

Presentation of the Championship Trophy

THE annual meeting of Portsmouth and District Chess League was well attended and representatives from 115 Clubs and schools saw Mr. W. H. Pratten accept the Team Championship Trophy on behalf of Portsmouth Chess Club.

Mr. D. O'Donovan (Portsmouth Community Centre), winner of the Individual Championship Tournament, was presented with the Bell Trophy.

Applications for affiliation were approved by the meeting from A.S.R.E., Cosham Chess Club, Northern Grammar School, Price's School, Gosport Grammar School and Portchester Secondary School.

It now seems certain that two new School Divisions will be formed within the League—one for over 15's and one for under

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15's. With the existing senior Divisions, this will make five Divisions in all for the coming season.

Officers elected were:—President, Mr. H. A. Way; Vice-President, Mr. C. F. Way; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Adjudicator, Mr. H. A. Way; Hon. Auditor, Mr. F. C. D. Newell.

Six local players helped Hampshire draw their first 50 board match against Kent in the Amboyna Shield Competition.

W. C. Martin (Fareham) won, while J. E. C. Grant (Fareham) and A. Carter (Portsmouth) obtained draws. W. H. Pratten and J. Borland (Fareham), and R. W. Davis (Portsmouth Community Centre) lost their games.

The first 20 boards were for S.C.C.U. championship competition, and Hampshire lost this

match by 8 games to 12. The lower boards more than held their own, however, and the total score of 25—25 was a very creditable performance against a strong Metropolitan County.

Full score (Hampshire names first):—

W. H. Pratten 0, A. Phillips 1; A. Samuels $\frac{1}{2}$, N. G. Hammond $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Ventham 0, A. Maris 1; L. E. Vine 0, J. B. Howson 1; T. Reade 0, P. B. Cooke 1; D. McCue 1, H. Fulton 0; G. J. Coleman 1, J. Rumble 0; A. Edmonds 1, P. Franks 0; J. Howard 0, A. Duke 1; R. M. Goode 0, H. Bean 1; P. Marshall 1, G. Bird 0; A. C. Barton $\frac{1}{2}$, C. Girling $\frac{1}{2}$; A. J. Peters $\frac{1}{2}$, V. Messere $\frac{1}{2}$; S. Baker 0; M. McDonald Ross 1; J. Borland 0; M. McBain 1; J. Eldridge 0, V. Tempest 1; J. Shepherd $\frac{1}{2}$, B. Glaze $\frac{1}{2}$; L. Walters $\frac{1}{2}$, R. Smith $\frac{1}{2}$; S. L. Russell $\frac{1}{2}$, E. Hobbs $\frac{1}{2}$; C. H. Henshaw 1, D. Browning 0. Total S.C.C.U. match: 4—12.

W. C. Martin 1, J. Keeble 0; R. S. Learmouth $\frac{1}{2}$, Rev. Greenhaugh $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Pritchard 0, F. Champion 1; B. Levy $\frac{1}{2}$, P. Hampson $\frac{1}{2}$; F. H. Walton $\frac{1}{2}$, D. Wilder $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Daw 1, N. Westbrook 0; J. Hobbs 1, B. Thomas 0; L. Cohen 1, H. Cox 0; default 0, T. Fuller 1; J. E. C. Grant $\frac{1}{2}$, A. La Lond $\frac{1}{2}$; M. Stone 0, R. Smith 1; A. Carter $\frac{1}{2}$, G. Volsik $\frac{1}{2}$; G. Smith 1, G. Homan 0; L. Pretty 1, L. Hiscock 0; P. Eastwood 1, W. Rylands 0; G. Goggin 0, T. Hardman 1; J. Parker 0, H. Cox 1; R. Johnson 1, J. L. Jones 0; T. Cuipey 1, A. Pearson 0; N. Wilkins 0, Dr. Fricker 1; R. W. Davis 0, S. Paul 1; H. L. Parsons 1, R. Middleton 0; D. Toye 0, D. Pitt 1; M. Moore 0, B. Stimson 1; C. Payne 1, H. Samek 0; M. Hodgson 1, W. Nichols 0; D. Drew 1, M. Goode 0; H. G. Dell 0, Miss A. Jarne 1; G. Johnson 1, W. Busbridge 0; (default) $\frac{1}{2}$, (default) $\frac{1}{2}$.