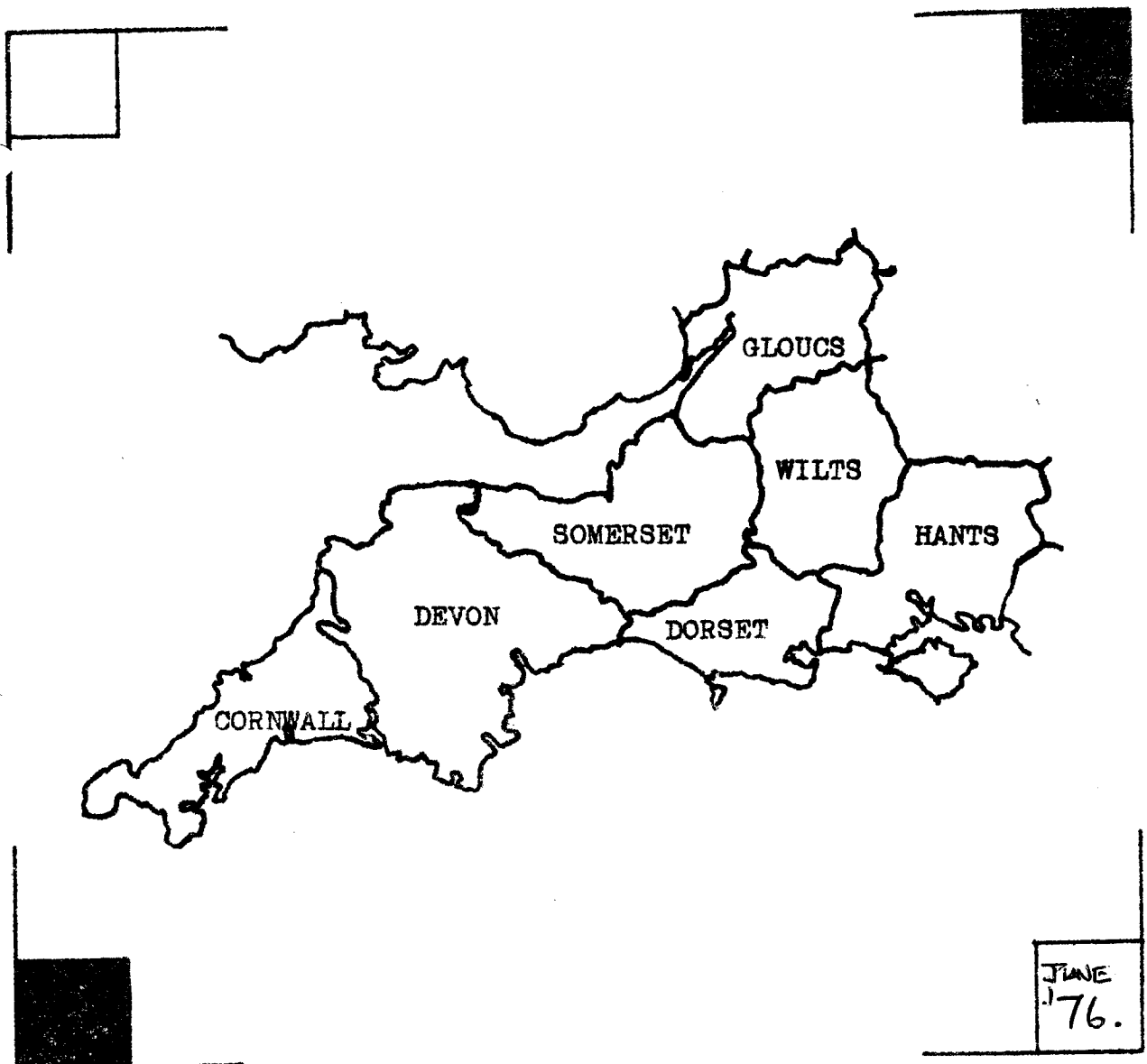


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The President and Officers, together with the first named representative
of each of the above counties.

SELECTION COMMITTEE.

F.C. Kingdon, E.G. Walker, R.H. Newman, A.R.B. Thomas.

EDITORIAL.

We have just been to the Channel Islands for a week and I have taken an extra weeks holiday to catch up on my various activities. With the W.E.C.U. Council Meeting over, the minutes written and nearly two days spent on "Westward Ho" I am beginning to see some daylight on this front. I thought I would list my other commitments besides working in the Agricultural Merchant Trade. I am a member of the Rotary Club in Camborne (Secretary of one of its main committees); Secretary of Helston Fatstock Show; Secretary to Abbeyfield (Camborne Ltd House Committee, a Home for the Elderly); Secretary for the Camborne Charity Road Walk; Secretary & Treasurer of Praze Institute (A Donkey Derby/Barbecue/Dancing coming off, also new toilet block being built); President of Helston & St. Keverne Young Farmers Club and a few smaller jobs together with an allotment. Its no wonder I only look in at Helston Chess Club about once a year !!

Derek Bond.

Letter from B.C.F. President (J. Rushton)

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SKY 2PH.

10th. June, 1976

On the eve of my retirement from office, I would like to thank the Executive Committee and all the ordinary members of the West of England Chess Union for their support of the B.C.F. during the last three years.

I believe that, largely through the energy and enthusiasm of their officers, the W.E.C.U. members have maintained a most praiseworthy goodwill towards and faith in the Federation, for which I am extremely grateful. I hope that we are now entering a more stable period in which this past investment of goodwill and financial support will yield handsome dividends in the form of benefits of various chess kinds for the members.

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

J. Rushton.

COUNCIL FIXES FINANCE. ... on April 24 the BCF Council, the highest body of the BCF, met to set the levy fee for next year and to consider the Federation's Budget for 1976-77. The meeting was a long one, lasting 5½ hours and using nearly every minute of it. This was the first meeting of the Council under the provisions of the new Constitution, whereby a meeting is held to consider nothing but the levy, and at which counties are now directly represented. Of the 39 counties affiliated to the Federation's constituent units, 31 were present in person or by valid proxy. The resolution eventually carried by the Council was as follows:

- "(i) the income to be raised by levy dues in 1976-77 shall be increased to £6,600 inclusive of Value Added Tax.
- (ii) in line with the increase in levy dues, the Registration Fee shall be increased by 20% i.e. from 50p. to 60p., and that the Constitution and Rules be amended as appropriate."

A proposal from the BCF Executive Committee that the Board Fee be raised from 5p. to 10p. was not accepted.

Last year 212 levy points were at £25 each: if 212 points remain, the sum per point will be £31.15. A proposal is to be made to the Council in July to round this down to £30.

"Ottawa House" Polperro, Cornwall.

I am looking for opponents to play at correspondence chess and was wondering if any players would enjoy a couple of games played this way; it would not be a part of any official postal event but merely chess for the love of it. I have correspondence chess sheets and envelopes. If interested please let me know.

(2) Gary Trudeau.

English Counties

<u>Gloucestershire</u>			<u>Hampshire</u>			
1.	A. Ashby	1	-	-	Default	0
2.	J.M. Aitken	1	187-186		M. Thompson	1
3.	P.J. Meade	1	187-194		A. Brameld	2
4.	M. Jones	1	180-168		D. Bell	0
5.	M.E. Brigden	1	188 -		Default	0
6.	M. Burns	0	184-190		M. Newbury	1
7.	M. Davis	1	180-180		H.A. Killick	0
8.	R.O. Powis	1	177-188		A. Cullinane	0
9.	H.K. Millbank	0	112 -		J. Patience	1
10.	M.C. Goodland	1	170-169		A. Berry	0
11.	K.W. Derrick	1	170 -		R. Hartley	1
12.	R.C. Campbell	1	167-170		J. Corfield	1
13.	M.A. Cook	1	165-174		B. Andrews	1
14.	I.R. Pickup	1	157-174		A. Le Feure	1
15.	J.K. Fawcett	1	167-159		P. Marshall	2
16.	S. Finn	1	160-165		I. Stenhouse	0
		<u>10</u>				<u>5</u>
		<u>1/2</u>				<u>1/2</u>

Minor Counties

<u>Gloucestershire</u>			<u>Hampshire</u>			
1.	R.J. Dixon	1/2	151-162		L. Walters	1/2
2.	G.P. Taylor	0	160-163		P. Hackman	1
3.	R.C. Last	1	161-151		M. Clarke	0
4.	H.J. Draisley	1	152-161		A. Crossin	0
5.	S.W. Maggs	0	136-162		A. Barton	1
6.	C.R. Pillinger	1	149-150		S. Chivers	0
7.	A. Howe	1/2	- 150		S. Cool	1/2
8.	C. Powney	0	141-157		R. Walmisley	1
9.	M.G. Powis	1	143 -		M. Stone	0
10.	R. Lavington	0	145-155		N. Le Feure	1
11.	M. Davies	1	- 161		W. Silber	0
12.	S. Rice	1	138-151		K. Davies	0
13.	J.R.B. Steadman	1/2	121-130		M. Meaton	1/2
14.	D.C. Jarrett	1	175 -		Default	0
15.	G. Cooksey	0	- 143		S. LeFeure	1
16.	G. Anthony	1/2	129-123		R. Noyes	1/2
		<u>9</u>				<u>7</u>
		<u>1/2</u>				<u>1/2</u>

English Counties

<u>Dorset</u>			<u>Devon</u>			
1.	J. Anderson	1/2	182-206		A.R.B. Thomas	1/2
2.	Dr. I. Roebuck	0	197-206		P. Waters	1
3.	R.H.K. Mann	1	184 -		J.F. Wheeler	0
4.	Dr. P. Merrett	1	181 -		G. Wheeler	0
5.	H.D. Needham	1	17 -181		I. Legg	0
6.	M.J. Roth	0	168-172		R. Amos	1
7.	R. Valentine	1	168-176		T.F. Thynne	1
8.	R. Burton	1	167-170		K. Schofield	1
9.	A. Pike	1	163-171		R.M. Bruce	1
10.	S. Street	1	162-177		R. Heasman	0
11.	F.C. Kingdom	0	160-162		P. Walden	1
12.	P. Dearlove	1	159-167		B.W. Clapp	1
13.	S.J. Shutler	1	157-159		Mrs R.M. Bruce	1
14.	D.P. Lock	1	161-177		G. Lawrence	1
15.	D.K. Bevis	1	158-145		K.J. Woodworth	0
16.	D.W. Lock	1	145 -		J.K. Gross	0
		<u>9</u>				<u>6</u>
		<u>1/2</u>				<u>1/2</u>

Minor Counties

17. Dr. J.F. Tilney-Bassett	0	155-146	R. Liggitt	$\frac{1}{2}$
18. F.V. Wallace	$\frac{1}{2}$	147-159	S.R. Boniface	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. P. Anderson	0	150-152	S. Williams	1
20. E. Twamley	0	144-135	C. Scott	1
21. R. Kinnersley	0	142-154	P. Halmkin	1
22. H.R. Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$	137-155	J. Hutchings	$\frac{1}{2}$
23. B.J. Broadhouse	$\frac{1}{2}$	146-158	E.G. Sparke	$\frac{1}{2}$
24. P. Burnham	$\frac{1}{2}$	- 137	M. Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$
25. Canon A. Mackenzie	0	- 147	C. Gilbey	1
26. J. Kiraly	0	- 143	J. Parker	1
27. K. Spackman	$\frac{1}{2}$	120-136	Dr. R.W. Hitchcock	$\frac{1}{2}$
28. W.A. Shutler	1	129-141	W.A. Frost	0
29. P. Colmer	1	- -	A.W. Tyrell	0
30. P. Mant	0	125-150	H.R. Pearce	1
31. R.A.G. Marples	0	115-149	I. Annetts	1
32. W.G.J. Wallace	0	-	G. Lane	1
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	$4\frac{1}{2}$			$11\frac{1}{2}$

R.H.K. Mann.
Hon. Sec. Dorset C.C.A.

Cornwall.

1. P.H. Clarke	$\frac{1}{2}$	217-193
2. M. Watkins	0	157-178
3. R.J. Grime	$\frac{1}{2}$	159- -
4. A.W. Busby	$\frac{1}{2}$	152-165
5. Mrs. M.E.E. Clarke	0	169-161
6. P. Day	1	- -165
7. P.H. Breach	0	161-149
8. B.H. Turner	0	150-155
9. S. Shirley	0	149-153
10. A.J. Gunn	0	150-163
11. C. Tylor	$\frac{1}{2}$	148-148
12. J.J. Van der Velde	1	145-148
13. K. Gay	$\frac{1}{2}$	149-154
14. L.G. Shroll	0	134-146
15. S. Kaweme	0	135-150
16. W.H. Peek	$\frac{1}{2}$	121-130
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Somerset.

R. Northage	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Whitcutt	1
A. Roberts	$\frac{1}{2}$
A. Borkowski	$\frac{1}{2}$
C. Chapman	1
R.W. Gregory	0
S.H. Brocklesby	1
B. Crouter	1
C. Winch	0
B. King	1
D. Woodruff	$\frac{1}{2}$
J. Fewkes	0
C. Lasper	$\frac{1}{2}$
H.G. Thomas	1
R. Gray	1
C. Stanford	$\frac{1}{2}$
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Counties Championship

Gloucestershire

1. A. Ashby	0
2. M.E. Binks	0
3. P.J. Meade	$\frac{1}{2}$
4. M.E. Brigden	$\frac{1}{2}$
5. M. Davis	0
6. S.W. Dilkes	0
7. R.O. Powis	$\frac{1}{2}$
8. D.C. Jarrett	0
9. M.E. Poolake	0
10. K.W. Derrick	$\frac{1}{2}$
11. R.C. Campbell	$\frac{1}{2}$
12. S.P. Finn	1
13. D. Kulme	0
14. P.J. Tolhurst	0
15. R.J. Dixon	0
16. R.C. Last	$\frac{1}{2}$
17. S.W. Maggs	0
18. J.A.R. Cousins	$\frac{1}{2}$
19. C.R. Pillinger	0
20. A. Holis	0
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	$4\frac{1}{2}$

Kent

A. Phillips	1
M.V. Lampshire	1
A. Hanreek	$\frac{1}{2}$
M. MacDonald Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$
Sir. S. Milner Barry	1
R.O. Kelly	1
R. de L. Holmes	$\frac{1}{2}$
M.P. Cook	1
N. Oliver	1
S. MacDonald Ross	$\frac{1}{2}$
J.N. Briggs	$\frac{1}{2}$
I. M. Allan	0
J. Johnson	1
L. Pickett	1
R.C. Penkcost	1
D.J. Masters	$\frac{1}{2}$
R. Parry	1
P.B. Cook	$\frac{1}{2}$
D.J. Barnes	1
D.C. Taylor	1
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	$15\frac{1}{2}$

Hampshire was decisively beaten by Yorkshire in the Quarter-finals of the English Counties Championship (5 games to 15) in a match that was played at Sutton Coldfield. Detailed scores (Hants names first):

P.J. Lee $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Eley $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Keane $\frac{1}{2}$, M. Haygarth $\frac{1}{2}$; K. Gregory 0, B. Jones 1;
D. Bell $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Westra $\frac{1}{2}$; M.L. Newbury $\frac{1}{2}$, H. Russell $\frac{1}{2}$; J. Corfield $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Vickery $\frac{1}{2}$;
A.J. Berry 0, D. Lister 1; D.E. Bower 1, J. Beaty 0; A. LeFevre 0, E. Little 1;
A. Killick $\frac{1}{2}$, J. Atkinson $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Hartley 0, D. Markham 1; T. Cowling $\frac{1}{2}$,
D. Firth $\frac{1}{2}$; P. Andrews 0, P. Blackman 1; S. Dean 0, J. Burnett 1; P.L. Marshall 0,
D. Bennett 1; L.C. Walters $\frac{1}{2}$, S. Goodman $\frac{1}{2}$; R. Cameron 0, A. Deighton 1;
S. Chivers 0, T. Fearnley 1; I. Stenhouse 0, P. Wade 1; Default 0, E. Muldoon 1.

REGISTRATION

Total Registration

Devon	337
Hampshire	199
Gloucestershire	187
Somerset	185
Dorset	146
Cornwall	137
Wiltshire	121

W.E.C.U. Council Meeting

Minutes of the above Meeting (Unsigned)

18 Members attended with 7 Apologies

2. MINUTES of the 18th Annual General Meeting held on Saturday June 7th, 1975 were accepted and signed.
3. MATTERS ARISING The President explained that the adjudications at the 1975 Southampton Congress had been performed by Dr. I. Roebuck of Dorset.
4. PRESIDENT'S REPORT The President referred to the differences between the W.E.C.U. and the B.C.F. concerning the way the B.C.F. levy scheme had been managed. Nevertheless he was certain the W.E.C.U. was held in great regard by the B.C.F., because of the efficient way in which we handled our affairs, and because of the constructive ideas being generated within the Union for the efficient re-organisation of the B.C.F. structures. He congratulated Mr. R.H. Newman upon his appointment as Chairman of the B.C.F. Development Committee, and Mr. A. Wade upon his appointment as Auditor of the B.C.F. accounts. Finally he thanked all officers of the Union for the efficient and ready way in which they had discharged their duties.
5. SECRETARY'S REPORT The Secretary stated that during the last twelve months there have been two meetings of the Executive. He thanked the Officials for their help and congratulated The Union on its fine team of Officials that are on the various B.C.F. Committees.
6. MATCH CAPTAIN'S REPORT At the Inter County Jamboree held at Exeter, Hampshire won the Senior Jamboree and Plymouth the Graded Jamboree. It was decided that Exeter be the venue for this event until another suitable place could be found. Hampshire has won the English Counties and Harold Meek Trophy with Gloucestershire second. Devonshire has won the Minor Counties and Wayling Cup.
7. TREASURER'S REPORT In the absence of the Treasurer his written report was accepted. This showed a satisfactory year's working. Due to less expenses on the Congress, a small profit on Westward Ho!; a cut in the delegates travel and room hire; and an increase of both Board and Registration Fees.
8. JUNIOR SECRETARY (Read in his absence) He reported that five Juniors had represented England in the past twelve months. Bristol Grammar School and Southern Grammar School, Portsmouth reached the last four of the Sunday Times Tournament. Hampshire had won both the Boys and Girls under 18 Team Championship.

9. CONGRESS SECRETARY The 31st Congress was held at Weston Super Mare with 106 entries. As there was no charge for the hall, a small profit was expected. D.M. Wise had won the championship. He suggested an under 11 Championship next year.

10. WESTWARD HO! REPORT The editor Mr. D. Bond, appealed for more support with articles, letters etc., from members. The profit had increased due to donations in paying for the postages and stencilling. Free copies of the Autumn issue had been sent to all Clubs in the Union.

11. REGISTRATION OFFICER In his report he gave an account of the B.C.F. Special meeting in London to discuss finance. He stated that out of 22 possible votes, from the W.E.C.U., only 13 delegates came to the meeting or voted by proxy.

12. B.C.F. EXECUTIVE REPORT Mr. Newman outlined the B.C.F. Years Workings. He stated that the Greater Manchester County was a County in its own rights and had elected to join the Midlands Chess Union. Mr. Newman gave an outline of the "Poole Report" and his own follow up report regarding the structures of the B.C.F.

13. All Officers were thanked for their work.

14. PRESENTATION OF TROPHIES

1. Harold Meek : Hampshire (Trophy not returned)
2. Wayling Cup : Devonshire
3. Brid.D.Morris Cup : Not Awarded yet (Trophy not Returned)
4. A.E. Giles Trophy : Competition not completed.

15. Election of Officers (See front Page)

16. B.C.F. DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTIONS: Outlined by Mr. Newman.

- 1) That the Federation retain its present name.
- 2) That the existing Executive Committee structure is far too cumbersome and expensive.
- 3) That the Union representation of the Executive Committee be retained with the Union Representatives being in the majority.

These resolutions were passed by the Council with no votes against. Delegates to the B.C.F. Council were asked to support these resolutions when they came up for rectification.

17. B.C.F. UNION INCOME B.C.F. Levy scheme to be increased by 20%. The Registration Officer asked County Secretaries to study their levy numbers and let him know if they wished to appeal against them. Union Board Fees and registration to remain at 7p.

18. A proposition by Mr. F.C. Kingdon that "All unregistered players shall be debarred from the September 1977 published Grading List", was carried - no votes against. A counter proposition from Dorset that "The financial levy number for any county shall be directly related to the number of players from that county appearing in the grading list. The grades of players from any county who pays its levy in full, shall not be withheld without prior consent of that County", was also discussed, but withdrawn in preference to the original proposition. Gloucester welcomed the debarring of unregistered players as a way to increase their finances.

19. A resolution regarding minute seven of the Executive Meeting, 6th March 1976, regarding the Junior Jamboree grant was referred back to the Executive, with powers to make the final decision, as the Devon team had as far to travel as the Hants team.

20. MATCH PROGRAMME The Match Programme as shown on the Agenda was agreed with the alteration of the 4th Sept. Executive meeting to the 18th.

21. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. It was hoped that the 1977 Congress would be held in Cheltenham.
2. The subscription of Westward Ho for 1976/77 would be £1.50 for 4 issues and 75p for the Grading Copy only.

3. The counties who had subscribed to the Alexander Memorial Fund would have their monies refunded because the fund had been closed before the monies were paid over.

4. Sudden death play offs would not be counted towards grading.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.10 p.m.

BRITISH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION 1975/76

ZONE H. FINAL

No.	Name	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	P.H. Clarke	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	3
2	I.P. Legg	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 ^D	3
3	A.F. Brameld	0	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
4	Mrs M.E.E. Clarke	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
5	T.P. Love	$\frac{1}{2}$	0 ^D	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	1

A tie match of two games was played which Clarke won, $1\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2}$. The winner is congratulated on his success which qualifies him for a place in the British Chess Championship at Portsmouth, August 9 to 21, 1976.

THE WEST OF ENGLAND CHESS UNION'S 31st ANNUAL EASTER CONGRESS was as warm and friendly as the weather last week-end at the Town Hall, Weston-Super-Mare. All ran smoothly thanks, in the main, to E.G. Walker who, for 14 years, has been prime organiser and to R.O. Powis for his admirable control of the events. Many thanks too, must go to Mrs Walker and her band of anonymous helpers who provided such an excellent refreshment service with a host of home made goodies at a very modest cost. The prizes were presented by Mrs. F.C. Kingdon, wife of the President, who was presented with a token of appreciation from the players by Catherine Hutchings, the Girls Championship winner. One sad note was the announcement by Mr. Walker that it would most likely be his last Championship. As he is retiring from work this year, he has decided that enough is enough, and is looking for a successor.

Championship. Going into the final round, L.P. Burnett led by $\frac{1}{2}$ point, at $4\frac{1}{2}$ over M.J. Staples, S. Taulbut and D.M. Wise, but a win by Wise over Burnett and Taulbut over Staples left these two tying for the championship. This is the third time in four years that Derek Wise has got his name on the cup, this time in company with Shaun Taulbut who has come top for the first time. Results: S. Taulbut (Marlborough) and D.M. Wise (Gloucester) 5; L.P. Burnett (Somerset) and P.H. Clarke (Bude) $4\frac{1}{2}$; J.M. Aitken (Cheltenham) A.P. Ashby (Bristol), D.A. LeMoir (Gloucester) M.J. Staples (Somerset) G.W. Wheeler (Plymouth) 4;

Challengers. S. Williams took the lead in the third round by $\frac{1}{2}$ point and managed to hold on to it although challenged to the end by S. Street and K.S. Shipton. Results: S. Williams (Plymouth) 5; S. Street (Poole) K.S. Shipton (Bath) $4\frac{1}{2}$; C.J. Bellers (Taunton), A.J. Berry (Southampton) P.E. Halmkin (Dawlish) Mrs. M.E. Clarke (Bude) C. Gilbey (Weymouth), H.G. Thomas (Nailsea) $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Reserves. J.A. Tuck led from start to finish had a clean score and had won with a round to spare. Results: J.A. Tuck (Bath) 6; R. Maishman (Burnham) D.S. Reed (Bristol) 4, J.W. Collins (Portishead), M.J. Davies (Bristol). D.G. Woodruff (Keynsham) $3\frac{1}{2}$.

Open. Here the Union's president proved that he is more than just a figurehead by tying with J.P. Knee for first place. Results: F.C. Kingdon (Weymouth) J.P. Knee (Malvern) $4\frac{1}{2}$; J.A.R. Cousins (Bristol) 4; R. Hardy (King's Lynn) $3\frac{1}{2}$; R. Barton (Bristol) $2\frac{1}{2}$; R.J. Nash (Boston) 2; C.L. Bray (London) A.R. Wills (Exeter) $1\frac{1}{2}$; Junior. T. Headlong and D.A. Hick were tying through rounds 5 and 6. An early win for Hick in the final round left Headlong with the knowledge that only a win would do, but he faltered at the last and had to settle for a draw. Results. D.A. Hick (Taunton) $6\frac{1}{2}$; T. Headlong (Paulton) 6; S. Blackford (St.Ives) $3\frac{1}{2}$; P. Board (Weston) M.V. House (Bristol) S.P. Wrixon (Corfe) 3; S.K. Dean (Sidmouth) 2; N. Ancell (Swindon) 1.

Minor. D. Spurgeon won this one with a round to spare. Results: D. Spurgeon $5\frac{1}{2}$; M.A. Hick (Taunton), C. Brooks, (Bristol), A. Yeoman (Bristol) $4\frac{1}{2}$; P. Norris (Bristol) S. Pike (Burnham) 4

Girls. Catherine Hutchings (Plymouth) 9; Carol Perrett (Bristol) 7½;
Jane Blackford (St.Ives) Kim Smith (Bristol) 5; Sally Yeoman (Bristol) 3;
Julie Smith (Bristol) ½.

All-play-all. Section A. A.D. Wood (Burnham) 4; G. McKinley
(Bridgwater) 3½; D.W. Blackford (St.Ives) 2½; E.J. Clarke (Weymouth) 2;
C.M. Oliver (Cheltenham) R.J. Gouldsworthy (Cheltenham) 1½.

Section B. W.G. Oliver (Cheltenham) 5; P.T. Guyan (Portishead) 3;
M.J. Boag (Exeter) 2½; M. Knight (Stroud) 2; I.R. Hickinbotham
(Nailsworth) 1½; Miss M.J. Goodwin (Poole) 1.

CORNWALL

At the Cornwall Annual General Meeting held on 19th May in Truro,
the Officials, who were all re-elected, confirmed that the interest
of Chess had improved over the last twelve months. There was a record
entry for the Congress, there was 100% registration with the B.C.F.,
registering 135 members. The accounts showed a profit of £8.00, leaving
a balance of £217.62. Counties were fielding stronger teams against
Cornwall, 25 players playing for the County team this year.

Results:

The County Shield: St.Ives
Roberts Cup: (Equal 1st) Camborne Redruth; Godolphin A.
St.Austell A.
Grenville Cup: Saltash School
Emigrant Cup: Mark Watkins
Falmouth Cup: A. Barkhuysen
Napier Cup: M. Prettejohn.

BRISTOL & DISTRICT

With the exception of two results still outstanding, the following
League tables are complete for the season.

Division 1.

	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>		<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Downend & Fishponds A	18	29	Sea Mills A	18	14
University A	18	27	Downend & Fishponds B	18	13
Bristol & Clifton A	18	24	Totterdown YMCA	18	12
Hanham & Kingswood A	18	22	Bristol & Clifton B	18	11
University C	18	15	University B	18	11

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CHESS 2

<u>Division 2</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>Division 3.</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Yatton A	20	34	Thornbury A	20	33
Hanham & Kingswood B	20	29	Bristol & Clifton C	20	33
University D	20	26	Hanham & Kingswood C	20	26
Central YMCA A	20	25	Natwest A	20	22
Horfield A	20	23	University E	20	22
Yatton B	20	19	Keynsham A	19	20
Sea Mills B	20	17	Bristol & Clifton D	19	14
Downend & Fishponds C	19	17	Sea Mills C	20	14
Patchway A	19	10	Pegasus A	20	12
Cabot A	20	10	Horfield B	20	12
Downend & Fishponds D	20	8	Wills Hall	20	10

Division 4

Congresbury A	22	39
Keynsham B	22	30
Yatton C	22	25
Civil Service A	22	24
Thornbury B	22	24
Bristol Omnibus	22	23
Patchway B	22	21
University F	22	20
Hanham & Kingswood	22	19
Cabot B	22	15
Bristol & Clifton E	22	14

Division 5

Thornbury	20	33
Phoenix	20	30
Miles Druce	20	27
Downend & Fishponds E	20	22
Natwest B	20	22
University Staff	20	19
Horfield C	20	19
Central YMCA B	20	15
University G	20	12
Congresbury B	20	11
Civil Service B	20	10

Bristol & District League. The A.G.M. of the League held at the Clubroom of the Bristol Omnibus Club. It was unanimously approved that Mr. Cyril Welch and Mr. David Jarrett be elected honorary life vice-presidents of the League.

Colin Chambers' honour in being selected again for England's team in the Blind Players Olympiad in Finland in August was acclaimed. A fund was opened with the aim of raising the fare of £170 and, with the League's donation of £8, it reached £21 at the meeting. It is hoped that all lovers of the game and local clubs will be generous in their support of this most worthy appeal for a player who has overcome such a handicap to achieve this outstanding honour. Mr. Schaefer, the League's secretary has opened an account at Lloyds Bank, High Street, Yatton - Bristol Chess League Support account (No. 0042858) - to which all donations should be sent.

There was some concern shown by members at the meeting that too many games were required to be played in the League to the detriment of clubs' own and other tournaments. Several means of reducing the number of games were suggested and the leagues committee was requested to consider these with the aim of making a change in the coming season or 1977/78.

Officers elected for the coming season were: President, M. Wood (Downend); Vice-President, D. Woodruff (Keynsham); Chairman, C. Pillinger, (Hanham and Kingswood); Vice-Chairman, I. Apsey (Horfield); Secretary, G.L.A. Schaefer, (Yatton); Asst. Secretary, C.J. Hutchings, (Bristol and Clifton); Treasurer, K. Cleake (Downend); Adjud. Sec. D.J. Adams (Yatton); Tournament Organiser, M. Passmore, (Downend); Auditor M. Wood.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION - ANNUAL MEETING

Reshuffle of offices: post of Resignations Secretary abolished - duties to be taken over by Secretary - new post of Tournaments Organiser created - Match Vice-Captain re-styled Match Secretary.

Officers Elected:

President: C.J. Hutchings (Bristol & Clifton)
Vice-President: A.W.R. Thomas (Stroud)
Hon. Secretary: R.O. Powis (Stroud)
Hon. Treasurer: L.A. Dorrington (Sea Mills).
Match Captain: K.W. Derrick (Sea Mills).
Match Secretary: R.J. Dixon (Gloucester).
Hon. Secretary Correspondence Chess: R. Selfe (Cheltenham.)
Hon. Secretary Junior Chess: C. Pillinger (Hanham).
Hon. Grading Officers: P.J. Meade (Cheltenham).
D.C. JARRETT (Hanham)
Delegates to W.E.C.U. D.C. Jarrett (Hanham) - Executive.
Dr. J.M. Aitken (Cheltenham)

REGISTRATION/LEVY SCHEME

Three motions discussed:

- 1) That GCCA rejects proposal not to grade players who are not registered - heavily defeated.
- 2) That GCCA wishes to express continued opposition to Levy Scheme because there is a grave danger that at some point in the future the county would not be able to meet its commitments - carried nem.con.
- 3) That GCCA urges BCF to provide more facilities for average club player particularly in view of increased financial demands being made - carried - by 5-4 (10 abstentions).

South Glos. v North Glos. match to be played on October 23rd. when Glos. have bye in first round of Counties Championships.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS.
FINAL TABLES 1975-1976.

ENGLISH COUNTIES. CHAMPIONSHIP & HAROLD MEEK TROPHY.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Hampshire	6	5	0	1	59½	36½	10
Gloucestershire	6	4	1	1	56	40	9
Dorset	6	4	1	1	51	45	9
Devon	6	4	0	2	53	43	8
Somerset	6	2	0	4	48	48	4
Wiltshire	6	1	0	5	38	58	2
Cornwall	6	0	0	6	35½	60½	0

MINOR COUNTIES. CHAMPIONSHIP & AYLING CUP.

Devon	5	4	0	1	50½	29½	8
Gloucestershire	5	3	1	1	43½	36½	7
Hampshire	5	3	0	2	45½	34½	6
Somerset	5	2	1	2	38	42	5
Dorset	5	1	0	4	38	42	2
Wiltshire	5	1	0	4	24½	55½	2

TROPHIES RESULTS.

Harold Meek Trophy - Hampshire. Runner Up: Gloucestershire (English Counties Championship)

Wayling Cup - Devon. (Minor Championship)

Bristol Cup - Hampshire (Senior Jamboree)

R.H. Newman Trophy - Plymouth (Graded Jamboree).

Junior Jamboree - Boys, Hampshire. Girls, Hampshire.

A.E. Giles Trophy - (School that gets farthest in Sunday Times).

Bristol or Portsmouth.

NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE LEAGUE TABLES.

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
<u>Division 1.</u>					
Stroud	9	7	1	1	15
Gloucester	9	4	0	5	8
Chelt. Rooks	9	3	1	5	7
Chelt. Knights	9	3	0	6	6
<u>Division 2.</u>					
Cheltenham	10	10	0	0	20
Gloucester	10	8	0	2	16
Cheltenham G.S.	10	4	1	5	9
Stroud	10	3	1	6	7
Marling School	10	2	1	7	5
Dowty	10	1	1	8	3
<u>Division 3 (South)</u>					
Nailsworth	12	10	0	2	20
Chelt. College	12	8	2	2	18
Chelt. Rooks	10	6	0	4	12
Stroud	12	6	0	6	12
Cirencester	11	3	2	6	8
Wycliffe Coll.	11	1	3	7	5
Cirencester Sch.	12	2	1	9	5

<u>Division 3. (North)</u>	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Rich's School	10	7	2	1	16
Chelt. Knights	10	7	0	3	14
Gloucester	10	4	3	3	11
Smiths	9	4	0	5	8
Churchdown	10	2	1	7	5
Crypt School	9	2	0	7	4

<u>Division 3 (West)</u>	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Tewksbury	12	11	1	0	23
C.E.G.B.	12	9	0	3	18
Gloucester	12	6	1	5	13
G.A.L.A.	12	5	1	6	11
Forest of Dean	12	4	1	7	9
Whitecross School	12	4	1	7	9
Whaddon	12	0	1	11	1

North Gloucestershire Individual Championship.

(Northern Section County Championship).

M.E. Burn (Gloucester) 5/6 - 16 entrants - 6-round Swiss tournament.

County Championship (Southern Section)

A. Kendry (Sea Mills) and M.E. Poolake (Bristol & Clifton) $4\frac{1}{2}/5$ - playing off.

County Club Championship.

Northern Section:

Cheltenham 9 Stroud 1; Stroud $8\frac{1}{2}$ CEGB $1\frac{1}{2}$; Stroud 5 Gloucester 5;
Gloucester 10 CEGB 0; CEGB 0 Cheltenham 10; Gloucester 5 Cheltenham 5.
Cheltenham are finalists.

Southern Section:

Bristol & Clifton 7 Hanham & Kingswood 3.

To be played: Hanham v Downend & Fishponds; Downend v Bristol.

DEVON COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting held on 12th June, 1976 at Exeter.

Mr. R.M. Bruce elected Honorary Life President of the Association in recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service over a long period.

Mr. K.S. Schofield was elected President for the ensuing two year period.

General Secretary: Mrs. J. Parker.

Treasurer: Mr. A.J.L. Wade.

Match Captain: R.M. Bruce

Competitions Secretary: P. Rooke.

Correspondence Chess Secretary: M.J. Boag.

Junior Chess Secretary: J.F. Chambers.

Congress Secretary: W. Frost.

Grading Officer: B.W. Clapp and R.H. Newman.

Publicity Officer: K.J. Bloodworth.

Delegates to the W.E.C.U.: Mrs J. Parker (Executive) and Mr. G.W. Wheeler
(Council)

Date of next Council Meeting: 2nd October 1976

President's Cup Match - a friendly match between the President's Team and the Match Captain's team held annually at the commencement of the season - Sunday, 19th September at the Seymour Hotel Totnes.

Paignton Congress: Opening Ceremony Sunday, September 5th, 5 p.m.

Results of 1975/76 Competitions:

B emridge Cup -	Exeter University
Mamhead Cup -	Plymouth
Schofield Cup -	Plymouth
Moyle Cup -	Plymouth

R.H. Newman presented a Cup for the 5th division for four boards which will now be known as the Newman Cup - winners Torquay.

Individual Championship - P.H. Clarke.

Intermediate - A.J.L. Wade. Minor Trophy - P. Rooke.

Ladies - Mrs Poweracre.

It is hoped to start a competition between the four Devon Leagues next season. As an introduction there will probably be a Jamboree, organised by R.H. Newman.

A shield was presented by K.J. Bloodworth to the winners of a First Primary Schools Jamboree held in Devon recently who were St. Joseph's School, Newton Abbot. It is hoped to develop this competition which will be an annual event.

In their reports the officials stated that there was a Balance in hand of £25.00 over the years workings, that many successful congresses were held within the County, and there was a general levelling up of playing standards at County level;

FIRST EAST DEVON CONGRESS

19-21st March, 1976

The Exeter University provided excellent playing conditions for the first East Devon Congress held in two halls in the Queens Building, with a sizeable analysis room between the two. An enormous amount of preparatory work had been done to ensure the smooth running of play and Mr. K. Schofield and his team of helpers were well rewarded for their labours in seeing a very successful weekend.

There were a number of defaults (these seem to be on the increase) but the total entry of 122 was very satisfactory. Out of this number, 73 were from South Devon, in fact, in the Minor Tournament 37 out of the 4 players were from this area. The Open Tournament attracted 38 entries and the Major 39.

Although competitors had the choice of either finishing games by a speed up of play or having them adjudicated after 40 moves, very few were in fact adjudicated, most players preferring to go the whole length. Players were also offered a choice of either afternoon or evening play on the Saturday, but most went for the afternoon play and only two were played during the evening.

Several Devon players were in the prize list:

OPEN 1st, J. Kinlay (Bristol); 2nd/4th, equal G.W. Wheeler (Plymouth) R. Waugh (Glasgow), and P.E. Halmkin (Teignmouth).

MAJOR 1st, K.J. Bloodworth (Plymouth); 2nd/5th, equal A.M. Tyrell (Torquay), C. Scott (Exmouth), D. McFarlane (Holsworthy) and S.J. Knight (Bristol).

MINOR 1st, S. Arnold (Torpoint) 5/5; 2nd S. McDonald (Exeter) 4½/5.

The Over 60 prize went to J.S. Kippen (Offery) 3/5.

The Under 18 prize was shared between G. Bernard and J. Montell (Saltash) and S. Wilks (Paignton) 3½/5

The Hexagon is appealing for financial help. In 1974 and 1975 it maintained the standard of the North Devon Congress only by digging deep into its reserves. This year the cost of staging the events on the two week-ends in October at Woolacombe will inevitably rise once again and even putting up the entrance fee will not be sufficient to balance the budget. Rather than cut the prize fund of £1,250 they are appealing for funds in the following ways. 1. To players to become a Supporter or friend of the Hexagon by sending the annual subscription £1 or £5 respectively to the Treasurer. Mrs J. Welch, Crossways, Yelland, Fremington, Barnstaple, Devon. 2. To existing Supporters or Friends to renew their subscriptions as soon as possible and to try to persuade a colleague to join. 3. To clubs in Devon, Cornwall and Somerset to arrange a simultaneous display by Peter Clarke. Half the fee, calculated at the rate of £1 per board (no extra charge for expenses) would be payable to the Hexagon. To ensure the success of the sixth Congress 50 Friends and 20 Supporters are needed.

The Third North Devon League Spring Congress, 23/25/April 1976

74 Entries

TAW Tournament

1st, R.J. McNally 4½/5½; 2nd, P.M. Hodgson, A.D. Cooke, R. Maishman /4/5)

Torridge Tournament

Eq. 1st C. Bowley & A. Messor. (4½/5)

NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

1975/76 Final Results

Outright winners for 1975/6 are Bratton Fleming with 13/16, having lost none of their matches and drawn only three of them - against Barnstaple, Holsworthy Knights and Lynton.

Equal second and third are Barnstaple and Holsworthy Bishops with 12/16, both teams having lost only one match and drawn two.

NORTH DEVON CHESS LEAGUE - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. 12th May 1976 7.30 p.m.

The fifth Annual General Meeting of the League was the first one to be held at the close of the season instead of the beginning and was very well attended by representatives from all the North Devon Clubs, the venue being the Barnstaple Motel. Although it had seemed that the League Team matches would have been completed as the date for the final round was 12th April, unfortunately this was not so, and as one match still outstanding would affect the final result, the Trophy could not be presented. The Schools League Championship was just resolved, the winners being Park School A Team.

As regards finances, the League is just about breaking even apparently through the generosity of officials who do not claim all their expenses, and it was felt that provision should be made for all expenses to be met.

The subscription will therefore be raised to £2.50 per club and the entry fee for team competitions will remain the same at 50p per team.

Chess News showed a profit of £5.00 on the Income and Expenditure and to this must be added a further £7.00 being an overpayment which was returned to the Treasurer but did not arrive in time for the meeting. The Bulletin is, therefore, in a very healthy position financially, and the subscription will remain the same for the next twelve months.

With the exception of the Competitions Secretary and the Match Secretary, there has been a complete change in the officers of the League, the others wishing to relinquish the duties of organisation at least for a time. The new list is as follows:

General Secretary: R.L. Chew.
 Treasurer: M.J.R. Dewdney.
 Competitions Secretary: F.V. Pye.
 Match Captain: G. Kidd.
 Congress Secretary: D. Evans.
 Assistant Congress Secretary: R.J. Smith.
 Match Secretary: A. Footner.
 North Devon Cup Secretary: W.K. Jones.
 Correspondence Chess Secretary: R.J. King.

After a discussion on next season's team championship, it was agreed that there shall be two divisions. The first to be for players graded 160 and under, and the second for players graded 125 and under. As there is a grading limit on both divisions, it will be in order for a player to play in both divisions for the same club.

DORSET NEWS

Dorset 1975/76 Season

<u>Div. 1.</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Parkstone	4	1	1	19	11	9 *
Weymouth	3	2	1	17	13	8
Kinson	3	1	2	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	7
Wincanton	0	0	6	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	0

Div 2.

Parkstone	6	2	0	24	16	14*
Dorchester	4	3	1	23	17	11
Weymouth 2nd	3	1	4	22	18	7
Yeovil	2	2	4	19	21	6
Bridport	0	2	6	12	28	2

Under 18 1st Kinson, for 2nd year running.

Under 16 1st Bournemouth School.

* Div 1 & 2 champions - Parkstone club, second year in succession that they have done the double. Next season, Plessey Wessex will compete in Div. 1 and 2.

Individual Championships

Senior: C.R. Orchard (Bournemouth Knights)

Runner-up: J. Anderson (Weymouth)

each scored 5/6 in a Swiss tournament, but Orchard won the tie-break on sum-of-opponents scores. Orchard beat Anderson in their individual encounter. 16 competed.

Under 18 F.V. Wallace (Kinson)

Runners-up P. Anderson (Kinson), S. Street (Parkstone)

BOURNMOUTH CONGRESS

Entries 250

Amateur Championship: Tie between D.J. Faulkner (Milton Keynes) T.K. Hemmingway (Stevenage) D. Smith (Caerphilly) and M. St.J.K. Brown (London)
Major Tournament: S. Hughes (Oxford)

Some 20 members attended the annual meeting of the Dorset County Chess Association.

Officer elected or re-elected were:- President, J. Anderson, Weymouth; Secretary and Publicity Officer, R.H.K. Mann, Parkstone; Treasurer, R.A.G. Marples, Parkstone; Junior Chess Secretary, D.P. Lock, Kinson; Match Captain, J. Anderson assisted by W.A. Shutler, Parkstone; who will be responsible for team selection; Congress Secretary, E.J. Clark, Weymouth; Grading Officer, M.J. Roth, Parkstone; Correspondence Conductor, F.C. Kingdon, Weymouth.

The various team and individual trophies and prizes for 1975/76 season were presented as follows:

Next season the Plessey Wessex Club will be entering teams in both of the senior divisions so that five teams will be contesting Division 1 and seven Division 2. The senior individual championship will be run as a Swiss tournament, as last season, but it is hoped that the entry of 16 will be increased.

Registration fees were increased to £1 for seniors, but the Junior fee was reduced to 50p so that their fees to the B.C.F. and W.E.C.U. will be subsidised by the county.

This has been made possible by a recent decision of the Bournemouth league to require all senior players in their first three divisions to register with Dorset.

Previously only Division 1 players had to do this. The extra income to the county is thus being used in part, to encourage junior chess.

SEVERN LEAGUE: A new league has been formed which will bring together teams from both sides of the river. The idea originated from the Cardiff club and six teams were invited, Bridgend, Cardiff, Newport, Bristol & Clifton, Downend and Fishponds and Cheltenham. The latter two declined but, subsequently, Downend reconsidered and accepted, and now the league will consist initially, of the first five named. Normally the season will run from 1st January to 31st December with teams playing each other once so that this year, each eight player team will have two home and two away matches which will be played on Saturdays or Sundays. The home team will take Black on the odd boards and the rate of play will be 50 moves per two hours with at least a four hour playing period. The league will be decided on game points with ties to be broken on match points. Howard Williams the Welsh international, has volunteered to act as Controller. Further teams may be invited to compete in future years. The first matches to be completed by April 4th are Downend v Bridgend and Clifton v Newport. It is hoped to acquire a trophy which will be held for one year by the winning team.

NORTH GLOUCESTERSHIRE SUMMER LEAGUE.

There are 11 entrants for the summer league this year, headed by Tewkesbury, last year's champions.

Gloucester has two entries as last year. Time-scrabblers, led by L. Lord, and Gambiteers, led by P. Ashworth. Cheltenham are represented by Cheltenham Juniors, led by J.P. Fetterlein.

Also two teams from Whaddon have entered, a new club anxious to gain experience in match play. Stroud, Cirencester, Gala and Whitecross School have all entered again.

Newcomers are Electron, from C.E.G.B., Barnwood.

A new feature of the competition this year is the handicapping of teams based on the grades of players composing them. Ungraded players are given 107 rating.

The total of the grades on each side is calculated, and the side with the lower total receives half a point where there is a difference of 25-74 at the expense of the side with the higher total. Where there is a difference of 75-124 one point is transferred. where the difference is over 124, 1½ points are transferred.

In the case of a default, the defaulting player is assumed to have his opponents grade.

All games are played with a maximum of 80 minutes on each players clock.

It will be most interesting to see how the system works out. Last year players participating, all enjoyed the lighthearted nature of the competition.

The competition is being organised by Mr. M. Riley.

HAMPSHIRE NEWS

Hants League

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>Pts</u>
Southampton U.	6	6		20	10	12
Southampton	6	4	1	18	12	9
Isle of Wight A	6	2	1	15	15	5
Gosport	6	2	1	14½	15½	5
Portsmouth	6	2	1	14	16	5
Fareham	6	1	1	12	18	3
Cosham	6	1	1	11½	18½	3

Division 2

Kinson	5	5		20	5	10
Oakmedians	5	3		13½	11½	6
* Andover	5	3		14	11	6
* Polytechnic	5	2		8	17	4
Salisbury	5	2		13	12	4
Isle of Wight B	5			6½	18½	0

* Excluding defaults, Andover F9 All, Polytechnic F8 A7.

Portsmouth League

Division 1

Community Centre A	12	8	3	46	26	19
Portsmouth A	12	7	3	43	29	17
Cosham A	12	8	1	41	31	17
Gosport A	12	4	2	32½	39½	10
Portsmouth B	12	2	4	30	42	8
Fareham A	12	3	1	34	38	7
Cosham B	12	2	2	25½	46½	6

Division 2. I.B.M. 21/24, Polytechnic A 16, Community Centre B 14, Portsmouth C, 13, Leigh Park, 12, Gosport B, 8, Schroder 8.

Division 3. Fareham B, 17/20, Cosham C, 13, Polytechnic B, 12, Fareham C, 8, Gosport C, 6, Portsmouth D, 4.

Schools Division 1 Great Salterns A, 4/12, Great Salterns B, 4, Price's A, 2, Mayfield A, 0.

Division 2. Great Salterns C, 8/14, St.Johns A, 8, Broom Field A, 6, Portsmouth A, 3, Mayfield B 1, King Richard A 0.

Division 3. Great Salterns E 12, St.Johns C, St.Luke's 10, Portsmouth B, Great Salterns F 8, Mayfield D 6, Mayfield C 4, Broomfield B 2, King Richard B 0.

The final scores and placings of the 23 players who competed in the Portsmouth & District Individual Championship were: P.J. Lee 8pts., G.E.J. Lambert 7 pts D. Smith 6 pts., A.R. Cullinane 6 pts., C.D. Harris 5½ pts., D.J. Scotney Jane Seymour, S.J. Hooker, A.D. Crossin, G.E. Feltham and D.C. Spurgeon 5 pts., T.P. Love and A.F. Langley 4½ pts., I.P. Judd, T.E. Hollington, P.J. Markwell and N. Mitas 4 pts., S. Dymel, A.D. Harris, I.A. Welsh and Cary Groves 3½ pts., B.V. Cochran 2½ pts, and A.J. Harris 1 pt. Both the winner and runner-up were unbeaten in 9 rounds.

The following game from the 9th round of the above contest between Ian Welsh (11 years old and white) and Cary Groves (Portsmouth Girl Under 14 Champion) is an indication of the strength of some of our up-and-coming youngsters.

1. P-Q4, N-KB3; 2. P-QB4, P-K3; 3. N-QB3, B-N5; 4. Q-B2, N-B3; 5. N-B3, O-O; 6. B-N5, P-Q4; 7. P-K3, R-K1; 8. P-QR3, BxN; 9. QxB, P-QR4;
10. B-Q3, Q-K2; 11. O-O, P-KR3; 12. B-R4, P-KN3; 13. QR-B1, K-N2;
14. KR-Q1, B-Q2; 15. Q-B2, P-K4; 16. NxP, NxN; 17. PxN, QxP; 18. BxN+, KxB;
19. PxP, QxP; 20. QxP, B-B3; 21. Q-B4+, K-N2; 22. Q-N3, Q-R4;
23. B-B4, QR Q1; 24. RxR, RxR; 25. P-B3, Q-QB4; 26. Q-B4, R-Q2;
27. R-B2, P-KN4; 28. Q-N3, QxP+; 29. Q-B2, R-Q8+; 30. B-B1, B-N4;
31. Resigns - a pretty finish.

SOMERSET CHESS ASSOCIATION

FINAL LEAGUE TABLE 1975/1976

HENRY POWELL TROPHY

<u>East</u>	P	W	D	L	Pts	For	<u>Against</u>
Bradford-on-Avon	5	2	3	0	7	17	13
Claverton	5	2	3	0	7	17	13
Bath Bishops	5	2	1	2	5	16½	12½
Corsham Whites	5	1	3	1	5	15	15
Norton Radstock	5	1	2	2	4	14	16
Bath Knights	5	0	2	3	2	9½	19½
<u>West</u>							
Yatton	5	5	0	0	10	22	8
Weston A		3	0	2	6	17½	12½
Yeovil	5	3	0	2	6	17	13
Taunton A	5	3	0	2		12½	17½
Bridgwater	5	1	0	4	2	11	19
Wellington	5	0	0	5		10	20

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<u>East</u>	P	W	D	L	Pts	For	Against
Bath University	8	8	0	0	16	40½	7½
Bath Blacks	8	6	0	2	12	27½	20½
Kingswood	8	4	1	3	9	23	24
Bradford-on-Avon C	5	4	0	1	8	17½	12½
Bath Whites	7	3	1	3	7	19½	22½
Corsham Blacks	8	3	1	4	7	26	22
Bradford-on-Avon B	6	1	1	4	3	14½	21½
Beechen Cliff	6	0	1	5	1	10	25
King Edward School	8	0	1	7	1	12½	35½
<u>Central</u>							
EMI/Wells	6	5	1	0	11	28	8
Millfield	6	5	0	1	10	21½	14½
Downside	5	3	0	2	6	18½	11½
Wincanton	6	2	1	3	5	16	20
Street	6	2	1	3	5	13	23
Frome	6	1	1	4	3	16	20
Timsbury	5	0	0	5	0	7	23

<u>West</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts</u>	<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>
Taunton B	6	5	1	0	11	28½	7½
Weston B	5	4	0	1	8	18½	11½
Burnham-on-Sea	6	3	1	2	7	20	16
Minehead	6	2	1	3	5	17	18
British Cellophane	5	1	1	3	3	11	18
Bridgwater College	6	1	1	4	3	13	23
Bridgwater B	6	1	1	4	3	11	25

SOMERSET SCHOOLS K.O. COMPETITION for the F.J. PEARCE ROSEBOWL

Nineteen schools entered. The winners were Taunton School, who beat last year's champions, Millfield School, in the final on board count.

D. Hick 1, T. Lines 0; M. Hick 1, N. Behbehani 0;
 R. Smith 0, R. McMullen 1; J. Adams 0, K. Chugani 1;
 D. Ng 0, M. Ridpath 1; C. Batstone 1, I. White 0.

SOMERSET U/18 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Thirty-seven players entered. In the final, D. Hick beat T. Headlong. D. Hick is also this year's West Of England under 18 champion. T. Headlong was runner up both in last year's Somerset Under 18 Championship and this year's West of England Championship. He is young enough to have another opportunity to win both titles next year

SOMERSET U/15 INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Forty-one players entered. In the final M. Hick beat N. Miller. M. Hick thus retains the title he won last year and both cups go to the same family!

A well attended meeting of the Somerset County Chess Association was held on 22nd May at Wells.

Officers elected were:

President: E.G. Walker

Hon. Secretary: E. Brunsch Jun.

Hon. Treasurer: G.N. Jepps.

Correspondence Match Captain: P. Keffler

Match Captain: C.E. Winch

League & Senior Tournament Secretary: P.R.G. Peters

Junior Team Secretary: D.G. Woodruff

Junior Tournament Secretary: R. Maishman

Delegate to W.E.C.U.: C. Chapman - R. Maishman

Grading Officer: D.P. Bonner

Hon. Adjudicator: H.E.J. Courtney

Hon. Auditor: J.A. Denman.

Summary of Proposals at Somerset A.G.M. by the Treasurer

1. That the correspondence board fee be increased to 30p
2. That the board fee in County matches be increased to 8p
3. That the affiliation fee be increased by 50p per team
4. That the adjudication fee be increased to 40p

From the Somerset Secretary's Report

Our payment to the B.C.F. is a major item, but I feel that we should not begrudge. Chess has flourished in recent years and I am sure that stimulus from the National Organisation has helped, together with improved International performance of British players. All this costs money.

Peter Keffler has to be congratulated on building up three very successful correspondence teams. An enormous amount of work goes into organising these teams, but of course, he could not succeed without spending money.

It would be a catastrophe if the A.G.M. instructed the correspondence conductor to economise at the moment when his efforts are about to be rewarded. More grease to his elbow I say, or perhaps more stamps to his tongue would be more accurate. I agree that correspondence players should contribute a board fee and I will be in touch with Peter Keffler about how this can be collected.

The only economics that I can suggest are a further rationalising of mailing the clubs. I am afraid the Officers have again slipped up this year by individual mailing requests.

Next season I will try again to arrange to mail each club in the first week of each month from September to May. Will all Officers or any Chess player who wants information circulated, get the information on to a Roneo stencil and to me by the first day of each month and I will run them off and include in the dispatch

FINAL PROPOSAL. That clubs who, in the eyes of the Executive Committee, fail to register a reasonable number of players should be excluded from next years fixtures

WILTSHIRE NO NEWS

Junior International Chess Team Tournaments for the
GLORNEY CUP and FABER CUP

England, France, Holland, Ireland, Scotland, Wales.

27 - 30 July at the College of St. Mark and St. John, Derriford, Plymouth

AVAILABILITY OF MEALS

Self-service lunches and dinners are available for spectators at a cost of £1.25 for lunch and £1.50 for dinner. Spectators may also have the special dinner on Wednesday, 28th July, when important guests which include Deputy Lord Mayor and Deputy Lady Mayoress of Plymouth, President and Secretary of B.C.F. and D.C.C.A. etc. will be present and waitress service available. This dinner commences at 7. p.m. and costs £2.40

MEALS FOR SPECTATORS MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCE

Write giving details of meals required and enclosing correct payment to: K.J. Bloodworth, 550, Budshead Road, Whitleigh, Plymouth PL5 4DG. Cheques P.O.'s should be crossed and made payable to the Plymouth Chess Club.

The latest date for booking meals is first post, Monday 26th July.

A Chess bookstall supplied by Hexagon Equipment will operate at all sessions.

DATES CONGRESSES

June 25/27 Bristol Congress at the Grand Hotel, Bristol.

July 10th. Holsworthy Speed Tournament.

July 27/30 Glorney Cup at Plymouth.

27/28 Faber Cup at Plymouth.

Aug. 9/21 British Championships Portsmouth.

Aug. 27/30 Dorset (Weymouth) E.J. Clarke, 9 Melcombe Avenue, Weymouth.

Sept. 5/11 Devon Open Congress, Paignton. W.A. Frost. 3 Cott Meadow, Dartington
Totnes.

Sept. 18 W.E.C.U. Executive Meeting, Exeter.

Oct. 2nd. W.E.C.U. Senior & Graded Jamboree at Exeter University.

Oct. 8/10 Golden Coast Tournament.

Oct. 15/17 Barnstaple Open Tournament. Mrs. M.E. Clarke, Oakdale, New Road,
Bush, Bude.

Nov. 19/21 Dalt Congress, Seymour Hotel, Totnes.

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Finally my thanks to all who have helped me during the year to make Westward Ho! a going concern. I still ask for articles, letters etc., to make this a lively magazine.

D.M. Bond.

Editor.