

13 December 2010

**44rd. Torbay League Congress**  
**Held at the Riviera International Conference Center, Seafront, Torquay.**  
**19th. to 21st. November 2010.**

**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION 2010 GRAND PRIX REPORT**

**1. Prize Money (including Grading prizes and British Championships Bursary):**

	Entry Form	Actually Paid
	£	£
Open	450	450
Major	280	282
Intermediate	280	295
Minor	280	280
British Championships Bursary	100	100
No other categories of prizes		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,390</b>	<b>1,407</b>

The Congress was held in the Rosetor Suite, which is very popular with the players. Trefor Thynne, President of the Torbay Chess League, opened the Congress welcoming the players to the 44<sup>th</sup>. Torbay Congress.

The Congress is run on the basis of four sections, Swiss pairing system with a very experience Control Team of Ewart Smith, Open, John Ariss, Major, Victor Cross, Intermediate and Tony Tatam, Minor.

The results of the Open, Major (under 170), Intermediate (under 150) and Minor (under 120) are given below. The full Progress Charts can be also be viewed here on the ChessDevon web site.

### **OPEN**

The Open was closely contested going into the last round, but Keith Arkell G.M. was leading on 3.5 points with five other players close behind on 3 points.

The following top score pairings for the final round:

Keith Arkell G.M. (w) Grade 231 on 3.5 points against Paul Helbig (b) Grade 191 on 3 points.  
Jeremy Menadue (w) Grade 185 on 3 points against Chris Beaumont (b) Grade 208 on 3 points.  
Alan Pleasant (w) Grade 185 on 2 points against Dominic Bennett (b) Grade 182 on 3 points.

### **First Place.**

The Open was won by **Keith Arkell G.M.** on **4.5/5.** Winning £200.

### **Joint 2<sup>nd</sup>. Place all on 3.5 / 5.**

Chris Beaumont (Clifton) winning the British Championships Qualifying Place and £100 bursary: Jeremy Menadue (Truro); Allan Pleasants (Weymouth); John Wheeler (Cosham): each winning £35 each. Dominic Bennett (Clifton); David Sully (Penarth). Winning grading prizes.

**184 to 175 inclusive Grading Prize** shared between Dominic Bennett (Clifton) 182; David Sully (Penarth) 180 on 3.5 points. Winning £40 each.

**Under 175 Grading Prize** shared between Richard Webster (West Bridgeford) 167, David Twine (Plymouth) 170 and Richard Thompson (Newton Abbot) 173, on 2.5 points. Winning £10 each.

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### **MAJOR (grade under 170)**

The Major was closely contested into the last round with John Waterfield leading on 3.5, with three other players on 3.

Following top score pairings for the final round:

John Waterfield (w) Grade 167 on 3.5 points against Jeff Leung (Junior u16) (b) Grade 145.  
John Nyman (w) Grade 159 against Craig Woolcock (b) Grade 155.

### **First Place.**

The Major was won by **John Waterfield. (Barry)** on **4.5/5.** Winning £110.

### **Second Place.**

John Nyman ((Surry\*)) on 4 / 5. Winning £70.

### **Equal Third Place.**

Two contestants on 3.5 points:

William H. Ingham (Teignmouth)  
Martyn Harris (Newcastle-U-Lyme)

Each of the above winning £20.

**160 to 154 inclusive Grading Prize** jointly won by Ivor Annetts (Tiverton) Grade 155, Craig Woolcock (Barry) Grade 155 and Jonathan Ayres (Scarborough) Graded 159, all on 3 points. Winning £10 each.

**Under 154 Grading Prize** Won outright by Jeff Leung (Junior) (Newton Abbot) Grade 145, on 3 points. Winning £30.

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### **INTERMEDIATE (grade under 150)**

The Intermediate was closely contested into the last round with four players on 3.5 points, with the following top score pairings for the final round:

Peter Wilcock (w) Grade 149 against Timothy Woodward (b) Grade 148.  
Stanley Cranmer (w) Grade 148 against Charles Keen (b) Grade 131.

### **Equal First Place.**

The final result ended in a 2-way tie for first place with 4.5 points of:

**Peter Wilcock (Wimbourne)**  
**Charles Keen (Exeter)**

Winning £90 each.

### **Third Place.**

Barry Sandercock (Buckinghamshire) Grade 146 on 4 points.

### **130 to 139 inclusive Grading Prize**

Won outright by Chris Strong (Clevedon) Grade 136 on 3.5 points. Winning £30.

**Under 130 Grading Prize** shared between Malcolm Probert (Llanelly) and Paul Foster (Meadway), on 3.5 points. Winning £15 each.

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## **MINOR (grade under 120)**

The Minor had two players on 4 points and one on 3.5 points going into the last round, with the following top score pairings for the final round:

Mathew Wilson (w) Grade U/G (4 points) against Peter Saunders (b) Grade 110 (4 points).  
John Donovan (w) Grade 109 (3 points) against Keith Spooner (b) Grade 118 (3.5 points).

### **Equal First Place.**

The final result ended 2-way tie for first place with 4.5 points of:

**Peter Saunders (Patchway, Bristol)** Grade 110                      Winning £110.  
**Mathew Wilson (Leicester)**                      Ungraded                      Winning £40 (As an ungraded player  
only able to win 3<sup>rd</sup>. monetary prize)

### **Equal Third Place.**

Keith Spooner (Wimborne) Grade 118. 4 points. Winning £20.  
Mike Cuggy (Brixham) Grade 115 4 points. Winning £20.  
James Wallman (Dorset) Grade 108.                      Winning grading prize.  
Norman Mackie (Wimborne) Grade 100. Winning grading prize.

**109 to 94 inclusive Grading Prize** won jointly by James Wallman (Dorset) Grade 108 and Norman Mackie (Wimborne) Grade 100 , on 4 points. Winning £30.

**Under 94 Grading Prize** Shared between John Fraser (Torquay B. Grammar School), Mathew Haines (Chard, Ilminster) and Tim Hay (Teignmouth), each on 2.5 points. Winning £10 each.

## **Torbay Individual Championships (Incorporated in the Congress)**

**Winner of the Open Basil Wallis Cup** Dominic Mackle (Newton Abbot) on tie-break over Stephen Homer and Robert Thomas.

**Winner of the Challenge Shield in the Major** Bill Ingham (Teignmouth) **R-U** Ivor Annetts and Jeff Leung.

**Winner of the Intermediate Cup** Peter Halmkin (Teignmouth)

**Winner of the Minor Candidates Cup** Mike Cuggy (Brixham) **R-U**. Stephen Thorpe-Tracey (Tiverton).

## **Best Score by a Devon Player in the Graded Sections**

**Winner of the Rulph Newman Cup:** Charles Keen (Exeter) **R-U**. Mike Cuggy (Brixham).

**Best Score by a Junior.** John Whitfield Cup, awarded to the best junior score across all 4 sections. The winner was Jeff Leung in the Major Section scoring 3 from 5 at the age of 15 years.

**A £2 discount WAS offered to all ECF members in ALL tournaments.**

**The Riviera International Conference Centre – a thank you.**

The Torbay League wish to thank the Riviera International Conference Centre (RICC) for hosting the 44th. Torbay Chess Congress.

The Rosetor Suite venue was highly suitable and very popular with all the players. The Congress is a Grand Prix event and its continuing success would be ensured if hosted at the RICC in future years.

The RICC management did an excellent job in providing excellent facilities and assistance thus ensuring this Congress's success. The RICC staff, that were working during the Congress, were very helpful and pleasant and are to be congratulated.

**Raymond W. Chubb**  
**Organiser.**  
**Torbay Congress**  
**24 November 2010**

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