

Webmaster Report 2018

Here is a summary of the work carried out since the last AGM.

- Addition of Obituary pages. If you spot any errors or omissions then please contact me.
- Addition of 1994/95 and 1989/90 to the archive. 12 previous seasons (not including this one now on-line). For 1994/95 the late rounds of the Rock/Bidgood and Pittaway were sadly not reported. If you have any knowledge of the missing matches then please contact me.
- Various small bugs, performance improvements and endless security updates

Appeals (as every year!!):

- We need more scoresheets and/or interesting positions for the web. (These can be submitted anonymously if requested).
- We are still missing many WDCL Bulletins particularly 1985-86, 1990-91, 1993-94 and 1995-96. If anyone has any then we can scan them and return the originals if requested.

Site usage reveals a slight drop (-6.2%) in the number of users and a similar number of session. However, the session duration increased meaning those who do visit stay longer.

On the defaults, there was a considerable jump. Up to 88 boards (from 1,106 = 8%) defaulted compared with last year's 40 (from 970 = 4.2%).

This years Top40 winners were:

Overall: Alexander Javis (Rushall) (our first junior to take this honour)
Runner-up: Jonathan P Pincher (West Bromwich)
Best White: Pauline Woodward (Warley Quinborne)
Best Black: John Fryer (Lichfield)
Female/Junior: Amrissa Johal (Walsall Kipping) with Alexander Javis second

New Data Protection Law

Finally, as some of you are aware on 25th May 2018 there are new EU laws coming into affect regarding data protection. These control the usage of personal data such as Names, Addresses, eMails, Tele numbers, photos as well as the analytical data we collect via Google. So there will be various changes for next season. For exmaple, the eResults registration will NOT be done automatically in Sept. ALL Captain's will have to re-register via the registration button each season. This will provide a template eMail consenting the WDCL to use your name and eMail for the coming season. Silence, pre-ticked boxes and inactivity will no longer suffice as consent. eResults eMails are already sent out bcc. We will have a new 'Privacy Notice' which you will be directed to at various places on the website and also on eResults eMails. If you have a query regarding the changes or would like to know what we hold against your name then please contact me. Here is the link from the ECF giving advice for leagues and clubs.

Link: <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/GDPR-County-and-Club-Guide.pdf>

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