

The Association's Annual General Meeting was held at Southampton on 7th July and we finished up with a brand new set of Constitution Rules, a new Executive Committee and a great deal of enthusiasm which gives me considerable confidence in the future.

In accepting the Office of Hon. Secretary for the coming year, I feel that I must add a personal word of appreciation of the good work done by Mr. S.L. Russell. He carried the can for 10 years or so all on his own, whereas I start with a small band of helpers. Had he not stepped in when nobody was willing or able, we would not have an Association at all now, and I am sure that we are all most grateful to him.

I am delighted that he is not lost to the Executive, as he will, in his new capacity of Correspondence Conductor, be in close touch with the Committee.

OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR SEASON 1962/3

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| * PRESIDENT | - J. SPEDAN-LEWIS, The Burrow, Longstock Park, Stockbridge.(Tel: Stockbridge 131). |
| * HON. SECRETARY | - J.E.C. GRANT, 2 Cams Bay Close, Fareham. (Tel: Fareham 3046). |
| * HON. TREASURER | - A.F. GARNER, 16 Wickham Rd., Fareham. (Tel: Fareham 3538). |
| * MATCH CAPTAIN | - H.L. PARSONS, 29 Little Lances Hill, Bitterne, Southampton.(Tel: Southampton 49166) |
| * MATCH SECRETARY | - A.C. BARTON, 8 Portal Rd. Totton. |
| * HON. ARCHIVIST AND GRADING OFFICER | - T.E. HOLLINGTON, 38 Braintree Rd., Cosham, Portsmouth. |
| CORRESPONDENCE CONDUCTOR | - S.L. RUSSELL, The Square, Broughton (Tel: Broughton 246). |
| INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP CONDUCTOR | - K. ROBINSON, 17 Vincent Ave., Shirley, Southampton (Tel: Southampton 74444). |
| HANTS. LEAGUE CONDUCTOR | - S.H.C. LUCAS, 29 Alderney Ave., Parkstone, Poole, Dorset. (Tel: Parkstone 41). |
| HANTS. LEAGUE ADJUDICATOR | - L.E. VINE, 61 Passfield Ave., Eastleigh. (Tel: Eastleigh 3292). |
| JUNIOR ORGANISERS: | |
| PORTSMOUTH AREA | - P.M. COLLINS, 9 Elm Grove., Southsea. |
| SOUTHAMPTON AREA | - B.D. HARDING, 7 Grantham Rd., Bitterne, Southampton. |
| BOURNEMOUTH AREA | - B.W. NEAME, 32 Meon Rd., Boscombe, Bournemouth. |
| DELEGATES TO S.C.C.U. | - J.E.C. GRANT (As above).
- T.E. HOLLINGTON (As above).
- A.F. GARNER (As above). |
| HON. AUDITORS | - T.J. DE BURIATTE and F.R. CARTER. |

(OFFICERS MARKED * FORM THE COMMITTEE)

NEW GENERAL RULES

There were several amendments made by the A.G.M. to the Rules as previously circulated and I enclose an up-to-date version. Please DESTROY THE DRAFT RULES already in your hands to avoid the possibility of confusion.

Probably the most revolutionary change in the affairs of the Association is the creation of the new Executive Committee. By the time this Bulletin reaches you, we shall have held our first Committee Meeting.

Management by Committee is an idea close to my heart, and the intention is that this body shall meet as often as required and certainly not less than six times a year.

If you have any idea, suggestion, complaint or grievance, tell me and I will see to it that it is dealt with promptly.

I will also keep you informed of the Committee's more important decisions by means of these Bulletins.

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GRADING LIST

Also enclosed is the 1962 official Hampshire Grading List. You will do your Association a good turn if you show it around to your Chess playing friends and at the same time rub it in that if they want their name to appear next year they must see to it that their Club registers their names with the County !

CLUB AFFILIATION

This coming season, the drive will be to encourage EVERY CLUB IN HAMPSHIRE TO AFFILIATE TO THE COUNTY. A club which does not support its County Organisation is hardly worthy of the title 'Chess Club' anyway, in my opinion.

I assume that all those Clubs which affiliated last season will do so again this year; regarding newcomers, if the Secretary of a Club which definitely intends to Affiliate for the first time WILL LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, I WILL DO MY BEST TO INCLUDE DETAILS IN THE NEXT B.C.F. YEARBOOK.

The Advertising value of this alone must be worth more than the Affiliation Fee.

Please remember to include details of Meeting place and Club night(s).

SOUTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION

T.E. Hollington and I attended our first S.C.C.U. Meeting on 14th July as your representatives. A most interesting experience. The fact that I knew very little of what the S.C.C.U. does for us must mean that there are a lot of players in Hampshire that know even less. You can take it from me that the 1/6 out of every 2/6 Registration Fee that we pass on to the S.C.C.U. and the B.C.F. is well spent, and that without territorial and national organisations such as these, Chess would quickly degenerate into something not much better than Snakes and Ladders.

You will be hearing more of these bodies as the season progresses.

Incidentally, I landed two more honorary jobs as a result of my visit to London:-

- 1: Chairman of Union Grading Sub-Committee.
- and 2: Member of Union Executive Committee.

I really must learn to say 'No' more emphatically in future !

FEES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please send these direct to our new Hon. Treasurer. Cheques and Postal Orders should be made out to "The Hampshire Chess Association".

FUTURE CIRCULATION (Please Note !)

This brief No. 1 Bulletin is being sent to all last years V.Ps. and P.Ms. also to Club Secretaries. The remaining 5 Bulletins will be SENT ONLY TO THOSE VICE-PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR 1962/63 SUBSCRIPTION-(10/6). At the time of going to print, these are: A. Bacon, H.C. Bailey, Miss M.E. Brooks, J.H. Brown, Mrs. E. Bullows, P.A. Bytheway, E.W. Chandler, G.W. Kilmister, Comins Mansfield, A.E. Mitchell, H.R. Moir, H.L. Parsons, Cmdr. A.J. Peters, Mrs. W.M. Pond, D.A. Rawden, E. Taylor, R.G. Taylor, Sir George A. Thomas, G.C. Yorke, J.E.C. Grant, T.E. Hollington, A. Pike, S.H.C. Lucas, L. West, P.L. Marshall, S.B. Baker, A.F. Garner, C.W. Brading.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

The latest date for entering the 1962/63 Individual Championship Tournament is 30th SEPTEMBER. Those who entered last year will automatically receive an entry form. If you are entering for the first time however, please let either Mr. Robinson or me know as soon as possible so that details can be sent to you during September.

COUNTY POSTAL CHESS

The score as it was recently sent in, stands at:

- Hants I - 12 pts. out of 27 games (2 adjudications, 1 result not notified.)
- Hants II- 9½ points out of 28 games (2 results not notified).

Not terribly impressive scores, but I am hoping that the First team is saved from relegation.

Again, if anyone wishes to take part in this competition for the first time, please write either to Mr. S.L. Russell or me, preferably well before the end of September.

J.E.C. Grant,
(Hon. Secretary)

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