

## DEVON COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

### Annual Team Quick-Play Competition 4.11.18 Newton Abbot

The ever-popular team quick-play event was held, as is now traditional, at Newton Abbot's Courtenay Centre. Entries have been increasing in recent years and it was good to see Plymouth and Exeter University back in the fold after many years absence. Also now traditional is the participation of a team from neighbouring Dorset in the form of Dorchester. However there were no teams from Exmouth which is unusual but probably due to the start of the Beacon "Seniors" event the following day.

In all 14 teams took part with 6 fast-paced rounds, each player having 12 minutes on the clock per game.

Four trophies are up for grabs, the Thomas Trophy for the event winners, the Hodge Cup for teams with a total (Rapidplay) grade of under 600 and the "Graded" Trophy for teams under 450. This means that all teams have something to play for. There is also an Individual Best Performance trophy.

Last year's winners and highest-ranked team, Exeter (total grade 709) did not have things all their own way and were run close by hosts Newton Abbot A (687) and Exeter University A (615). Seaton, on paper very strong (686), had rather a disappointing afternoon. By contrast, the teams from Plymouth A, Exeter B and Sidmouth (otherwise known as the Bacon family) had an excellent tournament, the first two of these sharing the Hodge Cup and the Bacons retaining the Graded trophy won last year.

A thoroughly enjoyable afternoon which reunited chess friends from all over the county and beyond was enhanced by the efficient arbiting of Plymouth's Graham Mill-Wilson and the excellent refreshments laid on by Jacquie Barber-Lafon of the host club.

To clubs who missed out this year (Teignmouth, Exmouth, Barnstaple, Tiverton, South Hams etc ) we would love to see you back in 2019 – let us aim for 20 teams as the event used to attract in its heyday in the 1960s!

**Results below:**

<b><u>Results:</u></b>	<b>Total (/24)</b>
<b>1st: Exeter A (709) Paulden 3.5 O'Neill 5 Thorpe 6 Lowe 5</b>	<b>19 ½</b>
2nd Newton Abbot A (687) Homer 3 Brusey 5 Brooks 4 ½ Thynne 5 ½	18
3rd Exeter University A (615) Fraser 5 Hurst 3 Callingham 4 Yanamandra 4	16
<b>4th- Plymouth A (595) Stinton-Brownbridge 3 ½ Hart-Davis 3 Butland 4 Quinn 4</b>	<b>14 ½</b>
<b>Exeter B (595) Haynes 3 ½ Bolt 6 Morrison 3 Aldwin 2</b>	<b>14 ½</b>
Seaton (686) Hampton 4 Underwood 3 Martin 3 Dean 4 ½	14 ½
<b>7th Bacons (Sidmouth) (442) Julian B 5 Nicky B 3 ½ Benny B 4 Ollie B 1 ½</b>	<b>14</b>
8th Plymouth B (476) Wilby 3 ½ Cockerton 4 Wright 1 C. Caleshu 3 ½	12
9th Newton Abbot B (471) Blackmore 3 Taylor 1 BarberLafon 3 ½ Hussey 3	10 ½
10th Dorchester (488) Dinmore 2 Kelly 2 Brackner 2 Jones 3	9
11th Torquay Boys' G.S B(337) Glasson 1 Chataway 3 ½ Paul 2 Narayanan 2	8 ½
12th Torquay Boys' G.S A (472) Ramesh 3 Sturt 2 Kennedy-Bruyneels 2 Default 0	7
13th Exeter University B ((380) Kudzinskias 1 Purdie 0 Trathen 2 Navaid 2	5
14th Exeter University C (280) Mironov 1 Recio 1 Mills 1 A Caleshu 2	5

**Thomas Cup:** Exeter A

**Hodge Cup:** Plymouth A/Exeter B

**Graded Trophy:** Bacons (Sidmouth)

**Individual Performance trophy:** Graham Bolt (Exeter B)/Tom Thorpe (Exeter A) 6/6

(Report and results compiled by Trefor Thynne 6.11.18)