

West Nottingham Chess Club

The chess club for Stapleford, Bramcote, Beeston and all points west of the city centre
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Introduction

We're back for a new season, with more teams and more members than ever. But before we get down to business, there's plenty of news from July and August to catch up on.

The club's web site has moved (see the URL at the top of the page). As last year, news and results will appear on the site as quickly as possible. League fixtures are already up – put the dates in your diary!

Club championship

As mentioned briefly last time, Billy Grewal won the club championship. The U16 title went to Daniel Lin on tie break ahead of Eric Williamson, while the in the U11 section Toby Thurgood edged out Reece Needham, also on tie break.

Lightning championship

A total of 29 people took part in this year's lightning championship, boosted by a contingent of very strong guests. Apart from WIM Agnieszka Matras and WIM Katarzyna Toma, IM Andrew Greet and Alex Posazhennikov (grade 202) also took part. Not surprisingly, these four (playing *hors de combat* as far as the championship was concerned) took the top places, finishing in a four-way tie on 5 points out of 6. Andrew took first place on tie break.

The various West Nottingham titles were won by the following:

- ♙ Overall: David Levens 4/6
- ♙ Under 16: Eric Williamson 4/6
- ♙ Under 11: Toby Thurgood 3½/6

Pos	ID		1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	01	Billy Grewal	+02w	+10b	+15w	+03b	=08w	4½
2	03	David Levens	+04w	+13b	+08b	-01w	+15w	4
3	10	John Collins	+11w	-01w	+19b	+06b*	+16b	4
4	08	Ian Kingston	+09w	+17b	-03w	+12b	=01b	3½
5	15	Daniel Lin	+14b	+06w	-01b	+17w	-03b	3
6	06	Amarjit Mehton	+07w	-15b	+11b	-10w*	+12w	3
7	13	Eric Williamson	+12b	-03w	-16b	+07w	+04b	3
8	17	Lateefah Messam-Sparks	+16b	-08w	+05w	-15b	+09b	3
9	16	Toby Thurgood	-17w	+05b	+13w	=11b	-10w	2½
10	11	Reece Needham	-10b	+04b	-06w	=16w	+02b	2½
11	12	Robert Willoughby	-13w	+07b	+09w	-08w	-06b	2
12	04	Michael Zhang	-03b	-11w	+02b	+19w	-13w	2
13	09	Davoud Amirabadi	-08b	+14w	-12b	+05w*	-17w	2
14	07	Tracey Clegg	-06b	-12w	+14b	-13b	+19w	2
15	05	Louise Sun	Bye	-16w	-17b	-09b*	+14w*	2
16	02	Thomas Quinn-Gregson	-01b	=19b	-04w	+14w*	-11w	1½
17	19	Vidooshan Vijayadurai	=18b	=02w	-10w	-04b	-07b	1
18	18	Guy Whitehouse	=19w	Withdrawn				½
19	14	John Crawley	-15w	-09b	-07w	-02b*	-05b*	0

Blitz tournament

The final blitz tournament of the season on 22 July saw a win for one of our guests, Agnieszka Matras, scoring 5½/6. Full details on the web site.

Simultaneous displays

There was a disappointing turnout for the simultaneous display on 23 July – perhaps the start of the school holidays was to blame. The 11 players who did summon up the courage to take part had an excellent time. Agnieszka Matras took on all 11, while Katarzyna Toma offered a second chance to those beaten early by Agnieszka.

Final results:

Agnieszka Matras 9½–1½
Katarzyna Toma 3–0

Full details and games can be found on the web site (Events section).

Prizegiving/AGM

These events took place on 25 July. Both were well attended. Medals were awarded to all the members of the two promoted teams (some of which remain unclaimed – they can be collected at the club).

At the AGM, the club reported a surplus for the year of around £330 pounds, compared with a loss of £250 for the previous year. Membership fees will remain unchanged. The committee expanded from four members to six: John Crawley (Chairman), Ian Kingston (Secretary), Robert Willoughby (Treasurer), David Levens (Vice-Chairman), John Collins (Deputy Secretary) and Phil Burley (Deputy Treasurer).

For more details visit the News page on the web site.

Around the county

The NCA has a new web site (<http://www.nottschess.org/>) which Ian Kingston will be running. The *Notts News* bulletin, which Ian has also taken over, also has a new format and will appear weekly through the season. If you want to receive your own copy (email only) send your request to nottsnews@nottschess.org.

News roundup

New BCF grading list

The new grading list is out, and it's available online. Visit <http://grading.bcfservices.org.uk/> to find out your grade.

BCF Grand Prix

The BCF Grand Prix competitions ended at this year's British Championship in August. Amisha Parmar finished 6th and Lateefah Messam-Sparks 8th in the Female Prix. In the Graded Prix (174–150) section, Derek Jarvis finished 7th.

NCJS Young Masters

Billy Grewal finished second in the main event of this invitation-only event with a score of 7/10 – an excellent result. In the weekend competition, Eric Williamson scored 3/5, qualifying for the England squad. Toby Thurgood also scored 3/5, while Lateefah Messam-Sparks had a rare bad tournament, scoring just 1/5.

Czech Open

Amisha Parmar competed in the B2 section at the Czech Open, Pardubice, Czech Republic, from 23–30 July. This was an international rating tournament for players rated under 2200 Elo (200 BCF). Amisha scored a solid 4½/9 in a field of 283 players.

British Championship

Lateefah Messam-Sparks competed in the British Girls Under 13 and Under 14 events at the BCF Congress on the Isle of Man, finishing second in both events with performances well ahead of expectations.

The only other WNCC representative at the congress was Ian Kingston, who scored 5½/9 in the Harry Baines Week 2 event.

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