

West Nottingham Chess Club

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Nottinghamshire County Championship

The County Championship, organised by WNCC and played at Beeston Youth and Community Centre on 21–22 October was highly successful. We attracted a record entry of 56 players in four sections (up from 25 competitors in the 2005 event), with an increased prize fund and some new trophies thanks to our sponsors (Kirk Hallam and Grangewood Dental Practices; Jaysons Pharmacy (Wollaton and Long Eaton); Sterling Financial Services Ltd; and Specsavers (Long Eaton and Ilkeston)).

Several WNCC players won prizes, among them Jonathan Day (2nd place, Junior Championship) and John Crawley (Senior prize). For full details see http://www.nottschess.org/2006_07/nottsc.html.

Thanks to everyone who either took part or helped out.

New county captain

The long search for a new county U125 captain ended when our own Lateefah Messam-Sparks stepped forward.

Other events

British Rapidplay Championship

Several West Nottingham players took part in the British Rapidplay Championships in Halifax on 4–5 November.

- ♙ *Major (U166)*: Amisha Parmar 5½/11
- ♙ *Junior (U16 & U14)*: Eamonn Lim 3/5 (2nd place), Aarav Gupta-Kaistha 2½/5
- ♙ *Junior (U12 & U10)*: Yash Gupta 2/5
- ♙ *Under 11 England Trial Qualifier*: Andrew Garside 3½/6, Arun Maini 3/6, Ross Mackay 2½/6, Thomas Wild 2/6

Nottinghamshire Under 11 Championships

Two WNCC players picked up prizes in this event. Ella McLeod took 2nd place and the Best Girl prize in the Under 11 competition, and Graham Garside finished 3rd in the Under 10s.

Notts League results

West Nottingham 1 (Division 2)

Following last season's relegation, WN1 have one simple goal: an immediate return to Division 1. The season could hardly have started better: six matches, six wins.

WN1 4½ – ½ West Nottingham 2
WN1 4 – 1 Ashfield 3
WN1 3½ – 1½ Ashfield 2
Nomads 1 1½ – 3½ WN1
WN1 3 – 2 Long Eaton
Grantham 1 1½ – 3½ WN1

West Nottingham 2 (Division 2)

Denied promotion as a consequence of league restructuring, WN2 face a difficult task to match last season's performance. Apart from WN1, there is also strong opposition from two or three other teams with realistic ambitions. So far though, only WN1 have managed to gain the upper hand, and WN2 have three wins from four matches.

West Nottingham 1 4½ – ½ WN2
WN2 4½ – ½ Grantham 1
Ashfield 3 2 – 3 WN2
WN2 3½ – 1½ Gambit 2

West Nottingham 3 (Division 3)

Promoted last season, WN3 do not look out of their depth in a higher division – in fact, they've just moved into first place.

WN3 3½ – 1½ Mansfield 2
WN3 1 – 4 Radcliffe & Bingham 1
Nomads 2 ½ – 4½ WN3
WN3 4½ – ½ Bunkers 2

West Nottingham 4 (Division 4)

Another team off to a flyer. Boosted by our fast improving juniors, WN4 have dropped just one point in five matches.

Radcliffe & Bingham 2 1½ – 3½ WN4
WN4 4 – 1 Ashfield 4
WN4 3 – 2 West Bridgford 2
University 3 2½ – 2½ WN4
Ashfield 5 0 – 5 WN4

West Nottingham 5 (Division 5)

WN5 have made an good start to the season, and look to have a reasonable chance of promotion.

WN5 4 – 0 West Nottingham 6
West Nottingham 7 0 – 4 WN5
WN5 2 – 2 Bunkers 3
WN5 1½ – 2½ Grantham 2

West Nottingham 6 (Division 5)

WN6's youngsters have found life hard, but they're all gaining experience and have picked up one excellent win.

West Nottingham 5 4 – 0 WN6
WN6 1½ – 2½ Bunkers 3
WN6 1 – 3 West Nottingham 7
University 4 1½ – 2½ WN6
WN6 ½ – 3½ Grantham 2

West Nottingham 7 (Division 5)

Our newest team have made a sound start. They have the same goal as WN6 – providing experience.

West Nottingham 6 1 – 3 WN7
Bunkers 3 2½ – 1½ WN7
WN7 0 – 4 West Nottingham 5
Grantham 2 1 – 3 WN7
WN7 1 – 3 University 4

Handicap Knockout

As last year, we entered four teams in the Notts Handicap Knockout (time handicapped rapidplay games). Round 1 has just finished; three of our teams made it to Round 2.

Fiveways 3½ – 5½ WN Daydream
WN Nightmare 5½ – 3½ Ashfield Allstars
WN Illusion 1 – 8 Ashfield Astra
Bunkers 3½ – 5½ WN Fantasy

Derby & District League results

The D&DL starts more slowly than the Notts League. We've added a third team for this season.

West Nottingham A (Division 2)

A fixture clash with WN1 cost us the opportunity to field a strong team in one match, but the other two matches went reasonably well.

WNA 2 – 2 Belper B
Burton B 3 – 1 WNA
Spondon A ½ – 3½ WNA

West Nottingham B (Division 4)

No problems at all so far for WNB.

WNB 3 – 1 Spondon D
WNB 4 – 0 Long Eaton C

West Nottingham C (Division 4)

WNC came within a whisker of a perfect start. As with WN6 and WN7, WNC will be offering experience to our younger players.

WNC 3 – 1 Long Eaton C
WNC 1½ – 2½ Lichfield B
Spondon C 1 – 3 WNC

D&DL Cup and Plate

In the first of the rapidplay sessions, WNA scored 5/8 in the Cup and holders WNB matched that in the Plate. Both teams are well placed to reach the semi-finals.

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