

## President and General Secretaries Report (Agenda Item 5.1)

This has been another good year for Chess in Hull and District., reflected in the various ‘officer’ reports which follow this general summary. The numbers of players remained fairly static; there were 153 players registered with clubs (constituent members) and 3 individual members of the Charity. Approximately 750 individual games of chess were played in league and cups-a full list of both league and individual tournament winners is included in the League and Cup Secretaries Report. Congratulations to all team and individual performances, as well as to those who competed successfully in the Yorkshire League competitions.. Unfortunately for the second year running not all of the cup competitions were not completed at the time of writing. There are proposals at the AGM to simplify the Cup arrangements and to prevent this situation from recurring.

At the start of the year we received the funds from the Trustees of the Ross Fund. After discussion it was decided to vest these with Cardales, a local company who had provided services to the Ross Fund Trustees. Year on year we will have an additional £5,000 to deploy to deliver the Chess Strategy.

As a reminder to all members of the Charity the key strategies which inform all our decision making are:

- **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. In brief we expect the funds to keep pace with inflation and to deliver an annual return of £5,000.
- **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 all the above are available from the General Secretary and will be placed on the web site.

So that all clubs might make an immediate benefit from the acquisition of the Ross Fund a distribution was made to each club with the proviso that it was spent in accordance with the Charities Chess Strategy. Further financial assistance was provided in order for clubs to purchase discounted (negotiated by the Charity) digital clocks. We have also begun a process of replacing the Charities cups and trophies. While this will take a number of years, for this season we have replaced the trophies to be awarded for both divisions in the six and four board leagues. In addition we have increased the chess equipment held by the Charity, such as demonstration boards, digital clocks and additional sets and boards. We have recently purchased a portable PA system. The Team Lighting, Grand Master Simultaneous, Pearson Park open day, Schools Chess Day and the three days of coaching and training would not have been possible without the Charities additional funding.

The **Congress** (our 52nd) had to move its venue due to the closure of the Endsleigh Centre. However, the new venue at Hull University proved superior in all respects. Unfortunately numbers were down on previous years causing a significant financial loss which is not sustainable in the longer term. While local support remained steady (but not large) support from non local players fell away, a situation we must work hard to resolve.

During the year we had the second **Hull Schools Chess Day**, which, like the first, was very successful, providing a days chess challenge and training for over 30 local children. The charity was able to support this event as well as help provide chess equipment to a small number of local schools. A number of schools entered the ‘Delancey Challenge’ a national tournament. A number of local chess players took the training to provide the Chess in Community’s programme and the first local schools should be taking part shortly. Hull Chess Club should be congratulated for starting their own Junior Chess club. St Andrews donated a number of chess clocks for use in schools. The Charity has also adopted the ECF’s Child Protection policy, copies of which have also been provided to every club.



As a charity we are required to demonstrate the delivery of ‘public benefit’. A number of our events are open to chess players outside our area. The **Chess in the Park** event held at Pearson Park was a real success and attracted a large number of members of the public interested in learning about and playing chess. A significant number of local players contributed to this day, organised by David Stothard.

During the year we held our second **Hull Grandmaster Challenge**. We were fortunate to secure GM David Howell, ranked 40th in the world and the second highest British GM, behind Michael Adams. Although we registered a single win in the morning blitz session in the simultaneous in the afternoon we were not even that lucky, with only three draws being recorded. Thanks to Roger Noble for producing a DVD of the event. The Hull GM Challenge is now an annual event.

During the year we reinstated the **Presentation evening**, and **team lightening event**. Over 50 local players took part (far more than attended the congress). Thanks to Willows Club for hosting the event—the ‘free’ buffet being possible though the acquisition of the Ross funds.



2015/16 saw three training/coaching days. Sheila Jackson WGM visited Hull for two days in November providing coaching for 30 players. Towards the end of the season in May, James Adair, IM, spent a day with five of our strongest players. These new events were popular enough to be repeated next season.

We have continued to compete in two Yorkshire League Divisions and for the first time Beverley Chess Club successfully entered teams in national competitions.

The 2016/2017 season should see a number of new events, alongside those we have now established as a part of the local Chess calendar. In September we expect to recognise National Chess Day with an event at Hull library; in December we will reinstate the Hull Individual Rapid Play event; in February we expect to hold a Hull Junior Chess Congress as a part of the Yorkshire Junior Chess Grand Prix. Later in July 2017 we will entertain Rotterdam for a weekend of Chess. Finally we are concluding debates with the ECF over holding a five day IM norm event, the ‘Hull Chess Masters’. The 2017 Hull Chess Congress will also host the Yorkshire player of the Year event.



Finally a big thank you to everyone who has supported events run by the Charity and clubs during the year, especially those people who have taken on the responsibility of organising events on behalf of all the members of the Charity and the general public. In particular chess players in Hull and District should join us in a huge thanks to Steve Thrower who although staying as a Trustee of the Charity, resigned as Treasurer during the year. He has been treasurer of the Association for many years and steered us through to Charitable Trust status which enabled us to benefit from the acquisition of the Ross Funds. He is replaced by Steve Hodge. We recognise that 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 2015/16 (Agenda Item 5.2)

### **Key Financial Highlights**

Overall Summary for the year 2015/16

Starting Balance	£6,641
Income*	£10,486
Expenditure*	£13,904
Final Balance	£3,223

\*Includes congress entry fees/prizes but excludes Ross Fund Money Investment.

Income was £469 from Club/Individual subscriptions, £110 from sale of Lloyds Bank Shares, £130 from DVD sales, £5,000 from the Ross Fund, fees for the grandmaster simultaneous/training events and congress entries.

Main items of expenditure have been:

£1,130	Special distribution to all clubs
£2,082	Purchase of new equipment (clocks, boards and sets)
£1,346	Replacement of trophies
£1,231	Net cost to the association of Members events (training, Grandmaster simultaneous etc.)
£1,106	Public events including supporting Junior Chess
£3,800	Prize fund for Congress

Of concern this year was the large loss on the congress (£1,380) caused mainly by the reduced number of entrants compared to previous years while still maintaining a high prize fund.

During the year the Association invested the Ross Fund money (£175,000) with an Investment Management Company (Cardales). The plan is that this will generate an annual income of £5,000 for the Association.

In future our plan is to spend around £5,500 each year to match our income from investments and team subscriptions.

The Association is still owed some money from the old Trustees of the Ross fund and expect a tax refund due to our charitable status. It is planned to put this money towards some special events in 2017 and to build up a reserve.

## League, Summer league and Cup Secretary's Report (Agenda Item 5.3)

### Leagues

#### *JP Lawson 6 Board Div 1*

Hull C won the league with Beverley A runners up. Willows A relegated on results between themselves and Willows B as they were tied on points and points difference. 9 out of 30 matches were rearranged (30%).

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Hull C	10	8	2	0	40½	19½	21	18	<b>Champions</b>
Beverley A	10	7	1	2	31½	28½	3	15	<b>Runners Up</b>
St Andrews A	10	3	2	5	31	29	2	8	
Hull E	10	3	1	6	27	33	-6	7	
Willows B	10	3	0	7	25	35	-10	6	
Willows A	10	2	2	6	25	35	-10	6	<b>Relegated</b>

Table for 5th/6th place (matches involving tying teams as GD tied)

Willows B	2	1	0	1	7	5	2	2
Willows A	2	1	0	1	5	7	-2	2

#### *ES Starkey 6 Board Div 2*

Victoria Dock won the league and were promoted. (Hull D were placed second on the basis of results between them and Beverley B as pts difference is tied). 4 out of 30 matches rearranged (13%).

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Victoria Dock	10	9	1	0	46	14	32	19	<b>Promoted winners</b>
Hull D	10	6	0	4	34½	25½	9	12	
Beverley B	10	5	2	3	34½	25½	9	12	
Hull Futures A	10	3	0	7	25	34	-10	6	
Hull G	10	2	2	6	19	40	-21	6	
St Andrews B	10	1	3	6	20	40	-20	5	

Table for 2nd/3rd place (matches involving tying teams as GD is tied)

Hull D	2	1	0	1	7	5	2	2
Beverley B	2	1	0	1	5	7	-2	2

#### *RP Ross 4 Board Div 1*

The league was very close this year with 5 teams still having a chance of winning with one match left to play. It finished with 3 teams on the same number of points with points difference being the same. It was therefore decided on results between the teams. St Andrews C won the league with Beverley Redsox runners up.

Unfortunately the season ended with HANA unable to play their match with Beverley Redsox and too late to get the match arranged before end of May. Also Willows B were only able to get 2 players for their match with Withernsea (turned up with 2 players rather than default match). 6 out of 56 matches rearranged (11%)

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
St Andrews C	14	6	5	3	37	31	6	17	<b>Champions</b>
Beverley Redsox	14	5	7	2	45½	39½	6	17	<b>Runners Up</b>
Withernsea	14	6	5	3	36½	30½	6	17	
Hull F	14	6	4	4	31	31	0	16	
Beverley C	14	5	5	4	33	35	-2	15	
HANA Kasparov	14	4	4	6	30½	34½	-4	12	
St Andrews B	14	4	1	9	31½	34½	-3	9	
Willows B	14	2	5	7	28	37	-9	9	<b>Relegated</b>

Table for 1st to 3rd place (matches involving tying teams as GD is tied)

St Andrews C	4	1	3	0	12	10	2	5
Beverley Redsox	4	0	4	0	13½	13½	0	4
Withernsea	4	0	3	1	10½	12½	-2	3

## RP Ross 4 Board Div 2

Hull B won the league with St Andrews D runners up both teams promoted. 3 out of 42 matches were rearranged (7%) and there were 4 defaulted matches.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts	
Hull B	12	6	4	2	31	21	10	16	<b>Promoted winners</b>
St Andrews D	12	5	5	2	33½	25½	8	15	<b>Promoted</b>
Hull X	12	3	7	2	29½	23½	6	13	
Victoria Dock	12	4	5	3	27	28	-1	13	
Willows A	12	4	4	4	32	28	4	12	
Hull Futures 1	12	3	4	5	23½	30½	-7	10	
Hull Futures 2	12	1	3	8	19½	39½	-20	5	

## Team Cups

Due to having to chase up to get a lot of cup games played, several cups are running well behind schedule. Measurers are being placed before the AGM to ensure this does not happen again.

### Thomas Atkinson Trophy

Ten teams were entered in draw (nine last season). St Andrews A or Victoria Dock (playing 13 June) will play Beverley B in final. One match defaulted.

### Fenner Trophy

As only defaults have taken place—not a single match was completed. Therefore the trophy was void this year. Last season this trophy did not receive the required number of entries so did not take place either.

### Jubilee Cup

Nine teams were entered in draw (eight last season). Victoria Dock play St Andrews B in final.

### RP Ross Cup

Thirteen teams were entered in draw (11 last season). 4 matches were defaults. St Andrews B V Beverley Redsox or Hull Futures 2 (playing 10 June) in final

### George Willoughby Trophy

Thirteen teams entered. Won by Hull C, St Andrews A runners-up.

### Peter Withill Trophy

Thirteen teams entered. Won by St Andrews C, Scunthorpe runners-up.

## Individual Cups

### U165

Fourteen players entered the U165 (down from 16 the previous year). The tournament has not been completed. 4 players remain Steve Crow, Andrew Bettley, Paul Allison & Scott Nicholson to battle it out

### U125

Fourteen players entered the U125 (down from 19 the previous year). John Sugden was the winner beating Jan Gevelaar in the final.

### Open Handicap

Thirteen players entered the Open Handicap. (up from 8 the previous year) The final John Scotter v Jan Gevelaar has yet to be played.

## Peter Hughes H&DCA Championship

The delayed 2014 final between Andrew Bettley and Colin Hailstone was played after the last AGM. This resulted in two draws and therefore the trophy was shared.

**Individual Cup Controller comments** - Better management of the tournaments is needed, in particular setting end dates per round working back from the final games date of 31st May and building in two weeks per round in case of draws.

## Players of the Year (winners and runners-up)

6B-D1	D Lord and J Atkinson
6B-D2	M Collinson and T Hackett
4B-D1	T Turner and S Hodge
4B-D2	P Allison and R Callis
Junior	A Venkat
Overall	T Turner and M Collinson

## Summer League

### Final league Table Division 1

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

### Final league Table Division 2

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Def	Pts
Hull C	6	6	0	0	17	7	10	0	12
Hull D	6	4	1	1	14½	9½	5	0	9
Willows B	6	3	1	2	14½	9½	5	0	7
St Andrews C	6	3	1	2	14	10	4	0	7
Beverley B	6	2	1	3	12½	11½	1	0	5
St Andrews B	6	1	0	5	7½	16½	-9	0	2
HANA Kasparov	6	0	0	6	4	20	-16	0	0

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## Fixtures Secretary Report (Agenda Item 5.4)

Overall the season seems to have gone quite well. There were however one or two instances in the first couple of months where teams arrived at venues only to find they had no opponents. This was due to poor communication on the part of the captains.

The introduction of league-free weeks has allowed each of our clubs sufficient dates to successfully run their own championships and I have been requested to allow these league-free weeks again in next winter's fixtures.

In line with a new rule introduced at the last AGM, the deadline for teams to enter the next Winter League is 1st July. At the moment it looks as though there will be one team less in the 4 Boards.

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## Youth Development Officer Report (Agenda Item 5.5)

**To follow**

## Match Captains Report (Agenda Item 5.6)

### Hull & District Chess Association 'A'

The 'A' team finished the season in seventh place in Division One with a record of Played 11. Won 3. Drawn 4. Lost 4. Points 10. This was 5 points above the relegation places but 12 behind Champions, York R.I. 'A', who registered a perfect 11 victories. The main problem that I experienced as team captain was the lack of a settled team. 19 players lined up at one time or other for the 'A' team but only 4 featured in 75% or more of the fixtures. This had a significant adverse effect on both the 'A' and 'B' teams. The outstanding individual performance came from Eric Gardiner, who was unbeaten with 5 wins and 3 draws.

#### *Final League Table*

York RI A	11	11	0	0	65½	0	22
Sheffield A	11	9	1	1	59½	0	19
Calderdale A	11	6	2	3	48½	0	14
Bradford A	11	6	2	3	46	0	14
Huddersfield	11	4	3	4	45½	0	11
Rose Forgrove A	11	4	3	4	42	0	11
Hull DCA A	11	3	4	4	43	0	10
Leeds CCCC A	11	4	1	6	37½	0	9
Alwoodley A	11	3	1	7	36½	0	7
Harrogate A	11	2	2	7	35	0	6
Bradford Central 11	1	3	7	33	0	5	
York RI B	11	2	0	9	34	0	4

### Hull & District Chess Association 'B'

The 'B' team finished the season in seventh place in Division Two with a record of Played 11. Won 4. Drawn 1. Lost 6. Points 10. This was 6 points above the relegation places and 11 short of the promotion slots. 21 players featured in at least one match but only 4 appeared in 75% or more of the fixtures. A realistic challenge for a top four finish, let alone promotion, was never likely. The outstanding individual performance came from Alec Grice who played in every match, winning 5 games, drawing 5 and losing just 1.

#### *Final League Table*

York RI C	11	10	0	1	62	0	20
Sheffield B	11	10	0	1	62	0	20
Calderdale B	11	8	1	2	56½	0	17
Rose Forgrove B	11	7	1	3	50½	0	15
Sheffield C	11	7	0	4	52½	0	14
Wakefield A	11	4	3	4	44½	0	11
Hull DCA B	11	4	1	6	46	0	9
Harrogate B	11	4	0	7	38	0	8
Pontefract	11	4	0	7	33	0	8
Bradford B	11	3	1	7	36	0	7
York RI D	11	1	1	9	30½	0	3
Harrogate C	11	0	0	11	15½	0	0

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