

Chess Notes

Championship Has a Record Entry

THE new season was set in motion by the customary general meeting of the Portsmouth and District League, and the teams taking part in the Senior Section are as follows:—

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

Division II. — Gosport "A", Fareham "B", St John's "A", Cosham "B", Vosper.

Division III. — De Havilland, St John's "B", Portsmouth "C", Gosport "B".

Officers elected for the coming season were. — President, C. F. Way; Vice-President, J. P. Price; Hon. Secretary, J. E. C. Grant; Hon. Treasurer, J. E. C. Grant. Hon. Adjudicator, W. H.

Pratten; Senior Match Captain, T. E. Hollington; Junior Match Captain, P. M. Collins.

The total entry of 28 for the local individual championship constitutes yet another record, and is made up of eight from Portsmouth Chess Club, seven from Fareham, seven from Cosham, three from Community Centre, two from R.N.P.L. and one unattached.

COUNTY CHESS

It rather looks as if there will also be a record entry for the next Hampshire Individual Championship, and the above local entry is noteworthy.

Further names since the previous publication are. — A. M. Edmonds (Woolston), P. L. Marshall (Southampton), T. J. de Buriatte (Fareham), A. Hocking (Southampton University), S. L. Russell (Broughton), D. K. Bevis (Bournemouth), M. J. Dymond (Portsmouth), P. M. Collins (Portsmouth), W. J. E. Yorles (Gosport), B. D. Harding (Southampton University), and R. L. Paige (Cosham).

Hampshire's full fixture list for the coming season is. — October 21 v. Surrey (50 Boards) probably at Southampton; November 18 v. Berkshire (20 Boards) at Winchester; December 9 v. Kent (50 Boards) at London; January 13 v. Sussex (50 Boards) at Bognor; February 3 v. Oxfordshire (20 Boards) at Winchester; February 17 v. Buckingham (50 Boards) at London.

INTER-LEAGUE MATCHES

This year's senior match between the Portsmouth League and the Southampton League will be held at Taunton's School, Southampton on November 11 and will be on 30 boards.

The junior match, between representatives from schools in the two areas, will be held on the previous Saturday at Portsmouth Guildhall. This will also be on 30 boards.

WEEKLY COLUMN

Now that competitive play is about to commence, "Chess Notes" will appear weekly until further notice. It is also hoped to restart the weekly diagram in the near future but there is a shortage of original material. Any reader who has something of interest is asked to send it to the Editor for publication.