

# Wolverhampton and District Chess League – Official History 1945-2012

## FOREWORD

This record has been produced with the aim of providing details of the clubs, trophy winners and officials of the League, from 1945-2000 inclusive.

In 1992, Steve Wilcox, then secretary of the W.D.C.L, produced historical records of all trophy winners of the league. He later supplemented these with a list of winners of the Summer League, and updated the records of the Lightning Tournament. His sterling work consequently forms the core of this booklet, but with the runners-up of the Cup competitions also added.

Several years ago too, Graham Humphreys produced a list of the clubs, which had been members of the W.D.C.L. That information, now augmented with membership dates and name changes, provides an invaluable insight into the history of the League, and is therefore also included here.

In order to make it an even more complete record though, listings of the officials of the League have been added. However, since the Vice-Presidents / Deputy Presidents / Deputy Chairmen all served as Presidents either before or after their terms of office (see note to the table), a list of them would merely duplicate the President / Chairman list, and they are therefore not listed.

Although the bulk of the information here derives directly from the minutes of the League, thanks are also owed to those people who have helped to check out unclear details, especially about individual clubs. In particular, Barry Lewis was very helpful in updating records of the Summer League, and Graham Humphreys assisted by checking out information from past records.

This is not a history of the League, but extracts from the minute books have been included. These generally serve either to provide additional interest, or to explain origins of particular features. Since these extracts are exact copies, original spelling mistakes and inaccuracies remain uncorrected! These extracts appear in *italics* and are followed by the [date] of the entries in the books. The responsibility for additional notes to tables is mine alone. In a few cases, information is incomplete. If anyone can help to fill in these missing gaps, please contact me.

*Mike Groombridge  
Secretary, W.D.C.L.  
30<sup>th</sup> March 2001*

### SECOND EDITION:

As well as 5-year update, this includes corrections from the first edition.

*MG, 2/9/05*

### THIRD EDITION:

This further update shows the dates of trophy winners amended, so that they appear the same as on the trophies.

*MG, 30/5/11*

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## FORMATION OF THE LEAGUE

Recorded as: -

*'Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, March 16th 1945 at 7.15 p.m. in Marston Excelsior Canteen, Penn Rd. concerning inauguration of Wolverhampton and District Chess League.*

*PRESENT:- Messrs. W.F.Guy representing Walsall Kipping Club; H.G.Owen, (W'ton Kipping Club); E.A.Oliver and A Whitehouse, (Tipton); F.H.Harper and H.H.Jones, (Cannock Chase); K.S.Rock and W.C.Smith, (Marston Excelsior); C.Mattox, (Henry Meadows); F.W.Bennett, (Municipal Secondary School).*

*After the above had been introduced by Mr. Rock, Mr.W.C.Smith was elected to the chair for the evening.*

*Representatives were unanimously in favour of commencing a W'ton & District Chess League.*

*It was proposed by Mr.Guy, and seconded by Mr. Harper that entrance fee to the league be 5/- per team, per annum....'*

[16th Mar. 1945]

### THE FIRST SEASON (1945-46)

*'The following clubs were included in the final fixture list, Cannock Chase, Tipton, W'ton Secondary School, Walsall Kipping, W'ton Kipping, Pale Meadow Social Club Bridgnorth, Marston Excelsior, & Rubery Owen.'*

[2nd Aug. 1945]

The final table for this season showed: -

	<u>Pld</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pts</u>
<i>Cannock</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Tipton</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>Walsall Kipping</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>W'ton. Kipping</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Secondary School</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Marston Excelsior</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Pale Meadow</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Rubery Owen</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>4</i>

[2nd May 1946]

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## MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE (1945-2011)

The original membership of 8 clubs gradually increased to a peak of about 30 in 1976-77. Since then numbers have declined. The table below lists all the clubs, which have been accepted as members during this period, together with the dates of its membership. In a few exceptional cases though, some clubs do not appear to have entered teams e.g. *Dudley* 1947. A number of clubs also changed their names during membership. In those cases, the club has a listing under each of its names, e.g. *Blanford Mere/Kingswinford* has two entries. The exception is *John Thompson*, which despite several name changes was always commonly known as Thompsons. The table also shows that some clubs left the League at some point and were readmitted later. In such cases the *Dates* column shows two separate periods e.g. *Chubb & Sons*.

[Key:- *Names in italics* = club listed elsewhere in the table; aka =also known as; 1978 or -78=year; 78/79= season; 78? or -73-78? =doubt about date]

<u>Club</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Bayliss Jones & Bayliss	1950-55
Bilston College	1969-70/71
Binks Bullows	1977-78?
Birmingham Settlement (formerly <i>Lucas &amp; Birm. Settlement</i> ); renamed <i>St. George's</i> 2006	2004-6
Blanford Mere (1976-renamed <i>Kingswinford</i> )	1973-76
Boldmere St. Michaels (formerly <i>Kingstanding</i> )	2003-
Boulton & Paul	1946-58
Bradley & Foster	1966-68
Brewood Chess Circle (aka Brewood)	1981-
Brinsford Lodge (aka <i>Co-op?</i> )	1950-54
British Steel Corporation (formerly <i>Stewart &amp; Lloyds</i> ; 1971- renamed <i>Springvale</i> )	1970-71
Burntwood	1977-83
Bushbury (aka <i>Bushbury Central</i> ; inc. in 1964-65, the teams:- <i>Bushbury Bishops, &amp; B.Knights</i> )	1963-
Cannock (Chase)	1945-51/52
Cannock (aka <i>Cannock Chase</i> in 1973-74)	1973-88/89
Chase Terrace	1977-78
Chubb & Sons	1953-54/55; 1957-58/59
Connaught (formerly <i>Newhampton</i> )	1997-98
Crown C.C	1972-(75-77?)
Drayton Bassett (1984-renamed <i>Old Draytonians</i> )	1981-84
Dudley	1947;1959-99
Dudley & Dowell (formerly <i>Old Hill</i> )	1978-82
Dudley College	1972-(73-77?)
Dudley Training College	1961-(65-67?)
E.C.C	1968-69/70
English Electric (Stafford); (formerly <i>Stafford</i> ; 1965-renamed <i>Stafford Chess Council</i> )	1961-62; 1963-65
Fallings Park	1948-50
G.E.C. ( Stafford)	1979-(80?)
G.K.N.(from amalgamation of <i>G.K.N.(Lab)</i> with <i>G.K.N.(Machines)</i> )	1969-(85-87?)
G.K.N.(Lab) (1969-amalgamated with <i>G.K.N.(Machines)</i> to form <i>G.K.N.</i> )	1968-69
G.K.N.(Machines) (1969-amalgamated with <i>G.K.N.(Lab)</i> to form <i>G.K.N.</i> }	1968-69
Goodyear	1948-59; 1974-2000
Halesowen	2002-
Harris & Sheldon	1974-80
Hobsons	1954-64; 1967-71
Hotels Chess	2000-01
Hungarian C.C	1953-63
John A.Smith	1951-56/57
John Thompson (aka <i>Thompsons</i> ; <i>NEI Thompson</i> (1990-91); <i>RR Thompson</i> (1991-))	1949-99
Kidderminster	1981-
Kingstanding (2002-renamed <i>Boldmere St Michaels</i> )	1997-2000
Kingswinford (formerly <i>Blanford Mere</i> )	1976-80
Lichfield	1972-
Lichfield & District	1977-83/84
Lucas & Birmingham Settlement (2004-renamed <i>Birmingham Settlement</i> )	1992-2004
Marston Excelsior	1945-51; 1955-59

<b>Club (cont)</b>	<b>Dates</b>
Mercia	1969-
Municipal Secondary School (Wolverhampton); (aka Secondary School)	1945-46
Newhampton (1997-renamed <i>Connaught</i> )	1996-97
Northfield Checkmates (2008-amalgamated with <i>St George's</i> )	2006-08
Old Draytonians (formerly Drayton Bassett)	1984-87
Old Hill (aka B.R.S. Oldhill;1978- renamed <i>Dudley &amp; Dowell</i> )	1976-78
Pale Meadow Social Club, Bridgenorth (aka Henry Meadows)	1945-46/47
Penkridge	1983-97
Penn British Legion	1971-78
Perton	1981-82
R.A.F.Cosford (aka Cosford)	1970-78/79; 2000-05
Richard Thomas & Baldwin	1949-50/51
Rock C.C. (1978-amalgamated with <i>Wolverhampton Kipping</i> to form <i>Rock Kipping</i> )	1972-78
Rock Kipping (from amalgamation of <i>Rock C.C. &amp; Wolverhampton Kipping</i> )	1978-83/84
Rough Hills	1974-75?
Rubery Owen	1945-76/77
Rubery Owen Apprentices	1960-61
Rugeley	1969-
Rushall	1982-
Sankeys (Wellington)	1979-84/85
Shifnal & Telford (from amalgamation of <i>Telford</i> with Shifnal-2000)	2000-
Shrewsbury	1972-74
Springvale (formerly <i>British Steel Corporation</i> )	1971-79
St. George's (formerly <i>Birmingham Settlement</i> )	2006-
St.John Parish Church [Junior Chess Club-affiliated but non-playing]	2005-7
St.Mary's (Cannock)	1998-2003
Stafford (1961:re-entry as <i>English Electric</i> ; 1971-formerly <i>Stafford Chess Council</i> )	1947-51; 1971-
Stafford Chess Council (formerly <i>English Electric</i> ; 1971-renamed <i>Stafford</i> )	1965-71
Staley C.C. (associated offshoot of <i>Bushbury</i> )	1977-79
Stewarts & Lloyds (1970-renamed <i>British Steel Corporation</i> )	1958-70
Stourbridge	1969-
Sutton Hill (1975-renamed <i>Telford</i> )	1972-75
Sutton- N.A.L.G.O. (aka Sutton Corporation)	1969-70
Telford (formerly <i>Sutton Hill</i> ; 2000-amalgamated with Shifnal to become <i>Shifnal &amp; Telford</i> )	1975-2000
Tipton (1956-reformed as <i>Tipton Alexandra</i> )	1945-55
Tipton Alexander (formerly <i>Tipton</i> )	1956-63
Ukrainians	1955-58
Union Locks	1977-94
Walsall Kipping	1945-50; 1954-
Warley Quinborne	2005-
Wellman Crane	1976-78
West Bromwich	1968-
West Bromwich Central	1963-69
West Midland Municipal	1973-74?
West Midland Police	1980-97
Woden Works	1957-63
Wolverhampton	1952-
Wolverhampton Kipping (1978-amalgamated with <i>Rock C.C.</i> to form <i>Rock Kipping</i> )	1945-78
Wolverhampton N.A.L.G.O.	1962-64/65
Wolverhampton Polytechnic	1988-90

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## LEAGUE CHAMPIONS

<u>Year</u>	<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>
1945-46	Cannock		
1946-47	Kipping (Walsall)		
1947-48	Marston Excelsior		
1948-49	Stafford		
1949-50	Stafford	Wolverhampton Kipping B	
1950-51	Wolverhampton Kipping	Rubery Owen	
1951-52	Wolverhampton Kipping	John Thompson B	
1952-53	Wolverhampton Kipping	Boulton Paul	
1953-54	Wolverhampton	W'ton Kipping C; & Tipton	Wolverhampton Kipping D
1954-55	Wolverhampton Kipping	Wolverhampton Kipping D	Hungarian C.C
1955-56	Walsall Kipping	Hungarians	Hobsons
1956-57	Walsall Kipping	Rubery Owen	Walsall Kipping B
1957-58	Walsall Kipping	John Thompson	Woden Works
1958-59	Walsall Kipping	Tipton Alexandra	Wolverhampton Kipping D
1959-60	Wolverhampton Kipping	Wolverhampton Kipping C	Dudley
1960-61	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton Kipping B	John Thompson B
1961-62	Wolverhampton Kipping	Dudley	Dudley C
1962-63	Wolverhampton Kipping	Wolverhampton Kipping B	John Thompson B
1963-64	Dudley	Walsall Kipping	Bushbury
1964-65	Walsall Kipping	Bushbury	West Bromwich Central
1965-66	Wolverhampton Kipping	Wolverhampton B	Stewarts & Lloyds B
1966-67	Stafford Chess Council	West Bromwich Central	Walsall Kipping B
1967-68	Wolverhampton Kipping	Dudley B	West Bromwich
1968-69	Wolverhampton Kipping	Walsall Kipping B	Dudley C
1969-70	Sutton Corpn.; & W'ton Kipping	Bushbury; & Mercia	Stourbridge
1970-71	Wolverhampton Kipping	Stourbridge	Walsall Kipping C
1971-72	Stafford	West Bromwich	Stourbridge B
1972-73	Stafford	Penn Brit. Legion; & Stafford B	West Bromwich B
1973-74	Lichfield; & Stafford	West Bromwich B	Cannock Chase
1974-75	Stafford	Stafford B	Stourbridge C
1975-76	Walsall Kipping	Bushbury	Lichfield B
1976-77	Stafford	Telford	Rock
1977-78	Stafford	Springvale	West Bromwich B
1978-79	Rock Kipping	Dudley	Lichfield B
1979-80	Bushbury	Wolverhampton	Bushbury B
1980-81	Walsall Kipping	Stourbridge	Burntwood
1981-82	Stafford	Burntwood	West Bromwich B
1982-83	Burntwood	Stourbridge	Wolverhampton
1983-84	West Bromwich	Wolverhampton	Walsall Kipping C
1984-85	Bushbury	Old Draytonians	Rushall
1985-86	Walsall Kipping	Bushbury B	Wolverhampton C
1986-87	Bushbury	Kidderminster	Mercia
1987-88	Bushbury	Walsall Kipping	Stourbridge B
1988-89	Bushbury	Stourbridge	Goodyear
1989-90	Bushbury	Wolverhampton	Brewood
1990-91	Bushbury	Lichfield B	NEI Thompson
1991-92	Lichfield	Wolverhampton	West Bromwich B
1992-93	West Bromwich	Penkridge	NEI Thompson
1993-94	Bushbury	Dudley	Mercia
1994-95	Walsall Kipping	Stourbridge	R.R.Thompson
1995-96	West Bromwich	Wolverhampton	Lucas & Birmingham Settlement
1996-97	Telford	Stourbridge	Stafford B
1997-98	Telford	Kingstanding	Rugeley
1998-99	Telford	Mercia	Lichfield B
1999-00	Lichfield	Walsall Kipping B	Wolverhampton C
2000-01	Lichfield	Lichfield B	Stourbridge B
2001-02	Lichfield	Rushall	Shifnal & Telford B
2002-03	Kidderminster & Walsall Kipp.	Halesowen	Walsall Kipping C

## ***LEAGUE CHAMPIONS (continued)***

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Division 1</u></b>	<b><u>Division 2</u></b>	<b><u>Division 3</u></b>
2003-04	Bushbury	Walsall Kipping B	Stourbridge B
2004-05	Bushbury	Stafford	Boldmere St. Michaels
2005-06	Shifnal &Telford	Warley Quinborne	Mercia B
2006-07	Warley Quinborne	Boldmere St Michaels	Rushall B
2007-08	Bushbury	Shifnal & Telford	Rushall B
2008-09	Bushbury	St Georges	Walsall Kipping B
2009-10	Lichfield	Stourbridge	Halesowen B
2010-11	Lichfield	St Georges	Rugeley
2011-12	TBA	Halesowen A	Lichfield B

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<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Division 4</u></b>	<b><u>Division 5</u></b>	<b><u>Division 6</u></b>
1964-65	Walsall Kipping B		
1965-66	No Competition		
1966-67	No Competition		
1967-68	No Competition		
1968-69	No Competition		
1969-70	No Competition		
1970-71	No Competition		
1971-72	No Competition		
1972-73	Dudley D (Nth);&Sutton Hill (S)		
1973-74	West Midlands Municipal	John Thompson C	
1974-75	Lichfield B	Harris & Sheldon B	
1975-76	Penn British Legion C	Lichfield C	
1976-77	Kingswinford	Harris & Sheldon B	Wolverhampton D
1977-78	Bushbury B	Dudley C	Dudley D
1978-79	Lichfield & District	Burntwood	Stourbridge E
1979-80	Union Locks;&Dudley & Dowell	Union Locks B	Sankey
1980-81	Union Locks B	Burntwood B	Burntwood C
1981-82	Drayton Bassett	Kidderminster	Union Locks C
1982-83	Brewood	Drayton Bassett C	Goodyear C
1983-84	Dudley B	Walsall Kipping E	Goodyear D
1984-85	John Thompsons	Penkridge B	Discontinued
1985-86	Old Draytonians B	Goodyear C	
1986-87	Walsall Kipping E	Bushbury D	
1987-88	Lichfield D	Union Locks B	
1988-89	Rushall B	Penkridge B	
1989-90	Union Locks B	Lichfield G	
1990-91	West Bromwich B	Brewood B	
1991-92	Wolverhampton C	Wolverhampton D	
1992-93	Rugeley	Lucas & Birmingham Settlement	
1993-94	Wolverhampton C	Lichfield G	
1994-95	Stafford B	Stafford D	
1995-96	Dudley	Telford B	
1996-97	Wolverhampton D	Kidderminster B	
1997-98	Kidderminster B	Discontinued	
1998-99	Walsall D		
1999-00	Stourbridge B		
2000-01	Lichfield C		
2001-02	Lichfield D		
2002-03	Bushbury B		
2003-04	No Competition		
2004-05	No Competition		
2005-06	No Competition		
2006-07	Walsall Kipping B		
2007-08	Northfield Checkmates		
2008-09	Walsall Kipping C		
2009-10	Rushall B		
2010-11	St Georges B		
2011-12	Rushall C		

## **PITTAWAY CUP**

*'The Penn British Legion club (at the suggestion of the Chess Section) presented a cup to be called The Pittaway Cup in acknowledgement of the work done by Ken Pittaway for chess...'*

[22nd May 1973]

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Runner-up</u></b>
1972-73	Wolverhampton Kipping	Walsall Kipping
1973-74	Stourbridge	Sutton Hill
1974-75	Stourbridge	West Bromwich
1975-76	Walsall Kipping	Penn British Legion
1976-77	Stourbridge	Walsall Kipping
1977-78	Lichfield	Wolverhampton Kipping
1978-79	Burntwood	Walsall Kipping
1980	Stafford	Walsall Kipping
1981	Lichfield	Stafford
1982	Kidderminster	Telford
1983	Lichfield	West Bromwich
1984	Walsall Kipping	West Bromwich
1985	Walsall Kipping	West Bromwich
1986	Bushbury	Wolverhampton
1987	Bushbury	Lichfield
1988	West Bromwich	Bushbury
1989	Bushbury	Goodyear
1990	Bushbury	Wolverhampton
1991	Bushbury	Stafford
1992	Lichfield	Bushbury
1993	Lichfield	West Bromwich
1994	Bushbury	West Bromwich
1995	Telford	Kidderminster
1996	Lichfield	Walsall Kipping
1997	Lichfield	Telford
1998	Lichfield	West Bromwich
1999	Lichfield	Stafford
2000	West Bromwich	Lichfield
2001	Stafford	Lichfield
2002	Stafford	Shifnal & Telford
2003	Halesowen (Div 2)	Wolverhampton
2004	Wolverhampton (Div 2)	Kidderminster
2005	Shifnal & Telford A	Stafford
2006	Lichfield	Stourbridge
2007	Lichfield	(Walkover)
2008	Lichfield	Shifnal & Telford
2009	Wolverhampton	Halesowen
2010	Wolverhampton	Stourbridge
2011	Kidderminster	Lichfield
2012	TBA	TBA



## **HUMPHREYS TROPHY**

*'That an additional Knockout Competition for Clubs be introduced for teams of 4; all players graded below 110; but no handicap...' [24<sup>th</sup> May 2005]*

*'That the Secretary be authorized to purchase a suitable trophy...named 'The Humphreys Trophy' [16<sup>th</sup> May 2006]*

<b><u>Year</u></b>	<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Runner-up</u></b>
2006	Halesowen	Stourbridge
2007	Halesowen	Bushbury
2008	Stourbridge	Rushall
2009	Rushall	Walsall Kipping
2010*	Brewood	Walsall Kipping
2011	Wolverhampton	Warley Quinborne
2012	TBA	TBA

*\* Grade limit raised to U-130, for this and subsequent years.*

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# INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

## K.S.ROCK CUP

*'Mr.Bladen proposed and Mr.Joynson seconded that an individual championship be organised this season, on knock-out lines. Mr.Rock said that he would provide a Trophy '*

[8th Sept. 1949]

<u>Year</u>	<u>Winner</u>	<u>Runner-up</u>
1949-50	J.H.Baines (Walsall Kipping)	NA
1950-51	H.F.Joynson (J Thompson)	R.F.Duncanson (Bayliss J & B)
1951-52	W.Seniuta (Goodyear)	A.Dodd (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1952-53	G.I.Carver	NA
1953-54	A.Schroeder (Goodyear)	H.F.Joynson (J Thompson)
1954-55	R.E.Duncanson (Bayliss J & B)	R.Joynson (J Thompson?)
1955-56	V.G.Jenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)	H.Rawluck (Ukrainians)
1956-57	J.M.Davies (Walsall Kipping)	A.Schroeder (Goodyear)
1957-58	V.G.Jenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)	J.Fellows (Wolverhampton)
1958-59	D.W.Anderton (Wolverhampton Kipping)	R.F.Duncanson
1959-60	D.W.Anderton (Wolverhampton Kipping)	M.A.Stevenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1960-61	M.A.Stevenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)	NA
1961-62	D.W.Anderton (Wolverhampton Kipping)	NA
1962-63	A.Schroeder (Wolverhampton)	NA
1963-64	M.A.Stevenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)	P.Porter (Hobsons)
1964-65	M.A.Stevenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)	A.Sadler (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1965-66	M.A.Stevenson (Wolverhampton Kipping)	NA
1966-67	J.E.Jones (Wolverhampton Kipping)	J.D.Hughes (Bushbury)
1968	P.Staley (Bushbury)	A.Schroeder (Wolverhampton)
1969	R.F.Walker	Mr. Blead
1970	P.G.Jackson (Stafford)	K.Pittaway (J Thompson)
1971	A.C.Evans (G.K.N.)	S.Chahal (Wolverhampton)
1972	A.Sadler (Wolverhampton Kipping)	D.G.Edwards (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1973	A.Sadler (Wolverhampton Kipping)	L.Hesbrook (Wolverhampton)
1974	A.Sadler (Wolverhampton Kipping)	D.G.Edwards (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1975	A.Sadler (Wolverhampton Kipping)	W.N.Clayton (Walsall Kipping)
1976	A.Sadler (Wolverhampton Kipping)	G.Thomas
1977	N.Jones	V.A.Jones
1978	J.Keene (Springvale)	G.M.Wellings (JThompson)
1979	G.M.Wellings (J Thompson)	S.Chahal (Goodyear)
1980	A Schroeder (Goodyear)	G.M.Wellings (J Thompson)
1981	M.Wheeler (Burntwood)	D.A.Burgoyne (Cannock)
1982	M.Sampson (Dudley)	C.P.Hibbard (Lichfield)
1983	G.M.Wellings (J Thompson)	A.P.McCumiskey (Mercia)
1984	L.Cooper (Stafford)	M.Griffiths (Wolverhampton)
1985	M.Sampson (Dudley)	G.Buckley (Bushbury)
1986	G.Buckley (Bushbury)	R.G.Jones (Walsall Kipping)
1987	P.Porter (Wolverhampton)	M.Hoare (Lichfield)
1988	R.Marshall (W'ton)	J.Edge (Dudley)
1989	K.A.J.Francis (Mercia)	L.Grinsell (Bushbury)
1990	L.Grinsell (Bushbury)	J.Edge (Dudley)
1991	M.Groombridge (Walsall Kipping)	W.Withnall (Walsall Kipping)
1992	L.Grinsell (Bushbury)	K.Thompson (Lichfield)
1993	C.Hibbard (Lichfield)	Martin May (Goodyear)
1994	W.Hulley (Rugeley)	M.Groombridge (Walsall Kipping)
1995	L.Grinsell (Bushbury)	C.Hibbard (Lichfield)
1996	L.Collier (Lucas & B.S)	Martin May (Goodyear)
1997	A.Powis (Rushall)	S.Wilcox (Rushall)
1998	L.Collier (Lucas & B.S)	A.Powis (Rushall)
19-99	L.Collier (Lucas & B.S)	M.Groombridge (Walsall Kipping)
2000	L.Collier (Lucas & B.S)	M.Wooton (Wolverhampton)
2001	W.Hulley (Rugeley)	L.Collier (Lucas & BS)
2002	L.Collier (Lucas & BS)	W.Hulley (Rugeley)
2003	C.Wilcox (Rushall)	R.Westwood (St. Mary's)
2004	R.Westwood (Rushall)	L.Collier (Lucas & BS)
2005	L.Collier (Birmingham Settlement)	R.Westwood (Rushall)
2006	L.Collier (Birmingham Settlement)	P.Staley (Bushbury)
2007	L. Collier (St. Georges) & A Wilson (Boldmere St Michaels)-	(Joint winners)
2008	L.Collier (St. Georges) & P.Leary (Rushall)-	(Joint winners)

2009	D.W.Anderton (Walsall Kipping)	L.Collier (St. Georges)
2010	M Groombridge (Walsall Kipping)	B.French (Boldmere St. Michaels)
2011	D.Pritchard (Walsall Kipping) & D.Wightman (Wolverhampton)-(Joint winners)	
2012	TBA	

## **HAROLD BIDGOOD TROPHY**

*'Mr.B.Smith proposed that a Secondary Cup should be played for to stimulate interest for competitors knocked out in the early rounds. '*

[21st Aug 1962]

*'Subsidiary Cup. It was decided to name the trophy the Harold Bidgood Trophy, '*

[21st May 1963]

<u><b>Year</b></u>	<u><b>Winner</b></u>	<u><b>Runner-up</b></u>
1963	P.Porter (Hobsons)	NA
1964	M.Bacon (Stewart & Lloyds)	A.Dodd (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1965	A.V.Kent (Dudley)	J.Bargery (Wolverhampton Kipping)
1966	B.Lote (Stewart & Lloyds)	NA
1967	L.Armstrong (Bushbury)	K.Pittaway (J Thompson)
1968	G.Link (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K.Phillips (Hobsons)
1969	D.G.Edwards (Wolverhampton Kipping)	Mr.Lloyd
1970	W.E.Cox (Dudley)	J.Wyer
1971	R.G.Jones (Walsall Kipping)	Mrs.M.Lloyd
1972	R.Colston (Dudley)	K.A.J.Francis (Mercia)
1973	K.A.J.Francis (Mercia)	P.G.Jackson (Stafford)
1974	B.V.Hammond (G.K.N.)	T.McFarlane (Walsall Kipping)
1975	G.Hicks	F.Tatler (Stourbridge)
1976	C.A.Jones	B.R.Smith (Mercia)
1977	J.Keene (Springvale)	G.Oglesby
1978	S.Jukes (Dudley)	F.Savage (J Thompson)
1979	A.B.C.Smith (Cannock)	D.Moir (Cannock)
1980	G Edwards	F.Lloyd
1981	A.P.McCumiskey (Mercia)	M.Quinn (Union Locks)
1982	A.Schroeder (Goodyear)	Mrs J.Briscoe (J Thompson)
1983	M.Waldron (Union Locks)	P.Blunt (Goodyear)
1984	R.C.Evans (Wolverhampton)	A.Tipton (Brewood)
1985	A.Lee (Dudley)	P.Eastwood (Wolverhampton)
1986	G.Thurman (Wolverhampton)	M.Hoare (Lichfield)
1987	L.Grinsell (Bushbury)	P.Hadley (Bushbury)
1988	M.Sanderson (Mercia)	P.J.Jones (West Midlands Police)
1989	Martin May (Goodyear)	NA
1990	J.G.T.Sadler (Rushall)	D.Lambe (Rushall)
1991	L.G.Hesbrook (Wolverhampton)	D.Buckley (Bushbury)
1992	A.Turner (Penkridge) & R.Grainger (Penkridge); (Joint winners)	
1993	D.Buckley (Bushbury)	W.Withnall (Walsall Kipping)
1994	R.Gogerty (Stafford)	A.Collabella (Goodyear)
1995	Martin May (Goodyear)	B.Hall (Brewood)
1996	S.Beasley (Bushbury)	M.Robertson (Rushall)
1997	J.Button (Newhampton)	NA
1998	J.Button (Connaught)	NA
1999	B.Lewis (Wolverhampton)	P.Allan (Brewood)
1900	K.A.J.Francis (Mercia)	W.Hulley (Rugeley)
2001	R.Westwood (St.Mary's)	K.Moore (Walsall Kipping)
2002	D.Carter (Stafford)	C.Wilcox (Rushall)
2003	C.Pohribnyj (Walsall Kipping)	K.Jones (Wolverhampton)
2004	R.Lewis (Rushall)	P.Nixon (Walsall Kipping)
2005	G.Rosser (Wolverhampton)	K.Jones (Wolverhampton)
2006	S Heath (Rugeley)	R Mitchell (Boldmere St Michaels)
2007	A Leadbetter (Stafford)	J Llewellyn (Halesowen)
2008	S Harris (Bushbury)	M Groombridge (Walsall Kipping)
2009	M Carr (Rushall)	J Llewellyn (Halesowen)
2010	S Harris (Bushbury)	S Jones (Bushbury)
2011	M Groombridge (Walsall Kipping)	J Llewellyn (Halesowen)
2012	TBA	TBA

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# **LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT**

## 'ANNUAL FUNCTION

*Proposed that Teams of four play in lightning Chess Competitions, the winning Team to receive small prize. Mr. Bennett offered Woden Works Canteen at Darlaston for this event. It was proposed by Mr. Boydon that Mr. Mercer should present trophies, this was seconded by Mr. Bennett.'*

[23rd Aug. 1960]

<u><b>Year</b></u>	<u><b>Trophy Section</b></u>	<u><b>Major Section</b></u>	<u><b>Minor Section</b></u>
1960-61	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1961-62	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1962-63	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1963-64	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1964-65	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1965-66	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1966-67	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1967-68	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1968-69	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1969-70	Electra		
1970-71	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1971-72	Electra		
1972-73	Electra		
1973-74	Electra		
1974-75	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1975-76	Electra		
1976-77	Wolverhampton Kipping		
1977-78	Electra		
1978-79	No Competition		
1979-80	No Competition		
1980-81	Bushbury	Cannock	
1981-82	Electra	West Bromwich	Penkhull
1982-83	Walsall Kipping	NA	NA
1983-84	Walsall Kipping	NA	NA
1984-85		Wolverhampton (Joint sections)	Mercia
1985-86	Stafford	Stafford B	NA
1986-87	Bushbury	Mercia	NA
1987-88	Bushbury	GEC Stafford B	NA
1988-89	Bushbury	Penkridge A	No Competition
1989-90	Bushbury	Goodyear A	No Competition
1990-91	Bushbury	GEC Stafford	No Competition
1991-92	Stafford	Stafford B	No Competition
1992-93	Stafford	Penkridge A	No Competition
1993-94	Telford	West Bromwich B	No Competition
1994-95	Bushbury	Warley Quinborne	No Competition
1995-96	Stafford	Goodyear B	Wolverhampton B
1996-97	Wolverhampton	Goodyear A	Brewood
1997-98	No Competition	No Competition	No Competition
1998-99	Telford	Rushall A	St. Mary's
1999-00	Lichfield	Rushall A	Brewood B
2000-01	Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton B	St. Mary's A
2001-02	Shifnal & Telford	Rushall A	St. Mary's A
2002-03	Bushbury	St. Mary's A	Rushall A
2003-04	Wolverhampton	Rushall A	Bremen (Ger); Bushbury (2 <sup>nd</sup> )
2004-05	Shifnal & Telford	Stourbridge	Halesowen A
2005-06	Shifnal & Telford; Bushbury	Warley Quinborne	Walsall Kipping A
2006-07	Wolverhampton	Boldmere St Michaels	Bushbury C
2007-08	Stafford	Stafford B	Stafford C
2008-09		NO COMPETITION	

*Note: This competition has not been held since*

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## LEAGUE OFFICIALS (I)

<u>Year</u>	<u>President or Chairman*</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Records Secretary</u>
1945	H J Owen (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K S Rock	A Jacques	
1945-46	H J Owen (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K S Rock	A Jacques/W C Smith	J H Baines
1946-47	W C Smith (Marston Excelsior)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	J H Baines
1947-48	F H Harper (Cannock)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	J H Baines
1948-49	C Gilmore (Stafford)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1949-50	P Guest (Tipton)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1950-51	B Rooney (Goodyear)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1951-52	R L Dunton (John Thompson)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1952-53	K Townsend (Boulton Paul)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1953-54	R E F Duncanson (Bayliss J & B)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1954-55	H J Owen (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1955-56	T J Hollington (Walsall Kipping)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R V Maylott
1956-57	J Holt (Wolverhampton)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1957-58	F Thompson (Goodyear)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1958-59	B J Wilkinson (Hobsons)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1959-60	W L Bennett (Woden Works)	K S Rock	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1960-61	G Hinchcliffe (Tipton Alexandra)	K Pittaway	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1961-62	P S Walkins (Rubery Owen)	K Pittaway	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1962-63	T R D Grove (Dudley)	K Pittaway	H O Bidgood	R E F Duncanson
1963-64	B Smith (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	R E F Duncanson
1964-65	P Staley (Bushbury)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	R E F Duncanson
1965-66	J H Baines (Walsall Kipping)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	L Armstrong
1966-67	J H Baines (Walsall Kipping)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	L Armstrong
1967-68	D W Anderton (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	L Armstrong
1968-69	D W Anderton (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	J Charles
1969-70	P G Jackson (Stafford)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	J Charles
1970-71	P G Jackson (Stafford)	K Pittaway	R F Briscoe	J Charles
1971-72	K G Humphreys (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K Pittaway	R Rowe	J Charles
1972-73	K G Humphreys (Wolverhampton Kipping)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	H Terry
1973-74	J H Charles (Springvale)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	H Terry
1974-75	J H Charles (Springvale)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	H Terry
1975-76	A Stern (Telford)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	H Terry
1976-77	A Stern (Telford)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	K G Humphreys
1977-78	G T Parkes (Kingswinford)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	K G Humphreys
1978-79	G T Parkes (Kingswinford)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	K G Humphreys
1979-80	A T Leadbetter (Stafford)	K Pittaway	J V Bargery	K G Humphreys
1980-81	A T Leadbetter (Stafford)	P S Walkins	J V Bargery	K G Humphreys
1981-82	J H Baines (Walsall Kipping)	K Pittaway	P S Walkins	K G Humphreys
1982-83	J H Baines (Walsall Kipping)	K Pittaway	K Pittaway	K G Humphreys
1983-84	A T Leadbetter (Stafford)	K Pittaway	K Pittaway	K G Humphreys
1984-85	A T Leadbetter (Stafford)	B Marshall	R Wheeler	K G Humphreys
1985-86	A E Tipton (Brewood)	B Marshall	R Wheeler	K G Humphreys
1986-87	A E Tipton (Brewood)	B Marshall	R Wheeler	K G Humphreys
1987-88	S Wilcox (Rushall)	B Marshall	R Wheeler	K G Humphreys
1988-89	S Wilcox (Rushall)	B Marshall	R Wheeler	K G Humphreys
1989-90	P R Eastwood (Wolverhampton)	S R Wilcox	R Wheeler	K G Humphreys
1990-91	P R Eastwood (Wolverhampton)	S R Wilcox	M W A Hoare	K G Humphreys
1991-92	J A Crump (West Bromwich)	S R Wilcox	M W A Hoare	K G Humphreys
1992-93	J A Crump (West Bromwich)	S R Wilcox	M W A Hoare	K G Humphreys
1993-94	P Staley (Bushbury)	S R Wilcox	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
1994-95	P Staley (Bushbury)	S R Wilcox	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
1995-96	M May (Goodyear)	S R Wilcox	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
1996-97	M May (Goodyear)	S R Wilcox	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
1997-98	K R Grainger (Penkridge)	S R Wilcox	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
1998-99	K R Grainger (Penkridge)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
1999-00	R G Thompson (Telford)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
2000-01	R G Thompson (Telford)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
2001-02	D Buckley (Brewood)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
2002-03	D Buckley (Brewood)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	K G Humphreys
2003-04	K G Humphreys (Stourbridge)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	P Allan
2004-05	K G Humphreys (Stourbridge)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	P Allen
2005-06	D W Perks (Mercia)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	P Allen/D Laight
2006-07	D W Perks (Mercia)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	D Laight

## LEAGUE OFFICIALS (I) (cont)

<u>Year</u>	<u>President or Chairman*</u>	<u>Secretary</u>	<u>Treasurer</u>	<u>Records Secretary</u>
2007-08	F Wood (Wolverhampton)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	D Laight
2008-09	F Wood (Wolverhampton)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	D Laight
2009-10	S Wilcox (Rushall)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	D Laight
2010-11	S Wilcox (Rushall)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	D Laight
2011-12	D Scriven (Stourbridge)	M Groombridge	R G Thompson	D Laight

*Note:*

1. The person holding the premier post was known as the Chairman from 1945-73, but from 1973-74 onwards has been officially called the President.

2. The deputy to the Chairman was not named in the minutes until 1984-85. However, from 1948-49 the retiring Chairman was designated as Deputy Chairman. From 1985-86 the post was retitled the Vice-President, and it has largely remained so, despite the Constitution of 1993 stating that this official should be called Deputy President. In 1988-89, the league decided that the President should spend the two years prior to the Presidency holding the position of Deputy.

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## LEAGUE OFFICIALS (II)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tournament Secretary</u>	<u>Publicity Officer</u>	<u>Bulletin Editor</u>
1963-64		H O Bidgood*	
1964-65		H O Bidgood	
1965-66	K A J Francis**	M A Stephenson?	L Armstrong
1966-67	K A J Francis	D W Anderton	L Armstrong?
1967-68	K A J Francis	A J Butcher	L Armstrong?
1968-69	K A J Francis	D W Anderton	NA
1969-70	G Stokes-Roberts	D W Anderton	Joint Bull. with N Staffs
1970-71	G Stokes-Roberts	D W Anderton	Passed to Staffs County
1971-72	K G Humphreys	D W Anderton	NA
1972-73	K G Humphreys	D W Anderton	NA
1973-74	K G Humphreys	D W Anderton	NA
1974-75	K G Humphreys	J H Charles	NA
1975-76	K G Humphreys	J H Charles	NA
1976-77	K G Humphreys	J H Charles	NA
1977-78	K G Humphreys	P Staley	R P Partridge
1978-79	K G Humphreys	P S Walkins	K Pittaway/K A J Francis
1979-80	K G Humphreys	T R D Grove	K A J Francis
1980-81	K G Humphreys	B R Smith	K A J Francis
1981-82	K G Humphreys	B R Smith	D Fellows
1982-83	K G Humphreys	B R Smith	D Fellows
1983-84	B R Smith	B R Smith	F L Tatler
1984-85	D Burgoyne	B R Smith	D Buckley
1985-86	D Burgoyne	D Buckley	D Buckley
1986-87	D Buckley	D Buckley	D Buckley
1987-88	D Buckley	D Buckley	D Buckley
1988-89	D Buckley	D Buckley	D Buckley
1989-90	D Buckley	R Grainger	K G Humphreys
1990-91	D Buckley	R Grainger	K G Humphreys
1991-92	D Buckley	R W Fletcher	K G Humphreys
1992-93	D Buckley	R W Fletcher	K G Humphreys
1993-94	D Buckley	R W Fletcher	K G Humphreys
1994-95	D Buckley	R W Fletcher	K G Humphreys
1995-96	J A Crump	R W Fletcher	K G Humphreys
1996-97	J A Crump	R W Fletcher	K G Humphreys
1997-98	J A Crump	R Dolan	K G Humphreys
1998-99	J A Crump	R Dolan	K G Humphreys
1999-00	J A Crump	R Dolan	K G Humphreys
2000-01	J A Crump	R Dolan	K G Humphreys
2001-02	J A Crump	R Dolan	K G Humphreys
2002-03	J A Crump	R Dolan	K G Humphreys
2003-04	J A Crump	R Dolan	M Savin
2004-05	J A Crump	R Dolan	M Savin
2005-06	J A Crump/K G Humphreys	R Dolan	M Savin
2006-07	K G Humphreys	R Dolan	M Savin

## LEAGUE OFFICIALS (II)(cont)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Tournament Secretary</u>	<u>Publicity Officer</u>	<u>Bulletin Editor</u>
2007-08	K G Humphreys	NA	M Savin
2008-09	K G Humphreys	D S Short \$	M Savin
2009-10	K G Humphreys	D S Short \$	M Savin
2010-11	K G Humphreys	D S Short \$	M Savin
2011-12	K G Humphreys	D S Short \$	M Savin

**Note:**

\*There was no official Publicity Officer until 1963-64. Prior to this, from 1956/7-1962/3, H O Bidgood was responsible for 'Press reports'.

\*\*Known as the Competition Secretary in 1965-66

\$ Publicity Consultant only

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## LEAGUE OFFICIALS (III)

<u>Webmaster</u>	M Rees	1999-2011
	A McCumiskey & P Walters	2011-
<u>Staffs Reps</u>	D W Perks	2005/6-
	F Wood	2005/6-
<u>E.C.F. Rep</u>	A Leadbetter	1991-
<u>Grading Officer</u>	A Leadbetter	1989-2011
(Staffs County)	S Peddar	2011-

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## LEAGUE TEAM CAPTAINS:

In 1968-69, the WDCL entered a team into the Midland Weekend League. Although this team only seems to have played for two seasons, a League Team Captain was required for the first time. Since then the League has played infrequent matches, but has generally retained a Captain:-

<u>Captain</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
J.H.Baines	1968-69	1969-70
D.G.Edwards	1977-78	
G.Stokes-Roberts & B.R.Smith	1979-80	
B.R.Smith	1980-81	1981-82
D.Burgoyne	1982-83	1985-86
R.Marshall	1986-87	1989-90
D.Buckley	1990-91	2008

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## AUDITORS

<u>Auditor</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
J.Bargery & D Guest	1966/67	1971/72
D.Guest	1972/73	1979/80
D.Guest & R.G.Thompson	1980/81	1981/82
K.Thompson & R.Wheeler	1982/83	
R.Wheeler	1983/84	
K.Pittaway	1984/85	2000/01
D.W.Perks	2001/02	Present

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## WOLVERHAMPTON SUMMER LEAGUE

Although this is a separate organization, it has long been run by members of the WDCL and therefore closely associated with it.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>	
1977	Stourbridge	Wolverhampton		
1978	Cannock	Cannock B		
1979	Stourbridge	Stourbridge C		
1980	Burntwood	Rock Kipping B		
1981	Bushbury	Rock Kipping		
1982	Bushbury	West Bromwich		
1983	Stafford	Goodyear B		
1984	Stafford	Bushbury	Brewood B	
1985	Bushbury	Brewood	Stafford C	
1986	Bushbury	Stafford B	Goodyear B	
1987	Stafford	Walsall Kipping B	Police	
1988	Stafford	Rushall	Brewood	
1989	Stafford	Walsall Kipping B	Rushall B	
1990	Bushbury	Wolverhampton	Goodyear	
1991	Bushbury	Walsall Kipping B	Rushall B	
1992	Bushbury	Walsall Kipping B	Warley Quinborne C	
1993	Stafford	Walsall Kipping	Rushall B	
1994	Telford	Rushall	N:Rushall B;	S:Wolverhampton C
1995	Warley Q	RR Thompsons	N:Telford;	S:Halesowen
1996	Warley Q	Walsall Kipping	N:Telford;	S:Solihull Youth
1997	Halesowen	Lucas	N:Walsall K;	S:Halesowen
1998	Warley Q	Rugeley	N:Brewood;	S:Halesowen
1999	Telford	Rushall	N:Walsall K;	S:Brewood
2000	Telford	Lucas A	N:Wolverhampton;	S:Lucas B
2001	Shifnal & Telford	Stourbridge	N: Rushall B;	S:Rushall C
2002	Bushbury	Lucas A	N:Rushall B;	S:Halesowen
2003	Shifnal & Telford	Walsall Kipping	N:Brewood;	S:Halesowen
2004	Shifnal & Telford	2N Rushall;2S Boldmere	N:Walsall K. B;	S:Halesowen
2005	Stafford	Rushall A	N:Walsall K B;	S:Brewood B
2006	Stafford	Bolmere St Michaels	Walsall Kipping B	
2007	Bushbury	Walsall Kipping	Brewood	
2008	St Georges	Rushall	N:Stafford	S:Wolverhampton
2009	Bushbury	Bushbury B	N:St Marys	S:St Georges B
2010	Bushbury	Wolverhampton A	Stafford B	
2011	TBA	TBA	TBA	

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## ORGANIZERS OF THE WOLVERHAMPTON SUMMER LEAGUE

<u>Organizer</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
NA	1977	1984
D.Burgoyne	1985	1986
D.Buckley	1987	1988
S.Wilcox	1989	1992
B.Lewis & R.Ward	1993	2002
B.Lewis & P.Allan	2003	2005
B Lewis & D Laight	2006	Present

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