

## Match Secretary's Report 2012

### League Divisional winners

Last Season we had 39 teams competing in four divisions  
( two less than the season before 2010-2011 )

**Division 1** Clifton A won the championship with a much smaller margin than usual. The top four teams were only separated by three points with Bath A coming within one point of the leaders. Grendel & Downend B found points hard to come by and were left propping up the division.

**Division 2** was won in style by Clevedon A after gaining maximum points from their 16 games and finishing a massive 12 points ahead of 2<sup>nd</sup> placed Horfield B. Hanham A and Yate A finished in the bottom two places.

**Division 3** developed into a three horse race between Downend C, Keynsham A and Patchway. A decisive end of season win for Downend against Keynsham left them in top spot. Hanham B and University B finished in the bottom two places.

**Division 4** Thornbury B were convincing winners with 26pts from 16 games finishing 5 points ahead of their nearest rivals, repeating last years success.

### Knockout winners

**LKO** – For the third season in a row Clifton played Bath in the final of the League Knockout - this season's final took place in Bath and the hosts managed a convincing 6-2 win

**MLKO** – Clevedon followed up their success in the league by adding the minor knockout to their list of honours after winning 4-2 in the final against Keynsham

## **Steve Boniface Tankard with Real Ale ( 1<sup>st</sup> award )**

I need a few more entries to add to what I have and the winner will receive the tankard at the Steve Boniface Congress in August.

## **Alan Ashby**

The winner of the Alan Ashby competition this season goes to James Jackson ( Bath University ) – Played 17 Won 17 Drew 0 lost 0 averaging a 212 performance for his results. The competition is won by the player that achieves the most points for his registered team and this total was just about impossible to beat.

### Who is on Form ?

Other players that have performed well this season include – Adam Musson ( Bath ), Humphrey Andolo & Matthew Wilson ( Downend ), Chris Strong ( Clevedon )

## **Statistics**

The Grading thresholds for next season are as follows:

(1-2) (2-3) (3-4) (4-5) – Divisions

158, 134, 102, 76      New Grading Thresholds 2012-2013

157, 126, 108, 80      Last Season's Thresholds

151, 131, 109, 80      2010-2011 Thresholds

A rise in the Div 2 threshold playing down and a fall in the Div 3 threshold playing down

## **Grading**

All games played in the league and the knockout will be sent to the ECF for Grading in time for the new published list that comes out in July/Aug. The cut off date for sending in the results is the end of May. If anyone does spot a mistake then they need to let me know ASAP as the results will be sent in any day now. Most players will be aware that they have an up to date January 2012 Grade as I have already sent in the results for games played prior to last Christmas, The results I send in now will enable the ECF to calculate a new grade for this summer which is still based on the last 30 games played so all the games played this season should count.

## **Results sheets**

I get the majority of results sent in now via email and this probably accounts for the majority of all results. This has worked well with only the odd error needing to be sorted out but it is still important for captains to keep a record of results as a backup. Home & Away Captains are urged to print out their own result sheets from the website and keep hold of a signed copy themselves.

## **Website**

The League Website at [www.chessit.co.uk](http://www.chessit.co.uk) has now been online since 2005. It has enabled us to promote chess in our area and put ourselves on the map. Here you are able to contribute on our own forum and access everything from Fixtures & Results and all the stats and even consider joining our facebook site !

Events happening this summer include – Downend Summer Quickplay – ( see the website for the schedule ) and if enough teams will enter – a Summer Lightning competition.

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