

Insofar as the following has any relevance to anything at all, it should be read in conjunction with the first Rules Committee report on page 45.

"In the event of an emergency the crew will be the last to leave the aircraft. I as the Captain will be the last of the crew to leave. If I pass you on the way out you are to assume the rank of Captain."

- David Gunston

FINAL LEAGUE TABLES AT 5th JUNE 2001

DIVISION ONE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Warley Quinborne	12	10	2	0	22
Halesowen	12	9	0	3	18
Olton	12	8	1	3	17
Lichfield	12	7	2	3	16
Kynoch	12	6	2	4	14
South Birmingham A	12	6	1	5	13
Shirley	12	5	2	5	12
Walsall Kipping	12	5	2	5	12
Solihull	12	5	1	6	11
South Birmingham B	12	3	2	7	8
Tamworth & District	12	1	4	7	6
Sutton Coldfield	12	1	3	8	5
Birmingham University	12	1	0	11	2

DIVISION TWO

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Stourbridge	12	8	2	2	18
St James	12	6	4	2	16
Lichfield	12	6	3	3	15
West Bromwich	12	7	1	4	15
Birmingham	12	5	4	3	14
Olton	12	4	5	3	13
Bushbury	12	5	2	5	12
Halesowen	12	3	6	3	12
Warley Quinborne	12	3	6	3	12
Wolverhampton	12	5	2	5	12
South Birmingham	12	2	3	7	7
Kynoch	12	2	2	8	6
Solihull	12	1	2	9	4

DIVISION THREE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Handsworth Wood	11	9	0	2	18
Redditch	11	8	1	2	17
Sutton Coldfield	11	5	4	2	14
Shirley	11	6	1	4	13
Solihull	11	5	1	5	11
Mutual Circle	11	3	4	4	10
Rushall	11	5	0	6	10
Warley Quinborne	11	4	2	5	10
Tamworth & District	11	3	3	5	9
Walsall Kipping	11	3	2	6	8
Kingstanding	11	2	3	6	7
Birmingham University	11	2	1	8	5

DIVISION FOUR

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Olton *	12	8	1	3	17
Halesowen	12	8	1	3	17
Birmingham	12	7	2	3	16
Stourbridge	12	7	2	3	16
Mercia	12	7	1	4	15
Shirley	12	6	0	6	12
Wolverhampton	12	5	1	6	11
Handsworth Wood	12	4	2	6	10
Mutual Circle	12	5	0	7	10
Tamworth & District	12	4	2	6	10
West Midlands Police	12	4	1	7	9
Wolseley	12	4	0	8	8
Bushbury	12	2	1	9	5

* Champions after play-off

DIVISION FIVE

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham	11	8	3	0	19
West Mids Municipal	11	8	2	1	18
Lichfield	11	7	2	2	16
Walsall Kipping	11	5	4	2	14
Warley Quinborne	11	4	4	3	12
Solihull	11	4	2	5	10
Chelmsley Town	11	4	1	6	9
Tamworth & District	11	3	3	5	9
St James	11	4	0	7	8
West Midlands Police	11	1	4	6	6
Lucas AC **	11	3	0	8	6
Lucas & BS	11	2	1	8	5

** relegated after play-off

DIVISION SIX

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
South Birmingham B	10	8	2	0	18
South Birmingham A	10	7	2	1	16
Aldridge	10	5	2	3	12
Redditch	10	6	0	4	12
Mercia	10	4	1	5	9
Sutton Coldfield	10	3	3	4	9
Rushall	10	3	2	5	8
Kingstanding	10	3	1	6	7
Olton	10	3	1	6	7
Warley Quinborne	10	2	2	6	6
West Mids Municipal	10	2	2	6	6

DIVISION SEVEN

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Lady Westminster	9	8	0	1	16
Birmingham Univ. A	9	5	2	2	12
Halesowen	9	5	0	4	10
South Birmingham A	9	5	0	4	10
Walsall Kipping	9	4	2	3	10
Solihull Youth	9	4	1	4	9
Warley Quinborne	9	3	2	4	8
South Birmingham B	9	3	1	5	7
Birmingham Univ. B	9	2	1	6	5
Kynoch	9	1	1	7	3

DIVISION EIGHT

	Pl.	W	D	L	Pts.
Wolseley	14	8	3	3	19
Olton	14	5	7	2	17
Halesowen	14	7	2	5	16
Hotels	14	6	4	4	16
West Mids Police A	14	3	6	5	12
West Mids Police B	14	5	2	7	12
Kingstanding A	14	3	5	6	11
Kingstanding B	14	3	3	8	9

DR VICTOR GEORGE JENSON

Sadly, Vic Jenson died on 29th March 2001 at the age of 68. He held a BA and PhD obtained at Birmingham University, and had spent his working life at the University as a lecturer. My first meeting with Vic was in 1945 at the Wolverhampton Kipping Chess Club, when he was 12 years of age. He became a very strong player and for over 15 years was the captain of the Staffordshire County 1st team. When his parents moved to Weymouth Vic went to live in Bromsgrove and subsequently played for both the Birmingham and Bromsgrove Chess Clubs.

Vic was County Grader for a number of years and was instrumental in the computerisation of the BCF grading system. He served on the Birmingham League Rules Committee for many years and assisted with adjudications for the League.

On behalf of all League members and those who knew Victor I offer my sincerest condolences to his family.

Graham Humphreys

ENDA O'DONNELL

Enda came to England from County Mayo as a young man to make his fortune as a welder and car mechanic, and was a founder member of the Tamworth Chess Club way back in the 1970's. He played board two in the first team below Martin Whetton when Phil Briggs was still in Division 8!

A keen motorbike enthusiast and a black belt at karate, he gave up competitive chess in the 1980's but still continued to support the Club. He contracted leukemia in the early 1990's and that was what eventually overcame him in April this year.

Enda will be sorely missed by all at Tamworth, and by many of his former adversaries throughout the BDCL.

Phil Nightingale

LEAGUE RESULTS**Division 1**

1-73 Walsall Kipping 3½ v South B'ham 'B' 2½			
D Anderton	½	A Agnew	½
J Bellin	1	D Dunn	0
D Wheeler	½	T Lane	½
M Wheeler	½	A Hall	½
D Pritchard	½	T Walker	½
W Rea	½	M Drugan	½

1-76 Sutton Coldfield 1 v South B'ham 'A' 5			
K Escott	0	K van Drunen	1
A Brown	0	J Pitcher	1
E Ng	0	M Smyth	1
B Briscoe	½	C Charman	½
L Hayden	½	J Mildenhall	½
M Soszynski	0	G Varnom	1

1-77 Kynoch 2½ v Lichfield 3½			
P Webster	1	P Wallace	0
K Ingram	½	P Collins	½
N Roberts	½	R Allen	½
A Hickey	0	G Lamb	1
K Thomas	½	A Wilson	½
R Burton	0	P Griffiths	1

1-78 Halesowen 4 v South Birmingham 'B' 2			
D Bissell	1	A Agnew	0
S Fishburne	½	S Tidman	½
A Crombleholme	0	D Dunn	1
R Thomas	1	T Walker	0
M Bethel	½	M Drugan	½
D Jackson	1	R Hardy	0

Division 2

2-65 Solihull 2 v Stourbridge 4			
outstanding result			
J Sigurdsson	½	M Bissell	½

2-69 Warley Quinborne 3 v Wolverhampton 3			
A Singh	1	P Porter	0
M Wildboar	½	M Wootton	½
B Whitehouse	½	F Wood	½
R Chadd	0	P Eastwood	1
W Rawlings	1	L Hesbrook	0
V Ward	0	B Lewis	1

2-76 Bushbury 1½ v Lichfield 4½			
outstanding result			
J Staniforth	0	A Smith	1

2-78 Wolverhampton 3½ v Solihull 2½			
M Townsend	½	J Sigurdsson	½
P Porter	½	N Byrne	½
M Wootton	1	G Howard	0
M Griffiths	½	M Tarlow	½
F Wood	0	M Tapp	1
P Eastwood	1	C Leeson	0

Division 3

3-51 Kingstanding 2½ v Mutual Circle 3½			
P Savage	½	R Hollows	½
M Biddle	½	L Lewis	½
D Brelsforth	½	S Goray	½
R Tuckey	0	P Boynton	1
G Smith	0	L Boynton	1
M Little	1	S Robinson	0

3-59 Handsworth Wood 4½ v Kingstanding 1½			
outstanding result			
K Jones	½	P Savage	½

Division 4

4-50 Mercia 2½ v Stourbridge 3½			
M Share	½	R Branford	½
K Francis	½	K Durnell	½
BR Smith	½	M Podlesak	½
D Perks	1	C Caldwell	0
D Webb	0	A Moore	1
J Phillips	0	D Scriven	1

4-58 Mutual Circle 3½ v Bushbury 2½			
M Walker	0	A Schroeder	1
M Paffard	0	ABC Smith	1
C Evans	1	R Brodie	0
Saket Singhal	½	W Pinfold	½
S Robinson	1	P Allan	0
SN Singhal	1	D Buckley	0

4-75 Mutual Circle 3½ v Mercia 2½			
M Walker	0	A McCumiskey	1
M Paffard	1	M Share	0
P Wells	½	K Francis	½
J Homer	1	BR Smith	0
C Evans	½	D Perks	½
S Robinson	½	J Phillips	½

4-CHAMPIONS PO Halesowen 3 v Olton 3			
(Olton champions on board count)			
B McLoughlin	0	A Cottom	1
D Digger	0	W Archibald	1
D Whitehouse	½	J Llewelyn	½
P Banks	½	D Brown	½
M Clark	1	J Gillespie	0
D Curry	1	R Atkin	0

Division 5

5-51 Chelmsley Town 6 v Tamworth Def			
Result as previously reported. Tamworth have now defaulted this one properly instead of by mistake.			

5-Rel.PO LAC 2½ v West Midlands Police 3½			
I Fisher	1	P Gough	0
N Garrett	1	H Quail	0
D Clarke	0	M Cooper	1
D Bowie	0	B Phillips	1
J Garrity	0	F King	1
H Hemmings	½	M Jamieson	½

CUP RESULTS**TERRILL TROPHY FINAL**

Warley Quinborne(2) 4½ v Handsworth W.(3) 3			
A Singh	1	K Jones	0
B Whitehouse	1	S Chadaway	0
M Doran	½	D Grant	½
M Fox	1	A Lake	0
T Delaney	1	S Fryer	0
G Windows	0	S Edwards	1

TOWNSHEND TROPHY FINAL

South Birmingham(5) 3 v WM Municipal(5) 3			
(South Birmingham win on board count)			
R Glass	½	L Collier	½
R Hardy	½	K Jewsbury	½
D Stockhall	½	M Tallis	½
S Evans	½	J Lunn	½
G Hope	1	H Hughes	0
C Pitt	0	A McKeown	1

HOMER PLATE FINAL

Solihull(3) 5 v Shirley(4) 1½			
M Tapp	1	P Wilkinson	0
D Shurrock	1	G Christie	0
C Leeson	1	L Rawson	0
D Horsley	0	P McGuirk	1
F Collins	1	R Healey	0
W Peck	1	G Csepregi	0

BARRINGTON PLATE FINAL

Lady Westminster(7) 3½ v Redditch(6) 3			
R Millward	1	S Spurgeon	0
B Steeles	½	J Cole	½
D Price	½	I Clack	½
G Goddard	0	G Stanton	1
J Burke	½	R Turner	½
B Trevis	½	J Holmberg	½

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

<u>Division 1</u> - outstanding semifinal			
M Drugan	0	S Dighton	1
<u>Division 1</u> - final			
A Hynes	1	S Dighton	0

<u>Division 2</u>			
D Jackson	½	A Russell	½

<u>Division 3</u>			
M Biddle	½	S Goray	½

<u>Division 4</u>			
L Collier	1	G Rosser	0

<u>Division 5</u>			
I Fisher	½	A Wilson	½

<u>Division 6</u>			
G Hope	1½	P Hunt	½

<u>Division 7</u>			
J Fahy	1	K Moore	0

<u>Division 8</u>			
P Apostolakopoulos	1	T Gazee	0

NB

Where draws are shown in the Individual Finals the players agreed to share.

COUNTY RESULTS

MCCU Open

7th April 2001 - MCCU final
 Warwickshire 11½ v Greater Manchester 4½
Warwickshire thus won the MCCU title
 20th May 2001 - BCF quarter final
 Cornwall 4 v Warwickshire 12

MCCU u175

already champions for the 5th successive season
 19th May 2001 - BCF quarter final
 Sussex 5 v Warwickshire 11

MCCU u150

1st April 2001 - MCCU final
 Greater Manchester 6 v Warwickshire 8
winning the title for the 5th time in seven seasons
 20th May 2001 - BCF quarter final
 Norfolk 8 v Warwickshire 8
 (Norfolk won on board count)

MCCU u125

2nd December 2000
 Warwickshire 5½ v Shropshire 6½
 3rd February 2001
 Staffordshire 9 v Warwickshire 7

MCCU u100

3rd March 2001
 South Notts 4 v Warwickshire 8
 21st April 2001 - MCCU final
 Leicestershire 6 v Warwickshire 6
Warwickshire won the MCCU title on tie-break
 5th May 2001 - BCF quarter final
 Kent 4 v Warwickshire 8

Report of the Rules Committee meeting held on Wednesday 2nd May 2001 at Mutual Circle CC

Division 1 - Lichfield v Walsall Kipping - 22nd February 2001

The Walsall Kipping captain, Bill Rea, was late arriving for the match. In his absence another player agreed to a change in the time control to 36 moves in 1½ hours as allowed in Rule 8.5. Bill Rea and another Walsall latecomer were unaware of this change throughout the match until Mr Rea lost on time having played 34 moves. Mr Rea complained that it was unfair for a game to be played when one of the players was unaware of the correct time control and that the game should be voided.

The Committee carefully considered the points that Mr Rea made and could understand his annoyance that the Lichfield player might have acted in an ungentlemanly way. The Committee nonetheless concluded that the responsibility for making him aware of the change of time control lay with his own acting captain rather than with his opponent.

Division 4 - Mutual Circle v Bushbury - 20th February 2001

The game S Robinson v P Allan had been adjourned for the second time and the Mutual player, Mrs Robinson, went to Bushbury on 10th April as arranged. When Mr Allan did not arrive she went home and Mutual claimed the game by default. Mutual supplied the adjournment envelope and the Committee noted that the full date of Tuesday 10th April was written on it in Mr Allan's handwriting as the resumption date. Bushbury argued that this was a mistake in that Bushbury's home night was always Wednesday. About a week prior to the game there had been a telephone conversation during which Mrs Robinson affirmed her intention to play at Bushbury on the date fixed.

After careful consideration of the points made by Bushbury the Committee came to the conclusion that there was a clear intention to play the adjournment on Tuesday 10th April. The game was apparently confirmed to be played at Bushbury. Mrs Robinson turned up to play at the agreed venue on the agreed date and the claim by Mutual was therefore upheld.

Rule 17.1

At the September 2000 Management Committee meeting a request was made that the Rules Committee should look at Rule 17.1. In the past teams finishing joint runners-up in Division 1 have wanted to share the trophy, but the rule does not allow this. The Committee proposes the following amendment.

In the first sentence delete "runners-up in Division 1". After the words "to resolve the tie" insert a full stop. Thereafter insert "In the event of a tie between two or more teams for runners-up in division one the teams concerned may agree to share the trophy. In default of such agreement they shall play a match or matches to resolve the tie. All such matches shall be played ..."

Mike Biddle
 Chairman

NB: Your editor also suggests that the subsequent sentence "Such matches shall be of 6 players per team ..." requires a little tweaking, as division 8 currently has only four players per team..

BDCL Lightning Tournament held 20/3/2001

Section 'A' was won by Shirley 'A' with 17 pts from Olton 'A' (15½) and Lichfield 'A' (13).
 Section 'B' was won by Birmingham with 17 pts from Solihull 'A' (15½) and Shirley 'B' (13).
 Section 'C' was won jointly by Solihull Youth 'A' and Shirley 'C' with 16½ pts. Kingstanding were third (14½).

