

SAXMUNDHAM & DISTRICT CHESS CLUB

Secretary's Report: Season 2012 – 2013

This season (2012 – 2013) 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. Divisions 1 and 2 of the League each consisted of six teams, and Division 3 of the League consisted of seven teams.

The 'A' Team (under the captaincy of Andrew Paige) was playing in Division 2. Of the ten matches which the team were scheduled to play: 3 matches were won, 3 matches were drawn and 4 matches were lost. The team achieved third place in the division finishing the season with a total of 22 points out of a maximum of 40 points. The division was won this year by Bury St Edmunds 'B' who finished the season with a total of 28 points.

The 'B' Team (under the captaincy of Arthur McCormick) was playing in Division 3. Of the twelve matches which 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 fifth position with a total of 20½ points out of a possible maximum of 48 points. The Division was won this year by Ipswich 'D' who finished the season with a total of 32½ points.

The club also entered a team into the Suffolk League Cup this year. This team was also under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. However, although we reached the Semi-final of this competition, we were then defeated by Ipswich.

Another competition which we entered this year was the Suffolk Chess U145 Competition; this team was, again, under the captaincy of Andrew Paige. However, we were unsuccessful in this competition. This competition was won by Ipswich who defeated Felixstowe in the Final.

Additionally, this year the club entered a team into the National Club Championship; however, although we won in the first round against Bishop's Stortford (3-1), we then lost in the second round against Maidstone (3-1).

The club did not enter a team into the Suffolk Chess U125 Competition this season: this competition was won by Felixstowe who defeated Ipswich in the Final. Also, the club did not enter a team into the Norfolk & Suffolk Cup this year.

Performances of note were: Peter Chadwick (who was awarded Division 3 Player of the Year by the League) and Malcolm Lightfoot (who was undefeated in all of his League Matches and his National Club Championship match). In addition to this, congratulations should further be given to Malcolm Lightfoot who won the Challengers Cup this year.

Unfortunately, the result for the Club Championship this season (2012 – 2013) is not yet available, last year this competition was won by John Feavours. Additionally, neither the result for the Club Championship (2009 – 2010), nor the result for the Club Championship (2010 – 2011) is yet available as these two competitions have not yet been completed.

The club was again able to enjoy another Christmas Dinner this year. This event was held on Thursday 13th December 2012 at The Plough & Sail (Snape), and was organised jointly by Geoffrey Lilley and Arthur McCormick.

Finally, it is with very great sadness that I must inform you of the loss of Don Picton who died on 25th March 2013. Don has been a reliable and supportive member of the club over the years representing us in a great many Club Matches. Don will be greatly missed.