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And so here we go again.

" Poor naked wretches, wheresoe'er you are  
That hide the pelting of this pitiless storm  
How shall your houseless heads and unfed sides  
Your looped and windowed raggedness, defend you  
from seasons such as these? "

I hope that you face "seasons such as these" with a more positive attitude than King Lear could manage.  
Still, the old buffer was nuts.

#### HANDBOOKS

Two clubs - Kingstanding and Kynoch - have moved during the close season.

Details are in the current Handbook.

Steve Chadaway of Handsworth Wood has kindly drawn attention to the following errors in the Handbook.

At the top of page 48, in the Division Three fixtures, the month heading has been misplaced. The heading to the left hand column should be "February", and "March" should appear immediately above match 3-56. So matches 3-47 to 3-55 inclusive are scheduled for February.

Also, at the bottom of pages 47 and 48 the tabulation has slipped. On page 47 there is little ambiguity, except perhaps for match 3-41 (Tuesday 30th), but on page 48 it should be understood that matches 4-42 and 4-43 are scheduled for 10th January, and match 4-45 for 16th January.

**(Hear now the wise words of Plautus:- People who  
drink lager shouldn't play Scrabble.)**

Finally, Warley Quinborne's Division Two side are scheduled to play two matches on 15 February. This is an error in the scheduling rather than a misprint. The club will be making new arrangements in due course.

#### MIDLANDS CHESS WEBSITE

The BDCL website is to be found at  
**users.powernet.co.uk/rees/bdcl**  
and the webmaster (Mike Rees) can be e-mailed at  
**michael.rees@cableinet.co.uk**  
(That's a new address by the way.)

BDCL bulletins will be made available on site for reading in Acrobat format. That is to say, you will have to stand on your head to read them. (I jest. I jest.)

#### INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT ENTRIES

Graham Humphreys asks me to remind you that entries for these competitions are due in to him by 1st October. His address and telephone number are on page 1 of the Handbook, and also repeated below for good measure.

The cost is £1.50 per entrant, as noted on page 20 of the said Handbook. Send your entries to:-

Graham Humphreys  
82 Vernier Avenue  
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#### WOLVERHAMPTON CHESS CLUB - RAPIDPLAY TOURNAMENT

Supported by Banks's Brewery. (Well, you probably feel that you've supported them for long enough).

This will take place on **Sunday 19th November 2000**

at the **Royal Oak, Blackhalve Lane, Wolverhampton.**

There will be three sections - u160, u125 and u90.

Enquiries/entries to Geoff Rosser, 25 Leyland Avenue, Wolverhampton, WV3 9RF - Phone and fax 01902 424 931.

#### LATE ENTRIES

Both Mutual Circle and Sutton Coldfield wanted to make a late entry into Division 8, but there is probably no room, so I have listed their entries on the following pages as though that will not happen.

Space was, however, left in Division 8 for a new club called Hotels Chess. At the time of writing this club does not seem to have a room, and nor, so far as I know, have they arranged any fixtures. They apparently have a team, though.

Perhaps they'll change their name to (No Room At The ) Hotels Chess. Some landlord might put them up in the stables.

Most of the League Registrations are now in. Here they are, apart from Lady Westminster, Birmingham University and (possibly) Alan Ruffie's "Hotels Chess" in Division 8.

**Aldridge**

- 6 Andrews L
- Carless J
- Payne B
- Smith G
- Smith RSJ
- Winman S
- Woodward AW
- Woodward G

**Birmingham**

- 2 Daniels RG
- Fender J
- Gee GJ
- McConkey CC
- Pready A
- Scott HG
- 4 Carter W
- Hill J
- Hopkins BD
- Horne R
- Kingsley C
- Loose JC
- Saunders N
- Schroeder M
- Varley E
- Wilkinson D

**Bushbury**

- 2 Cooper L
- Grinsell L
- Parry RCT
- Pinfold P
- Staley P
- Staniforth J
- 4 Booth RK
- Brodie R
- Buckley D
- Hancox M
- Jones SA (see page 4)
- Keates D
- Pinfold W
- Schroeder A
- Scott P
- Smith ABC
- Whitehead J
- Woodall P

**Chelmsley Town**

- 5 Bettam R
- Crutchlow S
- Eckloff C
- Felgate M
- Hotchkiss S
- Randall D
- Weston S

**Halesowen**

- 1 Bethel M
- Bissell DA
- Crombleholme AK
- Edge J
- Fishburne S
- Thomas RK
- 2 Ambrose A
- Bingham J
- Grimes R
- Jackson Dale
- Peck WWA
- Priest AA

**Halesowen (continued)**

- 4 Banks P
- Clark Mrs M
- Curry D
- Digger DC
- McLoughlin B
- Whitehouse D
- 7 Freshwater F
- Heywood N
- Howell D
- McKay C
- Ryder KC
- Vile M
- 8 Curry B
- Curry J
- Evans Joyce
- Hendrickson J
- Jackson Darren
- Larden S
- Smith T
- Taylor A
- Welch Hazel

**Handsworth Wood**

- 3 Chadaway SM
- Fryer SM
- Grant D
- Jones KP
- Wakefield K
- Yuill J
- 4 Connor M
- Edwards S
- Gee GM
- Gowler G
- Iskra J
- Lake AN
- Lake NJ
- Loach PL
- Morris R
- Neale R
- Roberts C
- Robinson J
- Wakefield P

**Kingstanding**

- 3 Biddle M
- Brelsforth D
- McCabe D
- Savage P
- Smith GW
- Tuckey R
- 6 Dixon B
- Hall J
- Jones P
- Little M
- Osborne G
- Willits FT

- 8A Harman G
- Palfrey F
- Pike V
- Turner K

- 8B Harman W
- Hillman R
- Huynh S
- Ryder C
- Sturch A
- Thomas CC
- Wyre T

**Kynoch**

- 1 Dawson CR
- Farley RT
- Hickey A
- Ingram K
- Roberts N
- Webley CP
- Webster P
- 3 Burton R
- Farley TE
- Hammersley C
- Harrington M
- Mowatt O
- Thomas K
- Wallace D
- White L
- 7 Dawson B
- Dawson Mrs E
- Fowler R
- Morgan G
- Morgan W
- Murphy P
- Pritchard WB
- Rake A
- Tyler FC

**Lichfield**

- 1 Allen RMA
- Collins P
- Hibbard CP
- Keaveney J
- Tayar CG
- Wallace P
- 2 Farmery R
- Grant AB
- Hackett G
- Lamb GH
- Maher MP
- Smith J
- 5 Abell D
- Andrews S
- Brown CE
- Falkingham F
- Fone D
- Griffiths P
- Hall A
- Hoare M
- Homewood BB
- Lakin J
- McLaughlin I
- Mieleniewski A
- Milner BE
- Monks G
- Ricketts CE
- Smitton I
- Smitton S
- Wilson A(S)

**Lucas & BS**

- 5 Campbell R
- Clyde G
- Cook RA
- Crump JA
- Elkington EP
- Geary D
- Gough RT
- Johnson L
- Johnston A
- Rees MJ

**Lucas Automotive**

- 5 Akhtar B
- Bowie DC
- Clarke DB
- Fisher I
- Friend JB
- Garrett M
- Garrett N
- Garrity J
- Gibbs G
- Hemmings H
- Sindano H

**Mercia**

- 4 Francis KAJ
- Perks D
- Phillips J
- Share M
- Smith BR
- Webb D
- 6 Baker D
- Bateson CJ
- Bradley L
- Brownsword A
- Carrier R
- Collins P
- Dawes T
- Fletcher B
- Heathcock C
- Jancis A
- Johnson B
- Lane C
- Lowe K
- Moore D
- Nicholls P
- Page R
- Pallant S
- Price R
- Rich J
- Scarrott L
- Stokes-Roberts G

**Mutual Circle**

- 3 Boynton L
- Boynton P
- Goray SS
- Hollows R
- Lewis L
- Price D
- 4 Boynton R
- Evans C
- Francis T
- Homer JL
- Hussain T
- Paffard M
- Robinson Mrs S
- Scicluna F (Snr)
- Scicluna F (Jnr)
- Singhal Saket
- Singhal SN
- Sudders A
- Walker MBA
- Wells P

**Olton**

- 1 Gostelow DW

**Rushall (continued)**

- 6 Allen S

**Solihull**

- 1 Carpenter R

**South Birmingham (continued)**

- 6A Boivin C

Holt PJ	Bell D	Gorka C	Hope G
Lloyd AD	Booth DJ	Harwood WJ	Hunt P
Price D	Booth K	James R	Loat MA
Reynolds Richard C	Butler C	McCumiskey A	Peace A
Reynolds Robert	Butler K	Stokes G	Taylor A
	Cooksey C		
2 Cheshire D	Ellis W	2 Byrne N	6B Emanuel J
Holt TJ	Hennion J	Dale J	McClory B
Liszewski R	Hills J	Howard GF	Reid C
McDonald J	Knight A	Rogerson AM	Szatanik A
Russell AM	Lambe D	Summerfield JH	Tidman T
Wallman RJ	Parker A	Tarlow M	Wilson Sam
	Parker Russell		
4 Archibald W	Sanders G	3 Allen KE	7A Baker E
Brown DR	Sims N	Collins FS	Ball L
Cottom A	Spencer PG	Horsley D	Meredith M
Gillespie JA	Staniforth M	Leeson CJ	Smith S
Llewelyn J	Strachan J	Shurrock D	Thomas M
Lund-Yates C	Turner P	Tapp M	Williams A
	Turner R		
6 Atkin RH	Wilcox Miss CJ	5 Bishop Mrs C	7B Emanuel L
Clulee JD	Wilcox Mrs GD	Broadbridge D	Emanuel P
Garner B	Wilcox Miss GM	Campbell A	Green B
Goldwater AL		Chadaway C	Sobers O
Simpson P	<b><u>St James</u></b>	Crawford SJ	Toth R
Stockwin DR	2 Hurney K	Kugblenu J	Whelan A
	Hurney T	Price V	Wilson Simon
8 Apostolakopoulos P	Hynes AM	Roberts A	Wilson Trevor
Finglass B	Kitson PR	Towers S	
Finglass S	Peters R		
Hughes T	Truscott IM		
Pell-Reynolds J		<b><u>Solihull Youth</u></b>	
Singh P		7 Anderton A	2 Bissell M
White R	5 Allsop B	Anderton O	Downes D
White T	Bott D	Anderton R	Dudley BG
Yeomans W	Collett R	Clarke D	Howarth I
	Johnson S	Coxon Miss J	Sharp BT
	Lloyd J	Coxon Miss L	Thomas G
	McGrath J	Evans R	
<b><u>Redditch</u></b>		Page C	4 Aldworth T
3 Batson F	<b><u>Shirley</u></b>	Page R	Anwal B
Blackburn N	1 Chillcott R	Trevena J	Branford R
Heath J	Galloway I		Colwell C
Robertson PC	Huxtable T	<b><u>South Birmingham</u></b>	Dathan S
Towers N	Mason DJ	1A Dunn D	Durnell K
Wells S	Thomas DR	Mildenhall J	Horwill E
	Thomas N	Pitcher J	Jukes S
6 Barrett J	Walker R	Smyth MD	Lamont P
Church P		Van Drunen K	Moore A
Clack I	3 Asbury J	Varnom GR	Mullinder C
Clack Mrs M	Freeman J		O'Grady K
Cole J	Gilbert KT	1B Agnew A	Podlesak M
Daniels M	Jimenez FC	Charman C	Scriven D
Holmberg J	Purcell RJ	Drugan MA	Scrivens P
Jackson G	Ward E	Lane TA	Tatler F
Richardson O	Warren K	Tidman S	Waive J
Stanton G		Walker TW	Wilson J
Turner R			Wood M
<b><u>Rushall</u></b>	4 Bash D	2 Cartwright G	<b><u>Sutton Coldfield</u></b>
3 Bell C	Christie G	Hall A	1 Briscoe B
Colwell S	Coyle H	Mwenya P	Brown AJ
Ferrando J	Csepregi G	Tomkins P	Escott KL
Hadley K	Healey R	Whelan E	Hayden LF
Hancox RJ	McGuirk P	Williams S	Ng E
Horne J	Rawson LS		Soszynski M
Lewis R	Sayers G	5 Evans S	
Parker N	Warden M	Glass R	3 Cox T
Parker R	Wilkinson P	Hardy R	Dent C
Powis AR		Pitt C	East C
Sadler J		Stockhall DA	Kent A
Westwood R		Walker G	Lee R
Wilcox SR			Storey I
Wragg M			

**Note**  
On my copy of the registrations Stourbridge have not actually allocated their players to Divisions. I have assumed that the first six players make up the Division 2 team and the rest are in Division 4.

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**Sutton Coldfield (continued)**

**Walsall Kipping (cont.)**

**Warley Quinborne (cont.)**

**West Midlands Police (cont.)**

6 Bloom D	5 Beasley S	7 Bason D	8A Jamieson M
Chevannes Miss S	Davies B	Bull R	Martin J
Clackett R	Jones PJ	Candelent E	Westlake P
Dandy C	Payton JL	Fahy J	Withey P
Darlow M	Perry A	Pakenham JH	
Egginton P	Savin M	Rourke J	8B Cawley A

Gardiner D	Shrimpton AE	Tempest R	Farrell D
Gardiner S	Southall CM	Wheeldon P	King F
Neal D			Knowles M
Needham JM	7 Billings C	<b>West Bromwich</b>	McIntosh L
Pazzaglia R	Dolan R		Merritt A
Stobart N	Evans J	2 Backhouse D	Merritt N
Winter G	Gavin P	Bryant C	Pitt J
	Hayes L	Clark DW	Preston R
	Jarvis D	Crump JE	Sullivan R
	Jones SA (see below)	Davies DM	
	McIntosh Mrs D	Friar J	<b>Wolseley</b>
	Moore KJ	Friar M	4 Chowdhury M
	Nixon P	Gregg M	Fennell GT
		Hill G	Lawrence P
		Smith J	Maciel EG
		Smith M	Maciel G
		Walker N	Stepanovic G
		Wesson G	
		Wilkes P	
			8 Bates G
			Gazee T
			Joiner P
			Nooney K
			Platt S
			Siddiqi A
			<b>Wolverhampton</b>
			2 Bird D
			Daniels D
			Griffiths MF
			Handscorn PJ
			Porter P
			Townsend M
			Wood F
			Wootton M
			4 Atkiss P
			Broomhall P
			Button J
			Eastwood PR
			Hesbrook L
			Hodges A
			Hubbard P
			Jones K
			Lewis B
			Price P
			Robinson A
			Rosser G
			Sanghera P
			Wakelam JM
			Ward R
			Wilkinson R
			<b>Note</b>
			SA Jones is registered for both
			Bushbury and Walsall Kipping

The above registrations total 702. The comparable figure last year was 750. Of the reduction of 48, 30 are attributable to Solihull Youth and Wythall. Teams entered this year total 92 (and there would have been two more if Division 8 had not been limited to 8 teams). Last year there were 98 teams.

Further decline, then, I suppose. But just out of curiosity I had a look at the September 1996 Bulletins (1996/97 being the Centenary Season). 105 teams were entered then, which is 14% more than this year. Here are some figures for initial registrations:-

Rushall this year 38 (1996/97 = 28); Wolverhampton 24 (14); South B'ham 50 (43); Halesowen 33 (28); Lichfield 30 (30); Olton 33 (34); Warley Q. 42 (44).

Crisis? What crisis?

When your Bulletin Editor was Grading Officer I remember calculating that a very large percentage (? 20%) of registered players played 4 games or fewer during the season. The optimist would say that if we've simply lost such people then we haven't lost very much. The pessimist might say that those people were potentially future regular players.