

# NEWTON ABBOT CHESS CLUB

## November newsletter

Dear club member

With the season now in full swing I am sending out this short newsletter to keep everyone up to date with what is going on. Don't forget that the **club's website** ([www.newtonabbotchessclub.org.uk](http://www.newtonabbotchessclub.org.uk)) is now fully operational thanks to Paul Brooks' hard work – club championship tables, fixture results, games played by members – they are all there!

We have done really well in recruiting **new members** this year – a big welcome to John Stephens, Leon Farmer, Jason Cole, Thomas Bonds, Sam Wilkes (adult members) and Oliver Mortimer, Bradley Holland, Jacob Warren, Alfie Sequeira, Aarv Paul, Caleb Greeves (junior members). We hope you enjoy your time with us.

At the recent **Torbay Chess Congress** several members of the club took part in the various sections. Congratulations to Niranjana Narayanan who came home with a £30 Slow Starter prize in the Foundation tournament. Full results of our players can be found on the congress website.

### November match results:

Torbay League Premier 6.11.18: NA "A" 4 Teignmouth 0 (Stephens 1 Homer 1 Brooks 1 Kennedy-Bruyneels 1)

TL4 8.11.18: NA 1 ½ (Barber-Lafon ½ Hussey 0 Raine 1 Nir. Narayanan 0) South Hams 2 ½

TLR-P 12.11.18 NA 0 Plymouth 4 (match conceded by default)

TL 3 15.11.18 NA 2 (Cole ½ Barber-Lafon ½ Hussey 0 Kennedy-Bruyneels 1) South Hams 2

TL4 20.11.18 NA 3 (Hussey 1 Raine 0 Kennedy-Bruyneels 1 Naru Narayanan 1) Teignmouth 1

TLR-P 22.11.18: NA 4 (Brusey 0 Kinder 1 Blackmore 2 Hussey 1) South Hams 4

### Upcoming Torbay League fixtures:

Thursday 6th December: Divisions 3 and 4 v Torquay Boys' G.S (Home)

Tuesday 11th December: Premier Division NA "B" v Teignmouth (Away)

Thursday 13th December: Premier division NA "A" v South hams (Home)

### **DCCA match programme:**

The season of Saturday matches in the Devon leagues gets under way this Saturday (1st December): Wilf Taylor's Division 3 (Schofield Cup) team welcomes Exeter to the Courtenay centre while Jacquie Barber-Lafon captains our Division 4 (Moyle Cup) team away to Teignmouth. Good luck to both as we seek to retain the two trophies!

The following Saturday (8th) sees our Division 1 (Bremridge Cup) team at home to Exmouth while the Division 2 (Mamhead Cup) team host South Hams on the 15th December.

**ECF League management system:** members may be interested to know that both the Torbay League and the DCCA are using the new **ECF League Management system** to administer their team competitions. Fixtures, results and details of matches played are all easily accessible via a link from the ECF home page ([www.englishchess.org](http://www.englishchess.org)).

### **Friendly match v Torquay Boys' G.S Year 9:**

In order to give competitive match practice to some newer members there will be a four board **friendly Rapidplay** match on Thursday 13th at home to a team from year 9 at TBGS.

The following Thursday club night (the last before Xmas) sees us welcome local **Grandmaster Keith Arkell** for a **Simultaneous Display**. Keith is currently competing in the World Seniors Championship in BLED, Slovenia. If you wish to book a place in this event please pay £5 to our treasurer, Jacquie.

The club's **internal tournaments** are now well underway. Our tournament controller, Paul Brooks, has asked members to do their best to play 3 games before Xmas. Updated **cross-pairing tables** for the three championship sections can be seen on the club's website together with a selection of games played. If you would like to have your games posted on the site please let Paul have a copy. Don't be shy!

**Junior news:** it is great to see so many junior members attending regularly and the Junior Tournament has already had a lot of games played in it. Juniors – please remember to always use a clock with a minimum time of 30 minutes per player and do not forget to enter your results in the **RESULTS' BOOK** and on the **chart**. I have asked **Alan Brusey** to take on a role monitoring the progress of this tournament.

Another request for juniors – please always pack away your sets and boards when you have finished your games – it helps if it is not left to those last to leave the club.

And a reminder for juniors that the **DEVON JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be held on Sunday 9th December at a new venue – WEST EXE SCHOOL, Exeter (EX2 9JU). There are sections for Under 9/11/15/18 age groups. We encourage you to enter for this important tournament the results of which will be a guide to the selectors of Devon junior teams in the New Year. (**Full details available on:** [www.devonjuniorchess.co.uk/events](http://www.devonjuniorchess.co.uk/events))

**Coaching sessions:** the committee made a commitment to put on coaching sessions for members, primarily but not exclusively aimed at newer or less experienced players. So far with so much going on we have not run any but if there is any demand for one this coming **Thursday (29th November)** I am happy to put on a short coaching session based around an **interesting recent game**. My suggestion is to make an early start at 6 p.m. which would enable members who then wish to play a tournament game to do so. I am happy to do this even if only a couple of members are interested so just let me know ([tthynne@sky.com](mailto:tthynne@sky.com)).

**Club rota** reminder: 29.11 Paul/6.12 Alan/13.12 Andrew/20.12 Jacquie

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