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NEXT SEASON

This issue of Westward Ho! is the last of this season and thus to  
those who paid a year's subscription I hope will feel happy with what they have  
received and be willing to contribute as soon as practical for a further season.  
The price remains unchanged and I shall aim to produce four issues similar to  
this year just ending. I regret this issue is somewhat later than I had hoped  
for, but I fear I estimated in getting news in earlier than it came, so next  
season the final issue should be about the end of June as this is.

Large clubs may care to take advantage of making a little by ordering  
a number of Grading Lists at 15p(min order 8 copies). Orders for the season's  
issues or Grading Lists only would be appreciated by August 20th to give me  
some indication of the numbers I should print. Finally please help advertise  
Westward Ho! around your club so that others can know and order if they wish.

B.C.F. NEWS

Proposals for the new Chess Calendar go smoothly ahead and we have  
already the West of England partially coming into line - a good omen because  
it means the final changes when and if fully accepted will be hardly noticed.

Two IMPORTANT changes in Junior matters look like coming into  
force next season - the titles of Junior events will be changed from Boys and  
Girls and both compete in the same Junior events. The second one is that  
the operative age will not be September 1st of that season, but September 1st  
of that year, ie., under the age bar on Sept 1st qualifies, over it and the  
player is barred.

P.S. Milner-Barry, Esq., G.B., O.B.E., has served three years  
as the President of the B.C.F. and is due to retire at the Council Meeting on  
June 30th. I feel confident all West players, Counties and even Leagues will  
join this Union in thanking him for wonderful progress during his period of  
Leadership - "Sir, we are grateful to you for all you have done".

G.H. Simmons, our previous General Secretary, and our current  
General Secretary have commented in reports on the machinery of the B.C.F.  
as it stands today, and those with experience must agree in general. However,  
not only have they done so, but better they have offered a glimmer of light  
by suggestions for improvement. Nobody denies the hopelessly large Committees  
and the cumbersome registration scheme - the thing to do is to get agreement  
to major stream-lining with possibly a completely new means of financing  
generally. Realisation of this is possibly the first steps to great advances  
along more hopeful channels.

The W.E.C.U. Council met at Taunton on May 12th and all Counties were represented.

The General Secretary reported that the Harold Meek Trophy had been won by Devon and the Wayling Cup by Dorset. The Treasurer reported an excess of income over expenditure of £66, and not seeking re-appointment, Mr I.R. Pickup was thanked for all the good work he had done.

The Junior Chess Secretary submitted a written report in which he advised that 108 Juniors had taken part in the Junior Jamboree at Exeter, Gloucestershire having won the Boys section and Devon the Girls. He stated the event cost £150 to stage. This matter leaves the West with thoughts as to whether to follow the B.C.F. and merge Boys and Girls events, or continue as we are with separate events for the years to come.

The Congress Secretary reported that 90 players had taken part in the Union's Congress, held at Newquay at Easter. A Broche is being produced on this Congress and those who want copies for full details should contact the Congress Secretary. Attending myself, I had looked forward to some good Cornish weather but regretfully I experienced some of the coldest weather of the winter for me, the winds being bitter. However this was largely counterbalanced by the unique and delightful Cornish welcome we strangers got on all sides. Added to this was a pleasant and well heated playing hall, so that one was cosy once inside. Of the 90 players taking part, 20 were Cornishmen which shows well the support that was given to this Union event.

Westward Ho! was reported as showing a credit of £23 for the accounts year - somewhat misleading as really this issue should be charged against that amount, but from this year on, matters will right themselves.

With the exception of the Hon. Treasurer and the Match Captain, all other Officers were re-elected to their various positions. The change of Match Captains however means that Mr R.H.T. Newman joins the Selection Committee in place of the retiring Match Captain, Mr M.E. Bridgen.

The Selection Committee agreed that the Champion from every W.E.C.U. county would receive an automatic entry to the Union Championship if he/she desired but that such entry must be endorsed by the County Secretary.

The Union decided to enter the Minor Counties Championship with Counties being given a choice as to where they entered their teams, but generally the Championship would be the first 16 boards and the Minor Counties section be decided by a second 16 boards - 32 boards in all if counties entered teams in both sections. Cornwall has opted for Minor Counties participation only and Dorset and Wilts will, this coming season, enter teams in the Championship only. This is of course the counties free choice and they can alter their position from year to year as they wish.

Mr R.H.T. Newman's 120 Grading Bar teams are being given a start off this year at the Union Jamboree at Exeter on Oct 6th next and it is to be hoped that club, league or county teams will roll up for this in numbers - an excellent chance for the lowly player to savour the real Chess World with all its attractions to players everywhere.

Tournament Rule 8, Appendix 3 had the following sentence added to its end, "Where time allows for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  hours play (excluding intervals) the rate of play shall be 42 moves in 105 minutes".

It was agreed that the Union should purchase not more than £50 worth of clocks for use at congresses, jamborees, etc.

On County boundaries there was considerable discussion and it was proposed that the B.C.F. should be advised that players should be given the option of remaining affiliated to the counties for which they were registered before boundary changes, or if they so wished to become affiliated to their new county.

It was decided that the Harold Meek Trophy should in future be presented to the County winning the W.E.C.U. Section of the Counties Championship and that the Wayling Cup would be presented to the county winning the Minor Counties W.E.C.U. section.

Mr R.H.T. Newman has kindly offered to provide a new Cup for the Under-120 Grade teams winners, this coming season as a Jamboree but it is hoped that this could become a major sized league in years to come.

The winners of the W.E.C.U. Easter Congress were:-

Championship D.M. Wise  $4\frac{1}{2}/6$  with D.A. Lemoir having a similar score but losing on S.O. scores. P.H. Clarke and P.J. Meade were equal 3rd with 4.

Challengers. C.J. Hutchings  $4\frac{1}{2}/6$ , winning from H.E. Courtney on S.O. Score on same games score, whilst C.A.S. Damant was third with 4.

The Reserves was won by R.C. Last with  $5/6$  whilst W.G. Oliver and J. Hampson won the two All-Play-All sections. The Open Championship was a triple tie between H.G. Ditmar, G.R. Haynes and J.P. Knee. The Junior Championship went to S. Taulbut with  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$ , The Minor to S. Williams  $5\frac{1}{2}/6$  and the Girls to Jane Anson  $5/6$  without

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COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL TABLES:

County.	P.	W.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Devon	6	6	0	66	28	12
Gloucestershire	6	5	0	54½	36½	10
Hampshire	6	4	0	53½	39½	8
Somerset	6	3	0	48	45	6
Dorset	6	2	0	39	52	4
Wiltshire	6	1	0	37	54	2
Cornwall	6	0	0	24	67	0

HAROLD MEEK COMPETITION

Devon	6	6	0	102	52	12
Gloucestershire	6	5	0	81	62	10
Hampshire	6	4	0	94½	58½	8
Somerset	6	4	0	90½	56½	8
Dorset	6	2	0	63	83	4
Wiltshire	6	1	0	45	94	2
Cornwall	6	0	0	41	95	0

The BRISTOL CUP for the Senior Jamboree was won last October by Gloucestershire.

BRISTOL AREA, OR FUTURE AVON RESULTS:

The Individual Championship of the Area was won by M. Binks of Downside Club's A Side with 7 points out of eight in Section 1. D. McFarlane of the University B Side has won Section 2. Section 3 was won by G. Spiers of Horfield B Side after a play-off with K. Whitrow of Kingswood C.

The Bristol League played a Telephone Match with the Glasgow League and finally lost by 3½ to 4½ - no disgrace by any means. It is most interesting to record that the total phone bill, shared between the two leagues, was between £5 and £6, or a League cost of less than £3 each - other League Secretaries please take note and get craching - it might even be a life-saver to the Bournemouth v. Southampton fixtures. 5 hours was allocated for play at 36 moves in 1½ hours. I feel I must add 'Thank you Bristol League for pioneering the way to something which could become popular and stop the worst of the travel costs bug.

THEIR LEAGUE RESULTS

<u>Division 1.</u>					<u>Division 2.</u>				
Downend A	16P	14W	1D	29 Pts	*University B	17	17	0	34
Clifton A	16	10	4	24	*Yatton A	18	14	2	30
*University A	15	10	1	21	*Downend C	17	10	1	21
Downend B	16	5	5	15	Totterdown YMCA	18	7	5	19
Clifton B	16	5	4	14	Clifton C	18	7	4	18
Kingswood A	16	5	3	13	Clifton D	18	7	2	16
*N.A.L.G.O. A	15	2	6	10	Pegasus A	18	6	3	15
Sea Mills A	16	3	4	10	Horfield A	18	4	1	9
Keynsham A	16	2	2	6	Thornbury	18	1	6	8
					University C	18	2	4	8

\* = Match null and void.

<u>Division 3.</u>					<u>Division 4.</u>				
University D	18	12	2	26	Y.M.C.A.	20	17	0	34
Patchway	18	11	3	25	Kingswood C	20	14	3	31
Sea Mills B	18	9	5	23	Sea Mills C	20	11	3	25
Cabot A	18	9	4	22	Horfield B	20	10	2	22
Yatton B	18	8	5	21	Pegasus B	20	9	1	19
Kingswood B	18	6	4	16	Yatton C	20	8	3	19
Downend D	18	6	3	15	Clifton F	20	7	4	18
Civil Service	18	4	6	14	Downend E	20	7	2	16
St George	18	2	5	9	Clifton E	20	7	2	16
Wills Hall	18	3	3	9	Omnibus	20	5	4	14
					Pegasus C	20	1	4	6

See further results from this Area under Somerset news, which - whilst not being sure - seem to inter-lock.

CORNISH NEWS

The County Championship was won by R.J. Pearce.

The Falmouth Cup went to I.M. George.

The County Shield was won by Liskeard A.

The Roberts Cup by St Austell.

The Knock-Out Cup went to Helston.

The Grenfell Cup for Schools to Truro School

Well done all but one is sorry to learn the Napier Cup for Juniors was not competed for - particularly school organisers of Chess please note for next year.

The Cornish A.G.M. was held on May 23rd and was well attended and it was decided to take part in the Minor Counties Championship for the first time. The following Officers were elected:-

President - I.R. Napier. Chairman - M. Shirley. Sec/Treasurer A.R. Baxter, Pennies, Treviglas Lane, Probus, Truro. Match Captain - W.H. Peek, sorry no address yet. Correspondence Match Controller - D.S. Holding. Cornwall wants a Junior Secretary for Chess - a Great Chance for someone for the potential is there.

A further decision, like the W.E.C.U. decision, was to buy some clocks for the County.

Cornish organisers please note that I understand that J.A. Anstead leaves Cheltenham for Cornish Areas at the start of next season, a school master I gather. He recently beat the well-known A.R.B. Thomas in the British Championship Qualifying Competition.

DEVONSHIRE NEWS

Their A.G.M. was held on June 2nd where it was decided to start a 4th Team Division of 4 players per team - mainly aiming at helping smaller clubs who might find a regular 6 or more a side difficult to produce. The Officers elected were:-

President - L.C.A. Lewis. General Secretary - Mrs J. Parker, The School House, Barbrook, Lynton, Devon; (Lynton 3325). Treasurer A.J.L. Wade. Hon. Auditor J.F. Chambers. Match Captain - R.M. Bruce, Brent Whim, 116 Mannamead Road, Plymouth, (Plymouth 60354). Competitions Secretary - J. Parker. Correspondence Chess Secretary - J. Meadows. Junior Secretary - A.N. Mennie. Congress Secretary W.A. Frost. Grading Officer - B.W. Clapp. Publicity Officer - K.J. Bloodworth. Delegates to W.E.C.U. Mrs Parker and P.H. Clarke.

It is interesting to note that the following Devon players did not lose a game in this season's matches, the figures after their names being wins and draws:- P.H. Clarke 2/3, A.R.B. Thomas 0/4, D.J. Sewell 3/2, J. Foster 4/0, M.J. Gilheapy 2/4, R.A. Lee 2/0 and Rev. Proctor 3/0.

Whilst I have many match results, I can find no tables and know insufficient to make one up myself - however I do have the North Devon Chess League results:-

Holsworthy A	8P	5W	2D	12 Pts.
Holsworthy B	8	5	1	11
Bideford	8	5	0	10
R.A.F. Chivenor	8	4	2	10
Lynton	8	4	1	9
Barnstaple	8	2	3	7
A.M.P.(G.B.) Ltd	8	2	2	6
Park School B	8	2	0	4
Park School A	8	1	1	3

The Devon Individual Championship was won by P.H. Clarke and Mrs Clarke won the Ladies Title. J. Parker won the Intermediate Trophy and R.C. Harijan of Park School won the Minor Trophy. It is of interest to note that all these Devonshire titles are North Devon League members.

The Bremridge Cup was won by Exeter with 5 wins and 1 draw with Plymouth and Exeter University being runners-up.

The Mamhead Cup went to Teignmouth, the winners of Section A, with Varnstaple runners-up. Exeter University won Section B and in the play-off between the two sections the match was a draw. When Board Count also failed to produce a result, Teignmouth were given a win by the elimination rule - quite a finish.

The Moyle Cup was won by Plymouth, Exmouth and Totness being runners-up.

The Holsworthy Lightning Tournament takes place at Holsworthy's St Peters Fair on 14th July. It should be a good turnout - have you entered if you live near enough?

The North Devon Schools Competition was won by Park School, who won all their matches, beating Chumleigh 5-1; Goodleigh 6-0, Shebbear 4-2 and West Buckland 5-1.

With acknowledgments and thanks to the North Devon Chess News and Devon's Publicity Officer, K.J. Bloodworth.

DORSET NEWS

This county held their A.G.M. at the end of May and I understand that only one change was made in their Officials, with the additional appointment of a new Office of Congress Secretary. This means:-  
 President - J. Anderson. Hon.H.K. Mann, 127 Wessex Oval, Wareham (Work phone No Binden Abbey 314). Hon.Treasurer - R.A.G. Marples. Match Captain - R.C. Murphy, 273 Blandford Road, Hamworthy, Poole (Poole 71882) but Dr Merrett, the previous Match Captain, carries on this year as the Congress Controller. Correspondence Conductor - F.C. Kingdon, 6 Blenheim Road, Weymouth (Upwey 2237). Grader - M.J. Roth. Junior Chess Secretary (Under 18) R.A.E. Shaw, Bryanston School and (Under 13) E.A. Box, 9 Connaught Road, Weymouth. The new post of Congress Secretary is taken over by Mr E.J. Clark.

## Dorset League table:-

Wareham	8P	7W	1D	15 Pts.
Parkstone	8	6	1	13
Dorchester & Weymouth	8	4	0	8
Wincanton	8	1	1	3
Yeovil	8	0	1	1

The Dorset Summer Congress takes place between August 24th & 27th - the August Bank Holiday weekend and is again being run by Dr P. Merrett, 6 Hillcrest, Durlston Road, Swanage, Dorset (Swanage 3883) to whom entries and enquiries should be sent. Entries to be in by August 1st. There will be the normal sections - Dorset Championship, Championship reserves, Junior Championship and Minor Championship. Rounds 1 and 2 will be played at the Southill Youth Centre, Radipole Lane, Weymouth and rounds 3 to 6 at the Youth Activities Centre, Knightdale Road, Weymouth.

Thank you, Mr R.A.G. Marples.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The Cotswold Congress was played at Roxburgh House, Stroud during the Spring Holiday weekend and a record number of 92 players took part. The first prize and the Cotswold Champion Title went to the wellknown Essex player, Dr P.W. Hempson 5½. Second was M.E. Poolake, wellknown in Bristol Chess circles and playing well for his grading of 171.

The Reserves was won by D.M. Hill 5½, D. Herbert of Marling School getting 5. Gloucester player R.J. Dixon of Gloucester and J.C.B. Date of Cheltenham tying for 3rd place with 4½.

Sorry, I have no news of the Gloucestershire A.G.M., possibly it has not yet taken place, and so I cannot report any changes of Officers for this county. (See later news, page 8.)

HAMPSHIRE

The Hampshire League winners were Southampton, closely followed by University (with same points score) and Kinson (5 Pts behind) Andover were winners of the 2nd Division, followed by University B and Portsmouth B, 2nd.

The Portsmouth Chess League clear winners are Leigh Park, whilst the Division 2 lead is shared by .B.M. 'A' and Portsmouth B at the moment.

The Bournemouth League was won by Bournemouth Knights with Parkstone A a close second. Bournemouth School, with their young Senior and Junior local Champion P.R. Davies, easily won the 2nd Division. Third Division winners were Canford Heath.

This last Season G.H. Bennett won the Hampshire title, the Hampshire Lightning title and also the Southern Counties Chess Union Individual Championship Second in the Hampshire Title Tournament was S. Weeramantry with 6 points and P.M. Collins scored 5½.

In the Lightning event, G.H. Bennett scored 10½/12, C. Cubitt 9½, S. Weeramantry 9 and D. Everett (Southampton University) 8.

In the Southend Congress at Easter, G.H. Bennett scored 5/7 for the SCCU Title and in the Under-18 section G.E.J. Lambert of Portsmouth won the grading prize.

At the Hampshire A.G.M. J.E.C. Grant, 2 Cams Bay Close, Fareham, Hants PO16 8PS remains Secretary (Fareham 3046) and H.L. Parsons was re-elected Match Captain, 29 Little Lances Hill, Bitterne, Southampton. SO2 4DU (Southampton 49166). M.P. Collins did not seek re-election as the County Grader as he is moving to Berkshire and Commander A.J. Peters, Portsmouth Grader, takes on the County tack.

The Bournemouth Kinson Congress was won by G.H. Bennett and M.W.J. Thompson, both scoring 5½/6 and drawing their own game. The Under-16 event was won by T.P. Love of Portsmouth with two Dorset Bryanston School boys, C. Button and S. Carpenter with J.T. Matthews of Reading being equal 2nd. Matthews and Button by virtue of his home in Guildford share the SCCU Title. The Under-14 winner was M. Charter of Bournemouth School with 5 equal seconds. P. Fenton of London won the Under-12 Section. Best Girl Louise Trewavas of Wokingham.

HAMPSHIRE (Continued).

In the Annual Echo Match between Bournemouth and Southampton, the former lost badly by 20/30 - G.H. Bennett going down to C. Cubitt, but H.D. Needham beat the strong player, M.W.J. Thompson on board 2, whilst the Bournemouth Senior and Junior Title Holder, P.R. Davies (U-15) drew on board 3 with D.W. Bell.

In the Southampton-Portsmouth Schools match, Southampton Schools U-15 lost  $7\frac{1}{2}$ - $16\frac{1}{2}$  despite the match being played in Southampton at Bitterne Park School. The U-12 Section, playing a double round, tied with 10 all.

This year was Southampton Chess Club's Golden Jubilee and in a celebration match of 45 boards between the Club and the local Schools, including a few masters, the result was Schools  $20\frac{1}{2}$ , Southampton  $24\frac{1}{2}$ .

Hants Div. 1 Table.

	8P	6W	1D	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ F	13A	13	Pts
Southampton							
Southampton U.	8	6	1	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	13	13	
Kinson	8	4	2	21	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	
Portsmouth	8	4	2	19	18	8	
Gosport	8	3	1	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	19	5	
Bournemouth Kts	8	3	1	16	18	5	
Polytechnic	8	1	2	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	21	4	
Leigh Park	8	2	1	16	22	3	
Totton	8	1	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	24	1	

Hants Div. 2 Table.

	4	2	2	13	7	6
Andover						
Portsmouth B	4	2	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
University B	4	2	0	8	12	4
Salisbury	4	0	3	9	11	3
Southampton B	4	0	2	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	2

Several Clubs penalised in Div 1 for using unregistered/illegal players, hence totals do not tally.

SOMERSET

The Somerset Chess Association held its A.G.M. at Wells on May 19th and Mr E.G. Walker of Looking was elected President in succession to Mr R.G. Gray. Mr Walker will be better known throughout the Union as our Congress Secretary, a post he has held for many years. I am sure all will join me in wishing him a successful term of Office for Somerset. Mr H.G. Thomas of 5 Chard Road, Cleverdon was elected Hon. Secretary, R.M. Morgan Hon Treasurer, and Mr J.A. Borkowski becomes their Match Captain and Match Secretary, posts held by R.H. Northage and C.R. Chambers previously. The only address I have at the moment of the new Match Captain is C/o Faculty of Law, University, Bristol 8. The Somerset League and Tournament Secretary is Dr Peters; Junior Chess Secretary - D.G. Woodrull; Correspondence Chess P. Keffler of 11 High View Avenue, Clacton-on-Sea, Essex. H.E. Courtney is the Adjudicator; D.P. Bonner - Grading Officer and Auditor J. Denman.

The winner of the Somerset Individual Championship was D.P. Bonner. The Junior Champion (Major Section) J. Bunter of Milborne Port, Dorset. Minor Section winner was D. Hick, Taunton School.

The Somerset League (Henry Powell Shield) ended as:

	6P	6W	OD	25F	11A	12	Pts
Bath							
Weston A	6	4	1	26	10	9	
Taunton	6	2	2	18 $\frac{1}{2}$	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	6	
Keynsham	6	2	2	16	20	6	
EMI, Wells	6	1	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	
Wellensians	6	1	1	13 $\frac{1}{2}$	22 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	
Wincanton	6	1	1	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	3.	

CHARLES MARSH TOURNAMENT Tables:-EASTERN SECTION

Xorsham Whites	10	9	1	45	15	19
Downside	10	8	0	35 $\frac{1}{2}$	24 $\frac{1}{2}$	16
Bath Blacks	10	7	1	43 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	15
Norton-Radstook	10	5	2	33 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	12
Corsham Blacks	10	5	1	31	29	11
Kingswood Sch.	10	4	2	31	29	10
Claverton	10	4	2	28	30	10
Bath Whites	10	4	1	30	28	9
B.C.M.	10	2	1	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	38 $\frac{1}{2}$	5
King Edwards Sch.	10	1	1	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	44 $\frac{1}{2}$	3
Beech Cliff Sch.	10	0	0	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	45 $\frac{1}{2}$	0

REST OF SOMERSET

Weston Knights	7	6	1	28	14	13
Yatton	7	5	1	31 $\frac{1}{2}$	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	11
Wellington	7	2	2	25	17	6
Weston Bishops	7	3	0	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	20 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
Bridgwater	5	2	2	15 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	6
Millfield	5	1	2	19 $\frac{1}{2}$	16 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
Huish	5	0	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	26 $\frac{1}{2}$	0
Elmhurst	4	0	0	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	21 $\frac{1}{2}$	0

The ROY HOSSELL MEMORIAL Tournament was won by Miss Lynette Fursman of Yatton Chess Club.

HANHAM AND KINGSWOOD CHESS CLUB. There were Officer changes at the A.G.M. on 8th May. Chairman - C. Pillinger. Hon. Sec. P. Phillips of 91 Holly Hill Rd, Kingswood BS15 4DL. Tel 576279. Treasurer - N. Lintern. Tournery Organiser - J. Beasant. Librarian A. Pillinger. Magazine Editor - K. Whitrow. R. King retired after 21 years service as Hon. Sec., Special Presentation well deserved, Sir.

SOMERSET (Continued)

At the 24th A.G.M. of the Downend and Fishponds Chess club Mr M.J. Wood was elected President in succession to Mr A. Wilson Osborne, who had held the post for 11 years. The retiring President was elected an Honorary Life Member.

Mr F. Guyatt resigned as Hon. Secretary and was elected a Vice-President in appreciation of his services. Other Vice-Presidents are J. Belsten, K.C. Cleak, Mrs W.J. Matthews and I.R. Pickup. J.W. Taylor was elected Chairman and the new Hon. Secretary is A. Hudd, 166 Fairlyn Drive, Bristol. BS15 4PZ. Assistant Secretary and Tournaments Organiser - M.E. Bridgen. Hon. Treasurer - M.E. Binks. I.R. Pickup is the A Team Captain. B Team - A. Williams. C Team - J. Griffiee. D Team - G. Wells. E Team - A. Hudd. F Team - N. Stanhope.

In the Sunday Times Schools Tournament, Bristol Grammar School, the last remaining School in the West of England, finally bowed out to Manchester Grammar School - no mean opponents to lose to - Well done Bristol Grammar.

Thank you Messrs K.C. Cleak, C. Welch and A. Wilson Osborne for your help with the news. Apologies if I have the odd error, I am new and do not know the area well.

WILTSHIRE

The Annual Wiltshire County Chess Congress was held at the Dove Secondary School, Swindon and was opened by their President, Mr Daniel Awdry, M.P. (who is also a Member of the House of Commons Chess Team).

350 players took part in this Congress, of which some 200 were under-16; this must mean a stronger Wiltshire in the years to come.

The Senior Section was won by P.R. Watson of Cricklade and R.A.F., Lyneham with 4 points. Second was C. Cooley of Swindon (the holder) also with 4 points and third was S. Taulbot of Marlborough with  $3\frac{1}{2}$  points.

Other results were:-

U-18 Boys	V. Abigale, Salisbury.
U-16 Boys	G. Bradley, Malmesbury.
U-14 Boys	Russell Wilson, Penhill Sec. School and Swindon Mechanics Chess Club - for the 2nd time winner.
U-15 Girls	Maria Konarzewska, St Josephs Sec.Sch. Swindon.

The standard of play was high, the U-14 winner's game with Maurice Menghini of Melksham lasting some 5 hours and 80 moves.

The Annual Match between the R.A.F. and Wiltshire, played at the Mechanics Institute, Swindon resulted in a win for Wilts by  $8\frac{1}{2}$  to  $6\frac{1}{2}$ .

WILTSHIRE CHESS LEAGUE Table:

Swindon Libraries	14P	11W	1D	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ Pts.
Blyskawica	14	8	3	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mechanics Inst 'A'	14	7	3	8 $\frac{1}{2}$
Mechanics Inst 'B'	14	7	2	8
RAF, Lyneham	14	6	3	7 $\frac{1}{2}$
Westinghouse, Chip.	14	6	1	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Malmesbury	14	4	1	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Radio Rentals	14	0	0	0

Salisbury Civil Service Chess Club's Championship resulted in a win for D.J. Hale with  $6\frac{1}{2}/7$  points. 2nd was R. Willey with  $4\frac{1}{2}$  and third W.L. White with  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . 8 played. In the Challengers section, Miss C. Slade was the winner with  $6\frac{1}{2}/8$  with a better S/B score than E. Akenhead who scored a similar number of points. 9 players took part.

Enthusiasm is reported to be very high in this club and such always pays off in time.

BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFYING COMPETITION

H.P. Clarke of Holsworthy beat T.D. Harding of Weymouth by  $1\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  and thus secures a place in the British Championships at Eastbourne in August. He joins West players D.W. Wise and G.H. Bennett, although Bennett actually plays under his Essex qualification.

It should be noted that P.H. Clarke's address from August onwards changes from Holsworthy to 'Oakdale, Bush, Bude, Cornwall'. Those wanting to contact Hexagon Equipment Ltd please note.

CHARFIELD CHESS CLUB

This club, Secretary Mrs Jefferies, welcomes Wednesday Evening and Saturday afternoon friendly matches at the Railway Hotel, Charfield. Please write Mrs Jefferies at this address to arrange fixtures.

GLOUCESTERSHIRE (Again)

News has just reached me of the A.G.M. of this county, held at the Charfield Hotel on June 16th. Mrs R.O. Powis is the new President to follow M.E. Bridgen and all who know this Lady Player will welcome Gloucestershire's choice. The newly elected Vice-President and Secretary for Junior Chess is Mr D.C. Jarrett. R.O. Powis remains Hon. Secretary, address being 'Gordano', Farmhill Lane, Stroud, Tel. Stroud 2518. Their Match Captain, C.J. Hutchings, stated he did not wish to continue in office as he was now living in Somerset but he did agree to organise the South v North Match at Arle Court in September. The appointment of a new Match Captain was deferred for the time being. Hon. Treasurer - L.A. Dorrington. Vice-Captain is R.J. Dixon of Gloucester. Correspondence Chess - in the hands of J. Stiasny of Nailsworth for the past six years did not seek re-election - is taken over by G. Wolfarth of Gloucester. Registrations Secretary - M.E. Bridgen. Grading Officers - C. Welch was re-elected for the South but A.E. Barnes for the North declined to continue and his place is taken by J. Edwards of Gloucester. Thanks to Mr C. Welch.

FORTHCOMING CONGRESSES:-B.H. WOOD'S CHESS FESTIVAL AT TEESIDE.

This Festival of Chess is Mr B.H. Wood's 21st Annual Chess event and will be played at Teeside between July 23rd and August 4th inclusive. Besides Chess at all levels to suit all classes of players, there will be the World Junior Chess Championships taking place in the same building at the same time and all participants in the Festival will have the opportunity to see the coming World players of the future. Details Chess, Sutton Coldfield.

It is probably your Editor will be motoring up on Saturday, July 21st via Bath, M4/M5 and Birmingham, calling at Chess, Sutton Coldfield on the way up. Whilst there is some doubt between the choice of motoring, or train, if the former, company would be appreciated. If interested, phone Christchurch 3097 about 19th July for definite intentions.

DORSET SUMMER CONGRESS

This Dorset Congress will be held during the weekend of the August Bank-Holiday, August 24th to 27th. Details Dr Merratt, Flat 6, Hillcrest, Durlstone Road, Swanage.

PAIGNTON CONGRESS

This well-known Congress is being held again as usual at Oldway Mansions, Paignton from Sept 2nd to 8th. Details from W.A. Frost, 3 Cott Meadow, Dartington, Totness. Phone Totness 2558.

HEXAGON CONGRESS

This will be held again during the weekend of Oct 12 to 14th at Woolacombe - a delightful hotel on what I call 'The wild Devon Coast'. Besides a Congress run on the very best lines under excellent conditions, there will be an International Grand-Master standard invitation tournament running alongside the weekend Congress, added value to that already established. Details from Mrs M. Clarke, Oakdale, Bush, Bude, Cornwall.

CONGRESSES OUTSIDE THE WEST

British Championships at Eastbourne, August 6th to 18th. Details from G.H. Simmons, 75 Ferry Rd, Scunthorpe - main entry list possibly closed by time you receive this.

Marlow Congress, Aug 24th to 27th clashes with Dorset. Details A. Niedzwiedzki, Heathfield, Bois Lane, Amersham, Bucks.

Enfield Congress, a new one, with really BIG aims. Details from E. Penn, 7 The Larches, London N13 5AZ.

Bloomsbury Open Congress, another new one. Details from P.E. Morrish, 3 Elmside, Stoneyfields Lane, Edgware. Mr Morrish is an experienced Chess organiser and this Congress should be immaculate.

The Southampton Congress will again be held during the last weekend in October when the clocks are put back. Details in next issue.

IT IS HOPED THE W.E.C.U. GRADING LIST ISSUE WILL BE READY FOR POSTING TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS ON August 31st as I have already heard from the Union Grader, Mr F.C. Kingdon, that he expects to be on time with the largest list yet.



B.C.F. Under-18 Inter-County Championship

Here, sadly, the West Juniors came badly unstuck and both Boys and Girls came bottom of the table. Somerset had 3 boy winners, N.J. Webber, M. Farina and M. Dean. Boys to draw (2) were R. Furman and C. Fletcher. All four Devon Girls lost, the final positions reading:-

Boys:-	Lancashire	10.	
	Nottinghamshire	5.	
	Middlesex	5.	
	Somerset	4.	
Girls:-	Lincolnshire	3.	
	Essex	3.	
	Devon	0.	Lincs won on board count.

SUCCESSFUL MATCH CAPTAINS

might like to know that the dates for the B.C.F. stages of the Inter-County Events next year are proposed as follows:-

1st Saturday in May	County Championship Quarter-Finals.
2nd Saturday in May	Minor Counties Semi-Finals.
1 Saturday in June	County Championship Semi-Finals.
2nd Saturday in June	Minor Counties Final.
1st Saturday in July	County Championship Final.

WEST OF ENGLAND FIXTURE LIST 1973/74.

1973. (CC = County Championship. MC = Minor Counties Championship)

Sept 16th	<u>Executive Committee Meeting at Exeter.</u>
Oct 6th	Senior Jamboree (12 Boards each county) and Limited Grading Jamboree for Grades 120 or Under, 12 Boards for sides comprised from Counties, Leagues or Clubs at Exeter University.
Oct 27th	Devon-Somerset (16 CC + 16 MC); Dorset-Gloucestershire (16 CC only).
Nov 24th	Devon-Wilts (16 CC only); Gloucestershire-Cornwall (16 MC only); Somerset-Hampshire (16 CC + 16 MC).
Dec 8th	Cornwall-Hampshire (16 MC only); Dorset-Wilts (16 CC only); Gloucestershire-Wilts (16 CC only).

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Jan 12th	Cornwall-Somerset (16 MC only); Dorset-Devon (16 CC only); Gloucestershire-Hampshire (16 CC + 16 MC).
Feb 2nd	Devon-Cornwall (16 MC only); Hampshire-Dorset (16 CC only); Wilts-Somerset (16 CC only).
Feb 23rd	Hampshire-Devon (16 CC + 16 MC); Dorset-Wilts (16 CC only); Somerset-Gloucestershire (16 CC + 16 MC).
Mar 9th	Junior Jamboree and Executive Meeting at Taunton.
Mar 23rd	Gloucestershire-Devon (16 CC + 16 MC); Wilts-Hampshire (16 CC only); Cornwall-Dorset friendly match.
Apr 11th/15th	West of England Easter Congress at Torbay.
June 8th	<u>W.E.C.U. Council Meeting at Exeter.</u>

HAVE YOU GOT A.R.B. THOMAS'S BOOK ON CHESS?? If not and you want a book on Chess, get it and support West players. Published in April, 1973 by Routledge and Kegan Paul.

Gentlemen, I hold 2 good Games, A.R.B. Thomas v P. Anstead and another but frankly I am not good enough a Chess player to do them justice. Would anybody like to take on a Games section of Westward Ho! , typing the games and comments on Gestetner Stencils for me to add to the publication. If so, please let me know - Thank you. Also, are such games desired in this publication?? One cannot afford too much space, but a single stencil could be managed each issue.

The final tables for our four-division innovation are given below and at the end of our first season no county has come up with an alternative scheme, so we go forward to 1973/74 with the fixtures as given on another page. For the statisticians it may be noted that over a thousand players have taken part in these competitions, 125 matches took place (ten of which counted for the B.C.F. Minor Counties Championship preliminary competition) and more than 2500 games were played. Possibly a word of thanks to a couple of dozen hard-working Match Captains, might be recorded on behalf of most of the 1000 players involved.

C H A M P I O N S H I P

	C	K	E	Sx	H	M	B	Sy	O	Points	Games
CAMBRIDGE	x	14	12	8½	14	14½	8½	12	12	6	95½
KENT	6	x	12	11	11½	11	10	10	16½	6	88
ESSEX	8	8	x	13	12½	10	11	10½	12	5½	85
SUSSEX	11½	9	7	x	11½	10	11½	10½	12½	5½	84½
HERTS	6	8½	7½	8½	x	10	12½	13	20	3½	86
MIDDLESEX	5½	9	10	10	10	x	7½	11½	14	3½	77½
BERKS	11½	10	9	8½	7½	12½	x	5½	10½	3½	75
SURREY	8	10	9½	9½	7	8½	14½	x	14	2½	81
OXFORD	8	3½	8	7½	0 (D)	6	9½	5	x	0	47½

M O N T A G U E - J O N E S

	M	E	Sx	K	Sy	Bx	Be	N	S	Points	Games
MIDDLESEX II	x	10	13	13	11	11	13	13½	15	7½	99½
ESSEX II	10	x	14½	11½	10	12½	9	15½	15	6	98
SUSSEX II	7	5½	x	9	11/13½	10½	19½	11½	-	5	78½
KENT II	7	8½	11	-	15	6	12½	10	11½	4½	81½
SURREY II	9	10	9/6½	5	-	12	11½	20	-	3½	83
BUCKS	9	7½	8½	14	8	x	8½/10	11½	-	2½	77
BEDS	7	11	9½	7½	8½	11½/10	x	-	9½	2½	74½
NORFOLK	6½	4½	8½	10	0(D)	8½	-	x	12/10½	2½	60½
SUFFOLK	5	5	-	8½	-	-	10½	8/9½	x	1	46½

A M B O Y N A S H I E L D

	M	E	H	Sy	K	Bx	Be	O	Points	Games
MIDDLESEX III	x	14	12½	14	14½	15½	12	15½	6½	98
ESSEX III	11	x	12	8½	17	10	11½	16½	4½	86½
HERTS II	12½	8	x	8½	12½	13	11½	12	4½	78
SURRYE III	6	11½	11½	x	11	13½	10	12½	4½	76
KENT III	5½	3	7½	13	x	11	13½	8½	3	62
BUCKS II	9½	10	7	11½	9	x	24	13½	2½	84½
BERKS II	8	5½	8½	10	11½	11	x	15½	1½	70
OXFORD II	9½	7½	7	7½	11½	10½	9½	x	1	63

E B O N Y S H I E L D

	E	Sx	K	M	Sy	H	B3	B4	Points	Games
ESSEX IV	x	12	14	13½	13½	11	17	13½	7	94½
SUSSEX III	8	x	10½	13	12	13	17	18½	6	92
KENT IV	6	9½	x	20	13	12	13	19½	5	93
MIDDLESEX IV	10½	7	9	x	15	6½	14½	11½	3	65
SURREY IV	6½	8	7	5	x	10½	11	17	3	66
HERTS III	9	7	6	13½	9½	x	12	9½	2	65½
BERKS III	3	3	7	5½	9	8	x	15	1	50½
BERKS IV	6½	1½	½	8½	15	10½	6	x	1	48½

In the Amboyna and Ebony events, matches were in some cases played over more than the minimum twenty boards. Where teams finished with equal match points their positions in the final table were decided by the percentage of points scored in the total number of games played. These figures are given in brackets, where applicable, after the games scores.

PENALTY DEDUCTIONS. Deductions of points for playing ineligible players have been made in the above tables from Berks II (3 points) v Essex III in the Amboyna and Herts III (2 points) v Kent IV in the Ebony.

FLEMING TROPHY. The result of this competition for 1972/73 was incorrectly given in our May issue - the Trophy was in fact won by Beds (not Bucks as stated in error). Apologies all round from the erring Editor !!.