

West Nottingham Chess Club

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THE PASSED PAWN

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Introduction

Time for another long-overdue issue of *The Passed Pawn*, this time rounding up the second half of what's been a very good season for the club and filling you in on a few upcoming events.

Don't forget that more up-to-date news can be found on the web site.

Club Championship

Last year's attempt to run the club championship over the summer months was only partially successful – far too many games went unplayed. This year, we're trying something a little different, which will take just three evenings instead of five.

The competition will be in two phases. On 11 and 14 June, we will hold a rapidplay tournament (two games on each evening). The two leading players will then play off for the championship, probably in July. There will also be the usual Under 16 and Under 13 championships within the main tournament. Entry costs £2.00 per player, payable on the first evening.

NCA Blitz Championship

We will be hosting the NCA Blitz Championship on Monday 4 June. Please turn out in force to support this competition! More details on the NCA web site. *Note: because of this event, there will be no junior session on 4 June.*

Best game prize

Our annual best game prizes will be awarded at the end of the season. Please send your entries to Ian Kingston as soon as you can. As usual, there will be Under 16 and Under 13 prizes in addition to the main prize.

Lightning Championship

The club's lightning championship (10 seconds per move) will take place on 16 July.

AGM and Awards night

The club's AGM and awards night will be on 30 July.

Notts League results

There's a full review of the league season (both Notts and D&DL) on the web site (click on the 'Teams' link. Highlights: in the Notts League, WN1 finished 2nd in Division 2 and return to the top division, while WN5 won Division 5; in the D&DL, WNA and WNB won Divisions 2 and 4, respectively. No relegations! Final tables are on the web site.

West Nottingham 1 (Division 2)

The return match against Long Eaton was effectively the championship decider. Sadly, it went the wrong way, but WN1 were still miles ahead of the third-place team.

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

West Nottingham 2 (Division 2)

The season fell away at the end, but 4th place was still a decent result.

WN2 4½ – ½ Ashfield 3
Gambit 2 4 – 1 WN2
WN2 2 – 3 Nomads 1
WN2 2 – 3 Long Eaton
WN2 2½ – 2½ Ashfield 2

West Nottingham 3 (Division 3)

The promotion challenge faded, but the team consolidated its place in Division 3 easily enough.

Radcliffe & Bingham 1 3 – 2 WN3
Fiveways 1½ – 3½ WN3
Mansfield 2 5 – 0 WN3
WN3 2 – 3 Nomads 2
Bunkers 2 3½ – 1½ WN3
WN3 2½ – 2½ Gambit 3
WN3 2 – 3 Newark 2

West Nottingham 4 (Division 4)

The one that got away. One more point would have seen WN4 into Division 3.

WN4 3 – 2 Ashfield 5
Ashfield 4 2½ – 2½ WN4
West Bridgford 2 1½ – 3½ WN4
WN4 2 – 3 University 3
WN4 3 – 2 Gambit 4
Nomads 3 3½ – 1½ WN4

West Nottingham 5 (Division 5)

A solid finish took WN5 to a well-deserved title.

Bunkers 3 2 – 2 WN5
WN5 4 – 0 University 4 (*Default*)
Grantham 2 1½ – 2½ WN5
WN5 2 – 2 Gambit 5

West Nottingham 6 (Division 5)

Vital experience gained.

Grantham 2 3 – 1 WN6
WN6 ½ – 3½ Gambit 5

West Nottingham 7 (Division 5)

More good performances; more experience gained.

WN7 2 – 2 Bunkers 3
University 4 3 – 1 WN7
Gambit 5 2½ – 1½ WN7
WN7 2 – 2 Grantham 2

Handicap Knockout

WN Nightmare reached the final in a tight match against Ashfield Astra, while WN Daydream just missed out against Mansfield.

WN Nightmare 5 – 4 Ashfield Astra

Mansfield 5 – 4 WN Daydream

Derby & District League results

West Nottingham A (Division 2)

There was an element of stumbling over the winning line (those last two results against Spondon B), but WNA reached the first division without too much trouble.

WNA 3½ – ½ Burton B
Belper B 1 – 3 WNA
WNA 3½ – ½ Spondon A
Belper C 1 – 3 WNA
Lichfield A 2 – 2 WNA
Spondon B 1½ – 2½ WNA
WNA 2 – 2 Spondon B

West Nottingham B (Division 4)

WNB breezed to the Division 4 title with a match to spare.

WNB 3½ – ½ Foremarke B
Long Eaton C 1½ – 2½ WNB
Lichfield B 1 – 3 WNB
WNB 3½ – ½ West Nottingham C
Derby & Mickleover D 2½ – 1½ WNB

West Nottingham C (Division 4)

A solid first season for WNC.

WNC 3 – 1 Foremarke B
Lichfield B 2 – 2 WNC
WNC 1 – 3 Spondon D
Derby & Mickleover D 2½ – 1½ WNC
West Nottingham B 3½ – ½ WNC
Foremarke B 1 – 3 WNC

Other news

No room! Check the club and NCA web sites to catch up.

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