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Final League tables

	P	W	D	L	PTS		P	W	D	L	PTS
KIDDERMINSTER A	10	9	0	1	18	HALESOWEN	10	8	1	1	17
WALSALL KIPPING	10	8	2	0	18	SHIFNAL/TELFORD	10	8	0	2	16
SHIFNAL/TELFORD	10	6	2	2	14	MERCIA	10	7	2	1	16
BUSHBURY	10	6	1	3	13	WOLVERHAMPTON A	10	6	2	2	14
STAFFORD	10	5	1	4	11	WALSALL KIPPING	10	4	2	4	10
WEST BROMWICH	10	4	2	4	10	BREWOD	10	4	1	5	9
STOURBRIDGE	10	3	3	4	9	LICHFIELD	10	2	4	4	8
RUSHALL	10	3	1	6	7	RUSHALL B	10	2	2	6	6
LICHFIELD A	10	3	0	7	6	STAFFORD B	10	2	2	6	6
LICHFIELD B	10	1	0	9	2	LUCAS B.S	10	2	2	6	6
KIDDERMINSTER B	10	1	0	9	2	WOLVERHAMPTON B	10	1	1	8	3
 <u>DIVISION 3</u>						 <u>DIVISION 4</u>					
WALSALL KIPPING	8	5	3	0	13	BUSHBURY	8	6	0	2	12
RUGELEY	8	3	5	0	11	WALSALL KIPPING	8	6	0	2	12
LICHFIELD	8	3	3	2	9	RUSHALL	8	5	0	3	10
STOURBRIDGE	8	3	2	3	8	MERCIA	8	2	0	6	4
MERCIA B	8	4	0	4	8	BREWOD	8	1	0	9	2
WOLVERHAMPTON	8	1	5	2	7						
BREWOD	8	1	4	3	6						
RAF COSFORD	2	1	4	3	6						
ST.MARYS	8	2	0	6	4						

NOTE WHERE POINTS ARE EQUAL GAME AVERAGES HAVE BEEN USED TO DECIDE LEAGUE PLACINGS

THE CHAMPIONSHIP IS SHARED BETWEEN KIDDERMINSTER AND WALSALL K WHO BOTH HAVE A GAME AVERAGE OF 39.5

RETIRING EDITORS REPORT

Some of the items that normally appear in the bulletin have not been forthcoming for one reason or another this season.

This is my last report as bulletin editor and records secretary and I would like to thank all those people who have been of help to me over the years.

RECORDS SECRETARYS REPORT

The number of matches defaulted this season gives cause for concern as does the number of bottom boards defaulted, in some cases by both sides. One can only hope that things get better next season.

The players listed below have played in over 50% of games for their team and have been undefeated

<u>DIVISION 1</u>	C.Roberts_Shifnal 6 ½ /9, M.Bissell Kidderminster 6/9, B.Sharp Stourbridge 5/9
<u>DIVISION2</u>	M.Townsend Wton 6/6, G.Edwards Shifnal 7/9, B.Smith Mercia 7 ½ /10, M.Share Mercia 7/10, J.Copley Shifnal 4 ½ /6
<u>DIVISION3</u>	D.Ashton Rugeley 5 ½ /7, M.Savin Walsall 4 ½ /7
<u>DIVISION4</u>	K.Butler Rushall 5 ½ /7,

6 of the above players had a win by default. These have not been included in their results.

DETAILS REGARDING ADJUDICATED GAMES APPEAR ON THE NEXT PAGE

ADJUDICATIONS 2002/2003

J.Varilone (Kidderminster)	½	½	<u>C.Perrygrove (Rushall)</u>
G.de Visme (Stafford)	0	1	S.Cooksey (Rushall)
R.Thompson (Shifnal)	½	½	<u>E.Horwill (Stourbridge)</u>
R.Daniels (Rushall)	0	1	R.Thompson (Shifnal)
<u>J.Wilson (Stourbridge)</u>	½	½	R.Lewis (Rushall)
N.Walker (West Bromwich)	1	0	R.Allen (Lichfield)

PAYMENTS DUE

Rushall 2@ 4.00	=	<u>£</u> 8.00
Stourbridge 2@ 4.00	=	8.00
Stafford 1@4.00	=	4.00
Lichfield 1@ 4.00	=	4.00

IN DRAWN RESULTS LOSERS ARE UNDERLINED

ACTING EDITORS COMMENTS

This will be the last bulletin for the season.

As we all know by now Graham Humphries is taking a well deserved rest, retiring from the posts of Records Secretary and Bulletin Editor and an article about Graham prepared by the League Secretary appears later in the bulletin. What more can one say, his record speaks for itself.

On a personal note I would like to thank Graham for his advice and assistance over the two years or so I have been producing the bulletin.

WOLVERHAMPTON LEAGUE LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT 14th May

Clubs are reminded of the above which will take place at St Marys club (the home of St Marys CC) on Wednesday 14th May 2003. Clubs are asked to do their best to support this event. Perhaps all clubs could make an effort to enter at least 2 teams.

WALSALL KIPPING RAPIDPLAY SATURDAY 10TH May 2003 Walsall campus Wolverhampton University

As acting editor I have taken the opportunity to plug the above and further details can be obtained from me. Entry forms have been sent to all clubs in the league.

M.C.C.U COUNTY RESULT UNDER 125

SHROPSHIRE	8 ½	STAFFORDSHIRE	7 ½
1. R.Brown	0	J.Sadler	1
2. S Tarr	1	Mark May	0
3. R.Thompson	1	D.Friend	0
4.N.Andrews	0	G.Roser	1
5. P.Crean	½	F.Wood	½
6. R.Simpson	0	R.Lewis	1
7. J.Copley	½	D.Carter	½
8. A.Silver	1	Miss C Wilcox	0
9. M.Billington	1	P.Broomhall	0
10. G.Cooper	0	Phil Denner	1
11. E.Raby	½	R.Fell	½
12. G.Viszokia	0	J.Phillips	1
13. G.White	1	John Blackburn	0
14. C.Bayliss	0	R.Wilkinson	1
15. J.Westhead	1	R.Gogerty	0
16. L.Graham	1	M.Page	0

**WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE
AGM**

***THIS YEAR THE AGM WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH MAY 2003 AT MERCIA CHESS CLUB
THE EX SERVICEMENS CLUB THE WALK SEDGLEY START
TIME 7.30 PM***

ALL CUBS SHOULD MAKE AN EFFORT TO ATTEND.

***ANY CLUBS UNABLE TO ATTEND SHOULD INFORM THE
RECORDS SECRETARY OR LEAGUE SECRETARY OF THE
NUMBER OF TEAM ENTRIES
FOR THE NEW SEASON, BY 19TH MAY PLEASE***

***CLUBS HOLDING TROPHIES SHOULD RETURN THEM TO
THE LEAGUE SECRETARY AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE SO THAT HE MAY GET THEM ENGRAVED
PRIOR TO THE AGM***

RESULTS**DIVISION 1**

<u>West Bromwich</u> 3 ½	<u>Rushall</u> 2 ½	<u>Lichfield B</u> ½	<u>Stafford</u> 5 ½	<u>West Bromwich</u> 3 ½	<u>Lichfield B</u> 2 ½
N.Walker ½	M.Hunt ½	P.Griffiths 0	G.Acey 1	N.Walker ½	D.Abell ½
J.E.Crump ½	M.Fox ½	J.Lakin 0	M.Armstrong 1	M.Gregg 0	P.Griffiths 1
Default 0	S.Colwell 1	Mel Cooper ½	S.Pedder ½	D.Davies ½	J.Lakin ½
M.Gregg 1	J.Sadler 0	Roy Smith 0	J.Carleton 1	D.Backhouse ½	A.Giles ½
K.Barnett 1	R.Daniels 0	Ewan Richards 0	D.Grujic 1	G.Wesson 1	Mel Cooper 0
C.Bryant ½	R.Hancox ½	Default 0	A.Leadbetter 1	C.Bryant 1	Roy Smith 0
<u>Rushall</u> 2	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 4	<u>Kidderminster B</u> ½	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 5 ½	<u>Lichfield A</u> 5 ½	<u>Kidderminster B</u> ½
M.Hunt ½	N.Rutter ½	M.Riley 0	N.Rutter 1	R.Allen ½	M.Riley ½
M.Fox 0	D.Gostelow 1	Bill Pugh 0	P.Saxon 1	J.Smith 1	K.Durnell 0
A.Pready ½	Windsor Peck ½	C.Billinge 0	Windsor Peck 1	A.Smith 1	C.Billinge 0
S.Wilcox ½	C.Roberts ½	T.Pountney 0	C.Roberts 1	A.Mieleniewski 1	T.Pountney 0
K.Hadley ½	S.Tarr ½	J.Varilone 0	J.Footner 1	M.Maher 1	J.Varilone 0
R.Daniels 0	R.Thompson 1	K.Brant ½	I.Wilson ½	A.Wilson 1	M.Kitchen 0
<u>Stourbridge</u> 5	<u>Kidderminster B</u> 1	<u>Lichfield A</u> 1 ½	<u>West Bromwich</u> 4 ½	<u>Rushall</u> 2	<u>Kidderminster A</u> 4
N.Fallowfield ½	M.Riley ½	R.Allen 0	N.Walker 1	M.Hunt 0	B.Sharpe 1
I.Howarth 1	K.Durnell 0	J.Smith ½	J.Crump ½	A.Pready 1	F.Pickett 0
S.Jukes ½	C.Billinge ½	A.Smith 0	D.Davies 1	S.Wilcox 0	J.Wrench 1
Julie Wilson 1	T.Pountney 0	A.Mieleniewski 0	K.Barnett 1	K.Hadley 0	B.Bissell 1
E.Horwill 1	M.Kitchen 0	M.Maher ½	C.Bryant ½	S.Colwell 0	D.Close 1
M.Podlesak 1	D.Diggger 0	A.Giles ½	G.Wesson ½	B.Daniels 1	P.Thomas 0
<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3 ½	<u>Bushbury</u> 2 ½	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 3	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3	<u>Kidderminster A</u> 4	<u>Stourbridge</u> 2
D.Anderton 1	L.Grinsell 0	N.Rutter 1	D.Anderton 0	B.Sharpe ½	I.Howarth ½
D.Pritchard 0	R.Parry 1	P.Saxon ½	D.Pritchard ½	J.Friar 1	S.Jukes 0
D.Whitmore ½	P.Pinfold ½	Windsor Peck 0	D.Whitmore 1	F.Pickett 0	Julie Wilson 1
W.Rea 1	A.Staley 0	C.Roberts ½	W.Rea ½	J.Wrench ½	E.Horwill ½
C.Pohribnyj ½	A.Shroeder ½	J.Footner ½	C.Pohribnyj ½	M.Bissell 1	P.Trevis 0
J.Payton ½	R.Brodie ½	I.Wilson ½	R.G.Jones ½	D.Close 1	A.Somerfield 0
<u>Stourbridge</u> 3	<u>Rushall</u> 3	<u>Kidderminster A</u> 6	<u>West Bromwich 0-def.</u>	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 6	<u>West Bromwich 0-def.</u>
G.Thomas 0	M.Hunt 1	<u>Kidderminster B</u> 6	<u>Lichfield B 0-def</u>	<u>Stafford</u> 6	<u>Lichfield A 0-def</u>
N.Fallowfield 1	M.Fox 0	<u>Bushbury</u> 6	<u>West Bromwich 0-def</u>	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 5	<u>Lichfield B</u> 1
I.Howarth 1	S.Wilcox 0			N.J.Rutter 1	A.Grant 0
Julie Wilson ½	R.Lewis ½			P.Saxon ½	D.Abell ½
E.Horwill 0	B.Daniels 1			Windsor Peck ½	P.Griffiths ½
J.Fallowfield ½	S.Cooksey ½			J.Footner 1	J.Lakin 0
				I.Wilson 1	M.Cooper 0
				R.G.Thompson 1	A.Giles 0
DIVISION 2					
<u>Mercia</u> 4 ½	<u>Lucas B.S.</u> 1 ½	<u>Lichfield</u> 1 ½	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 4 ½	<u>Lichfield</u> 3 ½	<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 2 ½
K.Francis 1	G.Hope 0	B.Homeood 0	S.Beasley 1	D.Fone 1	M.Griffiths 0
D.Perks ½	M.Tallis ½	G.Monks ½	D.Friend ½	A.Giles 0	G.Rosser 1
M.Share ½	R.Gough ½	Y.Slobodynk ½	M.Groombridge ½	R.Crellin 0	C.Adams 1
Barry Smith ½	L.Johnson ½	C.Brown 0	P.J.Jones 1	D.Short 1	C.Haughton 0
R.Carrier 1	M.Rees 0	I.Mclaughlin 0	.N.Young 1	G.Monks ½	B.Lewis ½
R.Price 1	Default 0	S.Smitton ½	R.Wilkinson ½	Y.Slobodynk 1	M.Leary 0
<u>Mercia</u> 3	<u>Stafford</u> 3	<u>Mercia</u> 3 ½	<u>Halesowen</u> 2 ½	<u>Brewood</u> 2	<u>Mercia</u> 4
K.Francis ½	S.Pedder ½	K.Francis 0	R.Thomas 1	D.Laight ½	K.Francis ½
D.Perks ½	D.Carter ½	D.Perks 0	D.Jackson 1	R.Grainger ½	D.Perks ½
M.Share 1	R.Gogerty 0	M.Share 1	A.Ambrose 0	C.Buxton 0	M.Share 1
Barry Smith 1	D.Grujic 0	J.Phillips ½	M.Hadley ½	S.Bird ½	J.Phillips ½
R.Carrier 0	G.Hill 1	Barry Smith 1	J.Llewelyn 0	J.Fenby ½	Barry Smith ½
D.Worthington def.	J.Tuckley 1	R.Carrier 1	G.Wyle 0	T.Colabella 0	R.Carrier 1
<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 3 ½	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 2 ½	<u>Rushall</u> 3 ½	<u>Brewood</u> 2 ½	<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 5 ½	<u>Rushall</u> ½
G.Shepherd ½	S.Beasley ½	R.Lewis ½	D.Laight ½	Mark May 1	R.Lewis 0
G.Edwards 1	D.Friend 0	Charlotte Wilcox ½	P.Crozet ½	M.Griffiths 1	D.Bell 0
J.Wilkinson ½	M.Groombridge ½	D.Bell 1	C.Buxton 0	G.Rosser 1	S.Cooksey 0
J.Copley 1	P.J.Jones 0	S.Cooksey 1	S.Bird 0	C.Adams ½	S.Allen ½
S.Maydew ½	N.Young ½	S.Allen ½	J.Fenby ½	S.Wilson 1	G.Sanders 0
M.Flavell 0	R.Wilkinson 1	G.Sanders 0	P.Allan 1	C.Haughton 1	J.Hennion 0

DIVISION 2 CONT

<u>Lucas B.S.</u> 5	<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 1	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 4	<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 2	<u>Wolverhampton A</u> 4 ½	<u>Lichfield</u> 1 ½
L.Collier 1	Mark May 0	J.Payton ½	Mark May ½	M.Townsend 1	B.Homewood 0
G.Hope 1	G.Rosser 0	S.Beasley 0	G.Rosser 1	Martin May 1	R.Crellin 0
M.Tallis ½	P.Broomhall ½	D.Friend 1	P.Broomhall 0	P.Porter 1	D.Short 0
R.Gough ½	C.Haughton ½	P.J.Jones 1	C.Eddies 0	J.Fox ½	Y.Slobodynk ½
L.Johnson 1	M.Leary 0	N.Young ½	C.Adams ½	M.Wootton ½	A.Hall ½
P.Elkington 1	Default 0	R.Wilkinson 1	C.Haughton 0	D.Bird ½	I.Mclaughlin ½
<u>Wolverhampton B</u> 1	<u>Shifnal/Telford</u> 4				
G.Rosser 1	I.Wilson 0				
C.Eddies 0	G.Edwards 1				
C.Haughton 0	G.Randle 1				
Ben Marlow 0	S.Maydew 1				
K.Jones 0	M.Flavell 1				
Default 0	Default 0				

DIVISION 3

<u>Brewood</u> 2	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3	<u>St Marys</u> 0	<u>Mercia</u> 5	<u>RAF Cosford</u> 2 ½	<u>Brewood</u> 2 ½
T.Collabella 1	B.Davies 0	Default 0	J.Rich 1	P.Denner 1	T.Colabella 0
P.Allan ½	M.Savin ½	R.Mayne 0	C.Lane 1	R.O'Harney ½	P.Allan ½
B.Hall ½	C.Southall ½	B.Lynam 0	R.Price 1	M.Carbin 1	B.Hall 0
D.Buckley 0	D.Mcintosh 1	A.Lynk 0	C.Bateson 1	Peter Denner 0	P.O'donaghue 1
P.O'Donoghue 0	A.Shrimpton 1	J.Horzonik 0	A.Brownsword 1	J.Garriock 0	J.Irons 1
<u>Lichfield</u> 3 ½	<u>Stourbridge</u> 1 ½	<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 2 ½	<u>RAF Cosford</u> 2 ½	<u>Stourbridge</u> 3 ½	<u>RAF Cosford</u> 1 ½
G.Monks 1	A.Moore 0	M.Savin ½	P.Denner ½	A.Moore ½	P.Denner ½
Y.Slobodynk 1	C.Barnett 0	C.Southall ½	R.O'Harney ½	C.Barnett ½	R.O'Harney ½
A.Hall 0	D.Scriven 1	B.Davies 0	C.Murray 1	M.Polesak ½	M.Carbin ½
C.Brown ½	A.Somerfield ½	D.Mcintosh ½	M.Carbin ½	D.Scriven 1	M.Wase 0
S.Smitton 1	T.Matsumoto 0	A.Shrimpton 1	M.Wase 0	J.Fallowfield 1	Peter Denner 0
<u>RAF Cosford</u> 1	<u>Mercia</u> 4				
Phil Denner 0	J.Rich 1				
R.O'Harney 0	C.Lane 1				
M.Carbin 0	R.Price 1				
J.Copley 1	C.Bateson 0				
J.Garriock 0	D.Worthington 1				

DIVISION 4

<u>Rushall</u> 1	<u>Bushbury</u> 3	<u>Mercia</u> 1	<u>Bushbury</u> 3	<u>Rushall</u> 2 ½	<u>Mercia</u> 1 ½
K.Butler ½	J.Whitehead ½	C.Heathcock 1	M.Hancox 0	K.Butler 1	C.Heathcock 0
P.Turner 0	K.Booth 1	A.Francis 0	D.Keates 1	J.Hills 0	L.Scarrott 1
J.Hennion 0	S.Jones 1	S.Pallant 0	G.Whitehead 1	P.Turner 1	S.Pallant 0
M.Mason ½	D.Keates ½	P.W.Nicholls 0	S.Jones 1	J.Hennion ½	P.W.Nicholls ½
<u>Walsall Kipping</u> 3 ½	<u>Brewood</u> ½	<u>Brewood</u> 3	<u>Mercia</u> 1		
P.Nixon 1	R.Fletcher 0	A.Davies 1	C.Heathcock 0		
C.Bellin ½	A.Davies ½	R.Fletcher 1	A.Jancis 0		
F.Faltingham 1	S.Wagg 0	S.Wagg 0	S.Pallant 1		
M.Barlow 1	Default 0	J.Irons 1	P.W.Nicholls 0		



GRAHAM HUMPHREYS

Since he first started in chess, Graham became increasingly involved in the administration and organisation of chess events. You can judge for yourself what an extraordinary achievement this has amounted to from the list of his responsibilities at the end of this article. However, after more than a quarter of a century at the helm, Graham has finally decided to relinquish the largest single job that he currently holds, namely that of Records Secretary of the League. Although he will continue in chess organisation elsewhere, this move marks a clear watershed in his relationship with the WDCL.

I felt that we should not let this moment pass without marking Graham's enormous contribution to the WDCL and Chess in general. As one way of doing this I persuaded him to be interviewed, by yours truly (MG). The interview was in fact carried out by phone, and I did let him see some of the questions in advance! Here we go then:-

MG: Graham, when did you first learn to play chess?

KGH: It was at work during the war. I joined Hartland's, who made surgical appliances, in 1944. They were in Queen St. (Wolverhampton). They played chess at lunchtime, on the roof, and asked me if I could play. They were disgusted when I said I couldn't - so they taught me!

MG: What about your first club then?

KGH: I joined Wolverhampton Kipping about 1945/46. They were a thriving club then. They had started in the Birmingham League about 1946-7.

MG: Can you remember any of the members from that time?

KGH: Oh they had people like Les Hesbrook, Vic Jensen, Gordon Farrell, and Bill Guy. I found an old photo recently of members about that time.

WOLVERHAMPTON KIPPING CHESS CLUB 1947-48
 @ home, The Restaurant of the Secondary School



	N/A	R J Greenley NA	K G Hum -phreys	R F Walton	Stan Emery	J Jones	? Conway	N/A	Rev. Wood	Roger Bould	Hank Hommers	
Ken Rock	G Wilson	? Williams	? Tonks	Paul Brad -shaw	Arthur Dodd	T Hill	Ken Horley	? Besant	Bill Homer	Oliver Sprosen	A Matt -son	? Seck -erson
	Les Hes -brook	Victor Jensen	Rex Agg	Bert Smith	Gordon Farrell	H J Owen	C S Kipping	Bill Guy	E Lee	Harry New	Bill New	Mrs Pearson

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MG: Which other clubs have you been a member of?

KGH: Well, Wolverhampton and Rock Kipping up till 1984, when it was disbanded. Then I didn't play at all for some time. But then I was persuaded to join Lucas and John Thompsons. I played for them from 1991-1999. I won my first 9 games playing for Lucas (Birmingham League). We won the Barrington one year and promotion another

MG: So, what drew you into chess administration?

KGH: By invitation. I was asked to be the B team Captain in Div 2 (Wolverhampton League) in 1949-50. We won. Then in 1953-4 we entered a team of juniors in Div 3 and I ran it too. We won and next year won Div 2 as well. That meant we had 3 teams in Div 1. But the juniors were split between teams. The 'A' team Captain, E.Lee, fell ill and I ran that team, together with the 'B' and 'D' teams. Of course in those days it was a case of shanks' pony, and we got teams to matches by bus or sometimes drivers provided transport. Mind you, there were a lot more local teams then, such as Boulton & Paul, Stewarts & Lloyd's, G.K.N., and Rubery Owen to name a few.

The Club met every Friday at the old Secondary School, on the corner of Dunkley St., and Newhampton Rd. I organised the Annual Dinner for several years. At the time Wolverhampton/Rock Kipping packed up I was President, Secretary and Captain of the team. The three previous Presidents, Bert Smith, H.J. Owen, and R.F.Duncanson, had all died in office.

We used to have annual fixtures with Walsall Kipping and also Sutton Coldfield-sometimes 50 boards with them. Every year we took a team to Charfield in Gloucestershire. It was a good day out. We stopped at Tewksbury for coffee. Normally we won. But we stopped when it got too serious.

MG: What were your greatest achievements in chess?

KGH: I got to the Rock Semi-Finals twice. For many years I was used as a late replacement for the County 1st team-if any one dropped out at short notice. I was also Captain and top board for the 2nd team. We played an Annual fixture with Cheshire 2nd team at Alsager.

MG: Have you got a favourite game we could see?

KGH: I know I've got a game in which I beat Phil Staley, but I can't find it at the moment!

MG: Which famous players have you met or played?

KGH: I organised simulms against W.Winter*, who wore a pair of hob nailed boots and looked like a tramp!; -and J.Mieses*-both in the 50's; and later against Korchnoi. Also I arranged a number against Mikhail Tal when he was World Champion, in 1960-61. I booked him into the Victoria Hotel and he played 30 boards against MCCU juniors at the Wolverhampton Civic Hall. The juniors did quite well. Tal was a nice fellow and said 'I understand you do a bit of organising'!! I also met all the B.C.F. Presidents from 1956-1996.

[* 'The Complete Chess Addict' by M.Fox & R.James informs us:- William Winter-'an English I.M. of bohemian outlook and communist sympathies,...nephew of J.M.Barrie'; Jacques Mieses-'first English GM'.]

MG: Can you tell us what was involved in being selector/manager of the Glorney Cup team?

KGH: The Glorney Cup was originally for U-18s from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. It is now open to French & German players etc. I was involved from 1956-59. I had to invite players from a given list; there were teams of 6 + a reserve. I had to check the travel arrangements were O.K. One year Staffs had 3 out of 6 players. There were financial problems, but when I proposed that each player paid £2-50, and each Union £2-50 per player there was uproar. But eventually it was carried

MG: What gave you the most satisfaction during your years in chess?

KGH: Being able to give pleasure to several thousand juniors by organising or helping to organise events for them. Many parents thanked me over the years and helped with the transport.

MG: Are there any well known players you helped as youngsters?

KGH: They are too numerous to list but include Laurence Cooper and Graeme Buckley who are now I.Ms

MG: What advice would you have for a youngster who wants to succeed in chess?

KGH: Play as much organised chess as possible against very strong players and get coaching if possible.

MG: Have you any amusing or interesting stories about a)your chess career? b)any of the Congresses you have run?

KGH: During my first season I played on Board 1 against T.W.Blaydon of Rubery Owen, a well known strong player. After some time he won the exchange and then announced that there was no way I could win, stopped the clock, got up and left the board and listed the win for himself!

I can't recall any interesting stories from over 100 Congresses!!

At this point we felt it was time to call it a day. But many thanks Graham for sharing with us!

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GRAHAM'S CHESS RESPONSIBILITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

WOLVERHAMPTON & DISTRICT CHESS

LEAGUE

Records Secretary 1976-2003
Chairman: 1971-73
Bulletin Editor 1989-2003
Tournament Secretary 1971-83
Grading Officer for several years

BIRMINGHAM & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE

Member of these Committees:-

Rules (1982-); Tournament (1982-; Chairman 1994-)
Lightning (1982-); Grading (1993-99);
Publicity (2000-); General Purpose & Finance (1994-);
Morry-Wood Memorial (1999-); Centenary (1991-97);
Annual Rapidplay Organiser 1996-
Junior League Rep. 1982-
Primary School League Rep. 1990-
Hon. Assistant General Secretary 1993-
President: 1979-80

MIDLAND COUNTIES CHESS UNION

Director Junior Chess 1954-91; 1999-
MCCU Rep. on BCF Council 1955-63
Member of BCF Junior Committee 1955-1975.
Controller-British Championships Qualifying
Competition (mid 50s -mid 70s)
Training Organizer for MCCU Juniors (12yrs)

JUNIOR CHESS

Organiser-Junior Counties U-18 Correspondence Champs.
(2 Divs-9/10 teams each of 12 bds) 1962-71.
Wolv'ton Schools Chess League: Founder 1960
(disbanded in mid 90s President. (early 70's)

NATIONAL CHESS WEEK

Secretary of Midlands Committee 1965-70

NATIONAL YOUTH CHESS ASSOCIATION

President 1979-
Organiser: Arranging >75% games
Publicity Officer 1994-

DUDLEY LEAGUE

Treasurer 1994-
Secretary 1999-2000
President 2000-02
Chairman 2002

STAFFORDSHIRE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Secretary-Staffordshire Junior Chess 1950-
BCF Delegate for Staffs, for 10 yrs.
Match Secretary 1960-mid 80s
Tournament Secretary 1962-early 80s
Staffs Congress Secretary 1980-
Millenium Committee Member 1998-2000

BRITISH CHESS FEDERATION

Glorney Cup Team Selector & Manager 1959-62
Secretary & Treasurer- Team & Individual
Lightning Championships 1965-70
Secretary-Players Panel 1965-70
Member-BCF Services Committee 1967-72
Responsible for Junior Chess calendar (3yrs in 80s)
Hon. Assistant Secretary (3yrs- late 60s)
Organizer U-18 Counties Finals-Birm'ham Area 18 yrs

CONGRESSES etc

Birmingham Easter Congress Committee: 1952-1990
Secretary & Treasurer: 1970-1990.
Sandwell Congress: Committee Member for all, except 2
Goodyear Congress: Committee Member for all, except 2
Central Counties (Warks/Worcs/Staffs) Organizer U-18
matches v Metropolitan Counties (2 in London, 1 in
Leamington Spa) up to 100 boards. 1955-58

AWARDS

1992 BCF President's Award for Services to Chess
Life member
1997 Staffs: Medal of Honour (47 yrs)
2000 Staffs Chess Association Award

This is an impressive achievement by any standards and I believe the League can ill afford to lose the expertise of such a dedicated member. Therefore, partly to enable us to formally retain access to Graham's knowledge and experience, partly to help him 'wind down' gradually, I intend to nominate him for the vacant post of President at this year's A.G.M.

Mike Groombridge (Sec)