

President and General Secretaries Report (Agenda Item 5)

This has been another good year for Chess in Hull and District. This is reflected in the various ‘officer’ reports which follow this general summary. The numbers of players remained fairly static; while all games in the leagues were completed (although some games were defaulted), all of the cup competitions were not completed at the time of writing. A full list of both league and individual tournament winners is included in the League Secretaries Report. Congratulations to all team and individual performances, as well as to those who competed successfully in the Yorkshire League competitions, where we had one of our best seasons ever in the A division.

As reported last year the association was successful in its application to become a registered charity. The main objective in our Charitable Trust application was to secure funds currently held by the Ross Trustees which were due to expire early in 2015, and could only be passed to a registered charity (and not necessarily a chess one). In expectation of receipt of these funds the Trustees agreed a number of strategies during the year to supplement the overall Chess Strategy previously agreed (and widely circulated). We now have in place:

- **Chess Strategy** – the chess ‘promotion and development’ strategy - what we are trying to achieve over the next five to ten years. This is the key strategy document as the others are, in effect, enablers, to provide for us to deliver the Charity’s objects as set out in our Constitution.
- **Investment Strategy** – how we decide to invest our funds, the required return and overall longer term view of our investments. After discussion the Trustees agreed to place the funds with Cardale Investment managers, a local Hull company.
- **Reserves strategy** – money we will keep aside for ‘emergencies’ and to minimise any short term financial risk from variations in the capital provision of the Charities Investment Funds. The amount agreed is equal to one years expenditure.
- **Financial Strategy** – how we are going to spend our income from our investments and other income. A budget based approach reviewed on an annual basis.

Copies of these were circulated to all league secretaries and were agreed by Trustees during the year (and will be available on the web site). We are pleased to report that we have now received £180,000 from the Ross Fund Trustees -the full extent of which will be reported to next years AGM (as the funds were received in the new financial year). Our investment strategy requires the delivery of £5,000 income to the Association each year with (over time) the capital value of the fund keeping pace with inflation, thereby preserving the future of this funding for local chess into the future. At their first meeting after the AGM the Trustees will be agreeing how we can spend these funds over the year to promote chess to the public and support local clubs and players.

The **Congress** (our 51st) was one of our biggest and best ever. Unfortunately local players did not match their successes of previous years – in 2013 local players had taken the top three places in the open. The open was won by Mathew Webb from Bradford—a full list of winners can be seen on the web site. A disappointing aspect of our congress continues to be the a relatively small number of local players taking part – less than 30% of those who played were from the Association clubs. Sadly our venue for recent congresses, the Endsleigh Centre, has now closed. However, we have managed to secure new and better premises at Hull University. This should help us promote our congress in the future and help meet our aim of increasing the numbers of players who come to Hull. Given that the venue is so accessible we must try and encourage more local players to play next year. It is one of the key aims of the Association, as outlined in its strategy, to continue to make our congress one of the biggest around. If we can get to around 200 players (we need another 60) it is likely that our congress will become a qualifying event for the British Championships. Into the future we still have high hopes that the 2017 British Championships will be held in Hull.

During the year we undertook a survey of **local schools** to determine how many ran existing chess clubs. We now have a database of schools already with clubs and those who would like to start one. Several schools received support from local chess players during the year. This led to the first Hull and District Schools Chess day, held at Wold academy. 30 children attended from seven different schools, prizes were awarded in two ages groups, 6-9 and 10 and over. This will become an annual event and in future years we are sure numbers will increase. Two local schools are taking part in the national Delancey Challenge—one has children qualified to the ‘gigafinal’ - two stages on from local participation. We are still hopeful of starting a scheme with the Chess in Schools and the

During the year we held a **Hull Grandmaster Challenge**. We were fortunate to secure Gawain Jones, 2013 British Champion to come to Hull. In the morning of the event he took on six local players in a rapid play exhibition. Despite only having one minute on the clock to our players five, he still won 6-0 (although in the following few games against juniors he did lose to a 9 year old!). In the full simultaneous in the afternoon he was equally as impressive, with only Jim Hawksley managing to defeat him, although there were a number of draws. Thanks to Roger Noble for producing a DVD of the event. The Hull GM Challenge should now become an annual event and we are delighted that David Howell, 2014 British champion and second highest British player in the world has accepted the 2105 Hull Grandmaster Challenge.

During the year we applied for and were accepted as members of the **English Chess Federation**. ECF membership means that we now have a (small) say in how Chess is organised at a national level. As our congress games are all graded there was no further cost to us in joining the ECF, although to secure additional votes we would need league games to become graded as well.

The **Chess Open Day**, held on World Chess day at Hull Library, has now become a regular event in our calendar. It was well attended organised with a simultaneous being led by John Cooper. This helped promote Chess locally to a wider audience. Into the future we will need to put on more events such as this. As a charity we are required to demonstrate the delivery of 'public benefit'. The open day planned for **Pearson Park** later this year (and our work on schools chess) is an excellent example of how we can do this. Other similar events are under discussion—we need more of these to encourage more people to play chess and join local clubs.

Into the future we have reinstated the **Presentation evening**, and **team lightening event**. At the time of writing we have the potential for 60 chess players to be there (twice as many who attend the congress). We are able to fund this through the acquisition of the Ross Funds. Those funds have also enabled us to organise a **two day training event** with WGM Sheila Jackson later in the year. Sadly it looks like we will be losing a club (Bridlington) next year, but gaining one (University). A key part of our strategy is to increase the numbers of people playing chess— but this is also our biggest challenge.

Finally, but by no means least all chess players in Hull and District should join us in a huge thanks to John Thomson and Shaun Taylor who resigned as Trustees during the year, they made a big contribution to the Association, particularly in getting us to Charitable Trust status. There are three new names on the list of Trustees to be voted in at the AGM this year. We recognise that all the time put in by very many individuals often goes unrecognised, but without the efforts of people at Association and in particular, club level, chess would not be possible.

Treasurers Report 2014 /15 (Agenda Item 6)

Summary

Another busy year. The accounts have been audited. There is an overall decrease in assets for the year of £1,984. The main reasons for this are increased expenditure, no claim from the RPR fund this year (as we expected to receive the full funds) and accruals for the Grand Master event (from the RPR fund of £900) from the previous financial year.

A full breakdown is as per the accounts (available on request). Two signatures are required for each of the two accounts, namely myself and Steve King for both accounts, Derek Sheppard for the main account and Mike Butt for the Congress account. This year I hope to combine both accounts together.

Main Account

There is £3893.4 in the account. Subscriptions totalling £363 have been received. Hanna chess club again, were well overdue with their subscriptions. They paid only £6 in May out of a total of £24 owed (£5 for summer league, £10 for winter plus £9 penalty charge for late payment). The Treasurer asks they should be banned from playing next season.

Main expenditure includes:

GM simultaneous event £288 (includes DVD sales of £107 organised by RN plus subscription income of £455)

YCA matches running costs of £360.

ECF insurance £168.

Leaflet advertising of £138

Trophy Engraving £119

Schools Chess (Schools chess day and grant for equipment to Wold Academy) £214
 Web access £117

The YCA costs do not include ECF grading fees for this year (some grading fees included from previous 2013-14 year), which players are now expected to pay.

Congress Account

There is presently £2,748 in this account.

The loss from this year's Congress was £201. We paid ECF fees of £198 (ECF income was £180). Table hire, transport and raffle prizes cost us around £146, hall hire £600. Income from the raffle and water was £114, donations approximately £360. For the next congress we have hired rooms in University of Hull staff house at a cost of £900. (In line with request from Endsleigh House before they closed).

League, Summer league and Cup Secretary's Report (Agenda Item 7)

A revised grading list was issued in October due to a number of grades being different. It might end up next season that the grading list will be issued later if chessnuts is not marked as finalised at time of producing booklets.

Leagues

JP Lawson 6 Board Div 1

St Andrew A won the league with Beverley A runners up. Victoria Dock relegated. Two matches postponed including one match not played so team requesting postponement were defaulted.

JP Lawson Six Board Division One

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
St Andrews A	10	7	2	1	37½	22½	15	16
Beverley A	10	6	2	2	35½	24½	11	14
Hull C	10	5	3	2	34½	25½	9	13
Hull E	10	5	3	2	33½	26½	7	13
Willows A	10	1	1	8	18	42	-24	3
Victoria Dock	10	0	1	9	21	39	-18	1

Table for 3rd/4th place (matches involving tying teams)

Hull C	2	1	1	0	6½	5½	1	3
Hull E	2	0	1	1	5½	6½	-1	1

Hull C 3rd place with results against Hull E

ES Starkey 6 Board Div 2

Willows B have won the league promoted. Hull G finished runner up on results between them and Hull D. One postponement and one match defaulted.

ES Starkey Six Board Division Two

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Willows B	12	7	2	3	38½	33½	5	16
Hull G	12	5	2	5	34	38	-4	12
Hull D	12	5	2	5	37½	34½	3	12
Beverley B	12	4	3	5	37½	34½	3	11
St Andrews B	12	3	3	6	32½	39½	-7	9

Table for 2nd/3rd place (matches involving tying teams)

Hull G	3	1	1	1	9½	8½	1	3
Hull D	3	1	1	1	8½	9½	-1	3

Hull G 2nd with results against Hull D

RP Ross 4 Board Div 1

Beverley Redsox won the league with St Andrews C runners up. Relegated Hull F and Withernsea. Five matches postponed and three matches defaulted.

Bridlington lost their venue at beginning of year. Currently do not have a venue. I have been informed that they will not be entering a team next season

RP Ross Four Board Division One

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Beverley Redsox	12	7	3	2	39	31	8	17
St Andrews C	12	7	2	3	35½	23½	12	16
St Andrews B	12	5	2	5	29	28	1	12
HANA Kasparov	12	4	3	5	26	31	-5	11
Bridlington	12	3	4	5	25½	28½	-3	10
Hull F	12	4	1	7	28	32	-4	9
Withernsea	12	3	3	6	23	32	-9	9

Table for 6th/7th place (matches involving tying teams)

Hull F	2	2	0	0	7	3	4	4
Withernsea	2	0	0	0	3	7	-4	0

RP Ross 4 Board Div 2

Beverley C won the league with Willows B runners up both teams promoted. Three matches postponed.

RP Ross Four Board Division Two

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Beverley C	14	10	0	4	34	28	6	20
Willows B	14	5	6	3	34	28	6	16
Hull B	14	7	1	6	28½	31½	-3	15
Hull Futures	14	6	3	5	35	29	6	15
St Andrews D	14	6	3	5	35½	30½	5	15
Victoria Dock	14	6	3	5	32	32	0	15
Hull X	14	5	3	6	31	30	1	13
Willows A	14	0	3	11	26	47	-21	3

Table for 3rd to 6th place (matches involving tying teams)

Hull B	6	4	0	2	12½	13½	-1	8
Hull Futures	6	3	1	2	16½	9½	7	7
St Andrews D	6	2	2	2	14	13	1	6
Victoria Dock	6	1	1	4	10	17	-7	3

Cups

Thomas Atkinson Trophy

Nine teams were entered in draw. Willows B won against St Andrews B in the final.

Fenner Trophy

Did not get eight entries so the competition did not take place.

Jubilee Cup

Eight teams were entered in draw; one match defaulted. St Andrews B won against St Andrews A in the final.

RP Ross Cup

Eleven teams were entered in draw. One quarter final match played over three months passed deadline. St Andrews C V Hull B in final playing 15 June.

Individuals

U165

Sixteen players entered. Two matches were defaulted. Steve Crow won against Andrew Bettley in the final.

U125

Nineteen players entered. Three matches defaulted. Thomas Hackett won against Lester Jones in the final.

Open Handicap

Eight players entered. One match defaulted. Paul Allison won against Andrew Bettley in the final

Peter Hughes H&DCA Championship

2014 final is between Andrew Bettley and Colin Hailstone. (Final on Friday 10 July subject to confirmation ok to play at Hull Chess Club)

Players of the Year

6B-D1	winner & runner up	- J G Cooper and J Thackray
6B-D2		- J Clemmey and J Thompson
4B-D1		- A L Skelton and G Lee
4B-D2		- N Whetton and R M Hara
Junior		- C X Li and H Maruthireddy
Overall		- J G Cooper and J Thackray

Summer League

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Def	Pts
St Andrews A	6	4	1	1	15	9	6	0	9
Beverley A	6	4	0	2	14½	9½	5	0	8
St Andrews X	6	4	0	2	13	11	2	0	8
Hull B	6	3	0	3	13	11	2	0	6
Willows A	6	2	1	3	13	11	2	0	5
Bridlington A	6	2	0	4	8	16	-8	0	4
Hull X	6	1	0	5	7½	16½	-9	0	2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Def	Pts
St Andrews A	6	4	1	1	15	9	6	0	9
Beverley A	6	4	0	2	14½	9½	5	0	8
St Andrews X	6	4	0	2	13	11	2	0	8
Hull B	6	3	0	3	13	11	2	0	6
Willows A	6	2	1	3	13	11	2	0	5
Bridlington A	6	2	0	4	8	16	-8	0	4
Hull X	6	1	0	5	7½	16½	-9	0	2

Fixtures Secretary Report (Agenda Item 8)

In the six years I have been the Fixture Secretary I have found that the Winter and Summer League fixture lists have been met with general approval.

The job is however quite time consuming so I have proposed a rule change for this Meeting requesting that, each year, all teams intending to enter the Winter League must register by 1st July. This is to allow me ample time to compile the fixture lists while taking into account all requests regarding the suitability of dates for matches etc.

In addition I now have the authority to enter the fixtures, as well as the results, onto Chessnuts and I know that many players find Chessnuts very useful.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those concerned for their continued co-operation in providing the information I need for this task .

Match Captains Report (Agenda Item 9)

Hull & District Chess Association 'A'.

Our most successful season since entering the Yorkshire League – 5th place in Division 1 with a match record of 4 wins, 3 draws and 3 defeats.

16 players featured in at least one match for the 'A' team. The high point was probably a 4-4 draw with the 2013/2014 Division One Champions, Bradford 'B'.

The low point – being unable to complete our programme of fixtures against Leeds CCCC 'A' because of a lack of players and drivers. The Leeds CCCC 'A' team captain generously declined to claim the match by default and it is shown as void in the Division 1 table. A possible consequence is that a scheduled home match against Leeds CCCC 'A' in 2015/2016 may actually be played in Leeds. As the 'A' team fixture list in 2014/2015 gave the team 6 home matches and 5 away, they would expect 5 at home and 6 away in 2015/2016. That could well now be 4 at home and 7 away.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Def	Pts
Sheffield 'A'	11	9	1	1	61½	0	19
York R.I. 'A'	11	9	1	1	57	0	19
Bradford 'A'	11	8	1	2	60½	0	17
Calderdale 'A'	11	7	1	3	51	0	15
Hull & D.C.A. 'A'	10	4	3	3	39½	0	11
York R.I. 'B'	11	4	2	5	36	0	10
Huddersfield	11	3	3	5	43	0	9
Rose Forgrove 'A'	11	4	1	6	39	0	9
Leeds CCCC 'A'	10	4	0	6	38	0	8
Harrogate 'A'	11	3	0	8	31½	0	6
Sheffield 'B'	11	2	1	8	35	0	5
Sheffield 'D'	11	1	0	10	28	0	2

Name	Board	P	W	D	L	Poi nts	%
Cooper, John G.	1.0	1	5	1	4	5.5	55
Gardiner, Eric	2.0	8	3	1	4	3.5	44
McDonagh, Michael	3.0	1	1	0	0	1	100
Culkin, Shaun J.	3.3	8	2	3	3	3.5	44
Atkinson, John W.	3.5	1	0	6	3	4	40
Bell, Ian C.	4.8	8	0	4	4	2	25
Kendall, Paul S. N.	5.3	3	0	3	0	1.5	50
Stephenson, Dave W.	5.9	1	4	4	2	6	60
Fisher, Eric W.	6.0	1	0	0	1	0	00
Khoshnaw, Saman	7.0	1	0	1	0	0.5	50
Lyons, Paul	7.0	1	0	1	0	0.5	50
Bettley, Andrew D.	7.2	5	3	2	0	4	80
Thackray, John	7.3	6	3	2	1	4	67
Hesler, Bryan	7.5	2	0	1	1	0.5	25
Stothard, Dave	8.0	2	0	1	1	0.5	25
Callis, Richard O.	8.0	1	0	1	0	0.5	50

Hull & District Chess Association 'B'.

A rather disappointing season – 9th place in Division 2 with a match record of 4 wins and 6 defeats.

18 players featured in at least one match for the 'B' team. Sheffield 'E' were unable to fulfil their away fixture against us. I declined to claim the match by default and it is shown as void in the Division 2 table. If the same number of Sheffield teams enter the Yorkshire League in 2015/2016 – a very big 'if' – Sheffield 'E' should be in Division Two. I would expect them to be given a home match against Hull & District Chess Association 'B' and for it to be played in Hull. If that is what happens, Hull & District Chess Association 'B' would have 6 home matches

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Def	Pts
Bradford Central	11	9	2	0	60½	0	20
Alwoodley 'A'	11	8	3	0	64	0	19
Wakefield 'A'	11	7	1	3	51	0	15
York R'I 'C'	11	7	0	4	54	0	14
Bradford 'B'	11	6	1	4	48	0	13
Rose Forgrove 'B'	11	5	2	4	43½	0	12
Calderdale 'B'	11	4	1	6	37½	0	9
Pontefract	11	4	0	7	39	0	8
Hull D.C.A. 'B'	10	4	0	6	36	0	8
Sheffield 'E'	10	3	0	7	31½	0	6
Dewsbury	11	2	0	9	29½	0	4
Sheffield 'F'	11	1	0	10	24½	0	2

Name	Board	P	W	D	L	Po int s	%
Thackray, John	1.0	1	0	1	0	0.5	50
Kendall, Paul S. N.	1.0	3	1	1	1	1.5	50
Khoshnaw, Saman	1.7	3	1	0	2	1	33
Hesler, Bryan	2.0	2	0	0	2	0	00
Lord, David E.	2.0	9	2	4	3	4	44
Fisher, Eric W.	2.5	2	0	0	2	0	00
Stothard, Dave	3.4	5	0	2	3	1	20
Lyons, Paul	3.9	8	3	3	2	4.5	56
Allison, Paul	4.2	5	2	1	2	2.5	50
Oliver, Bruce R.	5.0	8	4	1	3	4.5	56
Callis, Richard O.	5.0	4	0	3	1	1.5	38
Skelton, A. Leon	5.7	9	3	1	5	3.5	39
Grice, Alec	6.7	2	2	0	0	2	10 0
Mills, David G.	7.0	6	0	6	0	3	50
Noble, Roger K.	7.0	1	0	0	1	0	00
Hara, R. Malcolm	7.3	6	1	2	3	2	33
Johnstone, J. Gerry	7.5	1	0	1	0	0.5	50