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GRASS ROOTS - Doug Sandford reflects on the state of British Club Chess:

At a time when British Chess at the top level is probably flourishing better than ever, it would seem that we are failing to recruit or encourage sufficient numbers to sustain the growth that was made in the popularity of this great game following the Fischer/Spassky World Championship in Iceland. The reduction in the number of clubs competing in the League, the shedding of their lowest team by some clubs, and the decline in entries for Junior tournaments and for the minor section at the Congress are all instances of this. The remedy would seem to be in the hands of club secretaries whom I urge (particularly while the World Championship is receiving TV coverage) to mount a recruiting campaign by letting the neighbourhood know of their existence e.g. by notices in libraries, shop windows, newspapers etc. In this connection, I applaud the efforts of Castle C.C. who ran a recent tournament on a Sunday and who are now advertising in my local Community Association magazine for sufficient members to run a third team.

I trust that all Notts. club secretaries will do their utmost to avoid the circumstances outlined in a recent issue of the Bristol Chess Times:-

"When a club does get a new recruit through its hallowed doors what does the embryonic GM See? A cold, uninviting accommodation in most cases, and equipment that is old, incomplete and shabby. This is sumptomatic of the lack of willingness of chess players to pay for their enjoyment. According to Tony Miles we are the worst chess playing nation in this respect. Once the person has overcome the shock of the state of the place they have plucked up courage to visit, they may look up and see people in an all male domain engrossed in their own games. If this does not turn them to their comfortable armchair, with video, home computer or television set, they may ask some disinterested party for a game. How much nicer a friendly greeting and the offer of a game would be." Let us all resolve, both strong and weak players alike, to recruit new members, make them welcome to our clubs and encourage them in every way possible. It is only by sustaining the grass roots that further growth will be made at the top.

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DEPARTURES BOARD

John Cooper is shortly moving to Lancashire, and his last report as county correspondence captain appears elsewhere in this issue. Thanks to his guiding hand Nottinghamshire are now playing top division correspondence chess, and he points out that he is handing over to a capable successor in Ron Stevenson. John says that he has enjoyed serving the Association in a number of posts over the years, and we wish him well for the future.

This is, I regret to say, the last bulletin I shall be able to produce, as I too am on the move, to Birmingham. I've thoroughly enjoyed six-and-a-bit years' chess in Nottinghamshire, and I shall certainly attempt to keep in touch with things after my departure. If the idea of assuming editorial control of this publication appeals to anyone (it's mainly a question of organising the contributors, and David is very prompt) their services will be very welcome - contact Ron Clunie.

With Andrew Rolfe and Steve Woodhouse also having recently moved on to better things, the prospect arises of West Bridgford being a spent force in Nottinghamshire chess!?

SPECIAL EVENTS are still the province of David Holmes, who writes:

INTER-CLUB JAMBOREE

This event was held on Tuesday 2nd October at Gambit Chess Club and consisted of two events: The minor event over five boards for smaller clubs was contested by six teams and first place was shared by Grantham and Chessnuts with 4/5. The major event over eight boards attracted a poor entry of only four teams from West Bridgford, Gambit, Sutton and the holders, Mansfield. The contest proved rather a formality with West Bridgford, in spite of (or is it because of) having the controller playing for them, winning easily with 7/8, losing no individual games and so holding the Doug Anthony Memorial trophy for the coming year.

TEAM LIGHTNING

The team lightning championships will be held on Tuesday 4th December at Gambit Chess Club, starting at 7:30 p.m. The event is for teams of four players, and last year was a seven-round all-play-all. Hopefully there will be a larger entry than last year's eight teams and, in that case, the event will be run on the Swiss system.

NOTTS. COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP 1984-5

Julie Lazonby controls this event, and some time ago she sent me a letter with details of this year's tournament. Since receiving that letter, I know that the closing date for entries has been altered in a circular sent to all clubs. If there are any discrepancies between that circular and this bulletin, assume the circular version to be correct, as it is of more recent issue.

The championship will take the form of a five-round (no play on Saturday evening) Swiss tournament and will be held over the weekend 23rd-25th November 1984 at the Victoria Hotel, Milton Street, Nottingham. The entry fee for the event will be £7 (£3.50 for juniors), and prizes (which depend in part on the level of entries) will be in the region of £60, £30 and £15 for the first three places, with two grading prizes of £15 each.

Further details can be obtained from Julie Lazonby (address elsewhere in this issue), or from club secretaries.

CORRESPONDENCE CHESS Information provided by John Cooper:
Last season the county correspondence team were promoted from Division Two
(Sinclair Trophy) of the County and District Correspondence Chess Championship
into the first division, where they were competing for the Ward-Higgs Trophy.
This year's campaign resulted in our scoring 14 points out of a possible 30,
with which we finished tenth out of the sixteen counties involved. Whilst our
top fifteen boards scored very heavily in the promotion season, they found
things more difficult this year, and only Peter Grimsey won his game. However,
we won 8 of our bottom fifteen boards, saving us from relegation, so we must
have strength in depth!

Individual results: Bd. 1, P.B.Dodson O vs. Lancs; Bd. 2, M.Alcock O vs. Middlesex; Bd. 3, Dr. A.N.Walker ½ vs. Kent; Bd. 4, G.Allcock ½ vs. Bucks; Bd. 5, T.Guy O vs. Berks; Bd. 6, P.W.Grimsey 1 vs. Dorset; Ed. 7, M.Thomas ½ vs. Essex; Bd. 8, M.Cooke ½ vs. Yorks; Bd. 9, Dr. D.A.Toms ½ vs. Warwks; Bd. 10, Dr. B.J. Armitage O vs. Sussex; Bd. 11, J.G.Cooper ½ vs. Somerset; Bd. 12, C.T.Kent O vs. Gtr. Man; Bd. 13, S.J.Burke O vs. Surrey; Bd. 14, W.M.S.Tildesley O vs. Glos; Bd. 15, G.Macauley ½ vs. Merseyside; Bd. 16, Dr. J.K.Walters 1 vs. Lancs; Bd. 17, W.H.Selby 1 vs. Middx; Bd. 18, D.T.K.Lewis O vs. Kent; Bd. 19, M.J.Hill 1 vs. Bucks; Bd. 20, J.Tassi 1 vs. Berks; Bd 21, N.Graham 1 vs. Dorset; Bd. 22, B.M.Hayward ½ vs. Essex; Bd. 23, N.Hill ½ vs. Yorks; Bd. 24, R.J.Stevenson O vs. Warwks; Bd. 25, S.V.Noodhouse ½ vs. Sussex; Bd. 26, G.Murfet 1 vs. Somerset; Bd. 27, A.Morrey 1 vs. Gtr. Man; Bd. 28, S.Ayandeh O vs. Surrey; 3d. 29, B.Oldham 1 vs. Glos; Bd. 30, P.Bissett O vs. Merseyside.

COUNTY TEAM NEWS

FIRST TEAM

This season's county first team fixtures are as follows:

Oct. 27th - Derbyshire (H) Dec. 8th - Northants (A)

Jan. 19th - Lincolnshire (A) Feb. 23rd - Leicester (H)

Mar. 3rd - M.C.C.U. semi final

All matches are on Saturdays and will start at 2.30 unless players are informed otherwise. Potential spectators will need to know that the venue for all home matches is Dayncourt School, Radcliffe on Trent.

The team captain is David Holmes, who can be reached on when he's at home, and on when he's at work.

SECOND TEAM

The county second team started this season's campaign with a rather close 12-8 victory over Northamptonshire at Sutton-in-Ashfield on 13 October. The next match is against Derbyshire at Belper.

LEAGUE SECRETARY'S NEWS

- Matsimela Chess Club have entered a side in Division Four of the League. All their opponents should have been notified of fixture dates - any who have not should contact Neil Graham promptly.
- 2. The following sides have withdrawn from the League:

SHERWOOD 2 STAPLEFORD 3 STUDENTS 3

Club secretaries please delete appropriate fixtures.

SIMULTANEOUS DISPLAY

West Bridgford's Tony Dempsey is giving a simultaneous display at Hyson Green Community Centre, St Paul's Avenue, Radford Road, Hyson Green on Saturday 17th November 1984, starting at 12.00. Potential opponents are being asked to bring their own sets and boards if at all possible.

ADVANCE NOTICE (extremely)

The 1985 Nottinghamshire Chess Congress will be held over the weekend of 19 to 21 April at County Hall. Make an early note in your diaries!