defied logic and had the coaches been allowed in the playing hall would have led to my nerves being shredded to pieces. Much to our surprise her opponent played into a line we had looked at. Unfortunately, preparation had included so many different openings that we had insufficient time to look too deeply at middle game plans and Katie soon lost a pawn and her position went rapidly downhill. Miraculously her opponent seemed to relax after winning an exchange and suicidally allowed her king to be exposed.

Rather than allow a probable repetition her opponent marched her king up the board. Agonisingly Katie missed the immediately decisive 45 Qf6 thinking the move played was winning and having possibly realised what she had done she then declined the perpetual which was now her best option. Her opponent then emerged with an extra pawn in a rook ending and eventually forced Katie's resignation on move 105! Despite the missed chances and the problems of the early middle game she at least deserves great credit for fighting until the bitter end although she will reflect on what should have happened

Astghik had a solid game where she had a couple of chances to gain the advantage but having missed her chance then had to liquidate to an ending a pawn down where she was soon able to restore the material balance. In fairness, there had been nothing clear cut but she would have been able to put her opponent under pressure. Nevertheless, I was happy to see her get off the mark and hope she is able to build on the result in subsequent rounds.

### Round 3:

**James Adair v Kin Kurt 1839 (RSA)**

**Katie Hale bye**

**Joraywea Govher 2064 (TKM) v Astghik Stepanyan 1-0**

Regrettably Katie received the bye in round 3. Whilst it gave her a chance to rest after her 105 move marathon I'm sure she would rather have played and got the round 2 game out of her

system. Astghik had another tough pairing, this time as black against a 2064.

Somewhat bizarrely, her opponent had no games on any database so our knowledge was limited to a somewhat bizarre round 2 opening which commenced 1 d4 Nf6 2 Nf3 e6 3 a3?!. The game itself was a QGD with 5Bf4 and black countered with an early c5 and reached a middle game with an isolated d pawn but active play for all her pieces. White adopted a somewhat crude plan of lining her bishop and queen up on the b1-h7 diagonal but Astghik played sensibly and parried all the threats. Sadly, a miscalculation soon after made her pawn sacrifice permanent and faced with a difficult position she was unable to find the best moves and she blundered when the position was beyond repair.

Initially, I thought she had a really strong line prior to the move which left her a pawn down but further analysis showed white had an improvement and could have reached a rook & opposite colour bishop ending a pawn up which would probably have been drawn. As in round one, just one mistake at this level can be costly but I think her overall play has been good and I'm sure she'll pick up plenty of points against her subsequent opponents.



*Thomas Rendle and the team*

James got off the mark with a comfortable victory. Although it was a long game he had a clear advantage in a queen less middle game with two bishops against bishop and knight and a better pawn structure and outplayed his opponent, winning a pawn and then an exchange for a pawn. Hopefully this will kick start his tournament and put him in good shape for the harder battles that lie ahead.

**James & Katie 1/3, Astghik 0.5/3**



*Lawrence readies his charges*

### ***Coach Report***

***(Rounds 1,2 & 3) – Thomas Rendle***

Radha was the first of my players to finish in round 1, coming out just before the two hour mark with a comfortable win. Ravi followed shortly, also having won after he convincingly refuted a piece sacrifice from his opponent.

James Bowler's opponent was a 2054 Russian who punished an inaccuracy in the opening from James in attacking style and James had to resign.

Felix outplayed his opponent in an entertaining game, and was pleased to record a win in the first round (after losing his first game at last year's Worlds). Round two was tougher, partly as all four players had the Black pieces. Ravi was first to finish, with another confident win putting him on 2/2.

Radha was caught out by a surprise early on and lost an exchange. She fought hard in the middlegame but eventually her opponent managed to simplify to a winning endgame.

James' game was a very tense affair with chances for both sides, unfortunately he was edged out in the later stages of the game. Felix admitted he'd not played at his best, but was pleased to salvage a draw from what was probably a lost position (as he was telling everyone at dinner!).

The third round was a great success. James was first out with his first win of the event – he'd won his opponent's queen after only 10 moves! Radha got a strong attacking position in the middlegame and duly converted for a win. Ravi had a tough game on board 9 against a Russian, but after a quiet opening he unleashed a tactic which effectively decided the game. He's now on 3/3 and on a live board in round 4!

Felix had another messy game, but kept attacking until his opponent finally cracked and so Felix moves



to 2.5/3. A fantastic effort from the players today, although they've been handed some tough pairings as a result, so lots of work still to do ...

## Rest Day – Tuesday

After the double rounds on Monday, we were definitely ready for a rest. We spent the day enjoying the beautiful weather – sun and clear blue sky, not a cloud in sight! Sorry England, we know it is cold there and we will have to come back to it and that will not be easy! No one wanted to go on long excursions when in fact we have everything here to enjoy – the beach, many swimming pools, good food and of course each others' wonderful company. The players and coaches did not take a complete rest as many used their time sensibly to do some very useful preparation for Round 7 with some tough opponents to play.

## Round 7 – Wednesday

Everyone was in good spirits and feeling optimistic. We had a strange day of results with mostly draws, apart from Anna's wonderful victory against the second seed, a girl from Columbia with a fide rating of 1926. Her opponent blundered her Queen and Anna took the opportunity to march to victory in less than an hour! We only had one win today from Anna.

Ravi, Natasha, Felix, Astghik, Yang-Fan and Katie all drew! James B, Radha and James A all fought hard but lost tough games. The score so far out of 7 rounds is:-

Anna Wang .....	5.5
Ravi Haria.....	5
Natasha Bogoda .....	2.5
James Bowler.....	3
Radha Jain.....	3
Felix Ynojosa .....	4.5
Astghik Stepanyan .....	2.5
Yang-Fan Zhou.....	3.5
Katie Hale.....	2.5
James Adair .....	2.5

## Round 9 – Friday

All the players prepared hard and tried their best. Despite working hard, we struggled today as a team with just 2 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses. Radha and Astghik both won against strong opponents. Yang-Fan and Natasha drew against their opponents. Anna, Ravi, James B, Felix, Katie and James A all lost their games.

The score out of 9 is -

Anna Wang .....	6.5
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Ravi Haria .....	5
Natasha Bogoda .....	3
James Bowler .....	3
Radha Jain .....	5
Felix Ynojosa .....	5.5
Astghik Stepanyan .....	4
Yang-Fan Zhou .....	5
Katie Hale .....	2.5
James Adair .....	3.5

## Round 10 – Saturday

We are nearly there with Round 11, the final round to go. We need lots of luck to win all our games in the last round!

In Round 10, we scored slightly better. Felix, Astghik, Katie and James all won. Yang-Fan and Natasha drew against their opponents. Anna, Ravi, James B and Radha all lost their games

The score out of 10 is:-

Anna Wang .....	6.5
Ravi Haria .....	5
Natasha Bogoda .....	3.5
James Bowler .....	3
Radha Jain .....	5
Felix Ynojosa .....	6.5
Astghik Stepanyan .....	5
Yang-Fan Zhou .....	5.5
Katie Hale .....	3.5
James Adair .....	4.5

## Round 11 – Sunday

The final round has ended quite well. The players have all completed the tournament on a happy note. Throughout the tournament everyone has had a smile on their faces and the players have cheered and encouraged each other. The three coaches, Lawrence, Neil and Thomas, have done an excellent job guiding and preparing the players for their games. Ravi, James B, Natasha, Yang-Fan and James A all won their games. Felix, Radha, Astghik and Katie all drew. Anna lost this one despite a great effort. We will attend the official closing ceremony this evening. Then we fly back in two groups, on Monday and Tuesday. Back to the cold!

Final player scores out of 11 Rounds

U10 Girl - Anna Wang .....	6.5
U10 Boy - Ravi Haria .....	6
U12 Girl - Natasha Bogoda .....	4.5
U12 Boy - James Bowler .....	4
U14 Girl - Radha Jain .....	5.5
U14 Boy - Felix Ynojosa .....	7
U16 Girl - Astghik Stepanyan .....	5.5
U16 Boy - Yang-Fan Zhou .....	6.5
U18 Girl - Katie Hale .....	4
U18 Boy - James Adair .....	5.5

# Annotated Games



## C J de MOOI – the new President's gambit

We thought it might be a nice idea if I did something for Chess Moves... wrote an article, a letter or submitted a game. I've started with the latter CJ

## CJ de Mooi - Colin Solloway Hove Spectrum Minor 1997

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Be3?! I was playing unsound variations of the Blackmar Diemer against anything at the time **de** 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. f3 ef 6. Nxf3 Bd6 7. Bd3 O-O 8. O-O Ng4? This falls to a tactic... Black should complete his development 9. Bxh7+! Kh8 10. Ng5! f5 The bishop is immune because of Qh5 11. Qf3 intending to slide to the h file Qf6 12. Nce4! Qe7 13. Qh3 Bxh2+ 14. Kh1 Nh6 15. Qxh2 fe White is still a pawn down...how to regain it? 16. Qxc7! The undeveloped Queenside now tells in the weakness of the back rank Nd7 17. Bxe4 Ng4 18. Rae1 Perhaps is Rf6 best but Black thinks White has blundered a piece Rxf1+ 19. Rxf1 Nxe3 20. Qh2+ 1-0



## ... and from the new Director of Home Chess, Adam Raoof

Adam Raoof  
- K. Hyde,  
Kent, England

## Championship, 1984

[Notes by Raoof]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.f3 e3 [The game transposes to a line in the Langeheinecke Defense to the BDG-tvp] 6.Bxe3 Bf5 7.g4 Bg6 8.h4 h6 9.Nh3 e6 10.Nf4 Bh7 11.g5! hxg5 12.hxg5 Bxc2 [else 13. g6] 13.Rxh8 Bxd1 14.gxf6 [14.g6!? does not work] 14...Qxf6 15.Ne4! [15.Rxd1? g5!] 15...Qe7 16.d5!! exd5 [16...Qb4+ 17.Bd2 Qxb2 18.dxe6! Qxa1? 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.Bb4+ Ke8 (or 20...Kg8 ) 21.exf7+ wins.] 17.Bc5 Qxc5 [17...Qe5 18.Rxf8+ Kd7 19.Rxf7+ Kc8 20.Bd6 Qxb2 21.Rc7+ Kd8 22.Ne6+ Ke8 23.Re7# ; other lines are similar] 18.Nxc5 Bxf3 19.Kf2! Nd7 [19...Be4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Re1+-] 20.Nxd7 Kxd7 21.Kxf3 dxc4 22.Rd1+ Kc7 23.Rd4! b5 24.Ne6+ fxe6 25.Rf4 Kb6 26.Rxf8 Rxf8+ 27.Rxf8 a5 28.Ke4 Kc5 29.Rg8! Kb4 30.Rxg7 c3 31.bxc3+ Kxc3 32.Rc7 Kb2 33.Rxc6 Kxa2 34.Rc5 and White won. 1-0







# Book Reviews

by Gary Lane

## Chess Secrets: The Giants of Power Play

by Neil McDonald

published by Everyman £14.99

The popular English author has turned his attention to five great players and examined how their style can help others. The stars are Topalov, Geller, Bronstein, Alekhine and Morphy and the mission is to demonstrate how they managed to maintain the initiative on the board. Of course, there might be a few people wondering why Garry Kasparov or even Magnus Carlsen have been excluded. Although realistically with such a book you have to cut off the modern chess heroes at some point and to be fair Topalov in his prime is a terrific player. The chapter headings are intriguing such as The Goldilocks Queen, The Life History of a Knight and Energizing the Pawns but don't be fooled by the hype because this is a reliable, solid account of some very entertaining games. As usual McDonald does a good job of explaining the classic examples and adds extra interest by providing some historic background. The discussion on how to form plans and carry out an attack is first class.

A good investment for improving players.

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## The New Sicilian Dragon

by Simon Williams

published by Everyman, £14.99.

There are plenty of players who will buy anything on the Dragon in a vain effort to keep up to date with the latest lines. A word of warning because two-thirds on this tome are devoted to the wonderful sounding DragonDorf which apparently is a cross between the Dragon and the Najdorf (1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6 6 Be3 Bg7 7 f3 a6!?) which Williams used against Shirov amongst others. The author generously points out that England's Chris Ward inspired him to play it and since then grandmaster Gawain Jones has continued the English connection by successfully adopting it. This different approach takes time to trickle down to club level so there will still be an element of surprise for anyone who adopts it.

Williams does a fine job in promoting Black's prospects and his style is easy to read but informative. An excellent way to boost your opening skills.

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## FCO: Fundamental Chess Openings

by Paul van der Sterren

published by Gambit £19.99.

I have always been a fan of a book that promises to have all the secrets of the openings in one volume. I began with Modern Chess Openings (MCO), moved on to Batsford Chess openings (BCO) and graduated with Nunn's Chess Openings (NCO) and they all helped with reference work. The task of the Dutchman sounds monumental in this computer era especially within 479 pages. The reality is that quite a different approach has been used and instead of lots of variations there is a general discussion about the openings. That is fair enough but you will be unlikely able to look up a line played at a weekend tournament. It basically looks and reads as a slimmed down version of John Watson's excellent Mastering the Chess Openings series of books, which curiously are also published by Gambit.

A terrific introduction on openings for club players.



# Results Round-Up

## Golders Green

- 14th November 2009



[pictures courtesy of Robert Konieczny  
- <http://www.robert-konieczny.com/goldersgreen1/index.html>]

91 players defied the severe weather warnings and the traffic to make it to the latest in the series of Golders Green rapidplay chess tournaments on 14th November. Regarded by many of the regulars as a friendly tournament, nevertheless each section is hard-fought and it is usually impossible to predict who will emerge as a winner, even in the last round!

### OPEN

Grandmaster Alex Cherniaev and International Master Jim Sherwin 5/6 and £45 each  
Under 180 grading prize: Tony Niccoli (173, Barnet Knights) 4.5/6

### MAJOR Under 170

Tony Wells 4.5/6 and £60  
2nd to 5th place / Under 155 grading prize: Aidan McGiff (154), Soumen Roy (152) and John Torrance (151) and Brendan O'Gorman (162) all 4/6 £10 each

### MINOR Under 145

Shane McCabe won this section with a superb 6/6 in a packed field! Shane won £60 for his efforts.  
Alan Luo 5/6 £30  
Under 130 grading prize: Frank Sabin (128) 4.5/6 winning £20

### AMATEUR Under 120

Simon Evans (ungraded) 5.5/6 £30  
Caroline Robson and Mark Silman 5/6 and £30 each  
U105 grading prize: Chris Evans (104) 4/6 £20

## Prize List Scarborough 2009

### Open

1st= Jonathan Hawkins Leam Lane 4/5

Bret Addison Hartlepool 4/5  
Martin Mitchell Blackpool 4/5  
Richard Britton 4/5

Paul Dargan Tynemouth 4/5  
Michael Barnes Gambit 4/5  
+ British Qualifier

**Grading 1** Phillip Tozer Athenaeum 3.5/5

John Garnett Elmwood  
Martin Brown Grappenhall

**Grading 2** Roger Jennings Rose Forgrove 3

Alexander Combie Newark

**Junior** Martin Brown Grappenhall

### Major

1st Francis Best Shrewsbury 4.5  
1st Carl Gartside High Peak 4.5  
3rd Raymond Stonehouse Hartlepool 4.5

4th = Pavel Ondrejka Rugby 4  
Mitchell Burke 3Cs 4  
Paul Douglas Griffin 4

Richard Desmedt Wombwell 4  
Peter Taylor L. Buzzard 4

**Grading 1** Paul Douglas Griffin 4  
Peter Taylor L. Buzzard 4

**Grading 2** Richard Desmedt Wombwell 4

**Junior** Mitchell Burke 3Cs 4

### Intermediate

1st M. J. Cawston Lady Anne 5  
2nd Neville Pearce York RI 4.5  
3rd Lavina Chidi Germany 4

Peter Hughes Courier  
Geoff Harrison Gosforth  
Christopher Reeves Truro

Stephen Jones Padgate  
**Grading 1** Robert Letton Rose Forgrove

**Grading 2** EB Sandercock 3.5  
Edward Jarah Eldon Leisure  
Ben Craft Letchworth

Stuart Howieson Scarborough  
Simon Rogers Poulton  
Bryan Bainbridge Bishop Auckland

**Grading 3** RM Sayer Ashfield 3.5  
Mark Simmons Leeds

**Junior** Steven Jones Padgate 4

### Minor

1st John R Saxton Bradford 5  
2nd= Harry Brookes Great Lever 4.5  
2nd= Francesca Fozard Leeds Jnrs 4.5

4th= Tim Rossell 4

4th= David Brooksbank 4

4th= William Egan 4

**Grading 1** CJ Stern Barton 3.5

Bob Hayman Gosforth 3.5

**Grading 2** Robert Berry Bishop Auckland 3.5

Neil Broatch Leeds

**Junior** Francesca Fozard Leeds Jnrs 4.5

### Foundation

1st Martin Carter New Zealand 5/5

2nd Joe O'Donnell York RI 4

Tony Butler 4

4th Jonathan Mahoney 3.5

David Lowcock Hartlepool

Gregory Bailey Netherton

Nigel Redmond Bradford Col

Gary McCausland

Craig Petrie Glasgow

Nicholas Stout Morley Col

**Grading 1** John Fozard Ecclesall

**Ungraded** David Toft

**Junior** Joe O'Donnell 4

## Braille Chess Assoc. International Autumn Tournament 2009

This Autumn tournament was the Peter Price memorial, dedicated to the late Peter Price, who was a greatly valued member of our association. It was held at the Legacy Hotel, Chesterfield, 13-15 November 2009.

33 Players competed in the 2008 International Autumn Tournament, 20 in the Open and 13 in the minor. Once again, the event was held at the conveniently situated Legacy Hotel, Chesterfield.

The open was won jointly between Graham Lilley, Tyson Mordue and Chris Ross, the latter taking the Ted Williams Shield on tie-break. The minor produced a clear winner with Phil Smith a clear point ahead with 5/5. Peter Price Memorial trophies were awarded to the top three players for them to keep. The players were ranked in tie-break order. To download the games from the top boards, go here: <http://www.braillechess.org.uk/games/bca/autumn2009.png>



## Final placings

### Open

1st-3rd: Graham Lilley, Tyson Mordue and Chris Ross (winning trophy on tie-break) 4/5.  
 4th: Colin Chambers (grading prize A) 3.5/5.  
 5th-9th: Les Whittle (Grading Prize B), Richard Murphy (Grading Prize C), Tristram Cole, Steve Burnell and Ernie McElroy 3/5.  
 10th-13th: Bill Armstrong, Alec Crombie and Eamonn Casey 2.5/5.  
 14th-17th: Stephen Brown (Grading Prize D), Norman Wragg, John Gallagher and Hans Cohn 2/5.  
 18th-19th: Sean Loftus and Phil Gordon 1.5/5.  
 20th: Mark Kirkham 0.5/5.

### Minor

1st: Phil Smith 5/5.  
 2nd: George Phillips 4/5.  
 3rd-5th: Mark Hague (Grading prize A), Voldi Gailans and Jim Cuthbert 3/5.  
 6th-9th: Gary Wickett (Grading prize A2), Geoff Patching, Thomas Keneally and Dorothy Hodges (all sharing Grading Prize B) 2.5/5.  
 10th-11th: Lea Ryan (Grading Prize C) and John Osborne 2/5.  
 12th: Richard Harrington 1.5/5.  
 13th: Danny Scarrott 1/5.

All of the prizes and trophies were presented by Peter Price's dear friend, Juliet Reeve, who provided many of the Peter Price Memorial trophies and made a very generous contribution to the prize fund. The arbiters for this event were Gerry Walsh and Julie Leonard. Our thanks go to the hotel, the organiser Stephen Burnell and to all the sighted assistants during the weekend

## The 2009 Bolton Rapidplay

Held at the Bolton Excel Centre on Sunday 15th November. 77 players competed. First prize in both sections was shared, with 3 winners in the Major and 5 in the Knights.

### Major (170 & under)

1st= Daniel Broughton, West Bridgeford; John Reed, East Cheshire; Ken Derbyshire, Bolton; 5pts/6

### Under 155 grading prize

Mal French, Widnes; Mick Norris, Bury; Nathan Taylor, Bolton; Stuart Bainbridge, Bolton area 4pts  
 £240 in prizes, 31 competitors

### Knights (140 and under)

1st= Keith Evans, Bury; Michael Brogan, Lymm; Paul Holt, Radcliffe; Matthew Walsh, Leyland; James Walsh, Leyland 5pts/6

### Under 125 grading prize

Alan Stokes, East Cheshire; Daniel Abbas, Didsbury; Michael Quigley, Worsley 4pts

### Under 110 grading Prize

Brian Slater, Bolton 3.5pts  
 £270 in prizes, 46 competitors

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## Grand Prix

### English Chess Federation Grand Prix 2009-10

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### Leader Boards 4th November 2009

(Please note - players shown in the grey highlighted rows are already counting the maximum number of events)

#### Junior Prix

	Name	Club/Area	Pts
1	Ynojosa, Felix Jose	Reading .....	544
2	Jones, Victor GL	Kent Junior Congresses .....	520
3	Jain, Radha	Pinner.....	481
4	Jain, Akash	Pinner.....	477
5	Jones, William EG	Kent Junior Congresses .....	474
6	Clements, Thomas A	Three C's .....	464
7	Adair, James	Reading .....	450
8	Foster, James M	Cowley.....	439
9	Malhotra, Tarun	Northwood Prep School .....	412
10	Vir, Prashast	Homefield Prep School .....	401

#### Graded Prix (160-179)

1	Bryant, Richard BE	Telepost (Shrewsbury)518.....
2	O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS460 .....
3	Pride, Stephen C	Cambridge City452.....
4	Price, Andrew	Leamington426.....
5	Greator, Roger	Llangollen414.....
6	Evans, Paul A	AXA Lytham366.....
7	Kelly, Paul J	Hastings & St Leonards358.....
8	Patrick, David A	Courier Halifax332 .....
9	Fielding, Thomas	Lancashire *316.....
10	Staples, Daniel J	Battersea315 .....

#### Graded Prix (140-159)

1	Coward, Neil	AXA Lytham.....	447
2	Desmedt, Richard E	Netherton .....	437
3	Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield.....	433
4	Bishop, Geoffrey L	Chislehurst.....	398
5	Farthing, Andrew P	Worcester.....	374
6	Wright, Jonathan	London * .....	353
7	Gartside, Carl	High Peak .....	347
8	Jackson, Paul G	Coulsdon CF.....	336
9	Goldberg, Nathan	Horsham .....	319
10	Jones, Laurence AG	Lewisham .....	317

#### Graded Prix (120-139)

1	Stone, Mark R	Petts Wood & Orpington .....	486
2	Allen, Timothy S	Battersea.....	446
3	Yiamakis, Albert	Guildford.....	441
4	Foley, Phil T	Upminster .....	424
5	Crouch, Timothy J	Kings Head.....	413
6	Adair, Andrew	Reading .....	373
7	Everitt, David	St Francis & Haywards Heath.....	347
8	Gilbert, David J	DHSS.....	345
9	Horman, Paul A	Morecambe .....	342
10	Sandercock, E Barry	Buckinghamshire* .....	307

#### Graded Prix (U120)

1	Fraser, Alan R	Beckenham & Bromley .....	563
2	Miles, Barry S	Middlesex CCA .....	346
3	Waddington, James	Bolton .....	340
4	Billett, Stephen J	Portsmouth .....	330
5	Kernot, Adrian C	East Grinstead .....	306
6	Brent, Derek	Urmston.....	278
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9	Smith, Mark J	Scotland .....	229
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# Calendar of Events

(For a more comprehensive list of events visit our website at [www.englishchess.org.uk](http://www.englishchess.org.uk))

\* denotes English Chess Federation Grand Prix @ denotes FIDE Rated Event # denotes British Championship Qualifying Tournament ~ denotes ECF Graded Event

~\* 6 Dec  
**15th BURY (MANCHESTER) RAPIDPLAY**  
Elton Vale Sports Club, Elton Vale Rd, Bury, BL8 2RZ.  
A Lee, 22 Campbell Close, Walshaw, Bury, Lancs BL8 3BB  
(Tel: 0161 764 2243,  
website: [www.burychessclub.co.uk](http://www.burychessclub.co.uk))

6 Dec  
**Chris Ward's KJCA Family and Friends' Tournament**  
Amherst School, Witches Lane, Riverhead, Sevenoaks, Kent TN13 2AX  
ECF Category: Other -  
Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com)  
Website: [www.kjca.org](http://www.kjca.org)

@ 7-15 Dec  
**London Chess Classic Masters**  
Olympia, London  
Email: [adamraoof@gmail.com](mailto:adamraoof@gmail.com) [www.londonchessclassic.com](http://www.londonchessclassic.com)  
Contact: Adam Raoof

8-14 Dec  
**Foyer Blitz**  
Olympia Conference Centre, London  
Contact: Adam Raoof  
Email: [adamraoof@gmail.com](mailto:adamraoof@gmail.com)  
[www.londonchessclassic.com](http://www.londonchessclassic.com)

~\* 10 Dec  
**Richmond Rapidplay 87**  
The White House, The Avenue, Hampton, TW12 3RN  
Contact: James Coleman  
Email: [rapidplay@aol.com](mailto:rapidplay@aol.com)  
Website: [www.surreyrapidchess.org](http://www.surreyrapidchess.org)

12 Dec 2009  
**Richmond Junior Chess Club 11th Blitz Tournament**  
ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR  
Contact: Peter Sowray  
Email: [psowray@googlemail.com](mailto:psowray@googlemail.com)  
Website: <http://www.rjcc.org.uk>

12-13 Dec  
**Weekend Classic**  
Olympia Conference Centre, London  
Contact: Adam Raoof  
Email: [adamraoof@gmail.com](mailto:adamraoof@gmail.com)  
[www.londonchessclassic.com](http://www.londonchessclassic.com)

13 Dec  
**Hull Junior Congress**  
The Endsleigh Centre, 481 Beverley Road, Hull, HU6 7LJ  
Contact: John Hipshon  
Email: [jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com](mailto:jr.hipshon@ntlworld.com)  
[www.yorkshirejuniorchess.co.uk](http://www.yorkshirejuniorchess.co.uk)

13 Dec  
**Classic Rapidplay**  
Olympia Conference Centre, London  
Contact: Adam Raoof  
Email: [adamraoof@gmail.com](mailto:adamraoof@gmail.com)  
[www.londonchessclassic.com](http://www.londonchessclassic.com)

\* 12-13 Dec  
**4th Northwick Park Congress**  
University of Westminster Harrow Campus, Northwick Park, Harrow, HA1 3TP  
email: [2009@ljcc.co.uk](mailto:2009@ljcc.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ljcc.co.uk](http://www.ljcc.co.uk)

@ 16-20 Dec  
**CCF Christmas International & Challengers**  
84-90 Chipstead Valley Road, Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 3BA

~\*# @ 28 Dec-5 Jan 2010  
**HASTINGS INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS**  
Hornbye Park Sports Complex, Hastings TN34 1EX)

\* @ 28-30 Dec  
**London Christmas Congress**  
University of Westminster Harrow Campus, Northwick Park, Harrow, HA1 3TP  
Email: [2009@ljcc.co.uk](mailto:2009@ljcc.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ljcc.co.uk](http://www.ljcc.co.uk)

\* ~ 28-30 Dec  
**London Junior Chess Championships**  
University of Westminster Harrow Campus, Northwick Park, Harrow, HA1 3TP  
Email: [2009@ljcc.co.uk](mailto:2009@ljcc.co.uk)  
Website: [www.ljcc.co.uk](http://www.ljcc.co.uk)

**2010**  
~\* 2-3 Jan  
**HASTINGS WEEKEND CONGRESS**  
Hornbye Park Sports Complex, Hastings TN34 1EX

~\*# 8-10 Jan  
**FULPRINT 23rd YORK CONGRESS**  
Oaklands Sports Centre, Cornlands Rd, Acomb, York YO24 3DX.  
N Pearce, 6 Tyneham Way, Strensall, York YO32 5BH (Tel: 01904 491287)

8-10 Jan  
**SOUTH WALES WINTER CONGRESS**  
Chepstow Leisure Centre

9 - 10 Jan  
**Wrekin Chess Congress**  
Madeley Court Sports Centre, Court Street, Madeley, Telford TF7 5DZ  
Contact: Richard Thompson  
Email - [richardg.thompson@btinternet.com](mailto:richardg.thompson@btinternet.com)

~ @ 16-17 Jan  
**4NCL**, Divisions 1, 2 & 3  
Barcelo Hotel, Hinckley Island

17 Jan  
**EPSCA PRIMARY SCHOOLS' RAPIDPLAY CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
Broadgreen School Liverpool L13 5UQ

~\* 23 Jan  
**KJCA Orpington Junior Rapidplay**  
St. Olive's Grammar School, Goddington Lane, Orpington, Kent BR6 9SH  
Email: [sue.maguire@btinternet.com](mailto:sue.maguire@btinternet.com)  
Website: [www.kjca.org](http://www.kjca.org)

~ 24 Jan  
**21st NOTTINGHAM RAPIDPLAY**  
Nottingham High School.  
R Richmond, 25 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QZ  
(Tel: 0115 945 5908,  
Email: [Robrchmnd@aol.com](mailto:Robrchmnd@aol.com))

@ 26 Jan-4 Feb  
**8th GIBTELECOM CHESS FESTIVAL**  
Caleta Hotel, Catalan Bay, Gibraltar.  
Caleta Hotel (Tel: + 350 200 76501,  
Email: [conf.banq@caletahotel.gi](mailto:conf.banq@caletahotel.gi),  
[www.gibraltarchesscongress.com](http://www.gibraltarchesscongress.com))

19 - 20 Feb  
**Castle Chess - 2nd Portsmouth**  
Queens Hotel, Clarence Parade, Osbourne Road, Southsea. PO5 3LJ  
Contact: Tony Corfe  
Email: [tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk](mailto:tony@tcs-chess.demon.co.uk)  
Website: [www.castlechess.co.uk](http://www.castlechess.co.uk)

~\* 26-28 Feb  
**35th EAST DEVON CONGRESS**  
Corn Exchange, Fore Street, Exeter. A Maynard, 15 Church Street, Crediton, Devon EX17 2AQ  
(Tel: 01363 773313,  
Email: [a.maynard@tesco.net](mailto:a.maynard@tesco.net))

30 Jan  
**JORVICK RAPIDPLAY**  
Wheatlands Hotel, 75-85 Scarcroft Rd, York YO24 1DB  
P Cloudsdale, 5 Pear Tree Close, Huntingdon, York YO32 9QZ  
(Tel: 01904 767177,  
Email: [cloudsdale\\_c@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cloudsdale_c@hotmail.co.uk))

31 Jan  
**3rd Millfield Open**  
Millfield School, Street, BA16 0YD  
Contact: Matthew Turner  
Email: [mjt@millfieldschool.com](mailto:mjt@millfieldschool.com)  
Website: <http://www.millfieldschool.com/sport/chess/chess-events.htm>

~\* 30-31 Jan  
**SPECTRUM CHESS - 14th DUDLEY CONGRESS**  
The Quality Inn Hotel, Dudley, West Midlands DY1 4RN

~\*# 6-7 Feb  
**33rd Kidlington Congress (BCC Qualifier)**  
Contact - Gerard O'Reilly | 01865-727419 | 24, Donnington Bridge Road, Oxford, OX4 4AX  
Contact address: 45 Harvest Way, Witney, Oxon OX28 1FH.

~\*# 6-7 Feb  
**33rd KIDLINGTON CONGRESS**  
Exeter Hall, Oxford Rd, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1AB.  
Gerard O'Reilly | 01865-727419 | 24, Donnington Bridge Road, Oxford, OX4 4AX, Email: [kidlingtonchess@btconnect.com](mailto:kidlingtonchess@btconnect.com), website: <http://home.btconnect.com/OCA>)

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