

GRADING REPORT

After the tribulations of last season the production of the 2010 grading list was an extremely smooth process. That it was so is a tribute to those who do the work involved in its production: the various local graders, the database manager Richard Haddrell, the website manager Carl Hibbard, and last but not least Howard Grist as system programmer. The omission of the Manager of Grading from this list is not a matter of modesty, it is related to my minimal involvement in the process. Since this was due in part to a shortage of time, a situation which is unlikely to improve in the near future, I have indicated my intention of standing down from the post with effect from this meeting.

For the bulk of the year international rating was in the hands of Ryan Foster. He has now stepped down from the post and Howard Grist has resumed responsibility for the time being.

My report to the Council meeting in October 2009 stated the intention of reviewing the manner in which the grading system treats foreign players who play an occasional tournament in this country. This review was not undertaken, and I leave it to my successor to determine whether such a review is desirable.

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