

Chess Notes

A RECORD ENTRY FOR INDIVIDUAL CONTEST

TWENTY-SIX players have entered for this year's individual championship tournament of the Portsmouth and District Chess League. This is a record for the event.

The following is the list of entrants:

S. F. Adams (Comm. Ctr.), D. A. Bloxham (Fareham), C. W. Brading (Fareham), A. F. Brameld (Gosport Grammar), Lieut. D. K. Butler (Portsmouth), B. S. Carter (Comm. Ctr.), R. Carter (Comm. Ctr.), P. M. Collins (Cosham), A. D. Crossin (Cosham), R. W. Davis (Comm. Ctr.), G. W. Farmer (Fareham), A. F. Garner (Fareham), J. E. C. Grant (Fareham), D. M. Heywood (Portsmouth), A. S. La Lond (unattached), W. Makar (Portsmouth), S. C. Noke (Cosham), D. O'Donovan (Comm. Ctr.), Dr. Pointon (Portsmouth), E. G. Potter (Fareham), B. J. Press (Portsmouth), G. Richardson (Cosham), H. A. Smith (Cosham), N. C. Taylor (Fareham), V. Lee (unattached), Dr. B. G. Wells (Portsmouth).

The present champion, G. L. Comben, is unable to defend his title because of his examination studies.

PROBLEM IS SOLVED

The difficulty over arranging the teams in the two divisions of the League's Senior Section arose from the reluctance of any of last year's Second Division teams to accept promotion. In the end the problem was resolved by allocating five teams to the First Division and six teams to the Second Division as follows:

Division I. — Portsmouth "A", Fareham "A", Community Centre, Cosham, and R.N.P.L.

Division II. — Portsmouth "B", Fareham "B", St John's "A", St John's "B", Cyanamid, and Gosport.

The first match in Division I is on October 21 and will be a head-on clash between the present champions, Portsmouth Chess Club, and their strongest challengers, Fareham. Both clubs

are hoping to field their strongest possible teams for this trial of strength.

HAMPSHIRE LEAGUE

There has been a last-minute entry for this competition by a combined team made up of players from Cosham Chess Club and Twyford Avenue Community Centre. Latest information is that this entry will probably be accepted and this new team will increase local interest in the tournament.

Fareham are due to visit Andover on October 17 in their first match of the season.

£5 FINE FOR CARELESSNESS

A 57-year-old stonemason, Charles Thomas Whillier, of 134, Chichester Road, North End, was fined £5 by Portsmouth Magistrates yesterday after he admitted driving carelessly.

Defendant's car was involved in a collision with a van at the junction of Jessie Road and Talbot Road, Southsea, the court was told.

Mr. Hubert Williams (defending) said defendant committed an "error of judgment." He saw nothing coming as he turned from Talbot Road into Jessie Road.

Two Electric Fences Stolen From Farm

During the last month thieves have stolen two electric fence units from Mr. L. Trevis's farm at Prospect Lane, Havant. One was removed last month and another was taken this week.