

IPSWICH JUNIOR CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

October 2008

Welcome back everyone and we hope you had a good summer.

Library Events

We held 2 events at the library during the school holidays. A big **thank you** to everyone who came along and supported us. We also had some wonderful publicity from the Evening Star. We have been invited to hold more events and details will be circulated once we have them.

Club Weekly Sessions

We've decided to experiment by slowly introducing additional structure into the club sessions on Saturday mornings, initially by introducing a discussion of a grandmaster game each week, and after October half term we will be gradually introducing separate training for the beginner and intermediate players.

We have introduced a new Club Division, and at the start of each half term, players will move up or down a division, depending upon how well they have done. There are also Club Teams (a bit like houses in school), with each player being allocated to a team. Division games result in points for your team, and periodically there will be prizes for each member of the best team! We will also use the Club Divisions to help decide which training is appropriate for you, so it's quite important that you play all of your games as you may otherwise find yourself re-learning about how rooks move instead of about responses to opening gambits!

Parents Rota

A parents rota was drawn up for this half term and given out before the holidays so you should all have a copy of this, a rota for the next half term will be available shortly. It is **essential** that we have enough adults helping each week, and with sufficient support we will be able to offer the additional chess training. We never know how many children will be at each session so it is important to have already arranged enough supervision. This is a **parent run club** and your help is vital to ensure the success of the club.

Club Tournament - 8th November

We will be holding our annual Tournament on this date. This will be open to anyone and we usually attract players from all over the region. Entrance forms have now gone out so please send them in as soon as possible (further copies are available from the club or website).

There will be **no Chess Club** that week. The tournament, which is held in the 6th form centre, consists of six rounds played through the day. It is not a knockout competition so you need to have the whole day free but it is great fun. We will be selling refreshments and holding a raffle so if anyone can help please let us know.

If you have something that we could put in the raffle this will be gratefully accepted – please bring it along to the club with you.

Membership Details

Please could you all ensure that we have your up to date details. It helps for events, competitions etc and of course it is important to have up to date contact details in case of an emergency.

Your Committee

If you have any comments or questions concerning the club please let one of us know. If anyone is interested in joining the committee you are more than welcome.

Chairman: Paul Febvre (Tel 07718 636493)

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