

Tamworth & District Chess Club

News

Chris Harrington Trophy

At the recent AGM, it was decided to purchase a trophy in memory of the late Chris Harrington, which will be played for each season by club members with a rating not exceeding 1700 at a standard time rate. Details of how to enter will be circulated to members at the start of the season.

[18 July]

2022/23 Season

For the coming season (which will be played as a full season from September to April), the club has entered teams in Divisions 1 and 2 of the Cannock League, and the Chase Trophy (knock-out competition). The fixtures can be found on the Fixtures page of the website. [18 July]

So close – again!

Unfortunately, the division 3 team were unable to win their last match, drawing with Stafford. This gave Stafford the title on game points difference, meaning that in the three leagues the club has entered in the 2021/22 season, we have finished second each time. [18 July]

Demise of Chris Harrington

It is with much sadness that we have to report the death in early April of Chris Harrington. Chris joined the club in 2014, and played regularly until the lockdown in 2020. Increasing ill-health and mobility problems restricted him to just one visit after the club re-opened. He was a steady player with some interesting ideas, who also played a lot of chess on-line. He will be sadly missed, and we send our condolences to his family and friends. [11 May]

Congratulations to Kevin

At the end of April, Kevin won the Dolan Trophy, the League Individual tournament for players rated below 1451. Many congratulations. Unfortunately, Mircea and Peter, who were playing in the Robert Ward Trophy, both lost their semi-final matches. [11 May]

More wins than losses – again!

3 matches in April and early May produced 2 wins and one defeat. The Division 1 team had good wins against Lichfield'A' (3-1) and Sutton Coldfield (3½-½), with a particularly notable win for David in the latter match, when he beat an opponent who outrated him by almost 300 points.

Unfortunately, those wins sandwiched a defeat for the Division 3 team, who lost 2½-1½ to Lichfield

'B', thus denting their 100% record. However, if they win their last match against Stafford on 19th May, they are still in with a chance of winning the league. [11May]

More wins than losses

Since the last posting, I have been away, so this is a catch up. The Division1 team have played 2 more matches, with a loss to Lichfield 'B' (a win for Andrew and a draw for Simon) followed by a win against Rushall (a win for Kevin and draws for Andrew, Mircea and Pat). Last night the Division 3 team maintained their 100% record and returned to the top of the League with a win at Bushbury (a win for our new member Andrew T, and draws for Peter, Pat and Kevin. (31 March)

A loss and a win

The last week has seen mixed fortunes. The Division 1 team lost narrowly to a strong Wolverhampton side despite a good win for Mircea and a draw for Pat. However, the Division 3 side maintained their 100% record when travelling to Norton Canes and coming back with a 2½-1½ win. There were wins for Peter and Kevin, with the match secured when David salvaged a draw from a (probably) lost position, as his opponent ran short of time. (16 Feb)

A Good Start

Well done to the Division 3 team who kicked off our new season with a 2½-1½ win last night against Lichfield 'A'. Good wins for Pat and David, and a sound draw for Kevin. Congratulations also to Kevin on reaching the final of the Dolan Trophy. (4 February)

Fixtures

The fixtures for the Cannock League Spring Season have now been agreed, and can be found on the Fixtures page. Our new Division 3 team kicks off the season with a home match against Lichfield 'A' on Thursday 3 February, and the first match for the Division 1 team is a week later at home to Wolverhampton. (19 January)

Welcome Back!

Apologies for the hiatus in updating the website during the pandemic. Having closed with everything else in March 2020, the club re-opened in the summer of 2021, and has welcomed several new members since then. In the Autumn 2021 season in division 1 of the Cannock League, our team finished second, losing only our last match, when a win or a draw would have meant that we would be champions. For the 2022 Spring season (which will run from late January until mid-May) we have entered teams in divisions 1 and 3, with the intention that the latter will give our newer members a chance to gain experience in competitive chess.

Watch this website for details of the league fixtures (the meeting to arrange the fixtures is on 18th January), and in due course the results, as well as other news. League tables and all

league results can be found at ecflms.org.uk, and then click on Cannock and District Chess League