

CHESS NOTES

by J.H.J.

HAMPSHIRE recently travelled to Exeter to play a home match (!) against Cornwall over 32 boards with the top 16 scoring towards the B.C.F. Inter-County Championship and the remaining boards counting for the second team competition. Although not at full strength Hampshire won comfortably in both events: 11½-4½ and 13½-2½.

Twelve local stalwarts netted 7½ points although clearly the top two players might have done better had they paid the Piper! My own game was marred by time trouble (20 moves in five minutes) and with a move to make in the position 8/pBrk1Q2/5p2/4pb2/2Pb3p/P3q3/3R1NPP/5K2, I blundered with 42... Kd6 (42... Kd8 would appear to offer excellent chances of at least a draw). Now, with white to move, adjudication analysis proved an easy win for White (I'll leave you to work it out!). Yet even the opposition offered sympathy at my (mis)fortune.

4. J. H. Jones 0, S. J. Piper 1; 6. S. Dean 0, M. S. Piper 1; 7. J. E. Arney ½, P. J. Williams ½; A. D. Crossin 1, J. E. Reed 0; 9. M. L. Newbury ½, A. Barkhysen ½; 10. S. P. Pezet 1, A. D. Meake 0; 15. W. H. Silber ½, M. Jolly ½; 20. M. C. Hagan 1, K. Wilkinson 0; 21. M. R. Baker 1, L. Jupp 0; 29. S. D. Le Febre ½, M. Hooper ½; 30. R. C. Clark ½, D. Richards ½; 31. H. Golding 1, M. Garrett 0.

Incidentally R. C. (Reg) Clark, who is 70, is well on the way to establishing an unusual record for the most number of opponents whose sum of ages is less than his own. In the last three county matches his opponents have been seven, 12, and nine years of age respectively!

Let me give local players a timely reminder to support your local congress to be held at the Guildhall this coming week-end. Entries should be received by Thursday and Pat McEvoy on 388341 or Steve Phillips on 696322 are awaiting your call. The grade limits for each category of tournament are: Beginners (99 maximum); Minor (129 maximum); Major (159 maximum) and Open (no grade restriction).

DIVISION I

As a consequence of the adjudication 3. D. E. Pye 0, J. E. Arney 1, Gosport A defeated Fareham A by 3½ games to

I hope to see you there, so get phoning!

2½. While the played-on game 2. S. Dean ½, M. L. Newbury ½ edged Gosport A to a 3-2 lead over Cosham A with board 5, which is favourable to Gosport, to be resolved.

DIVISION II

IBM A 5, Plessey 1.

1. J. G. Nicholson 1, P. A. Rayment 0; 2. J. F. Wheeler 1, D. G. Foale 0; 3. P. J. Burns 1, C. Wood 0; 4. B. S. Pratt 1, A. C. Rodger 0; 5. G. D. Jefftha 1, J. B. S. Cairns 0; 6. G. Brenner 0, P. R. Maddocks 1.

A good result for IBM which keeps alive their hopes of returning to Division I after relegation last season.

Cosham B 1½, Fareham B 4½.

1. R. R. Carter 0, D. Evans 1; 2. M. R. Baker 0, J. R. Poulton 1; 3. F. G. Abercrombie ½, M. M. Street ½; 4. A. D. Smith 1, T. A. Wykes 0; 5. A. K. Harris 0, D. Coates 1; 6. C. M. Bench-Capon 0, J. Monk 1.

However, Fareham, who have won all their matches, must at this stage of the season, be favourites for promotion.

DIVISION III

An appeal by Fareham against a previous adjudication was returned as 3. G. Brenner ½, A. F. Stroud ½, and leads to the amended result IBM C 2½, Fareham C 3½. This significantly affects a previously issued table so here is the corrected table.

	P	W	D	L	Pts
Gosport B	4	1	1	2	7
Pleassey C	4	1	1	2	7
Fareham C	4	2	1	1	11
Fareham A	4	2	1	1	11
Pleassey D	4	1	0	3	7
IBM C	4	0	0	4	4

And the eagle-eyed among you should note that this table contains a match played over only five boards so the game total of 71 is correct.

DIVISION IV

Margers B drew 3-3 with Ensworth A after this adjudicated result 2. K. J. Freely 1, K. Nyman 0.

