



# NEWTON ABBOT CHESS CLUB



## NEWSLETTER April 2019

Dear club member

With the season fast approaching its final month I thought you would like an update on what has happened since the last newsletter and what is on the menu in April and May

Firstly, I have to say what a terrific season it is turning out to be in the various leagues in which the club competes. At the time of writing these notes we are the winners of the Torbay League Premier division and Division 4, finished equal top in division 3 (though pipped for the title on game points) and are due to meet Teignmouth (Away) in the final of the Knock-Out Cup (date yet to be agreed). In the Devon Leagues we have won the Mamhead (div. 2) for the first time ever with one match still to play and have also won the Schofield (div. 3) and the Moyle (div 4). Additionally we are playing Seaton next Saturday 13th in the Final of the Rooke Knock-Out cup. Not only have we had our most successful season as regards trophies but it has been enormously gratifying to see the part played in these successes by some of our newer adult members such as John Stephens, John Nyman, Jason Cole (the two latter have recently been selected for the Devon county team), Mark Bowhay, Richard Brenton and Naru Narayanan. And not forgetting the obvious progress made by our up-and-coming juniors: Evan McMullan, Niranjana Narayanan, Isaac Kennedy-Bruyneels, Aarv Paul, James Gibbs, Oliver Mortimer, Bradley Holland, Jacob Warren and Caleb Greeves have all shown up well either in club matches or internal tournaments. Thanks are due to the captains of all our successful teams – it is never straightforward recruiting full teams with the many competing demands on everyone's time.

### **Match results since the end of February:**

**TL Premier:** NA Abbots v South Hams (A) 7.3.19 Won 2.5-1.5 (Stephens 1 Brooks ½ Nyman 0 McMullan 1). Final record P6 W3 L3

NA Bishops v Teignmouth (H) 21.3.19 Won 4-0 by default – Teignmouth unable to raise a team

NEWTON ABBOT BISHOPS WIN THE LEAGUE! Congratulations to Andrew Kinder and his squad! P6 W5 L1

**Division 3:** v TBGS (A) 20,3,19 Drew 2-2 (Barber-Lafon 0 Miller 0 Hussey 1 Raine 1)

Final record P6 W2 D3 L1

**Division 4:** v Teignmouth (H) 7.3.19 Won 4-0 (Hussey 1 Kennedy-Bruyneels 1 Brenton 1 Niranjana Narayanan 1)

V Torquay Boys G.S. (A) 13.3.19 Won 4-0 ( Hussey 1 Raine 1 Brenton 1 Naru Narayanan 1)

Final record: P8 W6 L2 - Congratulations to Mike Hussey and his squad on winning division 4!

**Rapidplay:** v South hams (A) 14.3.19 Won 4.5-3.5 ( Kinder 2 Nyman 1 ½ Barber-Lafon 0 Hussey 1)

Final record: P4 W1 D1 L2

**Knock-Out Cup:** v South Hams (A) 4.4.19 Won 4.5-1.5 ( Brusey 1 Howard 1 Kinder 1 Hussey 0 Brenton ½ Naru Narayanan 1)

(Final v Teignmouth (A): date tbc)

#### **DCCA LEAGUE:**

**Div 1 Bremridge:** v Exeter (H) 30.3.19 Lost 1.5-4.5 (Brusey ½ Brooks 0 Thynne 0 Ramesh 0 Howard 0 Blackmore 1). (An excellent win by Josh against Devon's top junior!)

Final record: P4 W0 D1 L3

**Div 2 Mamhead:** v Plymouth (H) 16.3.19 Won 3-1 (Brooks ½ Thynne ½ Howard 1 Nyman 1)

Final match v Exmouth (A) 27.4.19 but we have already won the Mamhead with a 100 score to date. Congratulations to Paul Brooks and his squad.

**Div 3 Schofield:** v East Budleigh (A) 23.3.19 Won 3-1 (Brooks 0 Blackmore 1 Taylor 1 Niranjana Narayanan 1)

Final record: P4 W2 D2 L0. Wilf Taylor's team win the Schofield Cup (again!)  
Congratulations!

**Div 4 Moyle:** v Teignmouth (H) 2.3.19 Won 2.5-1.5 (Barber-Lafon ½ McMullan 1 Hussey 1 Naru Narayanan 0)

Final match 13.4.19 v Barnstaple (A) but Jacquie Barber-Lafon's team has retained the Moyle Cup with a 100 record to date. Congratulations to the team members!

**Rooke Knock-Out Cup :** Following our 5-3 win over Teignmouth in February we meet a tough Seaton team at the Courtenay Centre on 13th April: Team is Stephens, Howard,

Bowhay, Nyman, Blackmore, Taylor, McMullan, Holland – 8 boards under 1120 grade. Great to see four new members in this team with some of the established stars away on holiday!

**Internal Tournaments:** Good progress has been made in all three sections of the club championship though there are plenty of game still to be completed. For details of current standings go to our website.

**End-of-season arrangements:** The club continues to meet every Thursday up to the 16th May. Club tournaments close on that evening and the **Annual General Meeting and Presentation of Awards** will take place on the following **Thursday 23rd May** after which the club closes for the summer. Those keen members who want to carry on with their chess during the summer should contact Teignmouth Chess Club who meet on Tuesdays at the Alice Cross Centre and who have, in the past, welcomed a few of our members in the summer months.

**ChessDevon website:** With the recent sad death of webmaster Bill Frost (your secretary represented the club at his funeral) there is currently no online outlet for local chess news but it is hoped that a new Devon Chess website will be operating next season. Watch this space!

#### **Upcoming congresses:**

There is still time to enter the annual **West of England Championships** at Exmouth held over the Easter weekend (19-22 April). For details go to the ECF website and follow the link to tournament calendar.

**The British Championships** are being held at the English Riviera Centre, Torquay this summer: 26 July – 4 August). There are tournaments at all levels of play and a full range of Junior tournaments. Juniors can apply for **£25 bursaries** to offset against cost of entry from the Devon County Chess Association (details from Trefor Thynne or on the Devon Junior Chess Association website). Again the ECF website will enable you to find all relevant information about the Championships – a big opportunity for local players to take part in a national event.

Your Secretary will be away playing chess in Greece from 13-24 April. Mike Hussey will be in charge of the club on 18th April.

Good luck to those members representing the club in the final matches of the season. And, finally birthday wishes (today! ) from all of us to our hard-working treasurer, Jacquie!

Trefor Thynne

Secretary 6.4.19

