

West Nottingham Chess Club

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Club Championship

At last year's AGM, the membership decided that the format of the club championship should continue as in the previous year, with games being played on Monday nights. It rapidly became clear, however, that we have so many players in so many teams that it would be utterly impracticable to do this during the league season. Therefore, we decided to wait until league matches were over before starting the competition.

A number of people entered at the start of the season, but it seems only fair to allow a second round of entries so that new members and those who wouldn't have been able to play during the league season can enter.

In addition to the overall club championship there are also Under 16 and Under 11 prizes – this competition is for everybody.

Playing schedule and rules

David Levens is organising the tournament, which will be a five-round Swiss (everybody plays in every round). The rounds will be played on the following dates:

Round 1	22 May
Round 2	5 June
Round 3	19 June
Round 4	3 July
Round 5	17 July

- ♟ Games will be played on these days only – there will be no reserve days. If you cannot play in a particular round for any reason, you may claim a half-point bye by informing David at least a week before the round is due to be played. You may not claim a half-point bye in Round 5.
- ♟ Any player who defaults two games will be withdrawn from the tournament.

- ♟ Games will be played at the rate of 30 moves in 75 minutes followed by a 15 minute rapidplay finish.
- ♟ Prizes will not be shared. Any ties will be broken in the following order: (1) the individual results between the tied players; (2) the sum of progressive scores; and (3) a single 'Armageddon' blitz game: White has six minutes and Black has 5 minutes, but in the event of a draw Black is considered to have won. If an Armageddon game is necessary it will be played immediately after the conclusion of the last round.
- ♟ All games will start at 7:30 p.m., so juniors who normally attend the early session should instead come for the later 7:30 session.
- ♟ The results of the competition will be submitted for grading.
- ♟ To enter, just let either Ian Kingston or David Levens know and remember to bring along your £2 entry fee on the evening of the first round.

UK Chess Challenge Megafinal

Many WNCC juniors took part in this event, held at Foremarke Hall School on 6 May. Official results are not yet available, but there were a lot of WNCC successes – the results will be posted on the web site as soon as I get them.

Summer programme

Lightning Championship

The Lightning Championship (10 seconds per move) will take place on Monday 10 July.

Blitz tournament

There will be at least one blitz (5 minutes for all moves) tournament during the summer. Watch the web site for details.

AGM

The AGM will be held on Monday 31 July.

Closures

The club will be closed on 29 May (Bank Holiday) and will close for August. It will reopen on Monday 4 September. Owing to a double booking beyond our control, the club will also be closed on 18 September.

Best game prizes

NCA

The Notts Chess Association runs an annual best game competition (our own David Levens won the prize last year). To enter, simply send your best game (or games) to Michael Barnes (mhbchess@yahoo.co.uk) by the end of May.

WNCC

The club also has a best game competition, with an overall prize as well as Under 16 and Under 11 prizes. Any game played by club members in any competition since last year's AGM at the end of July is eligible. Games already posted on the club's web site are automatically included in the competition. To enter, just give a copy of your game(s) to Ian Kingston or David Levens.

Library

Don't forget that the club has a sizeable collection of books that you can borrow. With the summer approaching, now would be a good time to take out one or two nooks to study.

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

Nottingham Rapidplay

There were some excellent West Nottingham results at this year's Rapidplay, including two

winners. Section by section (all scores out of six points):

♙ **Open:** Gavin Nguyen 4; Derek Jarvis and Ian Kingston 2½

♙ **Major:** Amisha Parmar 5½ (1st prize); John Collins 3½; Robert Willoughby 3

♙ **Minor:** Daniel Lin 6 (1st prize); Ashton Alfred 4½; Michael Zhang 3; Toby Thurgood and Jonathan Day 2½; Yash Gupta and Aarav Gupta-Kaistha 2; Daniel Thurgood 1½

More details at the NCA website (<http://www.nottschess.org/>).

Notts County Championship

Daniel Lin scored a spectacular success at the Notts Under 125 County Championship, winning both adult and junior titles. Further details at the NCA website.

Nottingham Congress

Several West Nottingham members were in the prizes at this year's Nottingham Congress. The full list of West Nottingham results (all scores out of five points):

♙ **Open:** Billy Grewal 2½; David Levens 1½

♙ **Major:** Derek Jarvis, Ian Kingston and Amisha Parmar 4 (2nd equal – all three managed to avoid playing each other); John Collins and Jonathan Day 1½

♙ **Minor:** Daniel Lin and Lateefah Messam-Sparks 4 (3rd equal); Eric Williamson and Robert Willoughby 3½; Tracey Clegg and Michael Zhang 2; Yash Gupta, Aarav Gupta-Kaistha and Reece Needham 1½

Handicap Knockout tournament

West Nottingham Nightmare were knocked out 5½–3½ in the semi-final by The League Champions (Mansfield). The final was won by Bigmat Yobs (Gambit).

Notts League results

The League Championship has been won by Gambit 1, who won the vital top-of-the-table clash against last year's champions, Mansfield 1.

West Nottingham 1 (Division 1)

The nightmare continued for WN1, with a continuation of the series of narrow defeats culminating in relegation from Division 1. It's impossible to explain how a team stronger than last year's should have performed so badly.

University 1 3 – 2 WN1
 West Bridgford 1 3 – 2 WN1
 WN1 2 – 3 Ashfield 1
 Gambit 2 4 – 1 WN1
 WN1 3½ – 1½ Gambit 1

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pts
1 Gambit 1	16	12	1	3	51	29	22	0	25
2 Mansfield 1	16	9	5	2	44	36	8	0	23
3 Ashfield 1	16	7	4	5	41	39	2	0	18
3 Newark 1	16	8	2	6	41	39	2	0	18
5 University 2	16	5	5	6	40½	39½	1	0	15
6 University 1	16	5	4	7	36½	43½	-7	0	14
7 West Bridgford 1	16	4	4	8	37	43	-6	0	12
8 Gambit 2	16	3	5	8	35	45	-10	0	11
9 West Nottingham 1	16	4	0	12	34	46	-12	-2	6

West Nottingham 2 (Division 2)

WN1's '3-2 defeat' syndrome appeared to have afflicted WN2 for a while, when two very winnable matches went the wrong way. Fortunately the malaise was temporary, and victories in the final two matches saw the team taking clear second place and gaining promotion to Division 1.

WN2 2 – 3 Ashfield 2
 Nomads 1 3 – 2 WN2
 WN2 3½ – 1½ Grantham 1
 Long Eaton 1 2 – 3 WN2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pts
1 Bunkers 1	14	9	3	2	43½	26½	17	0	21
2 West Nottingham 2	14	9	1	4	41	29	12	0	19
3 Nomads 1	14	6	4	4	35½	34½	1	0	16
4 Grantham 1	14	6	3	5	37	33	4	0	15
5 Long Eaton 1	14	8	0	6	37½	32½	5	-4	12
6 Ashfield 2	14	4	3	7	31	39	-8	0	11
7 Raddcliffe & Bingham 1	14	3	2	9	31½	38½	-7	0	8
8 Fiveways 1	14	2	2	10	23	47	-24	0	6

West Nottingham 3 (Division 4)

WN3 put together a strong finish to claim the second promotion place – in the process becoming the only team to take a point of the Division 3 champions, Newark 2.

Nomads 3 2 – 3 WN3
 WN3 2½ – 2½ Newark 2
 Bunkers 3 1 – 4 WN3
 WN3 1½ – 3½ Gambit 4

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pts
1 Newark 2	14	13	1	0	49½	20½	29	0	27
2 West Nottingham 3	14	8	2	4	40	30	10	0	18
3 Gambit 4	14	6	3	5	38½	31½	7	0	15
4 Raddcliffe & Bingham 2	14	7	0	7	35½	34½	1	0	14
5 West Nottingham 4	14	6	1	7	33	37	-4	0	13
6 Ashfield 5	14	6	0	8	30	40	-10	0	12
7 Nomads 3	14	5	2	7	34½	35½	-1	-2	10
8 Bunkers 3	14	0	1	13	19	51	-32	0	1

West Nottingham 4 (Division 4)

WN4 flirted with relegation, but three wins in a row at the end of the season secured another season in Division 4.

Raddcliffe & Bingham 2 3 – 2 WN4
 WN4 3 – 2 Ashfield 5
 Gambit 4 2 – 3 WN4
 WN4 4 – 1 Nomads 3

(See WN3 for league table.)

West Nottingham 5 (Division 5)

WN5 ended the season with a solid 50% playing record. There were clear signs of improvement over the course of the season, and some players will be pushing for places in WN4 in September.

Bunkers 4 1 – 3 WN5 (*updated result: Bunkers fielded an ineligible player*)
 WN5 4 – 0 Gambit 5 (*walkover*)
 Grantham 2 2½ – 1½ WN5
 WN5 4 – 0 Bunkers 4
 WN5 1 – 3 Long Eaton 2
 Long Eaton 3 1 – 3 WN5

(See WN6 for league table.)

West Nottingham 6 (Division 5)

WN6 continued to provide experience for newcomers and juniors, rounding off the

season by fielding an all-girls team. Points were hard to come by, but the experience gained will see the players in good stead for the future.

Gambit 5 2½ – 1½ WN6
 WN6 1 – 3 University 4
 Long Eaton 2 3½ – ½ WN6
 WN6 0 – 4 Long Eaton 3

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pts
1 West Bridgford 2	16	11	1	4	43½	20½	23	0	23
2 Long Eaton 2	16	11	1	4	41½	22½	19	0	23
3 Grantham 2	16	10	1	5	39½	24½	15	0	21
4 Long Eaton 3	16	10	1	5	35½	28½	7	0	21
5 West Nottingham 5	16	7	2	7	34½	29½	5	0	16
6 Bunkers 4	16	3	2	11	22½	41½	-19	0	8
7 Gambit 5	16	5	3	8	27½	36½	-9	-6	7
8 University 4	16	7	2	7	28½	35½	-7	-10	6
9 West Nottingham 6	16	1	1	14	15	49	-34	0	3

Derby & District League results

West Nottingham A (Division 3)

WNA quietly strengthened the side for the final few matches in order to gain promotion, and duly sealed the division title with a match to spare. A curiosity: because of the league's restructuring at the beginning of this season, WNA has won Division 3 for two consecutive seasons!

WNA 3½ – ½ Rolls Royce B
 Spondon B 1½ – 2½ WNA
 WNA 3 – 1 Belper C
 WNA 3½ – ½ Derby & Mickleover C
 Rolls Royce A 1 – 3 WNA

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pts
1 West Nottingham A	12	9	0	3	31	17	14	0	18
2 Belper C	12	6	2	4	27	21	6	0	14
3 Spondon B	12	6	2	4	25	23	2	0	14
4 Rolls Royce B	12	6	2	4	24	24	0	0	14
5 Rolls Royce A	12	5	3	4	26	22	4	0	13
6 Derby & Mickleover C	12	2	3	7	19	29	-10	0	7
7 Derby & Mickleover D	12	1	2	9	16	32	-16	0	4

West Nottingham B (Division 4)

WNB continued to make progress, lifting themselves off the bottom and up to mid-table with a burst of three straight wins.

WNB 1 – 3 Foremarke
 Rolls Royce C ½ – 3½ WNB
 WNB 2½ – 1½ Lichfield B
 Spondon C ½ – 3½ WNB
 WNB 1 – 3 Long Eaton B

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Df	Pn	Pts
1 Foremarke	12	8	1	3	29½	18½	11	0	17
2 Spondon C	12	7	2	3	28	20	8	0	16
3 Long Eaton B	12	7	1	4	28½	19½	9	0	15
4 West Nottingham B	12	5	0	7	21½	26½	-5	0	10
5 Spondon D	12	4	2	6	21	27	-6	0	10
6 Rolls Royce C	12	2	4	6	20	28	-8	0	8
7 Lichfield B	12	4	0	8	19½	28½	-9	0	8

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