

SAXMUNDHAM & DISTRICT CHESS CLUB

Secretary's Report: Season 2009 – 2010

This season (2009 – 2010) the Suffolk Chess League consisted of three divisions and the club entered two teams into the league (one in Division 2 and one in Division 3); these teams were under the captaincy of Andrew Paige and Arthur McCormick. There were six teams in each Division and there was both a home and an away fixture against each team; consequently there were ten matches scheduled for each team.

The 'A' Team (under the captaincy of Andrew Paige) was playing in Division 2. Of the ten matches the team were scheduled to play: one match was won, three matches were drawn and six matches were lost. The team finished the season in the bottom position with a total of 15½ points out of a possible maximum of 40 points. The Division was won this year by Manningtree who finished the season with a total of 24½ points.

The 'B' Team (under the captaincy of Arthur McCormick) was playing in Division 3. Of the ten matches the team were scheduled to play: three matches were won, two matches were drawn and five matches were lost. The team finished the season in third position with a total of 18½ points out of a possible maximum of 40 points. The Division was won this year by Adastral Park 'B' who finished the season with a total of 31 points.

Division 1 was won this year by Ipswich 'B' who finished the season with a total of 27 points out of a possible maximum of 40 points

The club also entered a team into the Suffolk Chess U145 Competition this season; this team was also under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. We were unsuccessful in this competition being defeated by Ipswich Chess Club in the Quarter Final. This competition was won by Adastral Park.

Another local competition in which the Club competed this year was the Suffolk League Cup. This team was, again, under the captaincy of Andrew Paige; however we were also unsuccessful in this competition. This competition was won by Ipswich 'B' who defeated Bury 'B' in the final.

This year, the club did not enter a team into either the Suffolk Chess U125 Competition or Norfolk and Suffolk Cup.

The Club Championship for this season (2009 – 2010) has been organised by Andrew Paige. This tournament has not yet been completed with John Feavoyour and David Brown still to play in the final; consequently, the result is not currently available.

The club held a Quickplay Tournament this year. This tournament was arranged for the evening of Tuesday 15 September 2009 at the Benhall & Sternfield Ex-Servicemen's Club and was organised by John Feavoyour.

Finally, the club was again able to enjoy another Christmas Dinner this year. This event was held on Thursday 10 December 2009 at The Ship Inn (Blaxhall), and Alan Naysmith deserves thanks for organising this event.