

The names of 396 Hampshire players appear in the latest West of England Chess Union's Grading List, but grading numbers are published for only 218 of these on the new basis of "no registration, no grading". It seems only proper for me to adopt a new style of presenting local gradings - that is, Club by Club. Fareham, who registered the most players last season, therefore have pride of place with the following 29 names (previous year's grading shown in brackets) :-

A.F. Brameld 191 (193); R. Burstow 105 (-); D.W. Coates 126 (-); M. Cole 133 (135); W.D. Coward 108 (106); J.R. Craig 112 (125); K.J. Dean 121 (-); T.J. de Buriatte 144 (142); D. Dougherty 88 (-); C.E. Frazer 123 (-); J. Gainey 123 (-); M. Gibbon 86 (-); R.A. Goldstone 110 (106); J.E.C. Grant 140 (138); M.J. Hockey 109 (-); K. Irish 115 (116); E.N. Judd 113 (117); A.J. Lancashire 134 (142); B. Massey 110 (113); D.L. Matthews 107 (-); F. Nye 140 (-); E.G. Potter (decd) 106 (118); W.H. Pratten 171 (165); I.R. Rudgley 117 (-); R. Sankey 93 (97); W.H. Silber 154 (164); M.M. Street 154 (149); H.A. Tadevossian 140 (141); V. Windram 89 (-).

Fareham Chess Club's Annual General Meeting was well attended (32 members present) and two new appointments were made to cope with the sharp increase in membership which has taken place over the past year and to relieve the administrative burden which this increase has imposed on the Hon. Secretary, Michael Cole, who will in future bear the title of Hon. General Secretary. The two new posts of Tournament Secretary and Club Captain were filled by W.H. Silber and A.F. Brameld respectively. Mr. T.J. de Buriatte was appointed President for the coming season.

The A.G.M. of the Portsmouth & District League will be held at Portsmouth Chess Club on Wednesday, 28th September. Three new teams appear likely - from Plessey Co., Datawork and Dockyard. I know of no team wishing to withdraw so it looks like being a very active new season.

On Wednesday, 21st September (commencing 5 p.m.), a meeting of Secondary Schools' representatives will be held at Great Salterns School, Tangler Road, to launch the new season's play in the Schools' Section of the Portsmouth & District League. Entries are invited for the Open, Under-16 and Under-14 Divisions (teams of 5). If unable to attend, please call the League Secretary, A.J. Peters, Hayling Island 3369.

England retained the Faber Cup, which is an annual contest for Junior Girls teams, with a score of 10 against Wales 6½, Ireland 5 and Scotland 2½. Interest this year stems from the fact that England's team was led by our local girl, Jane F. Seymour, who beat Tate (Scotland) and Palmer (Ireland) but who lost to Evans (Wales).

This week's diagram is after Black's 12th move in the game A.F. Brameld (Civil Service) v. A. Marshall (Insurance League) in the annual team competition for the Bronowski Trophy. At move 20, with 3 Queens on the board, a crowd of spectators had accumulated. White was heard to remark that he who tried hardest to win might very well lose - which is what happened. The game continued :-

13. P-KR4 P-N5; 14. N-Q2 P-N4; 15. P-B4 NPxP (ep); 16. KR-B1! Pxp; 17. RxN BxR; 18. QxQP Q-N3; 19. QxKB P-N8=Q; 20. QxKP+ K-Q2; 21. Q-B5+! K-Q1?; 22. N-B1+ B-Q4; 23. NxB Q(N3)-Q5; 24. RxQ QxR; 25. B-K5 and Black resigns.

A spirited game indeed!

J.E.C.G.

r3k2r; pp2bp2; 2bplnlp; q3plpl; 4P3; 2NQ1NB1; PPP2PPP; 2KR3R