

# West Nottingham Chess Club

The chess club for Stapleford, Bramcote, Beeston and all points west of the city centre  
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## THE PASSED PAWN

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### Forthcoming events

Three important events are approaching. On 12 March, the **17th Nottingham Rapidplay** takes place at Bramcote Hills Sport and Community Centre, Moor Lane, Bramcote.

Shortly afterwards, on 1–2 April, the **Nottinghamshire County Championship** will be held at The Summit Centre, Pavilion Road, Kirkby in Ashfield.

Finally, at the end of the season, the **31st Nottingham Congress** takes place at the same venue as the Rapidplay. Entry forms for all three are available to the club or can be downloaded from the NCA web site: <http://www.nottsches.org/>.

The Rapidplay and the Congress are both practically on the club's doorstep. It would be great to see a big West Nottingham turnout at both events.

### Library

This hasn't received much publicity yet, so it's possible that you may not know that the club has a sizeable library of chess books which members can borrow. Tracey Clegg has catalogued the books and set up a borrowing system.

If the books aren't on display, ask a committee member to get them out for you. They're kept with the rest of the club's equipment in the main hall.

### Christmas Party

We rounded off the year with a quiz at the Christmas party. Attendance was up on last year, with plenty of family and friends taking part.

The event was almost derailed when quizmaster David Levens's car suffered a puncture on the way to the club. Since David

and Pamela had both the questions and the prizes with them this was close to disaster, but emergency repairs got them on the road again.

Once under way, the quiz ran smoothly. Everyone helped themselves to food and drink as the evening progressed. If it matters to anyone, a closely fought contest was one by Ella's Gang – Ella Macleod and parents supported (at Ella's request) by Ian Kingston.

### Derby League: Plate

West Nottingham B won the Derby & District League Plate competition after a nail-biting 2–2 draw against Rolls Royce A. We won the trophy on board count (wins on Boards 1 and 3).

### Handicap Knockout tournament

West Nottingham Nightmare have reached the semi-final of this competition, beating Bunkers A 5½–3½ in a tense second round match. We will play The League Champions (Mansfield) in the semi-final on 6 March.

### National Club Championship

The club was knocked out in the first round of the Major competition, losing 4–1 to Rose Forgrove of Leeds.

### Notts League results

Once again, no room for league tables. You can find them on the club's web site and on the NCA web site (<http://www.nottsches.org/>).

### West Nottingham 1 (Division 1)

The season has turned against WN1 following an inexplicable decision by the League Management Committee to refuse to allow

the match against Gambit 1 to be rearranged despite the fact that two of our players fell ill on the day of the match. Even more astonishingly, despite the obvious mitigating circumstances, the LMC insisted on imposing the draconian two-point penalty for not playing the match. The subsequent string of bad results leaves the team in severe danger of relegation.

Gambit 1 5 – 0 WN1 (Walkover)  
WN1 2 – 3 Gambit 2  
WN1 2 – 3 Mansfield 1  
Newark 1 4 – 1 WN1  
WN1 2 – 3 University 2

### West Nottingham 2 (Division 2)

Despite slipping up against Bunkers 1, and travelling with a severely depleted team to face promotion rivals Grantham 1, WN2 are still well placed to gain promotion.

Grantham 1 2½ – 2½ WN2  
Fiveways 1 2 – 3 WN2  
Bunkers 1 3 – 2 WN2  
WN2 3 – 2 Radcliffe & Bingham 1

### West Nottingham 3 (Division 4)

The unexpected strength of Newark 2 has left the rest of the division fighting for second place. WN3 have consolidated that position and look like a good bet for promotion.

Gambit 4 3½ – 1½ WN3  
West Nottingham 4 2½ – 2½ WN3  
WN3 3½ – 1½ Radcliffe & Bingham 2  
Ashfield 5 1 – 4 WN3

### West Nottingham 4 (Division 4)

WN4 are definitely still struggling, just one place off the bottom. However, recent results have moved the team to within striking distance of safety.

WN4 3 – 2 Radcliffe & Bingham 2  
Nomads 3 ½ – 4½ WN4  
WN4 2½ – 2½ West Nottingham 3  
Newark 2 3½ – 1½ WN4  
WN4 4 – 1 Bunkers 3

### West Nottingham 5 (Division 5)

WN5 are holding station just below halfway in Division 5. The draw against Bunkers 4 was well earned, since the team was a player short following the traffic problems caused

by the shooting of a police officer the night before.

Long Eaton 2 3 – 1 WN5  
West Nottingham 6 1 – 3 WN5  
WN5 ½ – 3½ West Bridgford 2  
University 4 2 – 2 WN5  
Bunkers 4 2 – 2 WN5

### West Nottingham 6 (Division 5)

Results are less significant than the experience gained for WN6. Destinee Needham, Arun Maini and Sam Henegan have all made their league debuts in the last couple of months. Although some heavy defeats were taken, the individual performances in those matches often deserved more reward.

WN6 ½ – 3½ Long Eaton 2  
University 4 3½ – ½ WN6  
WN6 1 – 3 West Nottingham 5  
Bunkers 4 4 – 0 WN6  
WN6 0 – 4 Grantham 2  
West Bridgford 2 2½ – 1½ WN6

### Derby & District League results

#### West Nottingham A (Division 3)

It's still not plain sailing for WNA, but the team is in the thick of the promotion battle and only needs to string a couple of good results together to have an excellent chance of going up.

Derby & Mickleover C 1 – 3 WNA  
WNA 1½ – 2½ Rolls Royce A  
Derby & Mickleover D 1 – 3 WNA

#### West Nottingham B (Division 4)

WNB have started to put some results together. As with WN6, the primary goal is to provide experience for new players.

Lichfield B 1 – 3 WNB  
Spondon D 1½ – 2½ WNB  
Long Eaton B 3½ – ½ WNB  
WNB 1½ – 2½ Spondon C

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