

Chess Challenge is Accepted

THE British Correspondence Chess Association has challenged the Portsmouth & District Chess League to a match by post on as many boards as the League can raise.

Several Portsmouth area clubs have accepted the challenge, and names already put forward are:

Portsmouth Chess Club.— J. E. Smith, M. J. Dymond, D. Parkes, D. M. Beywood, A. Carter and J. P. Price. Fareham Chess Club.—G. W. Farmer, A. F. Garner, J. Grant, and C. Brading. Cosham Chess Club.—R. I. Ross.

But more players are needed and anyone wishing to take part should contact the League Secretary through his own club secretary.

PORTSMOUTH LEAGUE

In Division II of the Senior Section of the Portsmouth League, R.N.P.L. have been forced to concede a half-point to St John's College while A.S.R.E. were decisively beaten by Fareham "B."

Bridgemary Community Centre are now the only team in the League with maximum points.

Detailed scores:—

Division II (Senior).—R.N.P.L. "A" 2½, St Johns "A" 2½ (Dr. J. Holford 1, T. Johnson 0; K. Harrison 0, F. Harkin 1; A. Dossett 0, A. Perry 1; H. Taylor ½, P. Wilcox ½; H. Hempleman 1, A. Green 0). A.S.R.E. 1½, Fareham "B" 3½ (E. Underhill 0, G. W. Farmer 1; G. Ratter 0, P. Durnell 1; R. Attwood 0, B. Hatcher 1; A. E. Roberts 1, C. W. Brading 0; R. Benjamin ½, F. Newell ½).

Chess Notes

Division I					
	P	W	D	G	P
Portsmouth	4	3	1	14	3½
Fareham "A"	3	2	0	9½	2
Cosham	3	1	2	8½	2
Comm. Centre	3	1	0	6½	1
Coll. Apps. "A"	4	0	2	7½	1
Gosport	3	0	1	4	½
Division II					
	P	W	D	G	P
R.N.P.L. "A"	4	3	1	11½	3½
St Johns "A"	4	2	2	11½	3
Fareham "E"	4	2	0	12	2
A.S.R.E.	4	2	0	10	2
Ports. Grammar "A"	3	0	1	6½	½
Coll. of Tech.	3	0	0	3½	0
Division III					
	P	W	D	G	P
Bridgemary	3	3	0	9	3
Fareham "C"	3	2	0	11	2
St Johns "B"	4	2	0	10	2
Coll. Apps. "B"	3	1	0	7	1
R.N.P.L. "B"	3	0	0	3	0

GRADING LIST

Five Hampshire players are included in the latest National Grading list published by the British Chess Federation. They are W. H. Pratten (Fareham) and A. Samuels (Southampton) grade 3b, D. J. Richards (Bournemouth) grade 4a, M. E. Ventham (Southampton) 5a, and L. E. Vine (Eastleigh) 5b.

The sixth annual Bognor Regis Chess Congress is being held this year at the Rex Ballroom, Bognor Regis, from April 9 to 19. The target number of players taking part has been set at 300 plus, and there will be tournaments for players of all strengths.