

England 50+ Women retain World Senior Team Championship title!

The England Women's 50+ team of Sue Lalic, Sheila Jackson, Ingrid Lauterbach, Natasha Regan and Petra Nunn managed to retain their World title in dramatic fashion yesterday as they secured a final round victory of 2.5-1.5 over, Finland to overtake the tournament leaders China ShenZhen Women. This was a fantastic performance and shows the determination of our Women players, who weren't prepared to write off their chances, despite trailing the Chinese for much of the tournament. Special mention should be made of Natasha Regan, who was only able to join the team for the last 5 rounds and won four of her games!

In addition to this fabulous victory, our Senior men also achieved some notable successes with the England 50+ 1st team of Mickey Adams, John Emms, Glenn Flear, Keith Arkell and Nigel Davies securing the Silver medal, finishing just behind the top-seeded USA. However, Mickey Adams deserves a special mention for his impressive score of 8/9 on top board, with an amazing performance rating of 2761, the best in the whole tournament.

The England 65+ 1st team of John Nunn (the reigning 65+ World Champion), Tony Kosten, Terry Chapman, Chris Baker and Nigel Povah also secured the Silver medal behind top-seeded Germany Lasker, thanks to particularly impressive performances from Tony Kosten and Terry Chapman.

These results continue to illustrate the strength and depth of English Seniors Chess, as we were missing several of our top players, so there is every reason to believe we can be even more successful in future.

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