



Dorset Junior Chess Newsletter

No. 5



Welcome to Newsletter No 5.

It's only early March and already it's been very busy on the Dorset Junior Chess front with the very successful Dorset Junior Chess Championships (see below) and the start of another local junior chess initiative at Ringwood Library.

Dorset Junior Chess Championships; 8 February 2020

Congratulations to all the winners and players at the recent, highly successful Dorset Junior Chess Championships. For the full report on the day, please refer to the Dorset Chess website where you will find a full report and a link to photographs.



<https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/dorset-junior-championship-2020/>

Seen here is Jamie Doyle, Dorset Junior Champion with the Dorset trophy.

We would particularly like to **thank** all the volunteers who helped make the day the great success that it was. We really appreciate the time that you give freely for the sake of junior chess.



Further Dorset junior tournaments

It really was an excellent day and following much positive feedback, we will be running a further Dorset Junior tournament later in the year, probably around September. Watch this space!

In the meantime, we encourage all junior players to play in other tournaments and we include a few suggestions later in this newsletter. Good luck to all those who qualified to play in a Delancey Megafinal. Registration for the Megafinals is now open.

Dorset Chess website and junior chess puzzles

For all things chess in Dorset, please do take some time to visit the Dorset Chess website and especially the newly revamped **Dorset Junior Chess web pages**.

<https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/junior-chess/>. Many thanks go to Peter Anderson and Niki B for all their hard and creative work on the website.



Here you will find lots of information on junior chess in Dorset **plus some excellent puzzles to sharpen your chess**. We fully encourage young players to develop their chess skills through doing puzzles and playing online on appropriate websites.



Christmas Chess Puzzles



Congratulations to our two junior winners of the Christmas Chess Puzzles! Well done girls. Prizes are on their way.

In **first** place with a winning score of 13 correct answers is **Florence Spirling**. In **second** place, the two sisters team of **Zoe and Natali Trepak**

B&DCL Senior Inter-schools Competition

This highly fought inter-schools competition between senior schools in Bournemouth & surrounding districts kicks off in the week of 9th March with the first match between Poole Grammar and Lytchett Minster schools, followed by the match between Bournemouth, Highcliffe and Ringwood schools on 17th March. Ringwood School are new to the competition and we welcome them on board (on the board...ha ha!).



The winners of these two rounds will go through to the final.

Ringwood Library Junior Chess club

The Ringwood Library Junior Chess club has got off to a very successful start with 13 juniors in its opening session. For juniors local to this area, please contact Martin Clancy for further details. <https://www.ringwoodchessclub.org.uk/ringwood-junior-group/> or mjclancy@btconnect.com

We look forward to organising inter-library junior chess matches!

Chess sets

A number of parents have asked about the best place to buy the chess sets used at the library chess clubs and at the Dorset Junior Chess Championships. The Chess and Bridge Shop has an excellent range of high quality and inexpensive sets which can be purchased online. Please see the link below.

<https://shop.chess.co.uk/Plastic-Sets-Boards-s/1845.htm>



Chess Facts : London was the home of the first international chess tournament, which took place in 1851. Edward Staunton, an English master of chess, organized the event as a way of bringing together the best chess players in Europe.

Most chess sets are Staunton chess sets.

Larissa Cuthbert's success continues

Larissa played in the Wilts & West of England Junior Chess Championships in Swindon, becoming the joint **u11 Wiltshire Champion**.

In both this tournament, and the recent South of England Junior Chess Championships, she scored enough points to get a half-norm in each tournament. These two half-norms mean that she has qualified for the prestigious English Primary Schools Chess Association National Junior Chess Squad Trials in Liverpool in late April.



Future Chess Tournaments for junior chess players

If you enjoyed the recent Dorset Junior Chess Championships, the following tournaments might be of interest. We always recommend playing competitive chess to be good for development.



25th Dorset Rapidplay: 15 March 2020. We are still taking entries for this special congress and already 10 junior players have registered. See <https://www.dorsetchess.co.uk/rapidplay-2020/>



7th West London Junior Chess Championships: 21 March 2020. Junior only Rapidplay event with under 11, 9 and 7 sections. Limited to 90 players and always fills up quickly. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Cadogan St., London. Contact: Tony Niccoli Email: tonyniccolichess@gmail.com

English Primary Schools' Chess Association U11 Girls Final: 21 March 2020. Cheney School, Cheney Lane, Oxford. <https://www.epsca.org.uk/>

West of England Chess Union Congress: 10 to 13 April 2020. West of England Open, which is FIDE registered & qualifying event for the British Championships. A FIDE rated major section U1950. An ECF graded minor section U130. Held at Royal Beacon Hotel Exmouth Devon. <http://www.wecucongress.com/>

46th Maidenhead Junior Congress: 17 April One day junior congress during the school holidays; sections U14, U11 and U9 Claires Court Junior Boys School, Maidenhead, Berkshire SL6 4QQ <https://nigelwdennis.wixsite.com/mysite/entry-forms>

Chess helps you to concentrate, improve your logic. It teaches you to play by the rules and take responsibility for your actions, how to problem solve in an uncertain environment. – Garry Kasparov

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.