

## **Birmingham & District Chess League: Bulletin 1, 2008/9**

This Bulletin contains the initial player registrations and the quick-play elections for 2008/9 for all Clubs except Aldridge and Kynoch. There are also many news items (*and not just on the front and back pages*).

**Wanted!!:** Budding Journalists, Correspondents, Problemists, Game Annotators ...etc.. This year I am hoping to expand the content of the Bulletin to include more input from league members. So if you want to share some news, an opinion, a game, or anything else, then please write to me at 28, Birchwood Road, Birmingham, B12 8BP. I don't promise to publish everything but I will consider printing any submissions that are to do with chess, not libellous or abusive, and of manageable size (Be concise!).

### **No Home ... New Home**

There have been a number of recent changes to club venues.

Mike Rees of **Northfield Checkmates** writes: "Owing to a change of circumstances Northfield Checkmates have found themselves without a venue. We have been offered joint use of St. George's club rooms on Monday evenings so for the foreseeable future we will be there (see handbook for details). All days and dates in the BDCL handbook are correct".

**Halesowen** report that they now have a new venue at Hasbury Inn, Hagley Road, Halesowen, B63 4QQ. Tel: 0121 585 8708. *This venue is different from that recorded in the Handbook* Their club night will be Wednesdays. Most of the fixtures have already been re-arranged. (see elsewhere). Your club secretary should have been provided with details of how to get to the new venue. *N.B. Halesowen's Div 6 Team has been withdrawn.*

**Redditch** have also moved (for the second time in 12 months?). Full details are in the Handbook.

**Rushall** moved last season, but if you haven't yet been to their new venue then make sure that you check your Handbook before you set off!

**Les Andrews**, Secretary of **Aldridge & District**, has changed his email address. It is now: [landrews@hdlstaffs.com](mailto:landrews@hdlstaffs.com).

### **Obituary – Dennis Beckett**

“With deep sadness Greenlands CC report the passing of Dennis Beckett, President and founder member of the original St. James Club, in early June after a long and plucky fight against cancer. A sterling example of his generation, brought up in World War 2, he was a robust yet likeable character with a good sense of humour and a keen interest in the game of chess and in encouraging others, especially younger players (notably Keith Arkell, now a G.M.). Dennis's forte was organisation and under his leadership St. James was one of the largest and strongest clubs around, competing in BDCL, Worcester County and District leagues, winning several trophies and one year achieving the “triple”. When he finally laid down the baton he was voted life membership and became our first President. His stalwart presence will be sorely missed”. L J Wheatley

### **County Chess – so near but yet so far**

Sadly Worcestershire's Under 125 team perished 10-6 at the hands of Sussex in the Semi-finals of the National County Championship. As reported last season Sussex had earlier put paid to Warwickshire's chances. To add insult to injury for both Midlands' teams, Sussex then managed to lose to Norfolk in the Finals.

Rumours of Dave Brelsforth's retirement as Captain of Warwickshire's U125 side may prove to be premature. He still wants the Big One!

### **Individual Tourneys: The Clock is Ticking ...**

Entries for the individual tournaments must be sent in by **1<sup>st</sup> October** to Graham Humphreys – his contact details and details of the tournament itself are in the BDCL Handbook [pp. 5 & 39]. The cost is £2.50 per player. Ideally you should enter through your Club Secretary, but Graham will probably not complain too much if you approach him directly. There are likely to be enough places available for everybody who wants to compete. Players may enter the tournament for the division in which they play or for a higher division.

**Also ...:** It has been proposed that the BDCL should organise Individual Tourneys that run over the *summer months*. What do you think of this idea? Would you be likely to play in such a tournament? (Answers to Bulletin Ed. or to your Club Secretary as this item may be raised again at a future League Management Meeting).

## **Quickplay Elections (by Division and Team)**

**Quickplay Finish** - Teams' chosen options are listed below and can also be identified by the addition of the abbreviations "qp" or "adj" in the Registrations section of this bulletin.

	<b>Q/P Finish</b>	<b>Adjs</b>	<b>N/K</b>		<b>Q/P Finish</b>	<b>Adjs</b>	<b>N/K</b>
<b>Division 1</b>				<b>Division 2</b>			
Bushbury		X		Birmingham	X		
Halesowen		X		Boldmere St. Michael's		X	
Kynoch/Barn			X	Lichfield	X		
Lichfield	X			Olton A	X		
Olton		X		Olton B		X	
Shirley & Lucas	X			South Birmingham		X	
Solihull		X		Stourbridge A		X	
South Birmingham A	X			Stourbridge B		X	
South Birmingham B	X			Tamworth & District A	X		
South Birmingham C	X			Tamworth B	X		
Sutton Coldfield	X			Warley Quinborne A	X		
Walsall Kipping		X		Warley Quinborne B		X	
Wolverhampton		X		West Bromwich	X		
<b>Division 3</b>				<b>Division 4</b>			
Boldmere St. Michaels		X		Birmingham	X		
Bushbury		X		Mercia		X	
Greenlands		X		Mutual Circle		X	
Halesowen		X		Northfield Checkmates	X		
Mutual Circle	X			Olton		X	
Redditch	X			Rushall	X		
Shirley & Lucas A	X			South Birmingham		X	
Shirley & Lucas B	X			St. Georges		X	
Solihull		X		Sutton Coldfield	X		
South Birmingham		X		Walsall Kipping		X	
Sutton Coldfield	X			Warley Quinborne		X	
Walsall Kipping		X		Westminster		X	
Wolseley		X		Wolverhampton	X		
<b>Division 5</b>				<b>Division 6</b>			
Aldridge			X	Boldmere St. Michaels A		X	
Boldmere St. Michaels		X		Boldmere St. Michaels B		X	
Bushbury		X		Greenlands		X	
Halesowen		X		Kynoch/Barn			X
Kynoch/Barn			X	Mutual Circle	X		
Lichfield	X			Olton		X	
Mutual Circle		X		Redditch	X		
Shirley & Lucas	X			Solihull	X		
South Birmingham		X		Tamworth & District	X		
West Midlands Police		X		West Midlands Police		X	
Westminster		X					
Wolseley		X					

**Birmingham****2 qp**

Fender, John  
Gee, G Jim  
Karim, Amkar  
McConkey, Chris C  
Pearson, Russell  
Pready, Alex D

**4 qp**

Carter, William  
Hill, John  
Hopkins, Brian D  
Hopkins, Steven  
Kingsley, Laurence  
Rowe, David  
Schroeder, Mark  
Scott, Henry  
Wright, Alan

**Boldmere St.  
Michael's****2 adj**

Biddle, Michael  
Fagan, Joe  
Lake, Andrew  
Mildenhall, John  
Thomas, Keith  
Wilson, Alexander

**3 adj**

Bennet, Loxley  
Brelsforth, David  
Edwards, Steven  
Harrington, Michael  
Hussain, Adrian  
Loach, Peter

**5 adj**

Dixon, Bill  
Fryer, Steven  
Goodby, Eric  
Johnson, Alan  
Lakin, John  
Phipps, Malcolm

**6a adj**

Choi, Leo  
Harman, Geoff  
Smith, Geoff  
Taylor, Ross  
Wyer, Tom

**6b adj**

Berenbaum, Luke  
Carrington, Malcolm  
French, Barry  
Hillman, Robert  
Huynh, Sang  
Jones, Aaron  
Osborne, Giles  
Sturch, Alan  
Thomas, Colin

**Bushbury****1 adj**

Cooper, Dave  
Cooper, Lawrence  
Crombleholme, Alan  
Grinsell, Lee  
Laight, Derek  
Parry, Richard  
Staniforth, John

**3 adj**

Baggott, Peter  
Button, John  
Harris, Steve  
Pinfold, Philip  
Podlesak, Mark  
Staley, Phil

**5 adj**

Booth, Keith  
Brodie, Robert  
Buckley, David  
Collabella, Tony  
Keates, Doug  
Molineux, David  
O'Donoghue, Paul  
Pinfold, O. William  
Schroeder, Alf  
Scott, Phil  
Whitehead, Jeremy

**Greenlands****3 adj**

Bott, Douglas  
Ellis, Ian  
Hurney, Kevin  
Peters, Roy  
Truscott, Ian  
Wheatley, Laurence J  
Wiggins, Andrew

**6 adj**

Allsop, Brian  
Collett, Richard F  
Hunter, Gareth  
Johnson, Stanley  
Lloyd, John E  
Smith, David  
Smith, Peter

**Halesowen****1 adj**

Ambrose, Andy R  
Bethel, Mark A  
Edge, John A  
Fishburne, Stewart K  
Hunt, Malcolm  
Jackson, Dale

**3 adj**

Clark, Maureen  
Curry, Don S  
Grimes, Robert  
Hadley, Mike  
Peck, Windsor A  
Wyle, Graham J

**5 adj**

Bessant, Craig  
Borley, Martin  
Digger, Derek C  
Evans, Joyce H  
Evans, Paul J  
Hadden, Christopher  
Martin, Daryl J P  
McNeill, Alasdair  
Southcote, John W  
Taylor, Julian  
Taylor, Tony  
Vile, Mark  
Wootton, Jason T

**Lichfield****1 qp**

Collins, Peter M  
Keaveney, John S  
Lamb, Graham H  
Maher, Mike P  
Staples, Maurice J  
Wallace, Paul A

**2 qp**

Farmery, Robin  
Giles, Alan  
Grant, Andrew B  
Homewood, L Brian  
Mieleniewski, Andrew  
Slobodyuk, Yuri  
Smith, John

**5 qp**

Andrews, Stuart  
Brown, Charles L C  
Caithness, Ian  
Cooper, Paul  
Dodgson, Joe  
Fone, David W  
Gray, Jackie  
Griffin, Nicholas  
Hall, Arthur  
Kirk, Colin  
Marriott, John  
Marriott, Nicholas  
McLaughlin, Ian B  
Monks, Gary  
Short, David  
Smith, Richard H  
Smith, Roy E  
Smitton, Stuart  
Swain, Jarrod  
Wingrove, D Richard

**Mercia****4 adj**

Bateson, Chris  
Butler, Marcus  
Francis, Ken A J  
Lane, Chris  
May, Ken  
Perks, Derek W  
Phillips, John  
Price, Rod  
Rich, John  
Share, Mike  
Smith, Barry  
Webb, Dave  
Worthington, Dave

**Mutual Circle****3 qp**

Boynnton, Peter  
Evans, Chris  
Evans, Garry  
Fisher, Dominic  
Huq, Robin  
Paffard, Mark

**4 adj**

Goray, Satnam S  
Lewis, Lionel  
Robinson, Sheila  
Singhal, Saket  
Tallis, Mark  
Wells, Phil

**5 adj**

Al-Samir, Mehdi  
Homer, John  
Price, Dave  
Thompson, Peter  
Walker, Mike B A  
Webb, Andy  
Woollaston, Alan

**6 qp**

Aldridge, Chris  
Carroll, Colin  
Choudhury, Shakeel  
Evans, Garth  
Heeney, Paul  
Hollows, Robert  
Iqbal, Joel  
Mills, Craig  
Syed, Mohammed

**Northfield****Checkmates****4 qp**

Astbury, Barry  
Bowen, Steven J  
Gough, Roy  
Hodkinson, Peter  
Maddocks, Philip  
Rees, Michael J  
Willmott, Les

**Olton****1 adj**

Cundy, Mark A  
Gostelow, David  
Holt, Philip

Lloyd, Alan D  
Reynolds, Robert  
Smith, Richard

**2a qp**

Cheshire, David J  
Hodgskin, Paul  
Holt, Trevor J  
McDonald, Jim  
Reynolds, Richard C  
Wallman, Robert

**2b adj**

Allen, Ken  
Brown, David  
Chadaway, Steve  
Cottom, Andy  
Liszewski, Richard  
Llewelyn, John

**4 adj**

Archibald, Warren  
Gillespie, Jim  
Goldwater, Tony  
Kerr, Mick  
Singh, Peter  
Stockwin, David

**6 adj**

Clulee, John  
Evans, Tom  
Garner, Bramwell  
Kerr, Courteney  
Lawson, Keith  
Simpson, Peter  
Thornley, Ian  
Yeomans, Bill

**Redditch****3 qp**

Batson, Fred  
Clack, Ian  
Heath, Jeff  
Jackson, Gary  
Mitchell, Robert (10/9)  
Robinson, Tom  
Stanton, Giles  
Towers, Nigel

**6 qp**

Abrahams, Derek  
Bricknell, Rob  
Clack, Michele  
Curzon, David  
Davis, Ashley

Day, Kevin (9/9)  
Krzysztof, Krowicki (9/9)  
Ryder, Neil  
Turner, Richard,  
Wood, Penny

**Rushall****4 qp**

Allen, Syd  
Bell, Darren  
Carr, Matthew  
Colwell, Steve  
Cooksey, Shane  
Dolan, Ray  
Greenwood, Matthew  
Greenwood, Peter  
Hadley, Kevin D  
Hancox, Ray J  
Harris, Phil  
Hennion, Josh  
Jarnis, David  
Leary, Peter  
Parker, Nigel  
Parker, Richard  
Sanders, Gordon  
Sangha, Manpreet  
Styles, Calvin  
Turner, Peter  
Wilcox-Banks,  
Charlotte J  
Wilcox, Steve R

**St. George's****4 adj**

Cambell, Robert  
Collier, Lee E.  
Elkington, Paul  
Griffin, Christopher E.  
Johnson, Lenny  
Johnston, Adrian  
Langston, Ken J.  
Lunn, John  
Macintosh, Robert  
Wise, Ken

**Shirley & Lucas****1 qp**

Briggs, Stephen  
Galloway, Iain  
Mason, Don  
Thomas, Dave  
Walker, Aled  
Walker, Bob

**3a qp**

Asbury, Jon  
Child, Kieran  
Dale, Jonathan  
Freeman, John  
Long, Matthew (12/9)  
Purcell, Rob  
Ward, Eric

**3b qp**

Christie, Gordon  
Gilbert, Kim  
Jimenez, Frank  
Rawson, Louis  
Warden, Mike  
Warren, Ken

**5 qp**

Ball, Roger  
Cox, Tom  
Csepregi, Gabor  
Donovan, John  
Foster, Nigel  
Healey, Roger  
Hemmings, Howard  
Knee, Barry  
McGuirk, Peter  
Phillips, Gary  
Purcell, Philip  
Simpson, Richard

**Solihull****1 adj**

Carpenter, Raymond  
Jewsbury, Keith  
McCumiskey, Andrew P  
Sadler, Anthony  
Stokes, Geoffrey N  
Tapp, Matthew J

**3 adj**

Anderton, Oliver R  
Anderton, Robin A  
Brodie, Iain  
Chillcott, Richard  
Harrison, Kegan  
Howard, Geoff F  
Summerfield, Julian H

**6 qp**

Crawford, Stuart  
Green, John  
Horsley, Dennis M  
Peake, Nigel  
Randall, Dave

Solihull 6 cont.

Wall, Connor  
Wall, Douglas  
Willets, Bryan  
Willets, Lawrence

**South Birmingham****1a qp**

Emanuel, John L  
Gordon, Stephen J  
James, Russell A  
Padilla, Pablo  
Pitcher, John  
Swindells, Jonathan E

**1b qp**

Dunn, David  
Hearne, RobHylands,  
Liam M  
James, Ann-Marie  
Malik, Dani  
Malik, Kaiser

**1c qp**

Ali, Golam S  
Clarke, Neil  
Fallowfield, Jeremy  
Smyth, Martin D  
Whitmore, Darren H  
Williams, Simon A

**2 adj**

Drugan, Mark A  
Glass, Robert  
Gonem, Sherif  
Hope, Gary  
Lane, Tim A  
Lee, Darren

**3 adj**

Boivin, Chris M  
Evans, Steve  
Ralph, Sean  
Stockhall, Derek A  
Swatridge, G Paul  
Walker, Terry W

**4 adj**

Dickson, Fred  
Hardy, Ron  
Loat, Michael A

Nevin, Mike  
Perks, Geoff  
Szatanik, Anthony J  
(Tony)  
Tidman, Tim R  
Weber, Ralf (11/9)

**5 adj**

Baker, Ed  
Davies, Ian J  
Emanuel, Luke A P  
Emanuel, Peter  
Green, Brian  
Johnson, Martin  
Johnson, Peter  
Luke AP  
MacIntosh, Robert  
Malik, Faraz  
McClory, Bernard H  
Phillips, Paul  
Trembecki, Jan  
Trinder, Ray

**Stourbridge****2a adj**

Fallowfield, Nicholas  
Harris, N H  
Jukes, Steve  
Wilson, Julie  
Foxall, John  
Horwill, Eric

**2b adj**

Allford, Dan  
Cahill, Mark  
Dudley, Brian  
Evans, Ron  
Humphreys, K Graham  
Humphries, Jeremy  
Kosted, Towan  
Loynes, John  
Pearce, John  
Pritchard, Mark  
Pulley, Lindsay  
Scriven, Dave  
Webster, John  
Wilkinson, Richard

**Sutton Coldfield****1 qp**

Cox, Tristan  
Eckloff, Colin  
Escott, Keith

Folayan, Sola  
Stepanyan, Henryk  
Stewart, Joseph

**3 qp**

Dhesi, Iqbal  
Hayden, Lawrence  
Kent, Arthur  
Lawrence, Roy  
Ortega, Irving  
Owen, Neil  
Soszynski, Marek  
Windows, Glen F

**4 qp**

Brown, Edward  
Brown, Mike D  
Burgess, Thomas  
Carpenter, Grant  
Dhesi, Arron  
Dhesi, Hari  
East, Christopher  
East, James  
Green, Derek  
Jobanputra, Shailesh  
Stepanyan, Astghik

**Tamworth****2a qp**

Allen, Ralph M A  
Bould, Trevor C  
Briggs, Philip J  
Hern, Kevin  
Kimberley, Stephen  
Williams, David  
**2b qp**  
Hedges, Roy  
Hoddy, David  
Hoddy, John D  
Kimberley, Mark  
Oliver Peter J R  
Walton, Simon

**6 qp**

Clark, Stephen  
Farrugia, Henry  
Howlett, John  
McConnell, Peter J  
Prentice, Derek  
Smith, Andrew  
Smith, David  
Zsigo, Michael

**Walsall Kipping****1 adj**

Anderton, David W  
Wheeler, Darren P  
Bellin, Jana  
Pritchard, David  
Bellin, Christopher J  
Groombridge, Michael J

**3 adj**

Beasley, Steven  
Burgess, Phil  
Friend, David J  
Jones, Robert G  
Patel, Ravi  
Perry, Andrew  
Rea, William  
Savin, Mike W  
Young, Norman C

**4 adj**

Anderton, Doreen  
Billings, Cyril  
Davies, Brian  
Gavin, Peter  
Godridge, Paul  
Hayes, Lance  
James, Melvyn H  
Jones, Simon A  
Moore, Kevin J  
Nixon, Peter  
Shrimpton, Alan E  
Singh, Majer

**Warley Quinborne****2a qp**

Doran, Michael J  
Draper, Adam  
Gordon, Callum J  
Singh, Amrik J  
Southall, Andrew C  
Whitehouse, Brian  
Wildboar, Mike

**2b adj**

Agnew, Alan  
Burnet, Alan J  
Fahy, John F  
Moxley, Andrew J  
Moxley, Stephen  
Rawlings, Wendel  
Smith, Simon C  
Turner, Jon

Warley Quinborne cont.**4 adj**

Black, Stuart  
 Evans, Arthur  
 Hughes, Peter J  
 Kearns, Peter  
 Lewis, John B  
 Pakenham, John H  
 Rourke, Joe M  
 Watkins, Harvey S  
 Wheeldon, Patricia  
 Woodward, Pauline

**West Bromwich****2 qp**

Backhouse, Derick  
 Bryant, Carlos  
 Bull, Phil  
 Crump, John  
 Davies, David  
 Uddin, Moin  
 Walker, Nick  
 Wesson, Geoff

**West Midlands Police****5 adj**

Cooper, Mark  
 Hardstaff, Paul  
 Hathaway, Martyn  
 Holman, Robert  
 Phillips, Barrie  
 Quail, Harvey

**6 adj**

Butler, Philip  
 Gough, Philip  
 Hathaway, Nicholas  
 Higgins, Martin  
 Merritt, Alan  
 Panesar-grix, Nathan  
 Sullivan, Robert  
 Watson, John

**Westminster****4 adj**

Foy, Stephen  
 Leaper, Richard  
 Loly, Mark  
 Millward, Richard  
 Nichole, Desmond  
 Steel, Barry

**5 adj**

Abrams, Peter  
 Burford, John  
 Burke, John  
 Cooper, Douglas  
 Goddard, Geoffrey  
 Houston, John  
 Littlehales, David  
 McTernan, Martin  
 Phillips, Stephen  
 Shriane, Hugh  
 Trevis, Robert

**Wolseley****3 adj**

Chowdhury, Mohammed  
 Lawrence, Peter W  
 Maciel, Edmond G  
 Maciel, Gavin A  
 Sherman, Peter  
 Stepanovic, Goran

**5 adj**

Bates, George  
 Gazee, Trevor I  
 Joiner, Paul W  
 Nooney, Kevin  
 Parr, Donald E  
 Reeves, David J  
 Spence, Paul

**Wolverhampton****1 adj**

Mangwengwende, John  
 May, Martin  
 Morrison, Munroe I  
 Porter, Philip D  
 Samanci, Ali  
 Sygnowski, Tomasz  
 Thompson, Peter I  
 Townsend, Michael P  
 Wood, Frank  
 Wootton, Max

**4 qp**

Arorash, Dave  
 Bate, Keith  
 Bird, Deryl  
 Broomhall, Peter  
 Dawson, Richard  
 Fox, Jeffrey  
 Griffiths, Mike P  
 Houghton, Colin  
 Hubbard, Peter  
 Khoshnevis, Bob B  
 Lewis, Barry  
 Marlow, Ben  
 Sands, Gordon G  
 Walters, Paul D  
 Wilson, Steve R

**Registrations: A Note of Caution!**

Many of the the registration entries in this Bulletin have been transcribed, re-transcribed, cut, pasted, amended, added to, moved, deleted, and generally messed around with, sometimes by more than one person. I and others have occasionally corrected what we considered to be obvious typos and mistakes in the submissions from Club Secretaries, but it doubtful that we have found all the errors, and we may have added extra mistakes of our own. It would be a miracle if there are no howlers in the printed details. I would therefore be grateful if Club Secretaries would check the entries for their clubs, and if individual members would check the spellings of their own names. I will publish any necessary corrections in Bulletin 2. For the first time I have listed member's first names where available. However, for space-saving reasons it is my current intention to revert to initials when listing match results, except where I am aware of possible ambiguities. Ed.

**BDCL Web-Site(s)**

Mike Rees, Web-site Manager, requests that all Club Secretaries read the relevant entry for their Club on the Midlands Chess Web-site, and send him any amendments that they would like to make. Mike has also raised the question of whether the BDCL would like to establish its own separate web-site, perhaps with commercial sponsorship and/or with paid links to commercial organizations. (These options are banned under the terms and conditions of the current web-site, but they might be a way for the BDCL to generate income plus raise its profile.

## Grading Bonanza?

Feeling undervalued? Then you could be in luck! The English Chess Federation's graders are likely to be upping the grades of most chess-players on their database. The reason is a perceived disparity between ECF gradings and international ELO grades. The extent of the disparity varies according to the strength of players (the stronger you are the less you will benefit), but many of us could be receiving an unexpected early Christmas present of from 1 to 50 grading points. Of course the sad thing is that all your club-mates and rivals will be getting an upgrade too .... The provisional new gradings can be found on the English Chess Federation Website. However, Dave Thomas, sounds a note of caution:

"Dear All',  
Can I please emphasise to EVERYONE that the "new" grades on the ECF web site are NOT OFFICIAL for ANY PURPOSE for the current season.  
The Federation's intention is to publish official grades on the revised basis in July 2009. The provisional revised grades for 2008 were published to give organisers data to enable them to decide how they should readjust the grading limits for their events taking place in the 2009/10 season.  
I'm afraid that in a misguided rush to meet an arbitrary deadline insufficient care was taken with the drafting of the explanation, which has led to the current confusion".

David Thomas E.C.F. Manager of Grading

## Changed Fixtures and Withdrawals

### Halesowen's Fixtures

#### Division 1

WED	10 Sep	Wolverhampton (H)
THU	18 Sep	Shirley (A)
WED	01 Oct	Sutton Coldfield (H)
WED	08 Oct	South Birmingham A (H)
WED	22 Oct	South Birmingham B (A)
WED	29 Oct	South Birmingham C (H)
MON	10 Nov	Kynoch (A)
THU	20 Nov	Lichfield (A)
TUE	06 Jan	Olton (A)
WED	04 Feb (TBC)	Solihull (H)
WED	15 Apr	Bushbury (H)
THU	02 April	Walsall Kipping (A)

#### Division 3

WED	17 Sep	Shirley A (H)
WED	15 Oct	Greenlands (H)
THU	16 Oct	Shirley B (A)
THU	06 Nov	Wolseley (A)
WED	19 Nov	Bushbury (H)
WED	26 Nov	Boldmere St. M (H)
WED	10 Dec	Sutton Coldfield (H)
TUE	16 Dec	Redditch (A)
TUE	17 Feb	Mutual Circle (A)
WED	25 Feb	South Birmingham (H)
WED	18 Mar	Solihull (A)
THU	26 Mar	Walsall Kipping (A)

## League management Meeting

The next meeting will be downstairs at South Birmingham's venue, at 7.30 p.m. on **16/12/08**.

## School Chess

The English Chess Federation has received a donation from a wealthy benefactor that should result in all(?) schools being able to apply for a number of free chess boards. Details of how the scheme will work are still unclear.

### Division 5

WED	10 Sep	West Midlands Police (H)
WED	24 Sep	Wolseley ( <i>Trophy</i> ) (H)
WED	08 Oct	Aldridge (A)
WED	05 Nov	Boldmere St.M (A)
WED	26 Nov (TBC)	South Birmingham (H)
WED	10 Dec	Westminster (A)
WED	14 Jan	Bushbury (H)
TUE	20 Jan	Mutual Circle (A)
THU	29 Jan	Shirley (A)
WED	04 Feb	Lichfield (H)
WED	04 Mar	Wolseley (H)
WED	25 Mar	Kynoch (H)

### Division 6

\*\* TEAM WITHDRAWN \*\*

### Other Changed Fixtures (by Division)

#### Div 1

102 Sol v WK Was Wed 3/9/08, Now Wed 15/10/08

#### Div 3

308 SC v Sol Was Mon 6/10/08, Now Mon 2/3/09  
316 BSM v SC Was Wed 22/10/08, Now Wed 3/12/08

**Match and Adjourment Reporting** - John Fahy, Joint Records Secretary, writes (with editorial amendments):

(1) **Emailing**: As indicated at the AGM, the Records Secretaries are willing to accept adjourment results (*but not initial match results*) by e-mail as follows :

(a) for Divisions 1-3 (including the Terrill and Homer Cup competitions) send adjourment results to :-  
fahy@baldenroad.freeseve.co.uk

(b) for Divisions 4-6 (including the Townshend and Barrington Cup competitions) send adjourment results to :-  
woo11y@hotmail.co.uk

A suitable e-mail adjourment card template is printed below for ease of use.

(2) **Fixture changes**: In addition, changes of fixture dates may also be notified by e-mail as above.

(3) **Match Cards**: **However, please note that emails are still *not acceptable* for reporting the initial results of matches.** Match Cards are required from every Club in respect of ALL matches – even in the event of a match default by that Club.

(4) **Late Results Penalties**: It was unfortunately necessary to enforce Rule 9.1 (see Handbook) on two occasions last year. Please help the Records Secretaries by sending in match cards promptly. The Records Secretaries do not put a 5 day clock on each match and it is only the seriously late cards that will be flagged up. In addition, on the third occasion of a Team submitting a late card, that Team's Club Secretary will be notified – so as to help the Team/Club avoid a penalty under Rule 9.1. It is therefore entirely the Team's and Clubs responsibility if they fail to avoid such a penalty.

<b><u>Birmingham &amp; District Chess League: Sample E-Mail Adjourment Result Card</u></b>				
<b>Division :</b> (1)		<b>Match Number :</b> (1.01)		
<b>Trophy :</b> Terrill – Homer – Townshend – Barrington		<i>(Delete as appropriate)</i>		
<b><u>Board Number</u></b>	<b><u>Home Team</u></b> "XYZ Chess Club"	<b><u>Result</u></b>		<b><u>Away Team</u></b> "ABC Chess Club"
1				
2				
3	B. Gates	1/2	1/2	G. Oogle
4				
5				
6	A. Virus	1	0	C. Rash
<b>Final Match Result</b>		<b>3 1/2</b>	<b>2 1/2</b>	
<b>Email from :</b> (Mr Compwise – XYZ Chess Club)		<b>Date :</b> (00/00/0000)		

**\*\* Rapid-Play Tournament, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October \*\***

The BDCL's 12<sup>th</sup> Rapid-Play tourney will take place on the above date at Quinborne Community Centre, Ridgeacre Road, Quinton. There will be an 'Open' section and sections for those graded under 160, under 125, and under 90. **Entry forms and further details available from Ken Langston (tel. 0121 585 9663, 9.30 a.m. - 8.30 p.m. only, email: [kenneth.langston@btopenworld.com](mailto:kenneth.langston@btopenworld.com)).**