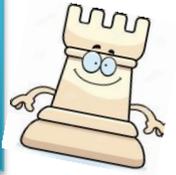


Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

No.1



Welcome

Welcome to our first Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter.

We have received excellent feedback, ideas and input from all the parents so *thank you so much* for all of your comments and support! We really appreciate this as the parents' on-going support is pivotal to our success.

Junior Chess Club has a successful start at Castlepoint Library, Bournemouth;

New Saturday morning Free Junior Chess Club at Castlepoint Library

We are very excited to announce a new free Junior Chess Club primarily for 7 to 11 year olds, but other ages very welcome, at Castlepoint Library on Saturday mornings (10.15am to 12noon).

This club is being run by volunteers from the Bournemouth & District Chess league (B&DCL) on behalf of the library. The first session started on Saturday, 7th September and has been very successful attracting a good number of enthusiastic juniors.

Here Ian Clark is seen explaining how pawns move to the juniors.



Separate tuition is also provided and the juniors spend time practising these skills by playing games against each other with the B&DCL volunteers giving guidance and advice.

We are keen that all juniors, regardless of their knowledge and skills, simply have fun!

We always welcome new juniors of all levels.



Dorset Junior Larissa Cuthbert selected to play for England

Many congratulations to Larissa Cuthbert, aged 10 years from Dorset, has been selected to play for the England team in the European Youth Rapidplay and Blitz Chess Championships in Tallinn, Estonia in Nov/Dec this year.

Larissa is a member of Southbourne chess club and regularly plays in junior tournaments across the south of England, with her performance going from strength to strength.

On 31st August she played in the U11 section of the Godalming Junior Open Congress at The Aldro School in Shackleford. She won 5 games out of 5 winning the champions trophy for the section. She was one of only 2 players who achieved a 100% score across all age groups.



Chess facts: The first chess game between space and earth was in June 1970 by the Soyuz-9 crew. Definitely long distance chess!



Dorset Blitz: 22 September 2019

Dorset Junior Declan Lovelock becomes Dorset Blitz Champion with brilliant performance.

Declan Lovelock, aged 15 years, claimed an overwhelming victory in the Open section with 10 wins from 11 games played, beating a tough field.

Declan also won the Southbourne 10 Second Buzzer with 6/6 just a week ago. We look forward to seeing him in action in the B&DCL and Dorset Chess League this season!



Other junior success at the Blitz.....

Apart from Declan, 6 juniors won prizes. It was very exciting and encouraging to see more juniors at the Blitz this year. Jamie Doyle from Poole came first in the C section with 9.5 points followed by Ted Paul from Dorchester on 8.5 points. Vaughan de Grave (Ringwood) won 1st Junior prize, Florence Spirling (Purbeck), age 10, achieved 2nd Junior prize. Sister and brother, Jessica and Jake Basket achieved 3rd and 4th place junior prizes respectively.

Well done to all of you taking part and we hope to see you at many more Dorset tournaments.

Future Chess Tournaments for our Local Juniors

We encourage juniors to play in tournaments as often as possible. Here are some up and coming tournaments which may be of interest.

Dorset Open Congress: 11 to 13 October 2019

This highly popular congress takes place at the Elstead Hotel, Knyveton Road, Bournemouth. There are 4 sections including the Intermediate (under 135) and minor (under 115) sections.

Slightly further afield are:

Hampshire Junior Chess Congress: Sunday 6 October 2019: The Hampshire Junior Open Chess Congress is an annual tournament for young chess players who are less than eighteen years old on August 31st, 2019. Players are invited from any county: there are no restrictions as this is an OPEN event.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hampshire-junior-open-chess-congress-2019-tickets-54410291647>

English Girls' Chess Championships 2019: 19 and 20 October 2019: This tournament is organised as part of the Oxfordshire Girls' Chess Festival 2019 it is open to any female player under 18 on 31st Aug 2019.

https://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/ECF_Girls_Championships_2019_Entry_Form.pdf



Why wouldn't the cowboy play chess?



A: He was afraid he might lose his horse!!

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter. We always welcome new juniors of all levels and volunteers, so please contact the B&DCL and DCCA junior chess coordinator, Nikki Forster at nikkiforster2015@gmail.com if you wish to find out more on any junior chess matters.