

SAXMUNDHAM & DISTRICT CHESS CLUB

Secretary's Report: Season 2006 – 2007

This season (2006 – 2007) the Suffolk Chess League consisted of three divisions and the club entered two teams into the league (one in Division Two and one in Division Three); these teams were under the captaincy of Andrew Paige and Arthur McCormick.

The 'A' Team (under the captaincy of Andrew Paige) was playing in Division Two. There were six teams in this division and consequently there were a total of ten matches to be played during the course of the season. Of these: 6 matches were won, 1 match was drawn and 3 matches were lost. The team achieved second place in the division (behind Manningtree and ahead of Ipswich 'C'), finishing the season with a total of 24 points out of a maximum of 40 points. The division was won this year by Manningtree who finished the season with a total of 28½ points.

The 'B' Team (under the captaincy of Arthur McCormick) was playing in Division Three. There were eight teams in this division and consequently there were a total of fourteen matches to be played during the course of the season. Of these: 7 matches were won, 3 matches were drawn and 4 matches were lost. The team achieved fourth position in the division (behind Bury Cannons 'B' and ahead of Felixstowe), finishing the season with a total of 30½ points out of a maximum of 56 points. The division was won this year by Sudbury 'B' who finished the season with a total of 38 points.

The club also entered a team into the Suffolk Chess U125 Competition this season; this team was also under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. We were unsuccessful in this competition being defeated by Hadleigh Chess Club in our first match.

Two other local competitions are: the Suffolk League Cup and the Norfolk and Suffolk Cup, however, the club did not enter either of these competitions this year.

The Club Championship for this season (2006 – 2007) has been organised by Alan Naysmith: this tournament has not yet been completed, and, consequently, the result is not currently available.

The result for the previous Club Championship (2005 – 2006) is now available. This result had not been announced before because the competition had not been completed at the time that the last Secretary's Report was written. The competition was won by John Feavyour with Andrew Paige in second position.

This year, the club held a Quickplay Tournament. This tournament was held on the evening of 12 September 2006 at the Benhall & Sternfield Ex-Servicemen's Club and was organised by John Feavyour. The Tournament had five entrants and was won by John Feavyour with Don Picton in second position.

Finally, the club was again able to enjoy another Christmas Dinner during this year. This pleasant social gathering, which was organised for Tuesday 13 December 2006, was held at The Butcher's Arms (Knodishall), and Alan Naysmith deserves thanks for organising this event.