

# **Birmingham & District Chess League: Bulletin 1, 2009/10**

*("Vladeslav Tkachiev [Elo rating 2650] may face sanctions from FIDE after falling asleep at the board in a drunken stupour ...he lost the game on time and was carried off". [The Daily Telegraph]. Sigh ...reminds me of my days playing for the University! Ed.).*

This Bulletin contains the initial player registrations and the quick-play elections for 2009/10 for all Clubs except Birmingham. A provisional player list for Birmingham is enclosed, but this is not to be regarded as definitive as it has not yet been submitted to the League's scrutiny committee. Also in this bulletin are quite a few news items, some BDCL rule amendments, and numerous fixture changes – the latter particularly in divisions 5 and 6 where there has been something of an earthquake since the BDCL Handbook came out.

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## **BDCL Rapid Play Tournament, Sunday 11th October**

Players wishing to enter the 13th BDCL quick-play tourney at Quinborne Community Centre, Quinton, need to get a move on. The final day for posting ordinary price entries is Monday, 5th October. You can enter after this date, and even early on the day of the tournament, but you will have to cough up an extra £3 or £5 [on the day].

There will be four (new)-graded sections: Open, U175, U150, and Under 125. The tournament is a 6-round 'Swiss' so all players play in every round (unless they have a bye). Players will have 30 minutes on their clocks for each game. Full entry fees are £15 for the Open and £12 for the other sections. Under 18s pay £10 or £8 respectively. Available prize money exceeds £1,000 with £200 for the winner of the Open and £120 for the winners of the other sections.

Your club secretary should have entry forms, but if not then contact John Pakenham on 0121 601 3920.

## **Aldridge & District Bow Out**

Aldridge's Secretary, Les Andrews, regretfully reports that the club is withdrawing from the League and disbanding. Aldridge & District club (under that name or their former name, 'Birlec') have been members of the BDCL for some 40 years. However, a decline in membership and transport problems mean that that they are no longer confident of being able to regularly field even a four-man team.

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## **League 'Individual' Tournament**

Time is running out for those who want to enter the 'Individual' knock-out Tournament for the division in which they are registered (or for a higher division in the case of more self-confident or deluded players). Entries need to reach Graham Humphreys (address in the BDCL handbook, p.4) by **1st October**, accompanied by a cheque for £2.50 per player. Technically only two players from each club team have the right to enter, but in practice there are usually enough tournament places available for everyone who would like to have a go. It is best to enter via your club secretary, but if time presses then you may send your entry direct to Graham – *but make sure that you also send him the entry fee and your correct telephone and address details.*

## **All Change in Divisions 5 & 6**

In a massive conspiracy to undermine the mental health of the Bulletin Editor, Record Secretaries and Web-Master, the last League Management Meeting agreed to major changes in Divisions 5 and 6 for the current season. As I understand it: Wolseley, and Tamworth & District have withdrawn their Div 5 teams and will play in Div 6 instead. Halesowen have entered a new team in Div 6. The departing Div 5 teams will be replaced by teams from Mutual Circle and Boldmere St. Michael's. Mutual Circle have withdrawn their Div 6 team because of this 'promotion'.

These changes have caused major disruption to the existing fixture list published in the BDCL Handbook. A list of most of the re-organised fixtures can be found elsewhere in this bulletin.

## Adjournment/Quick-play Elections 2009/10

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

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

Mildenhall, John  
Fagan, Joe  
Lake, Andrew  
Thomas, Keith  
Loach, Peter  
Bennet, Loxley

**3 Adj**

Edwards, Steven  
Brelsforth, David  
Wilson, Alexander  
Harrington, Michael  
Biddle, Michael  
Jones, Philip

**4 Adj**

Broomhall, Peter  
Fryer, Steven  
Goodby, Eric  
Hussain, Adrian  
Lakin, John  
Phipps, Malcolm  
Tsoi, Leo

**5 Adj**

Dixon, Bill  
Harman, Geoff  
Johnson, Alan  
Neale, Ron  
Smith, Geoff  
Taylor, Ross

**6A Adj**

Byrne, Steven  
Guerin, Paul  
Hillman, Robert  
Sturch, Alan  
Wood, Stewart

**6B Adj**

Berenbaum, Luke  
Carrington, Malcolm  
Gazee, Trevor  
Huynh, Sang  
Jones, Aaron  
Osborne, Giles  
Parr, Donald  
Thomas, Colin  
White, Thomas

**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  
Leary, Peter (8/9/09)  
Pinfold, Philip  
Podlesak, Mark  
Staley, Phil  
Wilcox, Steve

**5 Adj**

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

**Greenlands****2 Adj**

Ellis, Ian  
Hurney, Kevin  
Kitson, Peter  
Peters, Roy  
Truscott, Ian  
Wheatley, Laurence J  
Wiggins, Andrew

**6 Adj**

Allsop, Brian  
Collett, Richard F  
Hunter, Gareth  
Lloyd, John E  
Shaw, Steve  
Smith, David  
Smith, Peter

**Halesowen****1 Adj**

Bethel, Mark A  
Edge, John A  
Fishburne, Stewart K  
Hadley, Mike  
Hunt, Malcolm  
Jackson, Dale

**4 Adj**

Ambrose, Andy R  
Clark, Maureen  
Curry, Don S  
Desalu, Ade  
Grimes, Robert  
Peck, Windsor A

**5 Adj**

Borley, Martin  
Digger, Derek C  
Etheridge, David J  
Evans, Paul J  
Freshwater, Fred  
Taylor, Tony

**6 Adj**

Evans, Joyce H  
Haddon, Christopher  
Leech, Andrew  
Martin, Dayl J P  
McClellan, Colin  
McNeill, Alisdair  
Southcote, John W  
Taylor, Julian  
Vile, Mark  
Wootton, Jason T

**Kynoch/Barn****1 Adj**

Baruch, Andrew D J  
Burton, Richard J  
Goodwin, Ed  
Hickey, Anthony J  
Ingram, Keith R  
Ireland, David  
Roberts, Nick W  
Webster, Paul

**5 Adj**

Dawson, Brian  
Morgan, Wilf  
Peers, Mike  
Rake, Tony  
Wallace, Derrick  
Wright, Larry

**6 Adj**

Bolton, Andy  
Dawson, Betty  
Hill, Doug  
Morgan, Grendon L  
Murphy, Philip  
Wickett, Gary

**Lichfield****1 QP**

Bicknell, Carl (23/9/09)  
Collins, Peter M  
Keaveney, John S  
Lamb, Graham H  
Maher, Mike P  
Staples, Maurice J  
Wallace, Paul A

**3 QP**

Farmery, Robin  
Fraser, Nick  
Giles, Alan  
Griffiths, Paul  
Homewood, Brian  
Marriott, John  
Mieleniewski, Andrew  
Smith, John

**5 QP**

Addis, Anthony (8/9/09)  
Andrews, Stuart  
Bishop, David  
Brown, Charlie  
Caithness, Ian  
Cooper, Paul  
Dodgson, Joe  
Dodgson, Joe  
Fone, David  
Franks, David  
Fraser, Alan  
Grant, Andrew  
Griffin, Nicholas  
Hall, Arthur  
Jones, Donald  
Kirk, Colin  
Langham, Paul  
Lever, Michael  
Marriott, Nicholas  
Masfield, John  
McLaughlin, Ian  
Monks, Gary  
Muxworthy, Dennis  
Page, Mike (8/9/09)  
Short, David  
Slobodyuk, Yuriy  
Smith, Richard H  
Smith, Roy  
Smitton, Stuart  
Sproston, Aubrey  
Thomas, David  
Torbica, Danny  
Wade, Paul  
Wingrove, Richard  
Wood, Stuart

**Mercia****4 Adj**

Bateson, Chris  
 Cox, Alan  
 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****2 QP**

Evans, Chris  
 Fisher, Dominic  
 Fordham, Nick  
 Goray, Satnam S  
 Huq, Robin  
 Tallis, Mark

**3 QP**

Boynton, Peter  
 Choudhury, Shakeel  
 Evans, Garry  
 Paffard, Mark  
 Singhal, Saket  
 Wells, Phil

**4 Adj**

Al-Samir, Mehdi  
 Hunt, Jonathan  
 Lewis, Lionel  
 Robinson, Sheila  
 Thompson, Peter  
 Walker, Mike B A

**5 Adj**

Aldridge, Chris  
 Evans, Tom (22/9/09)  
 Heeney, Paul  
 Hollows, Robert  
 Homer, John  
 Iqbal, Joel  
 Mills, Craig  
 Paffard, Emile  
 Price, Dave  
 Trembecki, Jan  
 Woodward, Steve  
 Woollaston, Alan

**Olton****1 Adj**

Cundy, Mark A  
 Gostelow, David  
 Holt, Philip  
 Lloyd, Alan D  
 Smith, Richard  
 Wallman, Robert

**2A QP**

Allen, Ken  
 Cheshire, David J  
 Holt, Trevor J  
 Liszewski, Richard  
 Reynolds, Richard C  
 Reynolds, Robert

**2B Adj**

Archibald, Warren  
 Burgess, Tom  
 Chadaway, Steve  
 Cottom, Andy  
 Gillespie, Jim  
 McDonald, Jim

**4 Adj**

Brown, David  
 Garner, Bramwell  
 Kerr, Mick  
 Lawson, Keith  
 Llewelyn, John  
 Stockwin, David

**6 Adj**

Clulee, John  
 Goldwater, Tony  
 Kerr, Courteney  
 Qureshi, Asim  
 Simpson, Peter  
 Singh, Peter  
 Terry, Nigel  
 Thornley, Ian  
 Yeomans, Bill

**Redditch****3 QP**

Boyle, Tony  
 Bricknell, Rob  
 Davis, Ashley  
 Heath, Jeff  
 Mitchell, Robert  
 Richardson, David (16/9/09)  
 Robinson, Tom  
 Towers, Nigel  
 Trinder, Ray

**5 QP**

Abrahams, Derek

Clack, Ian  
 Clack, Michele  
 Cole, Jason  
 Krowicki, Kris  
 Stanton, Giles

**6 QP**

Batson, Fred  
 Curzon, David  
 Day, Kevin  
 Harrison, John  
 Holmberg, John  
 Kirwan, Liam  
 Stokes, Nathan (21/9/09)  
 Turner, Richard  
 Wood, Penny

**St. George's****3 Adj**

Bowen, Steven J  
 Collier, Lee E  
 Johnson, Lenny  
 Langston, Ken J  
 Lunn, John  
 Maddocks, Philip

**4 QP**

Cambell, Robert  
 Dyson, Philip  
 Elkington, Paul  
 Gough, Roy  
 Griffin, Christopher E  
 Hodkinson, Peter  
 Johnston, Adrian  
 Rees, Michael J  
 Willmott, Les  
 Wise, Ken

**Shirley & Lucas****1 QP**

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

**3A QP**

Christie, Gordon  
 Long, Matthew  
 Purcell, Rob  
 Rawson, Louis  
 Ward, Eric  
 Warren, Ken

**3B QP**

Asbury, Jon

Freeman, John  
 Gilbert, Kim  
 Jimenez, Frank  
 McGuirk, Peter  
 Warden, Mike

**4 QP**

Ball, Roger  
 Csepregi, Gabor  
 Donovan, John  
 Foster, Nigel  
 Gough, Philip  
 Healey, Roger  
 Knee, Barry  
 Phillips, Gary  
 Purcell, Philip  
 Simpson, Richard

**Solihull****2 Adj**

Carpenter, Raymond  
 McCumiskey, Andrew P  
 Sadler, Anthony  
 Stokes, Geoffrey N  
 Summerfield, Julian H  
 Tapp, Matthew J

**3 QP**

Brodie, Iain  
 Chillcott, Richard  
 Green, John  
 Harrison, Kegan  
 Jewsbury, Keith  
 Pearson, Andrew

**5 QP**

Anderton, Oliver R  
 Anderton, Robin A  
 Coxon, Louise  
 Crawford, Stuart  
 Fiorito, Alessandro (8/9/09)  
 Horsley, Dennis M  
 Howard, Geoff F  
 Israney, S  
 Leister, D  
 Norman, MP  
 Peake, Nigel  
 Pearson, Ben  
 Randall, Dave  
 Trigg, M  
 Wall, Douglas  
 Willets, Bryan  
 Willets, Lawrence

**South Birmingham****1A QP**

James, Russell A  
 Malik, Dani

Malik, Kaiser  
Padilla, Pablo  
Pitcher, John  
Swindells, Jonathan E

### **1B QP**

Dunn, David  
Emanuel, John L  
Hearne, Rob  
Hylands, Liam M  
James, Ann-Marie  
Smyth, Martin D

### **1C QP**

Clarke, Neil  
Drugan, Mark A  
Hope, Gary  
Lane, Tim A  
Varnom, Greg (18/9/09)  
Whitmore, Darren H  
Williams, Simon A

### **2 Adj**

Evans, Steve  
Glass, Robert  
Lee, Darren  
Ralph, Sean  
Sherman, Peter  
Walker, Terry W

### **3 Adj**

Boivin, Chris M  
Dickson, Fred  
Malik, Faraz  
Perks, Geoff  
Stockhall, Derek A  
Swatridge, G Paul  
Weber, Ralf

### **4 Adj**

Baker, Ed  
Davies, Iain J  
Emanuel, Luke A P  
Emanuel, Peter  
Hardy, Ron  
Loat, Michael A  
McClory, Bernard H  
Nevin, Mike  
Phillips, Paul  
Szatanik, Anthony J (Tony)  
Tidman, Tim R

### **Stourbridge**

### **2 Adj**

Fallowfield, Jeremy  
Fallowfield, Nicolas  
Foxall, John  
Harris, N H  
Horwill, Eric

Jukes, Steve

### **3 Adj**

Cahill, Mark  
Dudley, Brian  
Evans, Ron  
Freire, Deborah  
Humphreys, K Graham  
Humphries, Jeremy  
Loynes, John  
Pearce, John  
Pritchard, Mark  
Redfern, Robert  
Scriven, David  
Webster, John  
Wilkinson, Richard  
Wilson, Julie

### **Sutton Coldfield**

### **1 QP**

Cox, Tristan  
Eckloff, Colin  
Escott, Keith  
Folayan, Sola  
Ortega, Irving  
Owen, Neil  
Stepanyan, Astig  
Stepanyan, Henryk  
Stewart, Joseph

### **3 QP**

Dhesi Iqbal  
Dhesi, Harinder  
Hayden, Lawrence  
Jobanputra, Shailesh  
Lawrence, Roy  
Soszynski, Marek  
Windows, Glen

### **4 QP**

Adeboyejo, Id  
Brown, Edward  
Brown, Mike  
Carpenter, Grant  
Dhesi, Arron  
Dudley, Alfred  
East, Christopher  
East, James  
French, Barry  
Green, Derek  
Kanda, Jass  
Kent, Arthur  
Lal, Ram  
Smith, Stephen

### **Tamworth & District**

### **1 QP**

Allen, Ralph M A  
Bould, Trevor C  
Briggs, Philip J  
Hern, Kevin  
Kimberley, Mark  
Williams, David

### **2 QP**

Ardin, Terry (16/9/09)  
Hedges, Roy  
Hoddy, David  
Hoddy, John D  
Kimberley, Stephen  
Smith, Andrew  
Walton, Simon

### **6 QP**

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

### **Walsall Kipping**

### **1 Adj**

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

### **4 Adj**

Anderton, Doreen  
Beasley, Steven  
Friend, David J  
Jones, Robert G  
Patel, Ravi  
Young, Norman

### **4B Adj**

Burgess, Phil  
Davies, Brian  
Gavin, Peter  
Godridge, Paul  
James, Melvin H  
Jones, Simon A  
Melvyn H  
Moore, Kevin J  
Nixon, Peter  
Savin, Mike

Shrimpton, Alan E

### **Warley Quinborne**

### **1 Adj**

Agnew, Alan  
Doran, Michael J  
Draper, Adam  
Gordon, Callum J  
Southall, Andrew C  
Whitehouse, Brian

### **2 Adj**

Argile, Adrian  
Singh, Amrik J  
Smith, Chris  
Smith, Simon C  
Turner, Jon  
Wildboar, Mike

### **5 Adj**

Black, Stuart  
Burnet, Alan J  
Dent, Clive  
Fahy, John F  
Holowczak, Alex  
Lewis, John B  
Moxley, Andrew J  
Moxley, Stephen  
Rawlings, Wendel  
Rourke, Joe M

### **6 QP**

Doran, Sam  
Evans, Arthur  
Hughes, Peter J  
Kamal, Asad  
Kearns, Peter  
Kembo, Kay  
Munro, Paul  
Pakenham, John H  
Salter, Lynn  
Watkins, Harvey S  
Wheeldon, Patricia  
Woodward, Pauline

### **West Bromwich**

### **2 QP**

Ali, Golam Shabbik  
Backhouse, Derick  
Bryant, Carlos  
Bull, Phil  
Cooper, Lawrence (7/9/09)  
Crump, John  
Davies, David  
Fryer, Jim  
Uddin, Moin  
Walker, Nick  
Wesson, Geoff

Wilkes, Peter	<b>Westminster</b>	<b>Wolseley</b>	Hubbard, Peter
<b>West Midlands Police</b>	<b>5 Adj</b>	<b>3 Adj</b>	Khoshnevis, Bob B
<b>5 Adj</b>	Foy, Stephan	Bates, George	Lewis, Barry
Cooper, Mark	Goddard, Geoffrey	Chowdhury, Mohammed	Mangwengwende, John
Hardstaff, Paul	Housten, John	Lawrence, Peter W	Marshall, Robert
Hathaway, Martyn	Leaper, Richard	Maciel, Edmond G	May, Martin
Holman, Robert	Nicholle, Desmond	Maciel, Gavin A	Morrison, Munroe L
Phillips, Barrie	Phillips, Steve	Stepanovic, Goran	Porter, Philip D
Quail, Harvey	Steeles, Barry	<b>6 Adj</b>	Samanci, Ali
<b>6 Adj</b>	<b>6 Adj</b>	Joiner, Paul W	Sands, Gordon G
Butler, Philip	Abrams, Peter	Nooney, Kevin	Sanghera, Parminder
Hathaway, Nicholas	Burford, John	Reeves, David J	Steed, Mike
Higgins, Martin	Burke, John	Spence, Paul	Thompson, Peter I
Martin, Luis P (14/9/09)	Cooper, Douglas	<b>Wolverhampton</b>	Timothy, Nick
Merritt, Alan	Littlehales, David	<b>2 Adj</b>	Townsend, Michael P
Merritt, Neil	McCaffery, Paul	Dawson, Richard	Tudor, Matthew
Panesar-Grix, Nathan	McTernan, Martin	Gill, Amrik	Tudor, Peter
Sullivan, Robert	Shrianne, Hugh	Gill, Jared	Walker, Brian
Watson, John	Trevis, Robert	Griffiths, Mike P	Walters, Paul D
		Haughton, Colin	Whittingham, Ron
			Wilson, Steve
			Wood, Frank
			Wootton, Max

**Birmingham Club - Provisional Player List (Official Registrations pending):**

**Div 2** Fender, John; Gee, G Jim; Karim, Ameer; McConkey, Chris C; Pearson, Russell; Preedy, Alex D.

**Div 4** Carter, William R; Hill, John; Hopkins, Brian D; Hopkins, Steve; Rowe, David; Schroeder, Marek; Scott, Henry G; Wright, Alan D

**Email Rules OK?**

Mike Walker, League Honorary General Secretary, wishes to thank all clubs for sending in their registrations via email attachments. He writes "It has been a very smooth operation this season".

However, Mike and the Records Secretaries would like to remind all team captains that match results and adjournment results sent in by email must be sent *as attached files not in the main body of the email*. Copies of the approved electronic results and adjournment cards have been widely circulated, but in case of need they can also be downloaded from the new BDCL web-site (see back page).

Because of the new facility for submitting match results electronically, some rules in the BDCL Handbook have had to be amended. The necessary changes were agreed at the league Management meeting on 20th August. A copy of the resulting amendments to Rules 9 and 19 is included below. The changes are indicated in italics. I recommend that particular attention is paid to the requirement for original match cards to be retained until the end of the season (rule 9.1).

**Rule Changes.**

**9. Notification of Results**

9.1 A Result Card shall be sent to the Honorary Records Secretary by an official of the home club and also of the visiting club within five days of the date of the match, together with all adjournment dates. *For the purpose of this rule a result card shall include an electronic result card approved by the League.* When during a season a team fails four times to send in a card within five days, then that team shall have one match point deducted and

subsequently one match point deducted for every failure thereafter. *When the results are submitted to the Records Secretary on an electronic Result Card, then the original Result Card shall be retained by a club official until the date of the AGM.*

9.2 The results of adjournments shall be notified to the Honorary Records Secretary immediately the match has been determined. An adjournment card on all outstanding games must be sent within 26 days of the date of the first session. *For the purpose of this rule, an adjournment card shall include an approved electronic adjournment card supplied by the League.* Any game for which no report is sent from either club within 26 days of the date of the match shall be disregarded in deciding the result of the match.

19.2 If a League Official shall have reason to believe that there has been a breach of the foregoing rules in connection with any match, he shall, as soon as possible, notify the secretaries of the clubs involved. Any complaint arising shall then be sent in writing by the complainant club to the Chairman of the Rules Committee within 7 days of this notification. A copy of the complaint shall at the same time be sent to the Honorary Records Secretary.

19.3 The Chairman of the Rules Committee shall notify the Secretary of the Club of the player(s) against which the complaint is made, setting out details of the complaint and asking for confirmation or rebuttal of the complaint.

19.4 The Chairman of the Rules Committee shall endeavour to settle the dispute amicably, failing which the dispute will be placed before the next meeting of his Committee.

*19.5 The chairman of the Rules Committee has the right to request any original match card from the holder.*

19.6 Any club or individual found by the Rules Committee to be bringing the game into disrepute by misconduct shall be subject to a penalty to be fixed by the Committee.

19.7 The decision of the Rules Committee shall be final.

### **New and Changed Fixtures**

102	Sth. Birm. C v Sth. Birm. B	23/09/09	610	Kynoch/Barn v Halesowen	21/12/09
103	Sth. Birm. A v Sth. Birm. C	05/10/09	613	Wolseley v Warley Quinborne	08/10/09
138	Lichfield v Sth. Birm. A	11/02/10	617	Halesowen v Greenlands	13/10/09
303	Wolseley v Solihull	01/04/10	622	Greenlands v Wolseley	03/11/09
313	Wolseley v Redditch	22/10/09	625	Wolseley v Kynoch/Barn	12/11/09
315	Lichfield v Mutual Circle	15/04/10	629	Redditch v Halesowen	24/11/09
327	Lichfield v Solihull	26/11/09	632	Halesowen v West. Mid. Police	01/12/09
376	Lichfield v Redditch	10/09/09	637	West Mid. Police v Wolseley	09/09/09
503	West Mid Police v Mutual Circle	10/02/10	640	Wolseley v Boldmere St. M. A	18/02/10
505	Boldmere St. Michaels v Bushbury	09/12/09	649	Westminster v Halesowen	28/10/09
506	Lichfield v Boldmere St. Michaels	17/09/09	651	Wolseley v Redditch	14/01/09
508	Mutual Circle v Halesowen	22/09/09	653	Halesowen v Olton	15/02/10
510	Mutual Circle v Lichfield	13/10/09	658	Boldmere St. M. A v Halesowen	03/03/10
513	Boldmere St. Michaels v Redditch	07/10/09	659	Wolseley v Westminster	25/02/10
517	Kynoch/Barn v Mutual Circle	02/11/09	661	Halesowen v Bolmere St. M. B	23/03/10
518	Halesowen v Boldmere St. Michaels	10/11/09	663	Olton v Wolseley	23/03/10
522	Mutual Circle v Warley Quinborne	24/11/09	666	Warley Quinborne v Halesowen	01/04/10
525	Solihull v Mutual Circle	09/12/09	667	Tamworth & D. v Boldmere St. M. B	05/11/09
528	Warley Quinborne v Boldmere St. M	17/12/09	668	Tamworth & D. v West Mid. Police	10/09/09
530	Mutual Circle v Redditch	05/01/10	669	Warley Quinborne v Tamworth & D.	24/09/09
533	Boldmere St. M. v Mutual Circle	24/02/10	670	Tamworth & D. v Greenlands	15/10/09
536	Boldmere St. M. v Kynoch/Barn	???	671	Tamworth & D. v Kynoch/Barn	26/11/09
541	Westminster v Boldmere St. M.	17/02/10	673	Tamworth & D. v Halesowen	14/01/10
543	Mutual Circle v Bushbury	16/02/10	674	Redditch v Tamworth & D.	26/01/10
546	Boldmere St. M. v West Mid. Police	03/03/10	675	Westminster v Tamworth & D.	03/02/10
551	Westminster v Mutual Circle	17/03/10	676	Olton v Tamworth & D.	16/03/10
553	Solihull v Boldmere St. M.	24/03/10	677	Boldmere St. M. A v Tamworth & D.	10/03/10
605	Halesowen v Wolseley	15/09/09	678	Tamworth & D. v Wolseley	01/04/10
608	Boldmere St. M. B v Wolseley	23/09/09			

## Getting Lost in Lichfield

Lichfield's secretary has asked me to give advance warning that the club's venue will be temporarily changing from the end of December. From January to March, 2010, the club will operate from *two* new temporary venues. David Short explains:

"Except for the last Thursday in each of those months, the venue will be St. Michael's Hall, St Michael's Road, which is first left after Tesco and Aldi, (Church St., A5127). Church St. is a short section between Birmingham Rd and Trent Valley Rd and is very close to the city centre. On the last Thursday in those months the venue will be Cruck House, a Tudor building in Stowe St. Park in nearby Cross Keys car park off Lombard St.. Return to Lombard St. on foot, turn left, cross mini-island and proceed through bollards into Stowe St."

All clear now? That's all right then.

## Handbook Error

Mike Rees has asked me to point out that the Division 2 Individual Tournament Result given on page 8 of the Handbook is incorrect. In fact it was Simon Smith of Warley Quinborne who triumphed in the Final, defeating Rob Glass (South Birmingham) 1-0.

## New BDCL Web-Site

Please note that the address of the BDCL's web-site is now:

[www.centralchess.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk](http://www.centralchess.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk)

The 'www' part has been omitted in the League Handbook. The site can also be accessed via [www.tinyurl.com/r49zsd](http://www.tinyurl.com/r49zsd). Mike Rees, the Webmaster, recommends that, if you forget the address, it is best not to search for it via Google as you may then miss the title page which may contain important news items.

## New 'New' Gradings

An amended grading list was issued by the English Chess Federation over the August Bank Holiday so you may wish to re-check your grade at: <http://grading.bcfservices.org.uk/index.php>

## Missing Match (2008/9)

Dave Thomas has drawn my attention to the fact that the result of one league match never found its way into the Bulletin last year. This was the Div 5 match between Boldmere St. Michael's and Westminster. I have considered applying to Gordon Brown asking for a full public enquiry (chaired by a High Court Judge) into this matter. However, to save public money I think I should just say that the omission was probably my fault .... Sorry. For the sake of completeness I give the missing result below. Players who took part in this match may have been subject to a slight revision in their published gradings in the ECF's revised grading list (Aug, 2009, see elsewhere on this page).

### 552 Westminster 1½ Boldmere S M 4½

G Goddard	½	J Lakin	½
D Cooper	0	S Fryer	1
R Trevis	0	M Phipps	1
D Littlehales	0	A Johnson	1
J Burford	1	E Goodby	0
P Abram	0	Bill Dixon	1

## County Chess – New Grading Limits

Following the introduction of the 'new' gradings – which were often much higher than the previous figures (particularly at the lower end of the spectrum) – it was thought necessary to revise upwards the grading limits which apply to teams competing in the County Championships. The new categories agreed by the ECF are listed below:

<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
Under 175	Under 180
Under 150	Under 160
Under 125	Under 140
Under 100	Under 120
None	Under 100

## More Goodies to Come

I have held over some items until the next Bulletin. These include the solutions to the chess problems in the BDCL handbook. The one on the penultimate page is tricky!