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Akshaya Kalaiyalahan at the Hastings International Chess Congress 2014/15 - picture by Brendan O’Gorman

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## Historic First All Party Parliamentary Group for Chess

It was an historic day for Chess in this country as the first working meeting of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Chess, which is supported by the educational charity Chess in Schools and Communities (CSC), was held at Westminster on Tuesday 18th November 2014.

The meeting was chaired by Yasmin Qureshi MP (Bolton South East) and heard a presentation given by English Chess Federation President Dominic Lawson and Chief Executive Phil Ehr, which was then followed by a question and answer session.



High on the agenda was the current state of Chess in the UK and, importantly, how we have been funding chess since the 1970's. Members of Parliament then went on to review how chess funding and development differed across Europe and Asia, as well as both North and South America.

Members of Parliament also considered different perspectives on the future of chess education in the UK. The development of chess as sport was debated, including chess played as a recreational pastime, and its benefits for well-being.

Also on the agenda were potential courses of action for two recent parliamentary questions regarding government recognition and support of chess in this country. This included a proposal for meetings at ministerial level with the Department for Culture, Media & Sport.

## Senior Chess Opportunities in 2015

If you wish to play in Dresden, please contact me as soon as possible. Please copy in Roger Scowen on [patscowen@waitrose.com](mailto:patscowen@waitrose.com) who has kindly offered to act as my deputy.

Herewith a summary of the opportunities for English senior players, of an international nature, in 2015. To count as being eligible for an age group, you must have reached the relevant age by at the latest 31 December 2015. For various events, they are 50+, 60+ or 65+. There have been some changes since 2014, notably in the European Team and British Championships.

### **World 50+ and 65+ Team Championships 24 February to 4 March 2015**

<http://www.schachfestival.de/world-senior-team-championship-2015.html>

We are already assured of having a very strong 50+ team in this event: Arkell, Chapman, Nunn, Short, Speelman. 31 teams have entered so far, mostly German. James Plaskett GM has already signed on to play in another English 50+ team. The event takes place at the Wyndham Garden Hotel, Wilhelm-Franke St 90, 01219 Dresden. This is the same hotel that has hosted a large number of events, but is now under new ownership. It is approximately 4\* and is in suburban Dresden. It is an easy bus ride to the centre of town. Culturally, Dresden is very interesting. The weather is colder than England at this time of year. Even so a number of cultural trips will be organised. Accompanying wives have enjoyed themselves.

Play starts at 2pm on Tuesday 24 February. I strongly advise players not to attempt to travel to arrive for the start of play, but to travel on Monday. All other rounds start at 9.30am. The rate of play is 40/90, all remaining in 30, + 30 seconds per move from the start. The default time is 30 minutes after the start of the round.

Teams are of 4 players, plus 1 optional reserve. Players 65+ can play in a 50+ team. All players in a team must be from the same federation, but the teams do not have to be national ones selected by the federation. e.g. they can be regional or clubs.

Scoring is by team match points. If teams tie, then ranking is by Sonneborn-Berger. That is, after eliminating the lowest scoring opponent, match points of opponents x the board points scored against that opponent. Thus winning a match 2.5-1.5 is nearly as good as 4-0 for a team hoping to win the event.

The ECF has agreed to pay the entry fee per player (€50) + the team entry fee (€100) for the members of a maximum of three extra teams, apart from that already selected. From 1 January 2015 the fee per player rises to €75 and the player will also be responsible for his fraction of the team fee. Thus the fee will come to €100 for anybody only making the decision next year to play. The ECF will send in the team entries.

Cost for each player is thus travel + hotel + meals

Accommodation – single room €59; double room €39 per person; superior room extra €10 per night. The charge includes breakfast. In the past players have not wanted to share, unless already partners. Optional evening meal: €19 per day. This has been buffet style in the past. There are about three restaurants in walking distance of the hotel, but not that near. It is also easy to take a bus into town. The hotel charges are paid when checking out.

Transfers – it is easy to share a taxi and thus not worthwhile organising a private bus.

Flights – there are several different routes and different airports. London ones include Stanstead via Stuttgart; Heathrow via Dusseldorf; and City direct.

By juggling teams it has always so far been possible to accommodate anybody who wished to play. It is difficult to state the required minimum playing strength to enjoy yourself, as the system changed only this year. Roger believes that players graded under 140 (rated under 1750 FIDE) will mostly meet considerably stronger opposition.



## **European Senior Individual, Halkidiki, Greece, 30 April to 10 May**

This will be a 9 round Swiss, but I have no other information, but it will probably be 50+ 65+

## **European Senior Team Championship, Vienna, 12-22 July**

It was recently announced: Players have to be 60+ in this event. Thus it is reverting to the highly successful rules before 2014. The venue is in suburban Vienna. It is clear this will be highly popular, but England will not be able to field a very strong team

## **British Senior Chess Championships**

The whole congress is 25 July to 8 August at the University of Warwick.  
50+ 2-7.8. 65+ 27.7-1.8. 50+ U150 27-31.7. 65+ U150 3-7.8

## **Beacon Seniors, Exmouth, Devon, 2-6 November**

## **World Senior Individual, Acqui Terme, Italy, 9-22 November**

No information about the eligibility, or anything else.

To play you must be at least an ECF Gold member. Foreign events are only ECF graded if you opt in to do so. John Quinn – john@jmquinn.waitrose.com – has been kind enough to undertake the ECF grading of the foreign events in the past ...

*- Stewart Reuben, ECF Manager of Senior Chess*

## **Peter Hugh Clarke RIP**

*18 Mar 1933 – 11 Dec 2014*



FIDE and British Master P.H. Clarke will be best remembered as biographer to Tal and to Petrosyan, but he was so much more. The young Clarke played for Ilford CC in the London League and for Essex at county level. Doing national service he was to learn the Russian that was to so shape his writings. For a brief period in the late 1950s, and early sixties, he was the number two player in England, ahead of the vastly more experienced Alexander and Golombek. He played, of course, below Jonathan Penrose, a partnership that bore fruit when preparing openings; latterly they both became Correspondence Grandmasters.

At the British Championships itself he finished second on his first appearance; he was to tie for silver medal on no less than five occasions, appearing, almost without a break for thirty years, a run that ended in 1982. He represented the BCF – as it then was – in eight Olympiads, playing on top board in 1966.

The Clarke family moved to the West of England in the late Sixties. PHC played in thirteen WECU Championships, and lost only twice. As a player he could be cautious, agreeing too readily to draws. Accuracy and respect meant more to him than ambition. The biographer became a journalist as illness cut short his playing career. In his time he beat Larsen, Penrose and Szabo.

In 1962 he married BH Wood's daughter, Peggy. They had three daughters. In 1975 my mother happened across Peter and Peggy on Morecambe prom. "Never" she was later to tell me, "have I seen a couple more in love."

– see more at:

<http://www.britishchessmagazine.co.uk/obituary-ph-clarke/#sthash.TObPwcnh.dpuf>

## **Eric E Croker RIP**

*3rd November 1923 – 18th December 2014*



Eric became an international arbiter in 1989, but he was much more than that. He received the ECF President's Award for Services to Chess in 1991 and was a BCF Senior Arbiter.

He was a pioneer of the grading of junior chess in the SCCU. He remarked later that I was very useful, being one of the few juniors who also played adult chess. He was a past President of the Middlesex County Chess Association and of the SCCU. He had been Chairman of the Chess Arbiters Association. He was a mainstay of the arbiting team at the Chess Magazine Festival, Guernsey and British Championships; receiving the Richard Boxall Salver for services to the congress in 1993.

One year I needed somebody to be the arbiter for the European Deaf Players' Association. As he said, 'This is the noisiest event I have ever been in charge of.'

At one time there was considerable discussion of the relative merits of algebraic and descriptive notation. 'Look how much more space 1 P-K4 P-K4 takes up than 1 e4 e5 was one comment'. So he chose to publish one of his own games. That went 1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 e6 3 g3 + 4 B x+ 5 Q and so on.

Eric was a career civil servant. He brought his quiet, methodical ways to chess administration. He decided to quit as an arbiter when about 70, '... before I make a fool of myself'. He had a considerable chess library, not just of books but also press cuttings, stored methodically. They went to the National Chess Library some years ago.

- *Stewart Reuben*

## **ECF Book of the Year Committee vacancy**

The three judges of this prestigious award are appointed by the ECF. A vacancy has arisen due to the retirement of David Friedgood. Applicants will be expected to have a knowledge of and interest in chess literature combined with having achieved a reasonably strong playing level at some stage in their career. The position involves reading and evaluating the books submitted by publishers between June and September annually.

Applications should be sent by email to the ECF office ([office@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:office@englishchess.org.uk)). Recommendations will be forwarded to the ECF Board for appointment in time for the 2015 award

- *Ray Edwards, Chairman, Book of the Year*

## Draft AGM minutes

The draft 2014 AGM minutes have been uploaded to the website and can be accessed from the Minutes page - <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/about/minutes/>

## Tournament Round-Up

### Hampshire Championships

John Wheeler provides the results of the Hampshire Championships, played at Eastleigh 7-9 November 2014

#### Open

1st (5 pts) Tony Corkett (Fareham) – Hampshire county champion, holder of the Silver Rook for one year.

2nd= (4 pts) Rowan Brown (Hove), Gavin Lock (Horsham) and David Pye (Hampshire)

Under-175 Grading Prize (3 pts) Harry Grieve (Farnham) holds the Len Walters trophy for one year, and David Fowler (Hamble)

13 started, 12 finished

#### Major

1st (5.5 pts) Matthew Wilson (Paignton)

2nd= (4 pts) Gareth Jones (Southampton) holds the Peter Marshall trophy for one year, and Robin Williams (Southampton)

Under-140 Grading prize (3.5 pts) Rob Hewitt (Southampton University) and Keith Osborne (Lewes)

26 started, 23 finished

#### Minor

1st (5 pts) James Barnett (Salisbury) holds the Parsons trophy for one year

2nd= (4.5 pts) Colin Gardiner (Newmarket) and Michael Pope (Salisbury)

Under-100 Grading Prize (3 pts) David Murchie (Southampton)

24 started, 22 finished

Ladies Prize (a new trophy – the Gillian Moore Cup)

1st (3.5 pts) Gillian Moore (Southampton)

### 6th London Chess Classic (6-14 December 2014)

- *John Saunders*

Vishy Anand won the 6th London Chess Classic on tie-break from Vladimir Kramnik and Anish Giri after defeating Mickey Adams with the black pieces in the final round on Sunday. Final scores in tie-break order:

1 Anand 7; Kramnik 7; 3 Giri 7; 4 Nakamura 6; 5 Adams 4; 6 Caruana 4.

It speaks volumes for the character of the man that he was able to bounce back from the disappointment of Sochi a few weeks ago to take this prestigious title in London. And prestige is a two-way street: Vishy Anand's name on the trophy adds lustre to the London Chess Classic and means that all three world champions active during the tournament's existence have now won it. Vishy's win on tie-break is karmic compensation for losing out to Magnus Carlsen on tie-break in 2010

despite defeating him in the tournament. Given that the event has now been in existence for five years and six events, it might be timely to publish our roll of honour:

**2009 and 2010 Magnus Carlsen;**

**2011 Vladimir Kramnik;**

**2012 Magnus Carlsen;**

**2013 Hikaru Nakamura;**

**and now, 2014, Vishy Anand.** You'd be hard pushed to find another 21st century tournament with a list of winners as impressive as that.

### **Challenge Match Gawain Jones v Romain Edouard – final report**

*- from David Openshaw, ECF International Director*

Gawain Jones won the six game match against Romain Edouard 4-2 with wins in the first and sixth games and draws in the other games. The match was extremely well fought with two Grandmasters, who are both in the world's top 100, playing exciting chess. All the games are shown below. The sixth game has a lovely finish – see if you can find Gawain's winning 43rd move, which brought an immediate resignation. Congratulations to Gawain on a really good overall performance.

This match was part of an initiative by the ECF to help the development of key players. The match was played over six games. The first five were played in the auditorium at the London Classic at Olympia and the final game at the Brambles Administration Hampstead Congress. My thanks to Stewart Reuben for arranging the sponsorship, Malcolm Pein and the London Classic and Adam Raoof for hosting the event.

### **Hastings International Chess Congress 2014 / 15**

*- Pam Thomas*

Hastings International Chess Congress ended on Tuesday 6th January 2015.

This year there was an outright winner – Grandmaster Zhao Jun from China with 8 points out of 9. He holds the Golombek Trophy for one year and received first prize of £2,000. The presentation was made by Mr. Dominic Lawson, President of the English Chess Federation who was also present at the opening ceremony.

The prizegiving ceremony was preceded by a buffet reception hosted by the Trustees of Horntye Park Sports Complex. The ceremony was also attended by Cllr. Bruce Dowling, Rt. Worshipful the Mayor of Hastings, Peter Fincham trustees of Horntye Park Sports Complex, Cllrs Maureen Charlesworth and Dominic Sabetian, Council representative Kevin Boorman and sponsors Laurence and Catherine Parr of the White Rock Hotel. Players and Congress organizers also attended when time allowed as the last crucial game affecting prizes below 1st did not finish until after 9.00pm.

Congress Chairman, Paul Smith, hosted the prizegiving. He noted that 27 countries were represented and that entries totaled 384 which was higher than last year. He made mention of the uncertainty regarding future funding bearing in mind the cuts expected by HBC but hoped that, one way or another, players and organizers would meet again for the 91st Congress in 2015-16. He thanked the Trustees and staff of Horntye Park for their smooth running of the event.

Cllr. Dowling, Mayor of Hastings, welcomed players to Hastings and said that he has had an interest in chess since school days. He hoped that players had enjoyed their visit to Hastings and would return for more chess and also as visitors to the town.

Dominic Lawson praised the standard and quality of the games and said that, as well as visiting the venue several times, he had spent a good deal of time watching the games on-line. One player whose games were given special mention was Mr. Wahbi Kheit from Israel who won the prize for best performance by a non GM or IM.

In joint second place with 7 /9 points were GM Alexandr Fier (BRA), IM Gudmundur Kjartasson (ISL) and GM Aleksander Mista (POL) who each received £816.67

In joint 5th Place were GM Keith Arkell (ENG), GM Jonathan Hawkins (ENG), GM Maxime Lagarde (FRA), Jahongir Vakhidov (UZB) who each received £160.

The Horntye Park “Winner of Best Game” Prize was won by GM Aleksander Mista for his game against Romain Edouard of France. The Horntye Trophy and £100 were presented by Peter Finch on behalf of the Horntye Park Trustees.

The prize of £200 for Best Performance by a Woman was shared by WGM Nino Maisuradze (FRA) and WIM Teresa Olsarova (CZE)

## Crosstable - Top 20

Table	White	Score	Fed.	Rating	Black	Score	Fed.	Rating	Result
1	GM Fier, Alexandr	6.5	BRA	2592	GM Zhao, Jun	7.5	CHN	2585	½-½
2	GM Mista, Aleksander	6	POL	2614	GM Edouard, Romain	6	FRA	2659	1-0
3	GM Lagarde, Maxime	6	FRA	2576	GM Arkell, Keith C	6	ENG	2489	½-½
4	GM Hebden, Mark L	5.5	ENG	2523	IM Kjartansson, Gudmundur	6	ISL	2451	0-1
5	GM Rodshtein, Maxim	5.5	ISR	2676	GM Gormally, Daniel W	5.5	ENG	2499	1-0
6	GM Bogner, Sebastian	5.5	SUI	2586	GM Flear, Glenn C	5.5	ENG	2460	½-½
7	GM Sengupta, Deep	5.5	IND	2566	IM Gledura, Benjamin	5.5	HUN	2450	½-½
8	GM Hawkins, Jonathan	5.5	ENG	2552	IM Galyas, Miklos	5.5	HUN	2428	1-0
9	GM Vakhidov, Jahongir	5.5	UZB	2502	FM Kirk, Ezra	5	ENG	2308	1-0
10	Kheit, Wahbi	5	ISR	2223	IM Hunt, Adam C	5	ENG	2437	1-0
11	IM Marusenko, Petr	5	UKR	2194	FM Jackson, James P	5	ENG	2356	½-½
12	FM Longson, Alexander	5	ENG	2339	Hackner, Oskar A	5	ENG	2145	1-0
13	Jaunooby, Ali R	5	ENG	2175	IM Bellin, Robert	5	ENG	2338	0-1
14	Kiefer, Daniel	4.5	GER	2255	Anderson, John	5	ENG	2180	0-1
15	FM Sowray, Peter J	4.5	ENG	2365	Byron, Alan M	4.5	ENG	2188	½-½
16	FM Britton, Richard L	4.5	ENG	2230	WGM Maisuradze, Nino	4.5	FRA	2323	0-1
17	WIM Olsarova, Tereza	4.5	CZE	2302	Talsma, Paul	4.5	NED	2186	1-0
18	Liang, Jake Z	4.5	ENG	1953	FM Constantinou, Peter	4.5	ENG	2276	0-1
19	WFM Haussernot, Cecile	4.5	FRA	2186	FM Webb, Laurence E	4.5	ENG	2272	½-½
20	Reinwald, Patrick	4	AUT	2144	FM Ledger, Dave J	4.5	ENG	2244	1-0



## Prizelist

<b>1st</b>	<b>8/9</b>	<b>Jun Zhao GM</b>	<b>CHN</b>	<b>£2000</b>
2-4	7/9	Alexandr Fier GM	BRA	£816.67
		Gudmundur Kjartasson IM	ISL	£816.67
		Aleksander Mista GM	POL	£816.67
5-9	6½/9	Keith Arkell GM	ENG	£160
		Jonathan Hawkins GM	ENG	£160
		Maxime Lagarde GM	FRA	£160
		Jahongir Vakhidov GM	UZB	£160
Horntye Best Game Prize	v Edouard	Aleksander Mista GM	POL	£100
Best Woman	5½/9	Nino Maisuradze WGM	FRA	£100
		Tereza Olsarova WIM	CZE	£100
Highest non-GM/IM	6/9	John Anderson	ENG	£66.67
		Wahbi Kheit	ISR	£66.67
		Alexander Longson	ENG	£66.67
Best U2200 Rating improvement	4½/9 +2.83 x k	Theodore Slade	ENG	£200 + Alan Hustwayte Trophy
Best U21 Rating improvement	4½/9 +2.83 x k	Theodore Slade	ENG	£200
SCCU Individual	6.5/9	Keith Arkell GM	ENG	£50
		Jonathan Hawkins GM	ENG	£50



Pictures by Brendan O’Gorman - above, the playing area, below, Theo Slade, left Jun Zhao



### English Girls Chess Championships

Congratulations to the winners of the English Girls Chess Championships which took place at the London Chess Classic (Kensington Olympia) on Sunday 7th December 2014. There were over 60 entries with girls travelling from all over the country.



[above – Zoe Varney with Jennifer Shahade, and some of the competitors with Jennifer and arbiter Jack Rudd (courtesy of Ray Morris-Hill)]

The event took place in the same hall as the Super Rapidplay with many onlookers interested in both events.

WFM Jennifer Shahade gave the girls a motivational speech with questions and answers at lunch time then kindly gave out the prizes and even donated signed copies of her fabulous book “Play like a Girl!”

The competition was hard fought with some prizes having to be decided by tie break. Many thanks to Jack Rudd for acting as our very competent arbiter and controller.

The English Girls Chess Champions 2014 are ---

U16 Zoe Varney | U14 Carmel Barwick | U12 Mahima Raghavendra  
U10 Anisha Sawhney | U8 Jaime Ashworth

### World Schools Chess Championships

- Lawrence Cooper, Head of Delegation

#### Round 1

I am very pleased to report a successful first day for the England juniors at the 2014 World Schools being held in Juiz de Fora, Brazil from 26th November to 4th December.

The team scored 11.5/12 over the seven sections in which they are competing. Even allowing for there being three defaults among the 11.5 it is still a great start to the event especially bearing in mind the long distances travelled by our players.

The players competing here are as follows:

U15: Billy Twigge-Molecey & Callum Brewer  
U15G: Lauren Weaver

U13: Nikolai Hinterreither & Jakob Holton

U11: Aditya Munshi & Max Miller

U11G: Elizabeth Johnson

U9: Bobby Akeya-Price, Dhruva Bhagwat & Adithya Pramod Paleri

U7: Savin Dias

My thanks to all the players and parents/grandparents (and Savin's little brother!) for being such a pleasure to work with and of course to the coaches Glenn Flear and Jovanka Houska.

## Round 2

A respectable score of 8/12 in round 2 with wins for Billy Twigge-Molecey and Callum Brewer in the U15s, Lauren Weaver in the U15G, Nikolai Hinterreither & Jakob Holton in the U13s, Bobby Akeya Price, Dhruva Bhagwat and Adithya Pramod Paleri in the U9s.

Scores after round 2:

U15s: Billy Twigge-Molecey 2 Callum Brewer 1.5

U15G: Lauren Weaver 2

U13: Nikolai Hinterreither & Jakob Holton 2

U11: Max Miller & Adithya Munshi 1

U11G: Elizabeth Johnson 1

U9: Bobby Akeya Price, Dhruva Bhagwat & Adithya Pramod Paleri 2

U7: Savin Dias 1

## Round 3

So far so good. All of the England team have successfully negotiated the first two rounds with at least a point. Much of the debate at breakfast does not concern blundering chess moves and time control, but blundering the dinner order and the horrible amount of time it takes to arrive. On the upside the hotel staff are trying their best to please. However, even the intervention of a free Portuguese to English App on the iPad has failed to improve how quickly orders arrive, however it provided some entertainment whilst waiting.

The playing hall for the event is excellent in what appears to be a hotel "under development". The experience for the parents is never ideal, but the local shopping centre has proven to be a helpful distraction from staring at a TV monitor and trying to make out how your son or daughter is doing.

For those with two wins in the first two games usually means meeting some decent opposition. This has proven to be the case in the Under 15 Open, Billy was paired with the 2283, highest seed; in the U13, Jake was paired with a Sri Lankan FM; Druva was paired with the 2054, highest seed. However, all players are now playing substantially more challenging opponents.

Unlike the first day when wins appeared after only a few tens of minutes, today was a little different with most games lasting in excess of 2 hours.

Savin was the first to finish well inside the first hour. Subsequent wins by Callum, Lauren, Elizabeth, Aditya, Bobby, Adithya and hard fought draws from Billy, Jakob & Max made it 8.5/12 for the round. Tomorrow we look forward to the double round day!

Scores after 3 rounds:

U15s: Billy Twigge-Molecey & Callum Brewer 2.5

U15G: Lauren Weaver 3

U13: Jakob Holton 2.5, Nikolai Hinterreither 2

U11: Adithya Munshi 2, Max Miller 1.5

U11G: Elizabeth Johnson 2

U9: Bobby Akeya Price & Adithya Pramod Paleri 3, Dhruva Bhagwat 2

U7: Savin Dias 2

Quote for the day –

*'Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time'* – TAE

- David Holton

### **Rounds 4 & 5**

We are now halfway through the tournament. Today was a gruelling day as there were two games, but the team played some admirable chess!

In the U9s section, Bobby continued his run of excellent form and won both games with clever middle game tactics. He is currently joint first on the cross-table. Adithya lost his morning game to the tournament favourite but turned things around after lunch by beating his opponent from Peru. Dhruva drew his morning encounter but lost out to a Russian in a hard fought endgame in the afternoon.

In the U7s, Savin won both his games – the second one displayed some interesting tactics which lead to a comfortable end game.

Our youngest girl Elizabeth (U11 girls) drew her first game in a long duel against her Indian opponent. In her second game Elizabeth dominated from the opening to beat her Brazilian rival.

In the U11s open, Aditya defended well in his morning encounter and he converted in the end game. His well-prepared opening paid off in the second game. Max crushed his opponent in the first game but he lost out in the afternoon to a Brazilian.

In the U13s open, Nikolai and Jake are holding their own in a cross table that includes two FIDE Masters. They both beat Brazilians in the morning and they both lost out to highly-rated Indonesians in the afternoon. Jake's opponent was Michael Owen – that's what you call multi-talented!

Lauren, currently 4th in U15 girls cross table, lost to the Brazilian number one in the morning. In the afternoon, in a game that lasted into the evening she drew with a Peruvian.

Both Billy and Callum are in the top 10 of the U15 cross-table. In the morning Callum lost out to a player whose rating was higher than his birth year. But he convincingly triumphed in the afternoon. Billy lost to the current number two on the cross-table and then after lunch drew against a Brazilian in a game that lasted several hours.

Team spirits are high and there is much camaraderie and bonding at supper time. The food at the hotel is good but the service can be slow. Order your food before the game, and if you're lucky, it will be served when you finish!

- *Sam Dias*

**Round 6**, the last day before a well deserved rest day, had some very difficult battles in store for the members of the England team.

Bobby on 5 of 5 in the U9 Open, was facing a 2054 from Uzbekistan on Board 1 while Adithya, on 4 of 5, was playing against a 1684 from Peru on Board 3.

In the U7 Open Savin, on 4 of 5, was playing on Board 2 against the second ranked player from India and in the U15 Girls Lauren was playing against the 5th seed from Peru on Board 3. Callum in the U15 Open and Aditya in the U11 Open were facing higher rated opponents on Boards 4 and 5 respectively.

Just before the beginning of the round Callum was inspiring the team members to drive for victory, threatening them with bodily harm if otherwise!

Dhruva and Nikolai emerged very early with quick wins, obviously afraid of Callum. Bobby put up a tough fight against the 2054 but his opponent proved too strong on the day. Savin fell to a very well prepared opening setup, losing a piece and ultimately the game.

Billy and Max won both their games in impressive style. Billy was a pawn up after the opening and never looked back. Max completed his victory after 59 moves. Aditya had to let go of his exchange advantage to achieve an ultimately drawn endgame.

Lauren won her game very elegantly creating a mate with a rook, a knight and a pawn. Elizabeth was faced with a very exotic opening, but was not at all deterred by it. She played a solid middle game and ultimately promoted the a-pawn overpowering her opponent. Jake won a pawn in the opening and held on to his advantage all the way, ultimately winning a bishop endgame.

Adithya did not receive any presents from his opponent on his birthday. After a very precise opening and tight middle game his opponent found a way to check his king on the 7th rank which decided the game. Callum was a pawn down after the opening but his opponent gave it back to gain initiative in the middle game ultimately leading to a draw after over four hours.

A total of 8 points for the England team today, the third best day so far. Now we are off to celebrate Adithya's birthday and we will rest tomorrow!

- *Reinhard Hinterreither*

## **Round 7**

Another good day for England and all our team members are above a half score after 7 rounds.

It has not been unusual for England players to still be in the Playing Hall with less than half a



dozen games remaining and today was no exception. Bobby Akeya-Price, just 9 years old, only succumbed after 4 hours and Callum Brewer drew after just under 5 hours. Bobby was playing a 1684 and has the very good score of 5.

Yesterday, four of the team travelled to Rio and went up to the statue of Christ of the Andes and by cable car to the top of the Sugar Loaf mountain. The plus point was that the views were stupendous but the flip side was that the arrangements followed our dinners – “Brazilian Time” prevailed and the group was back very late at the hotel.

As a tension buster, David Miller (Max’s dad) was showing card tricks just prior to today’s start of play. Note: play chess against Max but not cards!

Everyone was present at the birthday cake party for Adithya Paleri on Sunday evening, including the coaches. It was like a family get-together and showed the great team spirit of the group.

- *David Tidmarsh*

**Round 8** proved to be a very tough day and whilst the England players all remain on scores over 50% and can be very proud of their efforts the medal chances took a serious blow but remain in the balance as we head into the final day.

Two England players were on board one in this round but both lost long games. Savin Dias was black on top board against a Candidate Master from Mongolia in the Under 7 event half a point behind the leaders. From glimpses of his post mortem he played well and had a good position but tragically blundered in an ending and lost a long game which was one of the last England games to finish. Savin is the British Under 8 champion and also won the English Junior Grand Prix as well as making his England debut in the European Schools where he scored six points. He is clearly a good prospect and 2014 has been a breakthrough year for him.

Elizabeth Johnson was the other player on top board and was also half behind the leaders. Her Indonesian opponent has looked very impressive in the event and won a pawn in the opening and showed impressive technique to convert it without allowing Elizabeth any chances to get back into the game. Bearing in mind Elizabeth is only ten and therefore has another year left in the event her performance has been very impressive and as her coach for the event I have enjoyed working with her. Hopefully she can have a good result in the last round and secure a top placing albeit it will probably be just below the medal positions.

Jakob Holton has played an outstanding tournament and this led to him facing an FM rated 2171 on board 3 in the Under 13s. He faced a line that we had only considered just before the start of the round but despite not being fully prepared he initially seemed to be coping well in the complications. Sadly one error was all it took for his position to become untenable and he lost material and was unable to recover. As with the two players above a win in the final round would cap an impressive performance and a high finish.

The Under 9s has been the event where we had most expectation but our medal hopes now rest on Adithya Pramod Paleri as Bobby Akeya Price fell to a third successive defeat after his 5/5 start but he has played a very strong field and his performance should definitely be viewed positively. Adithya won to move to six points and Dhruva drew to reach 5.

Lauren remains in medal contention in the Under 15s after her draw but will need other results to go her way in the final round. Whilst I had hoped to have more girls on the trip it is very pleasing that both have challenged for medals and have realistic chances going into the final round.

Rounding up the other sections, Max Miller won his third game in a row in the Under 11s and will be part of the only England v England pairing in the last round against Aditya Munshi who has shown great promise in some very tough games. Round 8 will also be remembered for board 1 being decided by a mobile phone. A timely reminder of the dangers of taking a phone into the playing room and one that will no doubt linger long in the minds of the player and family.

Callum was our final player to finish and his win boosted our score to 5.5/12 whilst Billy drew and Nikolai lost. It was the first day where the team had scored less than seven but tough pairings rather than any other reasons were one of the main reasons. There is a very fine line between a good and bad day and sadly the results didn't go our way in the key games. There is still a lot to play for in round 9 though and a good set of results will ensure that what has been a very successful event and a breakthrough for many promising young players will be reflected in the final standings.

In case I forget to mention it in my final report I would like to take this opportunity to commend all the players, parents, grandparents, coaches (and Savin's little brother Ruwan!) on their exemplary behaviour during the event. It has been a real honour and pleasure to meet and work with them over the last nine days and I wish them all every success in the future. I would also like to thank those back home for giving great support and encouragement including the tireless work of Andrew Walker and John Philpott amongst others to help me overcome some rather challenging administrative hurdles in the lead up to the event.

Scores after round 8:

Under 15 girls: Lauren Weaver 5.5

Under 11 girls: Elizabeth Johnson 5.5

Under 15: Callum Brewer 5.5, Billy Twigge Molecey 4.5

Under 13: Jakob Holton 5.5, Nikolai Hinterreither 5

Under 11: Aditya Munshi & Max Miller 5.5

Under 9: Aditya Pramod Paleri 6, Bobby Akeya Price & Dhruva Bhagwat 5

Under 7: Savin Dias 5

## **Round 9**

The World Schools tournament has come to an end and all the players have now either returned home or are on their way back. Although the team totals in round 8 and 9 dipped below the scores of rounds one to seven it is hard to be too disappointed when every player scored at least 5.5/9 and nine of the twelve players finished in the top ten and received a medal. We were close to top three placings though and a number of our players occupied the top boards in the closing rounds so there is a tinge of regret on my part.

I would like to thank the other coaches Glenn Flear and Jovanka Houska who did a great job to ensure the players were well prepared and motivated for each round and then analysed the games in depth after each round. The players were all impeccably behaved and were great ambassadors for our country. All the parents (along with the two granddads and Savin's younger brother Ruwan) all played a big part in ensuring that the Head of Delegation had few worries and they

provided me with great support whenever a problem arose. I would also like to thank the support of everyone back home including Andrew Walker, John Philpott, Jim Wadsworth, John Higgs and Traci Whitfield and all the well wishers.

Whilst it is the end of a brief involvement in ECF junior chess for myself I am very pleased that Traci Whitfield is the new Junior Director and I am confident that the future is bright for junior chess. I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes to her and the junior team for their future plans.

Final scores:

U15: Callum Brewer (8th) and Billy Twigge-Molecey (10th) 5.5/9

U15 Girls: Lauren Weaver (4th) 6

U13: Nikolai Hinterreither (13th) 6 and Jakob Holton (15th) 5.5

U11: Aditya Munshi (7th) 6.5, Max Miller (19th) 5.5

U11 Girls: Elizabeth Johnson (9th) 5.5

U9: Aditya Pramod Paleri (6th) & Dhruva Bhagwat (8th) 6, Bobby Akeya Price (10th) 5.5

U7: Savin Dias (6th) 6



## Grand Prix Leader Boards 30th December 2014

### 180+

	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	241589G	Jaunooby, Ali Reza	Denton	205	G4139	637
2	267990F	Landau, Jonathan	Hendon	181	G22677	596
3	105817E	Arkell, Keith CC	4NCL Cheddleton	228	G15972	567
4	282399J	Kalavannan, Koby	Coulsdon CF	185	JG6614	555
5	119904D	Surtees, Mike J	Bolton	200	G17950	549
6	258768D	Merry, Alan B	Bury St Edmunds	214	JG17393	544
7	174940H	Bonafont, Philip R	Hemel Hempstead	185	G4017	483
8	267851C	McPhillips, Joseph	Bolton	221	JG5762	479
9	224790C	Villiers, Thomas	Muswell Hill	196	G17811	445
10	263507A	Prior, Stephen CV	Grantham	188	G6569	442
11	154721F	Cherniaev, Alexander	Hackney	234	S25369	438
12	283656H	Golding, Alex	Coulsdon CF	181	JG17052	431
13	126824H	Willmoth, Robert F	Hendon	203	G6495	427
14	112455K	Hebden, Mark L	4NCL Guildford	248	G4157	418
15	242398E	Hjort, Helge	Hendon	188	G3467	408
16	107270F	Briggs, John Nicholas	Beckenham & Bromley	190	G6795	400
17	111078A	Garnett, John S	Stockton	185	G225	378
18	121366A	Wells, Jonathan C	North Norfolk	183	G14103	362
19	245951G	Jones, Steven A	Padgate	195	G6739	360
20	280020C	Kalaiyalahan, Akshaya	Coulsdon CF	194	JG6425	351

### 160-179

	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	230106E	Clegg, Robert	Huddersfield	160	G3088	578
2	107035G	Boumphrey, Luke S	Atticus	167	G18517	554
3	104852B	Whitehead, Mark A	Rochdale	171	G15489	511
4	109622K	Desmedt, Richard E	Wombwell	161	G3411	493
5	122453A	Finnegan, Oliver	Loughton	163	G17636	487
6	107574D	Bryant, Richard BE	Chester	178	G2289	485
7	113478E	Jacob, Sydney J	Lewisham	170	G6237	480
8	106176J	Barasi, Paul DL	Wimbledon	169	G19033	476
9	115575B	Millward, David J	Writtle	163	G299	473
10	162291C	Jackson, Paul G	Coulsdon CF	163	G4609	454
11	270877C	Hayward, Alan	Streatham	178	G5803	449
12	260784A	Allison, Conrad	Petts Wood & Orpington	176	G17006	445
13	163643B	Coward, Neil	Blackpool	163	G4561	389
14	181426G	Burns, Martin J	Stockport	174	G6185	376
15	277362E	Yiamakis, Albert	Guildford	170	G24613	375
16	290163J	Shaw, Meyrick	Exmouth	170	G17941	371
17	125474B	Newton, Robert A	Rochdale	173	G5917	365
18	265676A	Potter, Karl H	Latimer	160	G7094	352
19	270505K	Miu, Marinel	Hounslow	161	S19995	351
20	111035E	Gamble, Raymond J	Spondon	161	G383	328

### 140-159

	Ref	Name	Club/Area	Grade	Mem No	Pts
1	128713J	Wilson, Matthew R	Wigston	148	G17805	555
2	116801A	Patrick, David A	Courier Halifax	159	G5137	513
3	170919H	Williams, Stephen	Cwmbran	143	S25816	503
4	108722J	Connor, Michael I	Great Lever	152	S15540	471
5	116382G	O'Gorman, Brendan	DHSS	157	G4320	463
6	140662A	Pride, Stephen C	Cambridge City	147	G3453	460
7	111565A	Greatorex, Roger	Llangollen	150	G5701	446
8	220688C	Papier, Alan R	Bristol & Clifton	145	G6187	440
9	112248E	Hartley, Dean M	Amber Valley	149	G4789	439
10	109533L	Dean, Robert A	Pudsey	158	G9164	421
11	247156F	Rubeck, Jonathan	Hendon	145	G25948	415
12	283075K	Bovtramovics, Vladimirs	Russia	158	G18255	411
13	117410B	Price, Andrew	Leamington	155	G2613	409
14	282176L	Hilton, Tim	Denton	158	G16265	399
15	178103A	Blackburn, Jon EW	Holmes Chapel	140	S15025	398
16	258473G	Rowan, Daniel	Banbury	143	G22083	397
17	113386L	Ireland, David J	Coventry Chess	156	G24784	394
18	112597H	Hibbitt, Arthur M	Bristol Grendel	147	G17515	380
19	144928L	Pepe, Salvatore	Hendon	146	G6894	372
20	114423G	Lim, Yu-Chin (Peter)	Harrow *	155	G23561	371

**120-139**

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club/Area</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Mem No</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	279615G	Crockett, Stephen J	Redditch	124	G6367	631
2	276572L	Egan, William J	Scunthorpe	130	G6039	565
3	123333G	Gilbert, David J	DHSS	132	G3430	491
4	163954H	Miles, Barry S	Coulsdon CF	121	G4976	487
5	247342C	Alexander, Ken RD	Tiverton	126	S6705	475
6	137558B	Smith, Paul	Hastings & St Leonards	131	G1546	471
7	258940A	Allen, Timothy S	Battersea	121	G4415	456
8	276212C	Mahony, Jonathan	Leeds	131	S18433	438
9	273499A	Davis, John G	Ashtead	128	S20299	435
10	264336E	Crouch, Timothy J	Kings Head	137	P5843	389
11	294961B	Oliveri, Claudio	Hendon	138	G24681	378
12	121781B	Sandercock, E Barry	Buckinghamshire *	130	S4167	375
13	106888L	Blencowe, Ian P	Gloucester	130	G2910	365
14	143011H	White, Gary M	Priorslee Lions	129	G6822	364
15	279892L	Karia, Kamlesh	Hendon	126	G18824	359

**U120**

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club/Area</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Mem No</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	129445D	Sommerville, Gordon BR	Buckley/Mold	115	S26350	605
2	140257C	Fraser, Alan R	Beckenham & Bromley	105	G2908	547
3	274725L	Fraser, Chris A	West Bridgford	113	S19796	530
4	274379G	Macdonald, John R	Kings Head	114	G6972	477
5	111361G	Goldsmith, Jennifer	Harrow	104	G6876	475
6	111052E	Gardiner, Colin J	Newmarket	114	S1469	463
7	154244J	McKeon, John E	Milton Keynes	116	G6326	448
8	104846G	Welch, Hazel	Seaton	96	G2831	428
9	269827E	Vernon, Colin G	Worcester	84	G17314	422
10	180180G	De Santos, Andrew R	Preston	112	G15092	410
11	191456L	Maber, Martyn J	Somerset *	99	G25858	402
12	181078K	Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabeth	110	G4002	393
13	157121H	Lesnik, Eric	Denton	114	S24868	373
14	187281D	Summerland, David	Leeds	117	S9005	366
15	153516L	Carr, John W	Portsmouth	101	G3441	345

**Women's Prix**

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club/Area</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Mem No</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	111361G	Goldsmith, Jennifer	Harrow	104	G6876	475
2	104846G	Welch, Hazel	Seaton	96	G2831	428
3	294266F	Sheikh, Anum	Middlesex Juniors	62	JG24565	427
4	275645G	Sit, Victoria	Coulsdon CF	133	JG6719	399
5	181078K	Robson, Caroline J	Barnet Elizabeth	110	G4002	393
6	290588H	Somton, Anita	Bury Knights	128	JG6955	370
7	296859K	Ratnesan, Radha	Surrey Juniors	53	JG26025	364
8	290059C	Ragavan, Soumiya	Surrey Juniors	97	JG21623	358
9	291801J	Desai, Nilomi	Surrey Juniors	94	JG22807	351
10	280020C	Kalaiyalahan, Akshaya	Coulsdon CF	194	JG6425	351
11	276682G	Graham, Cassie M	Sussex Juniors	133	JG17228	347
12	288605E	Raghavendra, Mahima G	Atherton	138	JG6900	341
13	178127D	Blackburn, Sandra G	Holmes Chapel	114	S15026	333
14	293599F	Volovich, Julia	Kings College CU	76	JS24317	326
15	287616E	Haridas, Navieinaah	Kent Junior Congresses	88	JG17185	315

**Junior Prix**

	<b>Ref</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Club/Area</b>	<b>Grade</b>	<b>Mem No</b>	<b>Pts</b>
1	282399J	Kalavannan, Koby	Coulsdon CF	185	JG6614	555
2	275426F	Anilkumar, Anantha P (jr)	Coulsdon CF	161	G17157	545
3	258768D	Merry, Alan B	Bury St Edmunds	214	JG17393	544
4	275879K	Gupta, Arul	Kent Junior Congresses	173	JG6154	525
5	284222B	Huang, Dion	Essex Juniors	168	JG6749	507
6	290759J	Woltery, Nicolai	Haberdashers Askes	126	JG22753	504
7	293311B	Northcott, Paul	Sussex Juniors	115	JS23701	493
8	294585L	Ratnesan, Ranesh	Kingston *	111	JG24219	483
9	267851C	McPhillips, Joseph	Bolton	221	JG5762	479
10	289729F	Cocks, Elliot	Essex Juniors	123	JG24214	477
11	287093K	Akeya-Price, Robert A	Coulsdon CF	106	JG17030	469
12	283658A	Golding, William	Coulsdon CF	100	JG17054	459
13	294003G	Pramod Paleri, Adithya	Watford *	130	G23838	450
14	273313E	Anbukumar, Hajane	Coulsdon CF	161	JG6985	449
15	276071L	Jain, Gautam R	Middlesex Juniors	157	JG6186	447



### **The Batsford Book of Chess: From Beginner to Winner**

by Sean Marsh

Published by Batsford, 208 pages, hardback £14.99

There has long been a tradition of leading chess publishers offering a title covering all aspects of the game and for many years the author of the Batsford Book of Chess was Bob Wade. The current author provides a bit of background on Bob's prowess and also mentions his brief meetings with the great man including one on the Tube in 2000. The author might not be known to many but is a decent club player who really made his mark by enthusiastically reviewing books on the internet before it became fashionable. Therefore Sean Marsh's name appeared on many reprints of publications where his recommendation to buy is evident.

This book covers all you need to know about the game by looking at the basics and going on to present the improving player with all they need to know to make a significant advance in their ability. I like it that there are examples of tactics from the 2013 British Championship but usually the puzzles and games are well known. This is a difficult judgement call for any author because the experienced player will roll their eyes on seeing another Morphy brilliancy but the readership new to the game will be delighted to witness such a classic.

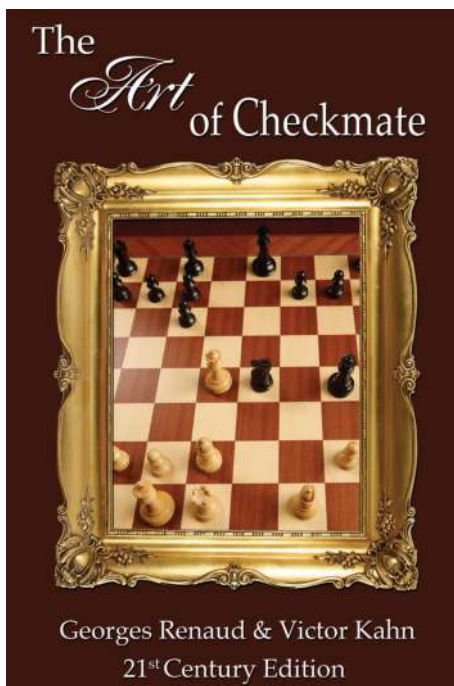
I think the author manages a good balance between promoting the contents of the old book with snippets of new material. There is one thing rather odd about the layout of the book because the diagrams have no frames on them so the squares seem endless as they blend into the rest of the page. The hardback edition is perfect for an adult who wants to start playing and there is enough material to also encourage enthusiastic amateurs to make a wise investment. There are plenty of diagrams to make it easy to read and some photos of star players to add background to the anecdotes.

The right way to learn chess and improve.

### **The Art of Checkmate**

by Georges Renaud & Victor Kahn

Published by Batsford, 240 pages, £15.99



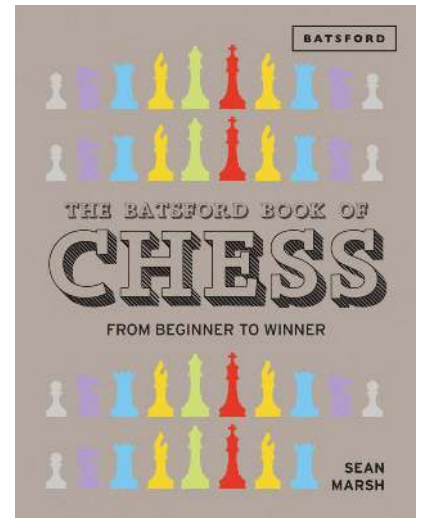
There is a good reason why this has become a chess classic with numerous reprints since 1947 because it presents checkmates in a simple way that convinces everyone they can also win in spectacular fashion.

The need for a new edition of this established title is made very clear by the Englishman Jimmy Adams (ex-editor of Chess Magazine and Batsford publishing) who still cherishes his old copy of the original book in French called *L'Art de Faire Mat*. He points out that that original translator left out the authors comments for no obvious reason although I know from experience that chess phrases are hard sometimes for a non-player to understand. It should be added this is not a sensational revelation because Adams notes that the distinguished Australian writer Cecil Purdy gave the English edition a scathing review in the 1950s for not honouring the words and wisdom of the top French players Renaud and Kahn.

This new edition is of course algebraic which will be a relief to a legion of chess fans who have bought old copies but then had to deal with working out what exactly 1 P-K4 means. A big improvement on the old editions is the introduction of many more diagrams making it easier to follow and the explanations of the checkmates is smoothly done.

The only annoying aspect is that many of the puzzles feature a name of one player while the opponent is called 'X'. It might save the blushes of those who fell for a trap but most of the time I assume the original writers did not know the appropriate name. In a perfect world Jimmy Adams could have become a chess detective and tracked down some of the names but perhaps an extra year's work is not really the role of a translator.

A classic work that is luxuriously revamped ready for a new generation.



## ECF TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

### LEGEND

- # British Championships qualifying tournament
- @ FIDE rated
- \* ECF Grand Prix
- ~ ECF graded event
- Y Youth event (junior only)
- + English Youth Grand Prix

**PLEASE NOTE** - a much more comprehensive version of the ECF Chess Events Calendar may be found online at <http://www.englishchess.org.uk/calendars-rd/events-calendar/>

~\* **24 Jan Poplar Rapid-Play**, Langley Hall, St. Nicholas Church Centre, Ettrick Street, Poplar, London E14 0QD  
Contact: Norman Went – starts 10:30AM ends 6:00PM. Two grade banded sections. Minor under 120 and Major 170 and under. 30 minutes per player per game. 6 rounds

~Y+ **24-25 Jan Junior 4NCL**, Puma Hinckley Island Hotel Contact: Mike Truran Tel: 01993 708645 Email: [mike@truranfamily.co.uk](mailto:mike@truranfamily.co.uk)

~\* **25 Jan The 29th Stockport Rapidplay**, The Alma Lodge Hotel, 149 Buxton Road, Stockport SK2 6EL Contact: Peter Taylor Email: [pht@rover12.wanadoo.co.uk](mailto:pht@rover12.wanadoo.co.uk) – starts 10:00AM ends 6:00PM. 6 round Swiss, 30 minutes all moves each player each game. 4 Sections, Open, Major (U170), Intermediate (U140), Minor (U110)

~@ **30 Jan-1 Feb 4NCL FIDE Rated Congress**, Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport, Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3QW Contact: Mike Truran – Sections: FIDE Open, FIDE U2000, ECF U135. Five rounds Friday 7pm – Sunday 7pm. For entry forms, information – [www.4ncl.co.uk/fide/information.htm](http://www.4ncl.co.uk/fide/information.htm)

~ **31 Jan East Midlands Grand Prix Chess Tournament**, Dovecote School, Greencroft, Clifton, Nottingham NG11 8EY Contact: John Crawley – 5 sections rapidplay – U18, U14, U12, U10, U8

~\*@ **31 Jan 3rd Muswell Hill Rapidplay**, The Clissold Arms, 105 Fortis Green, East Finchley, London N2 9HR  
Contact: Adam Raof – Swiss 6 rounds Open/Major U160/Amateur U120 Total prize fund: £500

~Y#+ **31 Jan-1 Feb South of England Junior Chess Championship**, Yateley Manor School, 51 Reading Road, Yateley, Hampshire GU46 7UQ Contact: Andrew Martin – U15, U13, U11, U10 and U9: 2-day event; U8 and U7: 1-day event

~Y **1 Feb Southend-on Sea Junior Tournament**, Prince Avenue Academy, Hornby Avenue, Westcliff-on-Sea, Essex SS0 0LG Contact: Dave Hawkins – starts 9:30AM ends 5:30PM. Essex Junior Grand Prix Round 3

Y **1 Feb Northern Junior Championship**, The Grammar School at Leeds, Alwoodley Gates, Harrogate Road, Leeds LS17 8GS Contact: Julian Clissold and John Hipshon – starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM. The Northern Junior Championship is a five round Swiss. Sections for Under 9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 16 and 18. Controllers: J.Clissold and J.Hipshon. The event is sponsored by Manchester Junior Chess and Yorkshire Junior Chess

**3 Feb Team Chess Challenge Final West London**, Eton College Contact: Justin Moston Email

@ **5 Feb Hendon 'First Thursday' FIDE Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raof – starts 7:30PM ends 10:00PM – One section, 10 minutes per player per game, six rounds, FIDE rated

~\* **6-8 Feb Frodsham Chess Congress**, Frodsham Community Centre, Fluin Lane, Frodsham, Cheshire WA6 7QN  
Contact: Angus Weir – starts/ends 7:00PM. 5 round standard play tournament with Under 120, Under 160 and Under 210 sections, with Fischer time controls. There are special arrangements for those wishing to play in the parallel Go tournament (The Cheshire) on the Saturday

~Y **7 Feb Sussex Junior Eastbourne Rapidplay**, Bishop Bell School, Priory Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN23 7BE Contact: Sandra Manchester – 6 round Swiss rapidplay in 4 sections: U18 major, U18 minor, U11 major, U11 minor. Open to all aged under 18 on 31st August 2014

~\* **7-8 Feb 38th Kidlington Chess Congress**, Exeter Hall, Oxford Road, Kidlington, Oxfordshire OX5 1AB Contact: Gerard O'Reilly Email: [gerard@fianchetto.co.uk](mailto:gerard@fianchetto.co.uk) Website: <http://www.kidlingtonchess.org.uk> – 5-round congress in 4 sections: U225, U180, U145, and U120. Total prize fund £1930.00

~ **8 Feb Norfolk Rapidplay Congress**, Gas Social Club, Roundtree Way, Norwich NR7 8SQ Contact: John Charman – starts 9:45AM ends 6:00PM. 6 round Swiss, two sections – Championship and Challengers (U130)

~ **8 Feb Hertfordshire Junior Chess Congress**, Mount Grace School, Mount Grace Road, Potters Bar EN6 1RB

Contact: Tony Corfe – starts 9:00AM ends 5:30PM. U11, U13 and Over 13s Championship events – plus we will run a ‘stars-barred’ tournament which is an opportunity for juniors who have recently started playing chess or have been playing for some time without success to enjoy a tournament and get some coaching and guidance (PM only)

**11 Feb Team Chess Challenge Final South West**, Torquay Boys Grammar School Contact: Trefor Thynne

**12 Feb Team Chess Challenge Final Oxford**, Magdalen College School Contact: John Place

**\*\*@ 14 Feb Golders Green Rapidplay Congress**, Golders Green Church Hall, West Heath Drive, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raof – starts 10:30AM ends 5:45PM. Open, Under 170, Under 145 and Under 120 sections, 6 round Swiss open, £500.00 prize fund

**~@ 14-15 Feb 4NCL Rounds 5 and 6 / Weekend 3**, Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport (Divisions 1 and 2) , Daventry Court (Division 3 South), Buxton Palace (Division 3 North) Contact: Mike Truran Tel: 01993 708645 Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk

**@ 20-22 Feb Dyfed Chess Congress 2015**, Fishguard Bay Hotel, Goodwick, Pembrokeshire SA64 0BT Contact: Tony Haigh – starts 6:45PM ends 6:00PM. There will be two five-round Swiss events – a FIDE rated Open (£300 first prize) and a Major (£150) for players with a national rating under 1600 WCF (or equivalent national rating)

**\*\*@ 20-22 Feb Bristol Winter Congress**, Sixth Form Common Room, Bristol Grammar School, University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR Contact: Alan Papier – starts 6:45PM ends 7:00PM. OPEN SECTION FIDE RATED! 3 Sections, Open, Major (U155), Minor (U125). Enormous and sumptuous venue which could seat 380 players! Guaranteed minimum prize fund £1000. Free parking on site

**\*\* 20-22 Feb Castle Chess 7th Portsmouth Congress**, The Lysses House Hotel, 51 High Street, Fareham, Hampshire PO16 7BQ Contact: Tony Corfe – starts 7:30PM ends 6:00PM. 6 round event – Open including Premier U180, Major U160 including Intermediate U140, Minor U120 including Challengers U100

**\*\*#Y+ 21-22 Feb Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open Championships**, St. Joseph’s Catholic College, Ocotal Way, Swindon, Wiltshire SN3 3LR Contact: Bev Schofield Email: bev@schofieldhall.co.uk Website: www.wiltshirejuniorchess.co.uk – starts 09:45 ends 18:15. Although this 29th Junior Open Congress is organised by Wiltshire Junior Chess, it is open to ANY chess player aged under 18 on the 31st August 2014

**~ 21-22 Feb 2015 British Universities’ Team Championships**, Holiday Inn Birmingham Airport, Coventry Road, Birmingham B26 3QW Contact: Alex Holowczak – University Championships for teams of 4. Open to any University situated within the British Isles. Three sections for teams of all strengths.

**\*\*@ 21-22 Feb 25th Hampstead Congress: Under 2200**, Henderson Court Day Centre, 102 Fitzjohn’s Ave, London, Greater London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raof – starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM

**\*\* 22 Feb Leyland Rapidplay Chess Congress**, Wellfield Business and Enterprise College, Yewlands Drive, Leyland PR25 2TP Contact: Bob or Janet Tinton Tel: 07866 944563 – Major (U180), Intermediate (U130) and Minor(U100) sections. January 2015 grading list will be used.

**~ 22 Feb EMJCA Grand Prix 2014 – 2015**, Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, Nottm NG9 3HD Best 4 results from 6 events counted. £100 to the winner. £20 entry fee per event. Entries to: Christopher Dunworth, 54 Wolfa Street, Derby DE22 3SD Tel: 07577-273275 Email: dunworth@talk21.com. Cheques payable to BHJCC. BACS payments to: BHJCC | 30-98-74 | 03097514 – please give name of child and date of event as reference.

**\*\*# 27 Feb – 1 Mar Doncaster Chess Congress 2015**, Hall Cross School, Thorne Road, Doncaster DN1 2HY Contact: Steve Mann – starts 7:00PM ends 6:40PM. Sections: Open, Major (170 or under), Inter (145 or below), Minor (125 or below) – 5 round Swiss. For all sections: entry fee £30, 1st prize 250, 2nd prize £150, 3rd prize £100, 3 x £25 grading prizes

**\*\* 27 Feb-1 Mar East Devon Chess Congress**, Exeter Corn Exchange, Market Street, Exeter, Devon EX1 1BW Contact: John Stephens – good playing conditions in central location. Five round Swiss with 4 hour sessions

**Y 28 Feb West of England & South Wales Junior Teams Jamboree [U9, U11, U14]**, Devon tbc Contact: Tim Onions – Inter-county friendly team competition for counties in WECU and South Wales

**\*\*#@ 28 Feb-1 Mar Warwickshire Open Congress**, Trident Centre, Poseidon Way, Warwick CV34 6SW Contact: Guy Greenland Email: enquiries@congress.warwickshire.org Website: www.congress.warwickshirechess.org – 5 round swiss : Open (FIDE), other sections non-FIDE : U170, U145, U120. Prize fund £1600

**\*\*@ 28 Feb-1 Mar 3rd Bexhill Weekend Chess Congress**, St John’s Victoria Hall, Victoria Road, Bexhill TN39 3PD Contact: Adam Raof – starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM. THREE sections of five rounds, every game is ECF graded, the top two sections are also FIDE rated, Under 2200 and Under 1900

**~# 6-8 Mar 39th Blackpool Chess Conference**, The Imperial Hotel, North Promenade, Blackpool FY1 2HB Contact: Simon Woodcock – starts 7:00pm ends 6:15pm. Five sections: Open, Major U181, Median U155, Inter

U135 & Minor U115. £6250 in prizes. Discounts available for players staying at the venue. Event limited to 400 players for comfort at this excellent venue

**@ 5 Mar Hendon 'First Thursday' FIDE Blitz**, Golders Green Unitarians Church, 31½ Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW11 8BS Contact: Adam Raof – starts 7:30PM ends 10:00PM – One section, 10 minutes per player per game, six rounds, FIDE rated

**~\* @ 7 Mar Golders Green Rapidplay Congress**, Golders Green Church Hall, West Heath Drive, London NW11 7QG Contact: Adam Raof – starts 10:30AM ends 5:45PM. Open, Under 170, Under 145 and Under 120 sections, 6 round Swiss open, £500.00 prize fund

**~Y 8 Mar SCCU U14/U18 Jamborees**, Royal Grammar School, High Street, Guildford GU1 3BB Contact: Christine Golding – team event in two age groups – U14 and U18. Major and Minor sections. More details to follow ...

**~ 8 Mar EMJCA Grand Prix 2014 – 2015**, Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, Nottm NG9 3HD Best 4 results from 6 events counted. £100 to the winner. £20 entry fee per event. Entries to: Christopher Dunworth, 54 Wolfa Street, Derby DE22 3SD Tel: 07577-273275 Email: dunworth@talk21.com. Cheques payable to BHJCC. BACS payments to: BHJCC | 30-98-74 | 03097514 – please give name of child and date of event as reference.

**~ 13-15 Mar Castle Chess 7th Hereford Congress**, The Green Dragon Hotel, Broad Street, Hereford HR4 9BG Contact: Tony Corfe – 7:30PM ends 6:00PM. 6 round event – Open including Premier U180, Major U160 including Intermediate U140, Minor U120 including Challengers U100

**~Y 14 Mar EPSCA U9 Zones** Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com

**~\*# 14-15 Mar MCCU Chess Congress GP**, Ryecroft Community Hub, 28 New Forest Road, off Dartmouth Avenue, Walsall WS3 1TR Contact: Ray Dolan Email Website – starts 10:00AM ends 5:30PM

**~\* 14-15 Mar The Third Lowestoft Open**, Parkhill Hotel, Lowestoft Contact: Craig Robertson – starts 9:30AM ends 7:00PM. Open & U150, 5 round Swiss

**~ 15 Mar Suffolk Junior Chess Open**, Woodbridge School, Burkitt Road, Woodbridge, Suffolk IP12 4JH Contact: Adam Hunt – starts 9:30AM ends 5:30PM. Suffolk Junior Championships with trophies in each age group. Also a strong open section for adults, with an approximate first prize of £80

**~ 15-20 Mar Rothay Manor Chess Holiday**, Rothay Bridge, Ambleside, Cumbria LA22 0EH Contact: Peter Cloudsdale Email: cloudsdale\_c@hotmail.co.uk – starts 3:15PM ends 10:00AM. 7 round Swiss event, 4 tutorial sessions on openings, middle game, end game and tactics, looking at games played and famous games. Now in its 7th year

**~\*#@ 15-20 Mar The Polar Capital Jersey Chess Festival**, Hotel Ambassadeur, St Clement Bay, Jersey JE2 6SB Contact: Paul Wojciechowski – starts 6:30PM ends 6:30PM. Two sections: The Open and The Holiday PLUS The Jersey Blitz Championships

**~Y 21 Mar EPSCA U11 Zones** Contact: Nigel Dennis Email: nigelwdennis@btinternet.com

**~\* @ 21-22 Mar 26th Hampstead Congress: Under 2200**, Henderson Court Day Centre, 102 Fitzjohn's Ave, London, Greater London NW3 6NS Contact: Adam Raof – starts 10:30AM ends 5:30PM

**~ @ 21-22 Mar 4NCL Rounds 7 and 8 / Weekend 4**, Daventry Court (Division 3 South and North) Contact: Mike Truran Tel: 01993 708645 Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk | Entry guidelines here

**~ 22 Mar 22nd Atherton Rapidplay**, St. Richard's Jubilee Hall, Crabtree Lane, Atherton, Manchester M46 0AQ Contact: Simon Woodcock – starts 9:55AM ends 6:00PM. 3 sections – Open, Under 165 & Under 120. Prizes £160, £80 & £40. 1 grading prize of £30 per section

**~ 28 Mar Teignmouth Rapidplay Congress**, The Salle, Trinity School, Buckeridge Road, Teignmouth, Devon TQ14 8LY Contact: Norman Tidy Website: <http://www.chessdevon.co.uk> – starts 9:30AM ends 6:00PM. One day rapidplay Swiss event. Two sections: Open and Major for players graded under 140 (Jan 2015 ECF Grading list)

**~\* 28-29 Mar 33rd St.Albans Chess Congress**, St.Columba's College, King Harry Lane, St.Albans, Herts AL3 4AW Contact: Terry Douse Email: stalbanscongress@yahoo.co.uk Tel: 01727 751072 Website: [www.stalbanscongress.com](http://www.stalbanscongress.com) – starts 10:00 ends 18:30. 5 round Swiss with 5 sections: Open – No grade limits; Challengers 180 and below; Major 160 and below; Intermediate 140 and below; Minor 120 and below. The tournament will be held in a large playing hall for 250+ competitors.

**~ @ 28-29 Mar 4NCL Rounds 7 and 8 / Weekend 4**, Holiday Inn, Birmingham Airport (Divisions 1 and 2) Contact: Mike Truran Tel: 01993 708645 Email: mike@truranfamily.co.uk

**~ 29 Mar Bourne End One Day Chess Congress**, The Community Centre, Wakeman Road, Bourne End, Buckinghamshire SL8 5SX Contact: David Langford Email: bebchess@yahoo.co.uk Website: [www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess](http://www.bucksvoice.net/bourneendchess) – starts 10:00AM ends 7:10PM. Rapid play event of five rounds, 45 minutes on each clock. Usually with four sections divided approximately by rapid play grade.