

SAXMUNDHAM & DISTRICT CHESS CLUB

Secretary's Report: Season 2010 – 2011

This season (2010 – 2011) the Suffolk Chess League consisted of three divisions and the club entered two teams into the league (both in Division 3); these teams were under the captaincy of Andrew Paige and Arthur McCormick. Divisions 1 and 2 of the League each consisted of six teams (with a total of ten matches to be played per team), and Division 3 of the League consisted of seven teams (with a total of twelve matches to be played per team).

The 'A' Team was under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. Of the 12 matches the team were scheduled to play: 7 matches were won, 2 matches were drawn and 3 matches were lost. The team finished the season in second position with a total of 30½ points out of a possible maximum of 48 points (ahead of Bury St Edmunds 'C' and behind Clacton).

The 'B' Team was under the captaincy of Arthur McCormick. Of the 12 matches the team were scheduled to play: 3 matches were won, 3 matches were drawn and 6 matches were lost. The team finished the season in sixth position with a total of 19 points out of a possible maximum of 48 points (ahead of Felixstowe and behind Ipswich 'E').

The winners for each one of the three Suffolk Chess League Divisions this year were: Ipswich 'B' (Division 1), Ipswich 'C' (Division 2) and Clacton (Division 3).

The club also entered a team into the Suffolk League Cup this year. This team was also under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. However we were unsuccessful in this competition and it was won by Ipswich 'B' who defeated Adastral Park in the final.

Additionally, this year the club entered a team into the National Club Championship (Major); however we were also unsuccessful in this competition.

Another competition which we entered this year was the Suffolk Chess U145 Competition; this team was, again, under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. Although we succeeded in reaching the final of this competition, we were defeated by Adastral Park.

The club did not enter a team into the Suffolk Chess U125 Competition this season. This competition was won by Clacton who defeated Ipswich in the final.

Also, the club did not enter a team into the Norfolk & Suffolk Cup this season. This competition was won by Norwich Dons who defeated Ipswich in the final.

The Club Championship this season (2010 – 2011) has been organised by Andrew Paige and there have been seven entrants. This tournament has not yet been completed and, consequently, there is no result which is currently available. Additionally, the result of the previous Club Championship (2009 – 2010) is still unavailable as this tournament has also not yet been competed.

Finally, the club was again able to enjoy another Christmas Dinner this year. This event was held on Thursday 9 December 2010 at The Ship Inn (Blaxhall), and Alan Naysmith deserves thanks for organising this event.