



OLTON CHESS CLUB



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SEASON 2014-15

The new season is upon us and the first match is the Annual friendly against South Birmingham on Monday 1st September.

The players and grades are given here along with the team formation. Opening matches are given on the back page. The Birmingham League's rules of play were in debate until a few days before the season was due to start. New rules regarding quickplay finishes were again on the table, but have been deferred and the matter is now being looked at by a League subcommittee. Other rules have been changed to reflect changes in FIDE laws of chess. These effectively mean the BDCL conditions of play do not change. However, the rule on mobile phones now states that if they make a sound, the game SHALL be lost. July 2015 sees the British Championship being held at Warwick University. The winners of the Birmingham and Leamington League top section individuals will qualify for a place in the Championship. However, if you have no aspirations in that event, you can still enter in the many sections of both League competitions.

Subscriptions for the 2014-15 season remain in the same format as previously. All players will need to pay for Bronze ECF membership by the end of September or will be charged £2 per League game played. Bronze membership is £12 if paid through the BDCL scheme. Silver membership is required to play in congresses and costs £18, or can be paid as a £6 supplement to bronze membership on the first occasion. ECF fees may be paid direct to the ECF online and some members may have

received a renewal notice. Membership of the chess club is £16 full, £8 senior citizen and needs to be paid by end of October. These fees need to be paid to the Treasurer, John Clulee.

There will again be a club Championship tournament run in two sections, as last season. Entries should go to Club Secretary, Robert Reynolds as soon as possible. Entry is free and there will be cash prizes as well as a trophy to hold for a year.

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Phil Holt	188
Alan Lloyd	187
Dave Gostelow	183
Richard Smith	169
Mark Cundy	172
Francis Batchelor	171
<u>Division 2</u>	
Richard Reynolds	159
Robert Reynolds	154
Robert Wallman	153
Steve Chadaway	148
Trevor Holt	139
Andy Cottom	150
<u>Division 3</u>	
Ken Allen	140
Garry Evans	144
Warren Archibald	133
Richard Liszewski	142
Jim Gillespie	119
Thomas Evans	133
<u>Division 4</u>	
John Llewelyn	108
Dave Stockwin	122
Karol Grzywaczewski	120
Richard Evans	111
Craig Mills	108
Dave Brown	124
<u>Division 6</u>	
Pete Singh	106
Bramwell Garner	90
John Clulee	71
Bill Yeomans	75
Tom Evans	94
Jeff Elson	65
Paul Kelly	89
If Ali	--
<u>Other players</u>	
Gary Hope	158

SUMMER TOURNAMENT

The annual Summer Tournament took place a little later than usual this year. 18 players took part and competed in 3 sections. Richard Smith won the open section with 6 points from 7, with Richard Reynolds second on 5½. Richard Smith won the crucial game in round 5 to take the lead and was unstoppable after that, needing just a draw in round 7.

In the Major section, Trevor Holt finishing on 4½ was the winner. Richard Evans and Paul Kelly both scored 4 points and were competing for the Major, but Richard won the Minor section, with Paul second. The top scores are given here.

Richard Smith	6
Richard Reynolds	5½
Robert Reynolds	4½
Ken Allen	4½
Trevor Holt	4½
Gary Hope	4½
Mark Cundy	4
Richard Evans	4
Paul Kelly	4

Round 1 saw an entertaining game from two very sharp club players.

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
T.Holt	M.Cundy
1. e4	c5
2. d4	cx d4
3. Nf3	Nc6
4. c3	dx c3
5. Nxc3	d6
6. Bc4	a6
7. O-O	Nf6
8. b4 (Or e5 dxe5; 9.Qxd8+ Nxd8; 10.Nxe5=)	
9.	Bg4
9. b5	ax b5
10. Bxb5	Nd7
11. Bb2	Nde5 ? (This leads to a complicated series of exchanges and advantage to White. e6 is a much better alternative)
12. Nxe5	Bxd1

13. Nxc6 Qb6 (Or Ba4, it matters little)



14. Ne5+	Kd8
15. Nxf7+	Kc8
16. Rfxd1	Rg8
17. a4	e6
18. Rac1	Kb8
19. Ng5	Be7
20. Nxe6	Bf6
21. Ba3	Rc8
22. Bxd6+	Ka7
23. a5	Qxa5
24. e5 (Better than Ra1 Bxc3; 25.Rxa5 Bxa5)	
24.	Kb6
25. Nc7	Rxc7
26. Nd5 +	Kxb5
27. Nxc7 +	Resigns

And now, here is a game worthy of comedy corner. It is a clear demonstration of how not to play the King's Gambit and was played in round 4 of the Summer Tournament.

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
M.Cundy	R.Smith
1. e4	e5
2. f4	Qh4 +
3. g3	Qe7
4. d3 (Nc3 or Nf3)	
4.	d5
5. Qe2	dx e4
6. Qxe4	Nc6
7. Bg2 ? (fxe5 is a must)	
7.	Nf6
8. Qe2 (Not very palatable, but Qc4 or a4 are better)	
8.	Nd4
9. Qf2 ?? (The worst option. Qd2 or Qd1 better)	
9.	Ng4
10. Qd2	ex f4 +
11. Kd1	Ne3 +
12. Resigns	

CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Championship began early last season, with an Open section and a Minor section. Each section was split into two groups which were all-play-all. The two top players in each group met in semi-finals and finals to decide the winners. In the minor section, Paul Kelly beat Bram Garner in the minor section. John Clulee was winning against Tom Evans (Snr) but stalemated Tom and drew. There was a play-off which Tom won. Paul won game one of the final but was losing game two. However, Tom made a series of errors and only drew, making Paul Champion. In the Open section, Richard Smith beat Robert Reynolds to reach the final. Mark Cundy blundered a piece against Richard Reynolds, which meant a repeat of an eventful game in the group stages. In game one, Richard Smith retained the pressure throughout, but a fierce attack

was repelled. There was an opportunity to bail out to a draw, but a blunder meant the loss of a piece and a win for Richard Reynolds. Game two saw a more open game where both sides had chances. Material remained even until Richard Reynolds won a backward pawn on d6. After a series of exchanges, the game might have been drawn, but in the end it was a second win and the championship for 2013-14. Here is the second game.

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
Rich Reynolds	R.Smith
1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. Bb5	a6
4. Ba4	Nge7
5. c3 (White can play O-O, d4 or Bb3)	
5.	d6
6. O-O	Ng6
7. d4	b5 (Bd7 is better, because the Black wedge is already thwarted by c3)
8. Bc2	Be7
9. Re1	O-O

10. Be3	Na5
11. Nbd2	c5
12. b3	Nc6
13. d5	Nb8
14. Nf1	f5 (This is premature as White's development is better)
15. exf5	Bxf5
16. Bxf5	Rxe5
17. Ng3	Rf7
18. Ne4	h6 (This stops Ng5 but creates a weakness. Nf4 might be better)
19. a4 (Qd3 was considered, threatening Nxc5, but the possibility of a messy follow-up to Rxf3 put me off it)	
19.	Nd7
20. axb5	axb5
21. Qd3	Nf4
22. Bxf4 (Rxa8 Qxa8 wins a pawn although it looked dodgy at the time)	
22.	Rxf4



23. g3	c4
24. bxc4	bxg4
25. Qe2	Rf8
26. Nfd2	Nb6
27. Nxc4	Nxd5
28. Qd3	Nc7 (The only sensible move)
29. Ncxd6	Bxd6
30. Qxd6 (The simplest given the circumstances)	
30.	Qxd6
31. Nxd6	Rad8
32. Nc4	Nd5
33. Rxe5	Nxc3
34. Re7	Nd5
35. Rb7	Rf7
36. Rxf7	Kxf7
37. Rd1	Ke7
38. Ne3	Nf6
39. Nf5+	Resigns

Now, here's another game from the Summer Tournament.

<u>WHITE</u>	<u>BLACK</u>
Thomas Evans	G.Hope
1. e4	e5
2. Nf3	Nc6
3. d4	exd4
4. Nxd4	Nf6

5. Nxc6	bxg6
6. Bd3	d5
7. Qe2	Be7
8. O-O	O-O
9. Nc3	d4
10. Nb1	Be6 ? (Re8 or Nd7 are better)
11. b3 (Gives the initiative straight back. 11. E5 or f4 are more active)	
11.	Re8
12. Bb2	Bf8 (The Bishop is best placed on c5)
13. f3	g6
14. Qf2	c5
15. Rd1	Qb8 (Bh6; 16. Bc1 Bxc1 Rxc1)
16. c3	dxg3 (Or Bg7; 17.cxd4 cxd4; 18.Bxd4 Rd8)
17. Nxc3	Bg7
18. Bb5	Nxe4 ?? (Presumably, a miscalculation. Black's position was poor but is now lost)
19. exf4	Bd4
20. Rxd4	cxg4
21. Qxd4	c5
22. Qf6	Qd8
23. Nd5	

GAME FINISH



This position was reached in the game between Richard Reynolds and Tom Darling (Leamington). Black is losing but holding on, having brought the Knights back into play. Then he played 38...Qxh3 ? How did the game finish ?

PHIL HOLT'S PUZZLE

The last newsletter had a puzzle from Phil Holt which had several ways to mate in three after the key move. The key was 1. Ng5! An example win was 1....Nd6; 2.Qxd6+ Ke8; 3. Nc7 mate.

Richard Reynolds

OPENING FIXTURES

Division 1

Tuesday 9th September, home to Halesowen
Wednesday 24th September, away at Solihull

Division 2

Tuesday 23rd September, home to Lichfield
Tuesday 30th September, home to Westminster 3

Division 3

Tuesday 7th October, home to Warley Quinborne
Tuesday 21st October, home to Boldmere

Division 4

Thursday 18th September, away at Walsall Kipping
Tuesday 23rd September, home to St. Georges

Division 6

Thursday 11th September, away at Shirley
Tuesday 30th September, home to South Birmingham 4

Olton 1A

Tuesday 16th September, home to Olton B
Tuesday 23rd September, away at Banbury

Olton 1B

Tuesday 7th October, home to Shirley
Tuesday 14th October, home to Banbury B

Olton 2C

Tuesday 9th September, home to Shirley B
Wednesday 1st October, away at Solihull C

Olton 4D

Tuesday 9th September, away at Leamington D
Tuesday 16th September, home to Stratford E