

Match Secretary's Report 2015

League Divisional winners

Last Season we had 43 teams competing in four divisions

Division 1 Saw an exciting end to the season at both ends of the division as teams fought to avoid the drop whilst Horfield & Downend battled it out for the title. On the last week in April Downend A secured sufficient game points after a surprising loss to Horfield B which proved enough to ensure their safety from the drop. A late surge of wins by University A saw Clifton B drop into a relegation spot. The top tier of the league is proving to be a strong and competitive division, no doubt next season will see the top four teams challenging for top spot again.

Division 2 South Bristol B started as favourites and finished comfortably in 1st place as other teams experienced some unpredictable results. Grendel managed to grab second spot after Downend B faltered towards the end of the season. At the bottom Downend C and Yate A struggled the latter due to losing key players.

Division 3 Runaway leaders Keynsham A were nearly caught by South Bristol D as Cabot just missed out on a top two finish. All three teams managing over 75 game points in the season.

Division 4 With 12 teams competing in division four we had to drop a set amount of fixtures which threw up some odd fixtures. University B & Clevedon C finished 1st & 2nd respectively and both teams could be asking for a spot in division three next season.

Knockout winners

LKO – Clifton travelled to Bath for the Knockout final and the match went the distance with Clifton winning on board count. The pressure was on Bath after losing on top board and being outgraded on most boards.

MLKO – The Minor KO involved South Bristol v Yate and saw south Bristol come through as victors.

Steve Boniface Tankard with Real Ale (1st award)

After a few late entries the winner will hopefully be announced at the Steve Boniface Congress in August.

Alan Ashby

The winner of the Alan Ashby competition this season goes to Chris Snook-Lumb (Clevedon C) – Scoring 14pts for his registered team

Who is on Form ? A mention for those players that have improved notably this season

Humphrey Andolo (South Bristol), Steve Roberts (Clevedon), Alan Papier (Clifton) Mike Minshall (Thornbury)

Statistics

The Grading thresholds for next season are as follows:

(1-2) (2-3) (3-4) (4-5) – Divisions

166, 129, 104, 80	New Grading Thresholds 2015-2016
164, 127, 104, 65	Last Seasons Grading Thresholds 2014-2015
161, 124, 102, 74	2013-2014 Thresholds
158, 134, 102, 76	2012-2013 Thresholds
157, 126, 108, 80	2011-2012 Thresholds
151, 131, 109, 80	2010-2011 Thresholds

Division One thresholds continue to rise year on year

Grading

All games played in the league and the knockout will be sent to the ECF for Grading in time for the new published list that comes out in July/Aug. The cut off date for games played is June 30th and results will be sent in before the end of this month. If anyone does spot a mistake then they need to let me know ASAP so they can be corrected. Most players will be aware that they have an up to date January 2015 Grade as I have already sent in the results for games played prior to last Christmas, The results I send in now will enable the ECF to calculate a new grade for this summer which is still based on the last 30 games played so all the games played this season should count.

Results sheets

Very few results are sent by post nowadays as sending results by email is now the norm. This has worked well with only the odd error needing to be sorted out but it is still important for captains to keep a record of results as a backup. Home & Away Captains are urged to print out their own result sheets from the website and keep hold of a signed copy themselves.

Postponements

We have a tight schedule for the fixture list and it is important to keep postponements to a minimum. Captains are encouraged to avoid postponing games unless absolutely necessary. The odd player missing shouldn't trigger a postponement. If games are postponed it is important to inform the match secretary and arrange a date with the opposing captain inside 30 days.

Website

The League Website at www.chessit.co.uk has now been online since 2005, passing the 10 year mark ! The website has links now to many of the clubs that have their own websites. Cabot, Clevedon, Clifton, Downend, Hanham, Horfield, South Bristol, University all have their own sites and some have included interesting match reports and games. The League website is updated weekly to include the latest results and league tables and stats.

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