**SOUTH BRISTOL CHESS CLUB**

**NEWS ARCHIVE: July 2015 – May 2017**

**6th May 2017**

On Thursday night we played against Clevedon in the Minor KO Final. It was a close match in which the outcome was decided literally in the last second. Unfortunately for us the match swung away from us in that moment and Clevedon registered a deserved 3.5-2.5 victory.  Well here's looking forward to next season!

**28th April 2017**

There was a fluctuating crunch match last night between the A Team and Clifton B. It was good to welcome **Humphrey Andolo** back into the fold after an absence for much of the season. Early on Humphrey looked good for a win as his opponent's opening went wrong and Humphrey was able to pick up a pawn and maintain the initiative. The other games all looked very close and **Shane Roberts** and **Tony Harvey** both pressed but ultimately had to accept that there was nothing much to play for and agreed draws. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** was slightly worse on board one although, with a symmetrical pawn structure, that too looked like it might head towards a draw. **Dave Neagle**, however, started pressing in his game while **Richard Garrett**'s game looked level. Then things started to change when Humphrey played what would have been a brilliant sacrifice - except it wasn't quite right. Suddenly his position looked quite lost although Humphrey is a fearsome attacking player and he kept dreaming up new complications (albeit effectively a rook down). It was mate or bust. Richard's position improved after his opponent handed him a pawn but the ending was still technically difficult. **Chris Beaumont** on Board One was, however, making progress against Patryk and it all depended on whether Patryk could set up an effective blockade. Dave, however, was playing a blinder and managed to win two pieces and a pawn for a rook - which he converted in expert style. Score 2-1 to us. Then Richard played the ending perfectly to secure another win. Score 3-1. Unfortunately Patryk's position had deteriorated and the loss was now inevitable - 3-2. Humphrey, I am told, had managed to conjure something up and could have taken a draw but decided to go for the win in the time scamble. Unfortunately it was a gamble that didn't pay off and the match was drawn 3-3.

**27th April 2017**

Nothing is very clear about how the season will end but what we do know is that with the B Team playing their last match against Bath B last night and the A Team playing Clifton B tonight - two wins wouldn't do us any harm. It was a close thing for the B Team but thanks to wins by **Shane Roberts, Tony Harvey** and **Andy Sherman** plus a couple of draws by **Iain Bourne** and **Dave Neagle** we managed to win 4-2. There was some drama on the top board where Shane found himself short on time in a highly complex and somewhat dodgy position. This is, of course, where Shane excels and he managed to maintain the tension in the position while bashing out his moves. Then, in Shane's time pressure his opponent played an illegal move and when the clocks were reset Shane found a nice way to finish his opponent off.

Let's see what happens tonight in the A Team match ...

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**23rd April 2017**

Tony reports on a success at the Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay:

"Happy to report **Paul Helbig** was joint winner of the (29th and possibly last - Graham is moving to Devon) Chipping Sodbury Rapid-play open section yesterday with 5 points scored in the 6 rounds play. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** finished with 4 out of six and I (**Tony Harvey**) ended with a score of 2 from 6. **Dorota Pacion** finished with 2.5 from 6 in the Major.  The loss of the Chipping Sodbury RP will leave a large gap in Bristol's chess scene and Graham will be missed by all.

**21st April 2017**

After the Tuesday night successes at Horfield it was hoped that the B team might continue to push for promotion at home to Downend C - but unfortunately it was not to be. Although **Neville Senior, Dorota Pacion, Dave Frydman and Andrew Sherman** all drew it was not enough to prevent us from going down 2-4.

**19th April 2017**

The A Team chalked up some vital points in their bottom of the table scrap against Horfield B thanks to wins from **Shane Roberts, Patryk Krzyzanowski** and **Paul Helbig** together with a draw by **Tony Harvey**. 3.5-2.5. This means that a win against Clifton B should see us safe.

Tony has written an excellent Match Report that can be viewed **here**.

Meanwhile the C Team also had a great night awinning 4.5-1.5 against Horfield D. The wins came from **Andy Sherman, Gareth Cullen, Mohamed Hassan and Rod Taylor** with a draw from captain **Jason Blaxill**.

**15th April 2017**

Unfortunately the B Team's drive for promotion took a knock as they slipped to a 2.5-3.5 defeat against Thornbury A on Thursday night. **Shane Roberts** continued his impressive season with another win while **Tony Harvey, Mohammed Hasan** and **Neville Senior** all drew - but that was it.

**7th April 2017**

Last night the B Team entertained Clevedon A at home. It was a top of the table clash and a must win match for the B team. Clevedon were unlucky to arrive without a number of their top players and having to default on board six. We were delighted to welcome **David Frydman** back into the fold and he didn't let us down securing the first win of the night on board four. **Michael White** and **Neville Senior** then both drew before **Iain Bourne** was able to win on board one. The final result, 4-2 to us.

**31st March 2017**

Jason Blaxill reports on last nights match at the club:

"South Bristol C had a great night winning 5.5-0.5 against a slightly weakened Clifton C team. Wins came from star player **Dorota Pacion, Gareth Cullen, Jason Blaxill, Rod Taylor** and an unfortunate default. **Andy Sherman** did very well on top board to secure a draw against a higher rated player.

**30th March 2017**

**Shane** has penned a gripping report on the A Team's encounter with league leaders Downend A:

"On Tuesday we rolled into Downend in a bid to spoil their championship party. A win for Downend would see them crowned league champions. It was always going to be tough, they outgraded us by a total of 224 grading points so an average of around 35 per board

Early on the games looked tight. Andy was trading blows with Jerry on board 6 and went for a kingside attack. Jerry held on though, kept everything solid then attacked onbthe queenside and eventually won.

On top board, there were all sorts of complications. Patryk was after the centre and Henry was manoeuvring around the edges. Patryck managed to keep the momentum enough to secure a solid draw.

On board 2, Tony was outgraded by nearly 50 points. With the black pieces he made a decision not to sit back but to play active. This meant that although having to accept a queenside pawn weakness, his development advantage gave him more than adequate compensation that secured him an impressive draw.

On board 3 I was having a better day. After gaining more space from the opening i managed to get a strong position that allowed me a kingside attack that was difficult to defend. Richard took a long time in an attempt to find a decisive plan and got into serious time trouble. The position never improved though and a combination of time, position and material gave me enough to secure the win.

On board 4, Dave was involved in quite a game with Nigel. Nigel had loads of space in the opening following Dave’s newly invented on the spot opening. Dave fought brilliantly and got to an ending. Nigel sacrificed a piece which in the end meant that Dave couldnt stop a pawn from queening.

Board 5 with Downend needing just half a point, Dorota was fighting hard against Charles. She was very strong through the middle and made the 50 points grade difference seem crazy. With time running out, she went for a sacrifice to open the king up but it unfortunately for us wasn't quite enough and Charles secured the crucial point.

So congratulations to Downend. We turned up and played with a lot of spirit, but their quality was too much for us on the night and they are deserved champions of the league! (SR)"

**23rd March 2017**

The B Team needed a result against University B tonight to kep their chances of promotion to Division alive. Thankfully **Iain Bourne, Tony Harve and Dave Neagle** all won while **Dorota Pacion** agreed a draw in a good position to secure the win 3.5-2.5.

**18th March 2017**

A rather disappointing week with both A and C teams going down on the same night. The A team faced champions Clifton A who put out their best team. **Shane Roberts**, **Richard Garrett** and **Dave Neagle** were all able to draw but that was it, 1.5-4.5.

In the C team match the visitors were Cabot A. **Andy Sherman** and **Dorota Pacion** secured draws while our other point was a default. The match ended 2-4. Things can only get better ...

**9th March 2017**

On Tuesday night the B team travelled to take on Horfield C hoping to put their promotion hopes back on track. Some regulars were unable to play but thankfully some of our C Team stalwarts were able to step in. In the end, thanks to wins by **Tony Harvey, Mohammed Hassan, Andrew Sherman, and Jason Blaxill** plus a draw by **Dorota Pacion** we were able to win 4.5-1.5.

**Captain Dave Neagle** would like to put on record his thanks to **Mohammed Hassan, Jason Blaxill, Andrew Sherman and Dorota Pacion** who have "all been involved in some heavy lifting on behalf of South Bristol Chess Club this season."

Tonight the D Team played against Downend E and while **Mohammed Hassan, Maria Eze and Gerald Mobbs** were all able to secure draws it wasn't enough to prevent the team losing 1.5-4.5

**6th March 2017**

I've been away and my laptop died on me - so apologies for the hiatus It looks like we struggled last week. First the C Team travelled to face a very strong Clevedon B, Jason reports, and despite wins by the man himself, Jason Blaxill and Gareth Cullen the final result was a 2-4 loss. Things didn't get any better on Thursday night where North Bristol took on our B Team. On paper I would have expected us to edge this one but while **Muhammad Hassan** did the business on Board Six elsewhere the results were not so good. **Tony Harvey, Dave Neagle** and **Andy Sherman** all managed to draw but we dropped points on Boards One and Three. A blip but were still in the race!

**24th February 2017**

There was a nail-biter at the club last night where the B Team entertained Grendel in a close match that could have gone either way. Early on all the games seemed fairly even. On Board Three Tony Harvey (black) had a strange kind of Nimzo-Indian where his KB returned to f8 and although white seemed to have a nice hold, their was a lot of latent tension in the position. When the complications broke white went wrong and Tony capitalised. 1-0. Dorota on Six was pressing in her usual patient style - probing here and there - until her opponent ran out of ideas. 2-0. Iain had established a strong possibly winning position when his opponent offered a rook and a pawn for a dangerous attack. Unfortunately, while taking the rook probably won it takes the computer to tell us that. Iain over-analysed and made a bad decision in a complex position and his opponent finished of nicely - well played -but 2-1. Dave played the black side of a Classical Dragon where anything seemed possible. Unfortunately an extremely complex N+P ending ensued which turned out to be better for white. 2-2 and worryingly! I'm not sure in what order the last two games ended but here's a guess. Shane Roberts on One had the black pieces in what started as a Reti and then coagulated. Shane won a pawn but his position looked extremely passive. Shane, however, excels in cramped positions and weaved his magic to secure the draw. 2.5-2.5. Finally there was Neville's game. It started off as a closed QP opening with not a lot going on, but Neville knows how to play those positions. He established a toe-hold on e5 and then advanced his pawns, gained an entry square and mated his opponent on the seventh. 3.5-2.5 Phew! Please note: the above is an entirely fictional account based on a true story ....

**23rd February 2017**

The depleted A Team travelled to face a strong Bath A side last night. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** and **Paul Helbig** each drew on the top boards. Richard Garrett, I am told performed well on Board Three although still lost, while Tony Harvey also lost on Board Four having missed a bishop sac. Gareth Cullen can also take satisfaction for his play against a much higher rated opponent although the result was yet another loss. Finally, due to a whole host of factors we had to default on board six. The final result was 1-5, but thanks to everyone for sticking in there - things can only get better!

**19th February 2017**

It was a hard night for the club on Thursday with both the A and C teams losing. The A Team went down 5.4-1.5 to the University A with **Patryk Krzyzanowski** winning and **Tony Harvey** drawing. The C Team had a closer match but despite wins my **Muhammad Hassan** and **Maria Eze** and a draw by **Ed Swann** we went down 2.5-3.5.

**10th February 2017**

To the right you can play through **Roy Day's** remarkable miniature against Keynsham B or view it **here**.

Last night the C team took on the D Team with all games being drawn except for a win by **Gareth Cullen** who scored the points for the C team by the narrowest of margins.

**6th February 2017**

The C Team drew last week with Keynsham B (Jason reminds me!) after going 3-2 down. Thankfully **Dorota Pacion** won her match on time with the other wins coming from **Jason Blaxill** and **Roy Day** who won a miniature with a very nice tactic leaving his opponent no option but to resign or be mated. Apologies for the late reporting of this news.

**3rd February 2017**

With Horfield A turning up with an under-strength team last night this should have been an opportunity for the A team to climb off the bottom of the League table. However, a late withdrawal meant defaulting on board six followed by catastrophe on board three where our player got his moves in the wrong order leaving a whole queen en prise. 0-2 within less than half an hour. **Tony Harvey** steadied the ship a little with a draw on board four in a double fianchetto King's Indian while **Michael White** in a sharp Bishop's Gambit (?) won a pawn but at the cost of a couple of doubled pawns. **Paul Helbig** and **Patryk Krzyzanowski** kept plugging away hoping to find a way through on boards one and two but both had to settle for a draw. That left Michael's game which had deteriorated drastically and looked (and was) quite lost - except his opponent was running short on time and a draw was agreed. 2-4 was the final result - but that doesn't tell the story. It could have been much worse but should have been a lot better.

**2nd February 2017**

Jason tells us of a tremendous result for the D Team who have until now been having a tough season. They travelled to take on Hanham A and ran out 4-2 winners thanks to wins by **Jason Blaxill, Ed Swann** and **Sam Haynes** with **Muhammad Hasan** and **Maria Eze** securing draws to in the match. Special mention goes to **Sam Haynes** for winning against an opponent graded 50 points higher and to **Maria Eze** who drew against a much higher rated player. Jason says "It was an amazing moment - on par with the win in the Minor KO Cup Semi-final!" There is clearly a lot of potential in that team.

**31st January 2017**

The new half-year gradings are now out. You can check these out **here**.

**30th January 2017**

The B team travelled on a foggy night to play rivals Clevedon. It was a close run affair which could have gone either way but in the end wins by **Iain Bourne**, **Tony Harvey** and **Neville Senior** and draws by **Shane Roberts** and **Dave Neagle** secured a needed 4-2 victory.

Shane has written a superb match report which can be read **here**.

**28th January 2017**

On Tuesday the C Team lost to Downend D 4.5-1.5 with **Dorota Pacion** winning and **Andy Sherman** drawing.

On Thursday night the B Team were playing at home against Keynsham A in a much closer contest. **Shane Roberts, Neville Senior** and **Andy Sherman** all won putting us 3-0 up. The other games weren't going our way and with the score 3-2 Dorota was losing material and down to less than a minute. Her opponent then misplayed a combination which allowed **Dorota Pacion** a chance of a perpetual which she did brilliantly to spot - helping us to a very close but much needed win 3.5-2.5.

**23rd January 2017**

Our ringside reporter, Tony Harvey,  has provided a edge-of-your-seat, blow by blow account on the Minor KO Cup semi-final which can be enjoyed **here!**

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**20th January 2017**

There was a titanic struggle at the club last night as we took on Downend in the Semi-final of the Minor KO Cup. It didn't look good at first as we lost on top and bottom boards. Captain **Dave Neagle** steadied the ship with a draw on Board 3 but while Neville was attacking on Board 2, Dorota and Jason's positions weren't looking as promising. Then the match started to turn as the time scrambles approached. Suddenly it was down to whoever would be able to hold their nerve best - and one by one first **Jason Blaxill,** then **Dorota Pacion** and finally **Neville Senio**r all won! A fantastic come-back and congratulations to the who team on reaching the final!

**13th January 2017**

A good night at the club! The C Team took on Yate A and came away with a fine 4.5-1.5 win - featuring wins by **Michael White**, **Andy Sherman**, **Dorota Pacion** and **Mohammed Hassan** while **Roy Day** secured a draw.

Meanwhile in the other room our first **Chess Event** of the year was taking place in the form of a strong **eight-player all-play-all 5-minute tournament**. Most games could have gone either way but in the end Tyson Mordue won with an impressive 6/7. The tournament cross-table can be viewed **here**.

Next week, Thursday 19th January there will be our second Chess Event, all are welcome, in the form of a **"Bughouse Chess"** tournament which promises to be highly entertaining! This will be held alongside the Minor Club KO match, so if you are not playing in that please come along to the club to support these events.

**11th January 2017**

Last night a weakened A Team went down 4-2 to Downend B. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** and **Shane Roberts** drew while **Dorota Pacion** won.

**6th January 2017**

**ROLL UP! ROLL UP!** At some clubs players only turn up when playing in a match - which is fine. At South Bristol, however, we don't want to be like that. So we have decided to try to put on a **"Chess Event"** at the club each Thursday evening when either one or no matches being played. The success of this, of course, is dependent on club members, or people who are considering joining the club, turning up. Our first event will be on **Thursday 12th January**and be in the form of a **5-minute tournament.** Simply turn-up by 7.45 for an 8.00 start.

What events may take place in the future is entirely up to you. There could be special coaching sessions led by our **in-house coach FIDE Master Tyson Mordue**, handicap tournaments, lightning chess, variant chess (e.g. Bughouse), FischerRandom chess, tournaments exploring particular opening lines - whatever sparks your imagination. If you have any suggestions just talk me (Iain) or any of the club officials/team captains, or put your suggestions in the **"Comments"** box on the right.

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**4th January 2017**

Happy New Year one and all! Jason tells us that the C Team travelled to play Yate A yesterday evening but alas the home team ran out 3.5-2.5 winners. **Ernest White** and **Jason Blaxill** both won while **Roy Day** drew.

**24th December 2016**

Happy Xmas everyone and come out fighting in 2017!

**22nd December 2016**

Last night about 20 of us attended the annual **Xmas Handicap Tournament** superbly organised by **Tony Harvey** and controlled by **Tyson Mordue**. With one pawn being conceded for every 10 grading points difference it turned out to be a great leveller. In the final game **Jason Blaxill** unfortunately lost on time in a dead drawn position against **Stephen Meek** allowing **Andy Sherman** to come first outright with a fabulous 5/6 score. All three walked away with a bottle of wine plus the indomitable **Roy Day** who was the best placed C Team player. It was a great night enjoyed by all - and the food was top notch too!

**Roy Day** adds:

"I would like to congratulate **Tony** for a very enjoyable Xmas tournament that I started 2 years ago. I think the handicap format that Tony used was an improvement and probable most would agree that the buffet was nicer. Thanks also to **Tyson** for his expertise. Lets keep the Xmas tournament going every year. "

**21st December 2016**

Jason tells us that the C Team finished the year on a high note with a 4-2 win over a Downend E team that battled to the end. Wins came from **Melvyn Gringell, Gareth Cullen, Jason Blaxill** and **Rod Taylor**.

Tomorrow night is the **Xmas Handicap Tournament** and in case you can't make it may I wish you all a very merry Xmas!

**16th December 2016**

Things started off brightly in our B Team match against Thornbury with **Michael White** scoring a quick wi on board three. On the top boards, however, we were wobbling badly as we were on the bottom two boards. **Andy Sherman** and **Dorota Pacion**, however, both demonstrated a lot of resilience and both managed to draw in the end. **Dave Neagle** meanwhile saved our bacon by winning on board four as our top two both went down. In the end the match was drawn 3-3.

**10th December 2016**

On Thursday night the B Team faced a strong Horfield C with the match eventually being tied 3-3 thanks to a win by **Dave Neagle** and draws by **Shane Roberts, Tony Harvey, Neville Senior, and Gareth Cullen**. The D Team were less fortunate going down 1.5-4.5 to Clevedon B featuring a win for **Ed Swann** and a draw for **Jason Blaxill**.

**4th December 2016**

Well it's that time of the year again when we can raise a glass, enjoy a mince pie and play in the annual **Xmas Handicap Tournament**! This will be taking place at the club on **22nd December** and offers an opportunity for D Team players to take on A Team players with odds of anything from a pawn to a rook or more. It's fun, light-hearted and a great opportunity to mingle. Put it in your diary and, as space is limited, be sure to tell either **Tony Harvey** or **Roy Day** by 15th December of your intention to play.

**4th December 2016**

Apologies for my tardiness - life sometimes gets in the way! There were two important matches this week. First, the C Team were matched against the D team in Division 3. Playing with reduced boards, after a close and titanic struggle the C Team scraped through 2.5-1.5 thanks to wins by **Gareth Cullen** and Roy Day while **Sam Haynes** won for the D Team. **Gerald Mobbs** and **Rod Taylor** drew their game.

The A team travelled to face the University with a seriously weakened team. We have become specialists in losing narrowly and we were able, once again, to demonstrate our skill in this aspect. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** and **Shane Roberts** both won splendidly while **Tony Harvey** was able to draw - but that was it and you can do the maths.

**27th November 2016**

I wish I'd been there to see it but my spies tell me that **Mohammed Hassan** (116) pulled off a major upset on Thursday by beating Alex Rossiter (178) in the D team home match against Cabot! A fantastic achievement. **Jason Blaxill** and **Ed Swann** also secured draws but the match itself slipped away 2-4.

**21st November 2016**

We went to Downend to play in the League Cup KO missing four first team regulars. To be fair, Downend didn't have their strongest side out either but then they have strength in depth. In the early stages it looked very even but as the evening became night our fortunes changed. In the end we lost 2.5-5.5. **Shane Roberts** won on board 5, while **Paul Helbig, Iain Bourne** and **Dorota Pacion** drew on boards 1, 2 and 7. Tony will provide a more detailed match report ...

**16th November 2016**

Jason reports on a a great result for the C Team who last night visited Clifton C where wins were recorded by **Jason Blaxill, Mohamed Hassan** and **Rod Taylor** while **Gareth Cullen** drew to win the match for us.

**11th November 2016**

I have put up two match reports - mostly guesswork actually, so let me know if you have more accurate information on the various goings-on! The first is of our successful visit to play Yate in the Minor KO cup which can be found **here**. The other is of our rather less glorious performance against Horfield B which can be viewed **here**.

In the latter match Tony's game was the last to finish and I am embarrassed to say that no-one (myself included) stayed in the matchroom to support him at the end. I think we can do better than that and I apologise for my lack of thoughtfulness.

**10th November 2016**

Not a good night for the A Team who were missing four regulars against a strong Horfield B. In the end we were only able to muster three draws thanks to **Iain Bourne**, **Dave Neagle** and **Gareth Cullen** and went down 1.5-4.5 Horfield B deserve credit for their victory while we are now in a relegation dogfight. I will put together a match report, of sorts, soon.

**10th November 2016**

We would like to send our condolences to **Humphrey Andolo** on the passing away of a close family member. We hope he is receiving the support he needs at this difficult time.

**8th November 2016**

We travelled in the rain and some terrible traffic conditions to play Yate in the Minor League KO Cup. There were some scares along the way and also a few missed opportunities but in the end we won the match 4-2 thanks to wins by **Iain Bourne, Dave Neagle** and **Andy Sherman** and draws by **Dorota Pacion** and **Jason Blaxill**. Onwards and upwards into the next round!

**7th November 2016**

I have put up a report **(here)** on our B Team match against Dowend D - it's mostly hearsay!

In the grading handicapped Minor League KO we travel to take on Yate in a match, Tuesday night, where anything can happen.

​**4th November 2016**

Great result for our C Team last night who won 5-1 against Yate A thanks to wins by **Melvyn Gingell, Careth Cullen, Mohamed Hasan** and **Rod Taylor. Dorota Pacion** and **Any Sherman** both drew their games.

**1st November 2016**

The B Team travelled to Downend to take on their D Team with both teams vying for the top places in Division Two. In a match that looked like going in our favour fortunes changed suddenly and I think we were a little unfortunate to lose 2.5-3.5. **Iain Bourne** won on Board One, while **Shane Roberts**, **Melvyn Gingel**l and **Dave Neagle** all drew.

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**29th October 2016**

There were two very closely contested matches on Thursday night. The A Team were up against Bath A and without several first team regulars. None-the-less we were able to register our first win of the season (3.5-2.5) thanks to wins by **Patryk Krzyzanowski** and **Shane Roberts** together with draws for **Paul Helbig** (on Board One), **Tyson Mordue** and **Dave Neagle**. Lets hope this can continue. Meanwhile the C Team were battling it out with Clevedon B and although **Gareth Cullen** and **Mohamed Hassan** won their games and **Melvyn Gingell** drew on Board One, in the end we went down 2.5-3.5.

​**20th October 2016**

Five of us (B Team) turned up at the Students Union to play University B - while our sixth member was supping a pint at the club wondering where we all were! Thankfully Shane did eventually show up and watched his opponent build up an enormous centre while also consuming an enormous amount of time. **Dave Neagle** and **Neville Senior** agreed early draws. I didn't see what happened on Board Three but something went wrong and we dropped a point so were trailling 1-2 with some very worried faces about. **Dorota Pacion** had a good position and some pressure but unfortunately it wasn't enough and a draw was agreed. I (**Iain Bourne**) had won a pawn in the opening and traded that in for a mating attack 2.5-2.5. That left **Shane Robert's** game - a masterly example of rear-guard action which netted the whole point. So we won 3.5-2.5 but it didn't always look like that.

​**20th October 2016**

**Tony** reports that the A Team lost 2-4 away to Horfield A on Tuesday night. We played better than the score suggests. On Board One **Paul Helbig** found a strong exchange sacrifice but missed the correct follow-up which would have given him the win. Instead Daniel Malkiel hung on for a draw - this being the last game to finish. Board Two saw **Shane Roberts** go down to Aaron Guthrie's forceful kingside attack. Board Three was a tragedy for **Richard Garrett**who allowed Derek Pugh a mate in two in a completely winning position. On Board Four **Tony Harvey** held on for a draw against Alex Easton who had the better position but was very short on time. On Board Five **Dave Neagle** forced a draw against Peter Kirby with a double bishop sacrifice. On Board Six **Dorota Pacion** lost a pawn early on but defended resourcefully to save the half point against John Richards.

​**14th October 2016**

Last night the A team faced a strong Downend A and despite a win by **Paul Helbig** and a draw by **Tyson Mordue** we went down 1.5-4.5. The C team, however, did provide some cheer winning 4.5-1.5 against Keynsham B - thanks to wins by **Dorota Pacion, Gareth Cullen, Roy Day and Jason Blaxill** (default). **Mohamed Hasan** drew his game.

**9th October 2016**

Tony Harvey tells us of another South Bristol success in the Chipping Sodbury Quickplay where B team captain, **Dave Neagle** came joint first in the Major. A great result! Tony and Patryk also played in the Open but finished outside the prizes on this occasion.

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**7th October 2016**

Shane has contributed an **entertaining match report** on last night's match between our B Team and Bath B. In a close encounter we clinched the win 3.5-2.5 with wins for **Andy Sherman and Dorota Pacion**. The other points were score thanks to draws by **Shane Roberts, Tony Harvey and Dave Neagle**.

​**6th October 2016**

Jason reports on our D team match away to Horfield D which was drawn thanks to a very good win for **Mike Pugsley** and draws for **Jason Blaxill, Mohamed Hasan, Gerald Mobbs and Maria Eze**.

​**30th September 2016**

Great news! Both **Regency Chess** and **ChessBaron** have agreed to continue their gracious sponsorship of the club for a further year. Please do visit their websites particularly if you are thinking of buying me a Christmas present!

​...and more good news again! **Jason Blaxill** tells us that the C Team registered a 3.5-2.5 win over a strong Horfield D team last night. Wins came from **Jason Blaxill, Mike Pugsley and Dorota Pacion** - who checkmated her highly rated opponent! **Andy Sherman**, playing on top board, managed an important and creditable draw.

​**27th September 2016**

Last Thursday both our A and D teams lost against Downend B (2-4) and Keynsham B. Tony has submitted a match report of the A Team match which can be viewed **here**. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** won for the A Team while **Richard Garrett** and **Tony Harvey** both drew. For the D team four draws were secured by **Jason Blaxill**, **Mohammed Hasan**, **Gerald Mobbs**, and **Ed Swann.**

**​**I also have very unfortunate news that our A Team will be forfeiting their match against Clifton A tonight.

​**21st September 2016**

**Jason** tell us that the C Team lost 4-2 to the league leaders Cabot A last night. **Gareth Cullen** scored a great win and **Jason Blaxill** and **Rod Taylor** both secured draws.

​**18th September 2016**

Roy posts the following:

​"Congratulations on the B team's win against Bristol North. What a delight it was for me to watch **Maria Eze** our new young player win her game in style against Clifton on Thursday evening - she is going to be our secret weapon in future games!”

**“Can I please stress to our members to pay their subs next time they come to the club a cheque or cash will do."**

**15th September 2016**

There's nothing easy about this season and so far all matches have been very close and tense affairs. Our B Team travelled to play against North Bristol A and scraped home thanks to wins by **Dave Neagle,** **Michael White** and **Rod Taylor**, plus a draw by **Neville Senior**. The final result, 3.5-2.5 to South Bristol.

We are very pleased to welcome back **Michael White**, a very fine player, who was our Club Champion in 2006-7!

At home, **Jason Blaxill** reports, our D Team lost 4-2 against a very strong Clifton C. It could have been worse as one of our points was a default. On a very positive note, however, our one win was by new recruit **Maria**who, I am told showed great technique and  must be P**layer of the Week.**

**13th September 2016**

Tonight two of our teams were playing away.

Firstly our C Team travelled to Hanham for a tough match against their A Team. **Gareth Cullen** and **Roy Day** both won their encounters but it was down to the wire when **Dorota Pacion** converted to win the match, thanks also to a draw by the captain **Jason Blaxill.** The final result 2.5-3.5 to South Bristol C!

The other match was a fluctuating struggle between our A Team and Clifton B. **Humphrey Andolo** and **Richard Garrett** both won their games early on Boards 2 and 6. **Iain Bourne** then drew on Board 3 and with the score 2.5-0.5 it looked promising. **Patryk Krzyzanowski** pulled of a fabulous draw against **IM Chris Beaumont**, but sadly the other two games did not go our way. In the end it was a fair 3-3 draw. The score sheet is **here**.

**​12th September 2016**

Last Thursday the match between South Bristol C and Downend D ended in a draw thanks to a win by **Rod Taylor**. A match report can be found on Downend's website **here**. Tomorrow night the A Team visit Clifton to play their B Team.

​**8th September 2016**

Your can read Tony Harvey's typically detailed report on the opening match of the season between our B Team and Keynsham A **here.**

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**7th September 2016**

**Shane Roberts** has provided us with an entertaining blow by blow account of the away match between our B Team and Grendel **here**.

Tomorrow night the C Team take on Downend D at home.

Last season Clifton's website was dead space - now at last it looks worthy of a champion team - click **here** to catch up with their news.

**6th September 2016**

**​**The season is now in full swing!

**​Jason** reports on a closely contested away match for the D Team against Downend E. In the end we missed out narrowly 2.5-3.5. **Jason Blaxill** won on top board and our new recruit **Maria** showed immense talent in winning in her first game for us. **Ed Swann** also managed to secure a draw in his game.

​**Tony** reports on another closely contested away match between our B Team and Grendel. **Tony Harvey**, who is in superb form at the moment, pulled off a a fantastic win against highly rated Alistair Gilbert in a Catalan. **Shane Roberts** also won against Dave Osbourne - a very experienced , skilled and dangerous opponent. **Andy Sherman** and **Dorota Pacion** - ever reliable stalwarts on the team - both managed creditable draws. Unfortunately we lost the other two games and the match was tied 3-3.

​Further details of both matches will be available soon...

​**1st September 2016**

After the Summer hiatus, things are beginning to gear up! Tonight our B Team, very ably Captained by **Dave Neagle**, kicked off the season with a home match against Keynsham. Keynsham arrived a team player down but in the end it made little difference as we won 5-1 thanks to wins by **Iain Bourne**, **Gerry Jepps** and **Dorota Pacion** - while **Neville Senior** and **Dave Neagle** secured draws. The score sheet can be viewed **here.**

​**24th August 2016**

**Tony Harvey** provides us with an update on the Downend Lightning Tournament:

​"Rumourville has Stephen Meek as the winner of the Downend summer tournament with the final score of 14.5/18. A half point ahead of Jim Sherwin.  The clash between Stephen and Jim proved decisive.  No doubt a full disclosure will be made on the Downend website.  Congratulations to Stephen (also as previously reported winner of the South Bristol rapidplay) a notable double."

**16th August 2016**

Congratulations to **Tony Harvey** who is clearly in a rich vein of form. In the third round of the Downend Lightning Tournament he won 2-0 against Mike Brigden lost 0.5-1.5 against Christopher Russell and again 0.5-1.5 against the legendary James Sherwin.

**Tony** has also submitted a report on the South Bristol Rapidplay which was won by Stephen Meek (Downend) who until recently played for South Bristol, with our own **Patryk Krzyzanowski** coming joint second and **Neville Senior** capturing the grading prize. The Second Section was won by **Utibe Effiong** (Sedgemoor CC) - congratulations.

Thanks also to **Graham Mill-Wilson** who not only was the Tournament Controller but has kindly submitted further photos of the event and the final results. All this can be found within Tony's report **here**.

— from **Alan Papier**  
There is still time to enter the Bristol Steve Boniface Memorial Congress which runs from Aug. 26-28th at Bristol Grammar School.  5 rounds, 3 sections with FIDE-rated Open. Central location with free parking. Email: **alanpapier1@gmail.com** Tel: 078998 26515 to enter. Congress website:**http://tim1949jones.wix.com/bristolchesscongress**

**15th August 2016**

Tyson has submitted a full and fascinating report on the club championship which can be viewed **here**.

**8th August 2016**

Roy raises an issue from the AGM:

"At the recent AGM there was a debate regarding the handicaps at the "friendly" Xmas tournaments. I had arranged players in 3 groups according to their grades when a game between players 2 groups apart the player in the higher section forfeits a Rook - similarly one group apart  would be a Knight. Some members thought that a Rook was not sufficient and a suggestion of 2 Rooks was suggested!

It was also argued that Stephen Meek and Tyson Mordue had won the 2 tournaments that I had organised - a valid point.

In my defence I invited Stephen Meek to my home and we played a game with Stephen giving up the Rook, I finished with a passed pawn and Stephen resigned.

My thoughts then were that if I could beat Stephen under those circumstances then so could others.

The reason that I have highlighted this is because not everyone was at the AGM and I would welcome any suggestions.

Roy"

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You can email Roy directly at **royday39@yahoo.co.uk** or use the Comments box on the lower righthand side of this page.

**7th August 2016**

Next season's match fixtures are now available - see the **A Team**, **B Team**, **C Team** and **D Team** links. The match fixtures up to the end of the year are also now on the **Club Calendar**.

Jason has submitted some pictures from last week's AGM (on your right). **Shane Roberts** was the winner of the Pre-Season Tournament, **Tyson Mordue** is the new Club Champion, **Dave Neagle** is the Club Major Champion and **Roy Day** is the Club Minor Champion. Congratulations!

**2nd August 2016**

We played Cabsham tonight in the Team Summer Lightning. On paper we should have been strong favourites but Cabsham put up fierce resistance and some of us lost our mojos. In the end we won narrowly but we will have to do better against Downend in the final and deciding match.

**29th July 2016**

Last night saw a titanic struggle between **Tyson Mordue** and **Patryk Krzyzanowski** for the Club Championship. After three closely fought draws **Tyson** eventually came out as the winner and our new Club Champion. Congratulations! A more detailed report may follow soon...

**24th July 2016**

The new grades are out. No real surprises but congratulations to **Tyson Mordue** for breaking the 200 mark. I haven't updated the website just yet but if you want to view the grades of club members who (as far as we know) will be playing for us next season, **click here**.

**20th July 2016**

**Tony** has provided us with an update on our Lightning match against Clevedon on Monday:

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"**Tyson** recorded 6/6. In all the games he seemed to control the positions by economically developing his pieces: logical chess.  **Patryk** also scored 6/6. However these games included some more fanciful play.  **Shane** finished with 4.5/6: slightly dissatisfied that fatigue played a part in his last game.  **Melvyn** scored 3.5/6: with some very entertaining positions that were played to a high standard by both sides.  **David** recorded 4/6: he started with 0/2 then recovered his mojo with a degree of assistance from his opponents and some forceful play on his behalf.  Finally **Jason** finished with 2.5/6: again reaching some very lively positions that could have gone either way.  The completed match score was Clevedon 9.5 South Bristol 26.5.

Our thanks to our friendly hosts and an admission that all the luck on the night went our way. (GAH)"

**19th July 2016**

I hear that we ran out 26.5-11.5 winners against Clevedon in the Team Lightning last night. Congratulations! Further details may follow. Next up - Cabot.

**17th July 2016**

As promised Tyson has submitted a full blow by blow report on the Club Minor Championship which can be read **here**.

Tomorrow night we play our second match in the Summmer Team Lightning tournament - hopefully details will follow soon after the match.

**14th July 2016**

The Club Minor Championship was played out tonight. It was expertly controlled as always by Tyson Mordue who promises to contribute another of his entertaining and insightful reviews in the not too distant future. I will say no more, therefore, at this stage except to report that our new **Champion** is none other than the ever popular and longstanding member, **Roy Day**! A magnificent achievement.

On a less specatacular note it has been decided that next Thursday, 21st July, starting at 8.00 we will be having the third of our **Summer Chess Workshops.**All I will say at this point is that it will focus on an Opening System that you can adopt for yourself, or if not, you will certainly need to know about! See you there!

**13th July 2016**

Tony provides us with an update on last night's proceedings:

"Dorota finished the second tournament night with a highly respectable cumulative score of 6.5 (out of 12). A slightly controversial incident of her not being able to promote to a queen because none were available (?)  Jason ended the night with 4. His last two opponents were Mike Brigden and Stephen Meek! ! I (Tony) completed with a fortunate score of 7.5."

**12th July 2016**

I was able to briefly pop in to see what was happening at the Downend Summer Quickplay. This evening we had **Tony Harvey, Dorota Pacion and Jason Blaxill** playing. Tony was up against Gareth Morris (180) in the first double header. Playing with the black pieces an Open Sicilian position arose from a QP opening. Gareth appeared to have pressure but Tony looked like holding and an opposite coloured bishop ending ensued with Tony having the more active King. I chalked that up as a draw and went to look at the other games - only to find that somehow Tony had netted the full point! Meanwhile Dorota (white) was up against Grant Daly (92) with the white pieces in which she demonstrated her grand masterly technique by swapping everything off into an equal ending and then completely outplaying her opponent! Jason had the white pieces against Adrian Champion (143) in what looked like a Modern Defence. Adrian played aggressively launching a kingside pawn storm. Jason parried in the time honoured way by striking back in the centre. To be honest I had no idea what was going on until Adrian's position suddenly imploded and Jason crashed through. 3/3 to the South Bristol players.

In the return leg, however, things were not so simple. Dorota played the Nimzo-Indian in classical style against Grant, establishing a powerful outpost for her knight on c5 in front of doubled c-pawns. From there it covered everything allowing Dorota to crash through on the kingside. Jason was on the blackside of a Four Knights and the game strangely mirrored their first encounter - this time Jason was attacking on the kingside while Adrian was breaking through in the centre. Jason, however, missed an opportunity and as a result his bishops ended up being intombed behind a phalanx of white pawns. It looked very bad indeed. Somehow, however, Jason ended up with a bishop defending against a passed pawns on a6 and e6 - which he did magnificently by setting up a total blockade. Point halved. More drama was happening in Tony's return game against Gareth. Gareth emerged a pawn up playing the blackside of an English/KID. Tony, however, is at his most resourceful when under the cosh. A King, Knight and Pawn ending ensued which was almost impossible to play at this speed. First Gareth missed a win, then after all kinds of complications Tony blundered his knight - so I walked away. However, Gareth was running out of pawns and had allowed Tony a passed h-pawn. I don't know what the truth of the position was but I thought it was drawn. Then, in a position where Tony even had some winning chances, he blundered again. Very entertaining none-the-less!

Then I had to go. Hopefully we will hear more about what happened in the next two rounds ...

**11th July 2016**

The second round of the Downend Summer (Individual) Quickplay Tournament is tomorrow night at Downend Chess Club. Four South Bristol Players competed in the first round: Richard Garrett, Tony Harvey, Dorota Pacion and Jason Blaxill. The full crosstable can be found **here**. I understand that you don't have to have played in round one to play in round two - just turn up on the night. Details can be found **here**

**8th July 2016**

Jason informs me that we beat Horfield last night by a whopping 24.5-11.5 in the Summer Lightning Team Tournament. Well done everyone who played!

**2nd July 2016**

Roy Day says:

"Iain has given a good account of last evenings games, the final between Tyson and Patryk will be intriguing.

As this will be the last year organising the tournaments I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those that turned up on cue to play their games making it a stroll in the park for me.  Roy."

**1st July  2016**

There were two games in the Club Championship tonight. First off was **Mordue** v **Garrett** - all I know is that Richard (with white) pressed forward for the first dozen or so moves - and retreated back for the rest of the game. Well done Tyson who now goes into the final. The other game was **Bourne** versus **Krzyzanowski.** For logistical reasons this game was played with 30 mins on the clock. An extremely sharp and complicated game developed in which both I and Patryk believed we were better - but I blundered with only seconds left.

So the final and **Club Championship Title** will be fought out between **Tyson Mordue and Patryk Krzyzanowski!** Details will follow ...

**23rd June 2016**

We had the second **Summer Chess Workshop** tonight which was a well attended, enjoyable and instructive evening. The overwhelming response from players from other clubs was such that we will have to consider how to handle future open events. The next workshop will be arranged once we know more about the scheduling of the rapidplay tournaments, below.

Of course our players are also very keen to support events put on by other league clubs and a group from the club supported the **Downend Summer Rapidplay**which continues throughout the summer. I don't have all the details but click **here** and you should find the results soon.

As you will see on the right, there is also a **Team Rapidplay** tournament starting soon. Details can be found on the right. Please get in touch with Jason if interested.

**17th June 2016**

Details of this year's **South Bristol Quickplay** are now available - see opposite. This is an Open Event so please spread the word!

Last night featured a clash between to of the pre-tournament favourites in the **Club Championship**. **Carl Bicknell** had the white pieces against **Tyson Mordue**. Both players rattled off the opening moves in a c3 Sicilian arriving at a complex middle game position which, up to move 15 was identical Tyson's game against Stephen Meek in the Bristol Congress at the weekend. While Stephen played 16.h3 and soon after agreed a draw, Carl found an improvement and looked to have the superior position. Tyson responded with Ng4 involving a tactic which Carl unfortunately missed forcing immediate resignation. Next up **Tyson Mordue v Richard Garrett** to decide who will go into the final.

​**16th June 2016**

Last weekend several of our players competed in the Bristol Congress. **Carl Bicknell** had a fabulous result in the Open finishing 2nd outright behind **GM Keith Arkell.** **Tyson Mordue** was also in the money in joint 3rd. **Gareth Cullen** was also in the money recording an impressive 3.5/5 in the Minor and looks like a player who will go far. Details can be found **here**.

Downend have organised a **Quickplay Tournament** over the next few weeks and I hope players from the club will be able to support this event. Details can be found **here**.

My spies also inform me that there might be a **Team Rapidplay** over the Summer as well. I don't know the details but in principle I think we are determined to enter one or maybe two teams.

Finally, don't forget that the next "open to all" **Summer Chess Workshop** will be next Thursday at 8.00. It's challenging, but if you or I think it is too tough to be fun, I'll  change it.

**10th June 2016**

It seems - judging from the poll opposite - that most club members would like to look at the openings in the **Summer Chess Workshops**. The problem is, however, that that is quite difficult to do in a llarge group setting as each person's opening repertoire will be highly individual. So I am proposing that next week, for whoever is interested, we concentrate on each player's openiings in turn and see if we can find some way of polishing them up.

The next **Summer Chess Workshop** - proper - will be - as indicated on the right - on 23rd June at 8.00pm. Everyone is welcome - whether or not you are a club member. Players of roughly equal strength will be put into pairs and then given a range of tactical positions to work out. It will be very relaxed with an emphasis on having an enjoyable social evening

**6th June 2016**

This week I belive there is a Committee Meeting, next week it looks like I will be playing Patryk in the Club Championship, so the the next Summer Chess Workshop will be on 23rd June. Forget the EU Referendum, vote Opening, Middlegame, or Ending (to your right) instead!

**3rd June 2016**

Last night featured the first of our **Summer Chess Workshops** (see picture on your right) which was well attended and supported. It was good to see players of all strengths involved and I think the most important thing is that we continue to develop a "whole club feel." We looked at 20 endings - probably too many - but no-one fainted or noticeably fell asleep! More workshops will follow but I need to understand a bit better how members want to spend their Thursday evenings.

You can also find a photo of our newest member **Gareth Cullen** on our **Photos** page.

In the Club Championship **Patryk Krzyzanowski** beat Shane Roberts which means that Section B will be decided between Iain and Patryk.

**29th May 2016**

As promised, Tyson has submitted a blow-by-blow of the Club Major Championship won by B Team Captain Dave Neagle - but not without some considerable drama! The tournament report can be found **here**.

Also a warm welcome to **Gareth Cullen** who in scoring 3/5 in the Major Championship showed that he will be fine addition to our teams next season.

As you will see to your right, this coming Thursday will be the first of what hopefully will become a series of **Summer Chess Workshops** aimed at improving our level of play. We will be puting up 20 positions to solve on the big screen (the wall) demonstrating different important themes showing "**How to get out of Jail**" when in a worse ending. This will cover themes such as The Opposition, Philidor's Method, Ponziani' Position, Kramnik's Mistake, Shouldering and Shadow Defence among others.

Please support this if you wish to see more group-based training at the club.

**27th May 2016**

My apologies for the recent hiatus - I've been away playing chess in Spain. Thankfully, as you will see (Comments to your right), **Roy** has been keeping us all abreast of developments in the various Club Championships. Normal service will resume.

Last night was a night of high drama in the **Club Major Championship** - I won't spoil it for you right now as I understand that Tyson is putting together a blow by blow account of the event. In the **Club Championship** I managed a win against **Shane**'s c3 Sicilian. Shane came under some pressure from the opening but found an excellent resource to keep him in the game - unfortunately it cost a lot of time on the clock. In a still difficult position and under severe time pressure Shane first dropped the exchange and then the game.

**7th May 2016**

Please note that the first round of the "Middle" **Club Championship** will be played on **Thursday May 26th.**

Also I had mistakenly thought that all matches for this season had been played. In fact the C Team faced Yate B on Thursday night and chalked up a 3.5-2.5 win thanks to wins by Mssrs **Gingell and Taylor**.

**2nd May 2016**

Second in Division One and first in Division can't be bad! You can view the final league tables **here.**

Tyson has also annotated a superb example of how to play the black side of a King's Indian from the A Team's last match of the season which you can enjoy **here**.

**29th April 2016**

The B Team faced Bath B Team  last night in what should have been a fairly straightforward win - especially considering that Bath were missing two players! In the end, however, we scraped through winning by the narrowest of margins 3.5-2.5. Our only win over the board last night was by Richard Garrett who finishes off a very fine season

**26th April 2016**

**Tyson** has annotated two more of his games - a fine old tussle against Howard Millbank from the recent A Team match against Horfield B, and a fire cracker from the past against Nick Frost. Both games can be found **here**

Gerald informs us that the League AGM will be on Thursday 19th May and anyone who wants to propose a motion should let him know (**gerald.mobbs@aviva.com**) by this Saturday.

**24th April 2016**

As I understand it, we are now confirmed as Runners-up in Division One, a point behind the new Champions Clifton - who we congratulate on a very fine and worthy performance. The B Team won Division Two by a country mile (whatever that is) while Divisions Three and Four have still to be settled.

I do, however, think that we should find some way of thanking **Tony Harvey**who played more games than anyone else and has been a very central figure in the club throughout. Also **Dave Neagle,** an inspirational B Team captain, who has also helped us out by playing even when City are at home. **Jason and Ed** have also performed miracles in keeping the C and D Teams going. Then there's **Gerald and Roy** who are always in the background organising and administering th life-blood of the club.

I could go on about the fantastic players that have represented us this season but nothing would have happened without the people above.

**22nd April 2016**

The A Team needed two game points to secure second place in Division One. The University, however, put out a strong side and we were missing hree of the super six so nothing was guaranteed. Thankfully **Richard Garrett** drew his game followed soon after by wins for **Humphrey Andolo, Iain Bourne** and **Tyson Mordue**. The other two games slipped away but it was enough to win 3.5-2.5.

Meanwhile the D Team were playing at home against Downend F. **Mike Pugsley** was our only winner, however, as we went down 1-3.

**18th April 2016**

Congratulations to **Patryk Krzyzanowski** who was joint winner of the Chipping Sodbury Open Rapidplay with 4.5/6!

**13th April 2016**

The D Travelled to Downend, unfortunately one man down due to a family illness. None-the-less **Paul Tomasi** and **Gerald Mobbs** were both able to draw while captain **Ed Swann** won to level the match at 2-2. A fine result.

**11th April 2016**

This week features the D Team travelling to meet Downend E on Tuesday and the C Team travelling to face University B on Thursday. Meanwhile it will be interesting to see what happens between Division One Champions (almost) Elect Clifton and bottom of the table Grendel.

**10th April 2016**

Tony has submitted another highly informative match report on the B Team's 6-0 win over Clifton B **here**.

**8th April 2016**

The D Team scored a great win last night over Cabot B 2.5-1.5. On top board **Gerald Mobbs** held on for a draw while **Roy Day** won on Board Two. Cabot defaulted on board four.

**7th April 2016**

Tony has submitted a match report for the A Team's 5.5-0.5 win over Horfield B - which can be viewed **here**.

The Bristol Chess Congress now has it's own **website**. The Summer edition will be from 10-12th June and full details and entry form can be foundon the website.

**5th April 2016**

Tonight our B Team travelled to Clifton B who have been in second place for most of this season. It was a crunch match given that they had beaten us on our own turf earlier this season. Tonight, however, everything returned to normal and our Champions won 6-0! Wins were by: **Iain Bourne, Shane Roberts, Tony Harvey, Gerry Jepps, Dave Neagle and Colin Fletcher**. 6-0 says it all.

Also please note that the new address for the Horfield Chess Club website is **www.horfieldchess.org.uk**.

**2nd April 2016**

On Thursday Night both A and C teams were in action at home. The A team scored a convincing 5.5-0.5 win over Horfield B thanks to wins from **H**umphrey Andolo, Carl Bicknell, Tyson Mordue, Patryk Krzyzanowski and Stephen Meek. The C Team were up a very powerful Cabot A team and were beaten 1.5-4.5.

Tony Harvey has also submitted a match report of the Minor KO match against Clifton which you can view **here.**

**25th March 2016**

Last night we faced Clifton in the Minor KO Cup match. It ended 3-3 with both teams equal on board count. Unfortunately for us the next tie-break was to eliminate Board Six and so Clifton took the tie. I understand that more details will follow.

**17th March 2016**

The B Team entertained Horfield C tonight. It didn't help that our nameless top board was lost by move five, or that our second board lost on time when he was a queen up while his opponent only had a King and a pawn left. Thankfully, however, our stalwarts pulled through with wins by **Shane Roberts, Tony Harvey and Dave Neagle** and a draw by **Gerrry Jepps**. Phew!

I have also just spotted that our C Team, who have had a terrific season so far stumbled against Downend C. The match result was 4-2 to Horfield but our points came from wins by **Melvyn Gringell** and **Jason Blaxill**.

**16th March 2016**

The A Team travelled to Bath with slim hopes of catching Clifton A who had scored a narrow win over Horfield B earlier in the week. In a very close match all six games were eventually drawn. It could have been very different - but personally I would prefer not to dwell on that!

**14th March 2016**

It's a big week for the club with critical matches for the A, B and C Teams in Divisions 1, 2 and 3. The C Team kick off tonight  playing away to Downend C needing a win to  keep their hopes of promotion alive. Then tomorrow night the A Team travel to Bath needing a win to maintain the pressure on Clifton. Finally the B Team are at home against third placed Horfield C and will be looking to consolidate their place at the top of  the division.

**12th March 2016**

On Tursday night the D Team played Harambee B and scored an impressive 4-0 victory thanks to wins by **Andrew Millborrow**, **Gerald Mobbs** and **Ed Swann** with Harambee defaulting on Board Four.

**9th March 2016**

Despite losing last night Clifton A still remain one point ahead of us with three matches to go. We will have to win our last three matches (versus Bath, Horfiled B and University) and hope they slip up (versus Horfield B, Grendel and Bath).

I am also informed that following the Bristol Spring Congress :

**Stephen Meek (South Bristol)** is the Bristol Champion with 3.5 pts.

James Hennefeld is the Major Champion with 3.5 pts and 11 - 9.5 on tie-break from Howard Millbank.

**Jason Blaxill (South Bristol)** is the Minor Champion with 4.5 pts.

Conratulations to all!

**3rd March 2016**

The B Team entertained Clevedon B tonight. Things were looking good when they turned up with only five players. Wins by **Richard Garrett, Shane Roberts and Gerry Jepps** secured a 5-1 win. I arrived without my glasses so the **match report** is largely guesswork - as , so it turns out is my chess! I'm told we are now guaranteed promotion and are four points clear of second place Clifton B.

**28th February 2016**

Congratulations to **Jason Blaxill**, who after taking a bye in round one, won all of his remaining four games to win the Minor of the Bristol Spring Congress outright. A fantastic achievement! **Stephen Meek** came third in the Open.

**27th February 2016**

After three rounds **Jason** has 2.5/3 in the Minor and is in with a very good chance of a prize. Both **Carl** and **Stephen** are on 2/3 in the Open - Carl having lost to GM Keith Arkell - so have everything to play for tomorrow.

**27th February 2016**

After two rounds **Carl Bicknell** is on 2/2 in the Open while **Stephen Meek** is on 1.5/2 having taken a bye in round one. **Jason Blaxill** is also on 1.5/2 also having taking a first round bye in the Minor. All to play for! You can follow the round-by-round results **here**.

**26th February 2016**

This weekend features the Bristol Spring Congress starring our own **Carl Bicknell**, **Stephen Meek** and **Jason Blaxill.**Carl and Stephen will both be competing for the top spotsin the Open - although a certain GM Keith Arkell may have something to say about that! Jason has some stiff opposition in the Minor but I also fancy his chances to be in the prizes. Good luck!

Last night the D Team were due to play Bath University B. University teams are always a bit fitful - for understandable and unavoidable reasons - and so it was in this case. The final score was 4-0 to us by virtue of a walk-over.

**24th February 2016**

The A Team scored their 7th win on the trot against Downend B last night. There were wins by **Tyson Mordue** and **Patryk Krzyzanowski** - and a remarkable save by **Gerry Jepps** two pawns down in a major piece ending I'm told. So **Gerry** is **\*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\*.**

News has also comes in that Clifton A lost to University A. They are still almost certain to win the league but ...

**19th February 2016**

It was a good result for the B Team last night as they registered a resounding 5.5-0.5 victory over Yate. **Richard Garrett, Shane Roberts, Gerry Jepps, Neville Senior** and captain **Dave Neagle** all won.

The D Team, however, didn't have it all their own against a strong Patchway B side who won 4-0.

**17th February 2016**

My spies tell me that Clifton A beat Horfield A last night. They have been very consistent throughout the season, stayed well ahead of the pack and barring a total collapse in their remaining six games look like certain champions.

There is still time to enter the Bristol Spring Congress - details can be found **here**.

**16th February 2016**

Last night the A Team travelled to Clevedon needing a win to keep the pressure up on Clifton A and Horfield A - who meet tonight. More details will follow but I am happy to report that they won 4-2 thanks to wins by **Carl Bicknell**, **Stephen Meek**, **Patryk Krzyzanowski** and **Tony Harvey**

**12th February 2016**

The hunt goes on! Last night the A Team took on Downend A, the current champions, and won 3.5-2.5 to keep our title hopes alive. We still need Clifton A and Horfield A to slip up but with us breathing down their necks - will they wobble? The match report is **here**.

**10th February 2016**

Division One Update: At the bottom Downend B beat Grendel 4.5-1.5 and although anything can happen, both remain favourites for the drop. Meanwhile Horfield A drew with Horfield B missing an opportunity to steal a march on Clifton A - who despite losing to us last week must remain firm favourites. Tomorrow night we will need to beat champions Downend A to keep our hopes alive while next week the outcome of the Clifton A v Horfield A could prove critical. Downend A still have to play both Clifton A and Horfield A so there remains much to play for. Of course there are still many games to go and everything is still possible!

... and **Tyson** has annotated another instructive game by **Jason Blaxill** featuring a brutal finish **here**

**9th February 2016**

Want to know how to beat an IM? Click **here** where **Patryk Krzyzanowski** shows us how!

**8th February 2016**

**Tyson** has annotated another game - this time one of his own from last week's head-head with Clifton A. It's a barnstormer so pour yourself a drop of your favourite plonk, sit back, enjoy and learn - **here**.

**30th December 2015**

Paul Helbig is currently playing in the Hastings Masters. The games are broadcast live each day from 2.00 p.m. **here**

**21st December 2015**

Please note that the club will not open on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve and will next open on Thursday 7th January.

**19th December 2015**

The Xmas Handicap Tournament, by all accounts, was a great success. Tyson has kindly submitted a full report and crosstable of the event which can be viewed **here**.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas, a happy New Year and a some fine chess in 2016!

**15th December 2015**

The B Team travelled to play Horfield C (away) tonight. All I can report at this stage is that we scored a narrow victory 3.5-2.5 thanks to wins by **Iain Bourne,** **Richard Garrett** and **Shane Roberts.** I'm sure more details will follow.

Please support the Club Xmas Social Do this Thursday.

**14th December 2015**

Last week the A Team bounced back with a 3.5-2.5 with over the University thanks to wins by **Carl Bicknell** and **Humphrey Andolo** - and a great draw by **Dave Neagle** who had to step in at the last minute on board 3!

There was aslo a 3.5-2.5 win over Downend D thanks to wins from **Dorota Pacion** and **Mike Pugsley**.

This week features the B Team travelling to meet Horfield C on Tuesday night and don't forget it is the **Club Xmas Handicap Tournament on Thursday night** together with festive refreshments!

**3rd December 2015**

Stephen Meek has submitted his fine win against Peter Cusick from earlier in the season. You can play through the game **here**.

Good luck to the D team who play Bath University away tonight.

**3rd December 2015**

Tony brings us up-to-date with the A Team's away match to Downend:

"We lost 2-4 to Downend A last night.

Bd1. **Patryk** won a brilliant game against Henry. When you are a 214 rated player you can take liberties however (playing black) 1.d4 d5, 2.c4 Nf6?!, 3.cxd5 Nxd5, 4.e4 Nb6, against a strong classical style player maybe is a step too far.

Bd2. **Paul** had a comfortable draw with Christopher.

Bd3. **Humphrey** lost his way in the tactics of a super sharp Sicilian Najdorf. Richard (who is having a fine season) won a good game.

Bd4. I **(GAH)** took advantage of my opponent trying to make strategic decisions in a Quick play league to hold Charlie (Fry) to a draw.

Bd5. **Dave** succumbed to Michael M in a difficult Bishops of opposite colours ending when missing his drawing opportunities.

Bd6. Unfortunately we defaulted (doh), apologies to our hosts."

**28th November 2015**

Tony reports:

"Last night we matched up against Clifton in the first round of the League KO cup. On paper it looked like a close fixture, however Clifton ran out easy winners 5.5-2.5.

Bd1. **Patryk** found James in tremendous form. These International Masters seem to know what they are doing when given space and piece mobility.

Bd2. **Stephen** was reminded of the dangers of pawn hunting without first completing his development. A fine win by John.

Bd3. **Paul** and Gareth played out an interesting draw.

Bd4. **Tyson** continued his excellent form when maintaining an iron grip on the position, Duncan’s time elapsed in a difficult position.

Bd5. **Shane** and Dominic had a very intriguing position and just when everyone was expecting their normal bout of Lottery-chess agreed a draw.

Bd6. **Gerry** our merry gambiteer offered his normal early pawn, but Igor was up the task of diligent defence and won a comfortable game.

Bd7. **Neville** and Sierra agreed a draw in a balanced position.

Bd.8. **David** had a notable advantage but Alan’s admirable defence forced an endgame where the South Bristol player lost his way.

Congratulations to Clifton and Best Wishes for the next round.

Also a Big Thank You to both **Bill** and **Roy** for their time and efforts in setting up all fourteen boards for the cup and league matches." GAH

**28th  November 2015**

Good luck to **Tyson Mordue**, **Patryk Krzyzanowski,** **Stephen Meek** and **Dorota Pacion**  who are all playing in this weekend's Bristol Winter Congress.

**23rd November 2015**

Roy sends us an important message:

"Hi everyone!

We are holding a Xmas handicap tournament with a buffet, tea and coffee on Thursday, 17th December. It will be similar to last years event which was well attended and will be a chance for a get together for some light-hearted chess and a chat. So please try to make it - especially you higher graded players - let's see what you are made of!"

**23rd November 2015**

**Tony**, our intrepid match reporter, has been very busy of late but has still generously found the time to update us on our recent matches:

Home to Grendel on 12 Nov.

Patryk won a fine game that we hope to feature on our games page at a later date. Stephen beat Alistair from an equal endgame where the clock had a large influence on the play. Carl unleashed his new opening and was held by some excellent defence by David. Iain showed Roger why it isn't always wise to play opening moves out of sequence. Roger found himself overwhelmed quite early in the night. Tony and Calvin played out an eventful draw where the Grendel player found himself two pawns down in an ending. Mike bravely stepped in to fill an unexpected absence and was unlucky to lose in a rook and pawn ending top Patrick.

SB A away to Horfield B on 17 Nov

Patryk faced in Horfield’s new Bd1. Daniel (Malkiel) a tactically strong opponent, and in a quick play finish unfortunately made and illegal move that had a bearing on his defeat. Stephen had an uneventful draw with Mike. Tyson and Kajetan agreed to turn a king pawn opening into a queen pawn opening, however the South Bristol player still came out on top. Richard and Alex played out a draw. Tony took an early draw against Peter. Jon won a complex ending against Gerry when the South Bristol player forgot to keep an eye on his clock.

SB B home to Clifton B on 19 Nov

Nick saw one move ahead of Richard in a tactical exchange and won quite quickly. To balance the scale, John saw one move less than Shane and created a lost ending. Tony was positionally outplayed by Sierra and blundered in a difficult ending. Alan and Gerry engaged in a creative game that was played out to a drawn king and pawn ending. Mark’s attack was thwarted by Dave’s solid defence and the South Bristol captain won a powerful ending. Again defensive play won the day when Tim successfully repelled Andrew’s attack. I will provide a full report at a later date.

**22nd November 2015**

This week's highlights will be the KO match against Clifton on Thursday and the C Team match against University B on the same night - both at home.

**20th November 2015**

Not a good week for the club! Last night the B Team lost 2.5-3.5 to Clifton B. At this stage all I know is that **Shane Roberts** and **Dave Neagle** both won and **Gerry Jepps** drew - but we were unable to pick up anything from the other three games.

1**8th November 2015**

Tony tells us:

"Sadly I have to report South Bristol A lost 2.5 to 3.5 against Horfied’s B team last night. Further details will follow."

**16th November 2015**

You can find a Match Report of the B Team's visit to Yate **here**

... and this week's \*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\* is ... **Patryk Krzyzanowski** - always special to beat an IM especially with the black pieces and he had had an operation the proceeding Wednesday!

**16th November 2015**

Tony informs us:

"News just in. **Humphrey Andolo** has just won the Torquay Open this weekend with 4/5. Runners up were **Paul Helbig** (also of South Bristol) Ian Thompson and Ali Reza Jaunooby (202) with 3.5/5. Humphrey sacrificed pieces to win his last two games; in the process beating Ali with the black pieces in the last round. Congratulations from all at South Bristol."

The tournament cross table can be viewed **here**

**13th November 2015**

There was success last night when the A Team took on Grendel. In the end we ran out 4-2 winners thanks to wins by **Patryk Krzyzanowski, Stephen Meek and Iain Bourne,** while **Carl Bicknell** and **Tony Harvey** both secured draws. Special thanks to **Mike Pugsley** who stepped in at the very last minute and performed creditably. **Patryk** also deserves a special mention - not only for beating IM Chris Beaumont - but for doing so with the black pieces.

**11th November 2015**

A good night for the B and D teams who both won away to consolidate their positions at the top of Division Two and Four. The D Team were up against rivals Cabot and secured a 2.5-1.5 victory thanks to a win by **Mike Pugsley** and draws by **Andrew Millborrow, Gerald Mobbs and Ed Swann.**

Meanwhile the D Team fielded a strong line up against Yate and ran out 5.5-0.5 winners thanks to wins by **Iain Bourne, Richard Garrett, Tony Harvey,Neville Senior and Dave Neagle.**

**11th November 2015**

**Stephen Meek** is this week's \*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\* for his excellent draw against IM James Cobb in the match against Clifton A.

**9th November 2015**

There are now two further match reports by **Tony** to enjoy. The first is of the A Team's encounter against Downend B **here** while the second is the A Team match against Clifton A, **here**.

**8th November 2015**

Our B, C and D Teams currently are heading Divisions 2, 3 and 4 - well done! Tuesday will be an important night for the B Team who are playing away against Yate and the D Team who are away to rivals Cabot B. Then on Thursday our A Team take on Grendel in a critical home match.

**7th November 2015**

There is now a report on the MKO match against Patchway **here.**

**6th November 2015**

Last night's Minor Knockout Match against Patchway was played to the accompaniment of Tchaichowski’s 1812 Overture – or more exactly a firework display and children’s party. Fortunately it didn't put us off tooas we won a close match 3.5-2.5 with wins for **Iain Bourne** and **Richard Garrett** on boards one and two. A brief match report will follow shortly.

**6th November 2015**

Please note that the **Bristol Winter Congress** runs from Friday 27-Sunday 29 November. It would be good to see a good turnout of South Bristol players competing. The entry form is available **here**.

**5th November 2015**

Division One looks to be full of surprises. Both ourselves and Downend A  have been under-performing. Downend A have just lost 4-2 to Bath (click **here** to see their match report), while we lost to Clifton A and Horfield A drew with Grendel. Meanwhile both Bath and the University have shown that they can more than hold their own against the "top" teams. Only Clifton A have shown the kind of consistency needed to win the league - watch this space for more twists and turns as the season progresses!

**3rd November 2015**

The A team travelled to league leaders Clifton A in what looked like it would be a very closely contested match. Tony will no doubt entertain us with a full match report in due course. Unfortunately we lost 2.5-3.5. **Stephen Meek** secured a fine draw against **IM James Cobb**, while **FM Tyson Mordue** (Board  3) and **Iain Bourne** (Board 5) both won. The white pieces won 5.5-0.5!

**News:**

Horfield A 3-3 Grendel: match went to the wire. Phil won. Harvey lost exchange but clung on. Derek couldn’t break down Beaumont’s defence. (from the Horfield website)

So we're down, but not out!

**31st October 2015**

**Tony** has submitted an update on his match report for the Keynsham A - South Bristol B match **here**

Due to my absence we haven't published the \*\*\*Player of the Week\*\*\* recently - so there is a little catching up to do:

This week's \*\*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\*\* is **Colin Fletcher** (Fletch) for his win against Harambee A.

Last week's \*\*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\*\* was **Andy Sherman** for his win against Clifton C

The previous week's \*\*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\*\* was **Paul Tomasi** for his win against Keynsham B

**30th October 2015**

Thanks **Fletch** for your update on the Keysham match (see Comments)! **Tony** has also provided his own account of what sounds like an extraordinary match **here**.

**Jason** reports also on last night's C Team match against Harambee:

"We won 5.5 - 0.5 thanks to a draw for **Dan Travis** and wins for **Colin Fletcher** - through a pawn promotion and shortly after forcing resignation because of a forced mate - and **Rod Taylor** whose opponent who was left in a lost position after losing his rook. The other 3 games were won by defaults."

**29th October 2015**

**Tony** tells us "Tonight’s match away at Keynsham A resulted in a 4.5-1.5 victory in favour of South Bristol B. Some fluctuating games resulted in wins on the top three boards for me, Shane and Richard; and draws then being agreed on the bottom three."

**28th October 2015**

**Tony** has submitted a match report on the B Team win against Patchway A which can be viewed **here**.

This week sees the B Team play away on Wednesday against Keynsham A while the C Team take on Harambee A at home. Both teams will hope to consolidate their push for the top.

**26th October 2015**

Apologies for the recent hiatus - a sojourn to the Okavanga Delta meant I had no internet access and no desire for it either! Jason has reported in the Comments Section on the C Team's fine 5-1 win over Clifton C. The A team fielded a very strong team against Downend B and narrowly won 3.5-2.5 thanks to wins by Humphrey and Carl. I have no further details but you can read Downend's match report **here**.

I also understand that the D Team have recovered from their early season wobble with a 2.5-1.5 win over Keysham B - thanks to wins by Mssrs Tomasi and Pugsley - and also a 3.5-0.5 win against Harambee B - thanks to Mssrs Millborrow, Pugsley and Swann.

So while our start to the season hasn't exactly been electric we are still challenging for the top spot in all four divisions!

I hope to have the site fully up-to-date by the end of the week. Please send in anything you would like to see included.

**12th October 2015**

Roy offers us a nice account of the latest D Team match:

"The D team match against Downend E on Oct 8th was a win for SBCC. Andrew and Mike had wins on 1 and 2 and Ed won quite easily on 4. I played Toby Kan a delightful 9 year old Chinese lad. Tyson came over and said this is a game between the oldest and youngest players in the league. I thought "hey ho" a potential embarrassment at stake! I won a pawn early on and felt reasonably "smug" - ha ha! Toby offered an early draw but I said it was a bit early - then all my experience went down the plug hole! Toby with his little fingers was manoeuvring his Knight and pawn against my King. He offered a draw again and I grabbed it with both hands! Well played Toby!"

**12th October 2015**

Gerald has helpfully provided us with our performances in the B&DCL going back to 2007 - see our "**Roll of Honour**" page

**11th October 2015**

You can find a fine game by Mr Millborrow against Mr May superbly annotated by Mr Mordue **here.**

This week's \*\*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\*\* is **SHANE ROBERTS** for his crucial win in the B Team match against rivals Thornbury.

Jason has provided further details for our "**Roll of Honour**" page. We are still missing a lot of information about the achievements of individual club members - come come on, let's hear from you!

Finally I am sure we all hope that Tony makes a swift recovery from his recent ill health.

**8th October 2015**

Oh what a night (Ifeel a song coming on!) The D team had a resounding 3.5-0.5 win against Downend E - a great result and their first of the season!

Things were somewhat closer in the B Team match against Thornbury. After three draws on boards 2, 5 and 6 it looked grim. On board one Iain played a long tactical line that he thought won but there was a flaw - spotted by is opponent leaving him with an utterly hopeless ending. On board three all kind of weird things seemed to be going on - not all of them in our favour. None-the-less, Shane somehow pulled off a fine win.

That left the match hanging on board 4. Neville had built up a fine position with lots of space on the kingside and where his opponent had absolutely no counter-play. Unfortunately he rushed the kingside pawn break as the spectators looked on in horror. His opponent missed the refutation but the position became extremely complicated. Neville, however, in extreme time trouble, defended brilliantly winning on time in a totally won position. So, in the end we won 3.5-2.5 - but it didn't always look that way

**8th October 2015**

Roy has supplied some more information for our **Roll of Honour** Page - but there are still a lot of gaps. If you have any information about either the club's past achievements or the successes of our players please let **me** know

**7th October 2015**

Last night the C Team scored a tough match 4-2 victory away to Hanham B. There were wins for **Rod Taylor, Jason Blaxill, Paul Tomasi.**Hanham helped us out a bit by defaulting on one board. A match report will follow ...

Tomorrow night the B Team take on Division leaders Thornbury in a match that is likely to be close fought. The D Team also have an important match against Downend E.

**6th October 2015**

Tony has posted another of his insightful match reports - this time he covers the Minor Knock Out Cup match against Downend which we won 4-2. The full match report can be viewed **here**

Tonight the C  Team take on Hanham B (away). Good luck!

**5th October 2015**

.... and the \*\*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\*\* this week is **ANDREW MILLBORROW** for his tidy win that helped the D team share the points with a strong Clevedon side in Division 4.  Unfortunately I don't have a a photo to share with you as yet but rest assured - the paparazzi are out and the wait will not be long!

**3rd October 2015**

On Thursday night the B Team scored a fine 4.5-1.5 win over Patchway. **Tony Harvey, Neville Senior and Rod Taylor** all winning while **Dave Neagle, Dorota Pacion and Colin Fletcher** secured the win with draws. Meanwhile the D Team were able to draw 2-2 against Clevedon C.

**1st October 2015**

The B and D Teams are in action tonight against Patchway A and Clevedon C respectively. Who knows what will happen. The B Team should be challenging for promotion but we can't always guarantee to put out our strongest team. Meanwhile the D Team is a work in progress with lots of promising talent  - so we should expect a few upsets before we get everyone up to speed.

**30th September 2015**

Few games are perfect, but most games reach a "critical moment." These positions arise regardless of strength and this is why we have a "**Critical Moments**" page. A couple of new positions have been uploaded from the recent MKO match between S.Bristol and Horfield. Enjoy!

**30th September 2015**

Well the crunch match didn't exactly go as we hoped and Horfield A will be delighted with a 3.5-2.5 victory.  I imagine it was a night of drama but all I know is that Paul Helbig won, while Tyson Mordue, Stephen Meek and Dave Neagle drew. It's a set back but there's a long way to go and hopefully the team will become stronger over the rest of the season. You can see how Horfield viewed the match **here**

**29th September 2015**

Tonight the A Team take on Horfield A in a crunch match. We again will be without many of our key players so anything can happen.

I have added a **"Roll of Honour"** page under the Home Tab (above) - I think it is important that we begin to record our history before it is lost to future generations. Please have a look and help me fill in the gaps and correct any errors...

**28th September 2015**

As promised, you can now find Jason's high;y informative report on the C Team's titanic struggle against Downend C **here**.

**27th September 2015**

Tony has submitted entertaining match report of the A Team match against Bath A which can be viewed **here**.

Meanwhile Jason Blaxill has been voted \*\*PLAYER OF THE WEEK\*\* for the second week running for his "Morphy-like" win against Nigel Wilcox in the Minor KO Cup.

Check-in again tomorrow to see Jason's fascinating observations on the C Team's narrow loss to Downend C.

**25th September 2015**

Last night South Bristol faced a strong Downend side in the KO Cup and it took some gritty performances before eventually winning 4-2 with wins by Iain Bourne, Richard Garrett and Star Player of the Week Jason Blaxill. Andy Sherman and Dorota Pacion also played some fine chess to secure the necessary draws to win the match. No doubt the full drama of the night will be captured in one of Tony's unmissable match reports (to come).

**22nd September 2015**

Tony has submitted a typically entertaining report of the A Team match against Clevedon A **here.**

This week is a little quieter than of late with just one match being played in the KO Cup against Downend at home on Thursday.

**20th September 2015**

This weeks \*\*\* PLAYER OF THE WEEK \*\*\* is Jason Blaxill who played two games last week against higher graded opposition and scored 1.5/2 - top stuff!

**19th September 2015**

For Tony's light-hearted report on the B Team match against Bath B click **here**.

As you will see from Jason's updates in the Comments panel (RHS) it was mixed fortunes for the A and C Teams and we hope to have more details soon.

**17th September 2015**

The B Team continued their winning start to the season by winning a close match against Bath B 3.5-2.5. Tony has wriiten a hilarious match report which I will put up tomorrow night.

The F Team were less fortunate against Downend F going down 3-1. Gerald supplies us with the details:

P Birch                  1              Roy Day

J. Connors           0.5            Mike Pugsley

J. Tye                    0.5           Gerald Mobbs

J. Griffee               1              Sam Haynes

Roy and Sam both lost quite quickly.

Mike took a draw in a R & P end game which may technically have been won

I (GM) was two P up with Q and opposite B but failed to make progress and getting short of time when I conceded  a perpetual.  In the “good old days” I could have played for the adjudication!

Tonight the A Team have a tough match against Bath A.

**15th September 2015**

Tyson has submitted his highly instructive game against Dave Egginton from the recent South Bristol A v Clevedon A match. To play though it go to **Games 2015-16 Season**.

**15th September 2015**

A big welcome to two new recruits - **Mohamed Hasan** and **Paul Tomasi** - who both played in the C Team's 4-2 victory over Hanham A. Jason Blaxill has submitted a highly entertaining match report which can be viewed **here**.

**14th September 2015**

It has been decided to re-introduce the "**Player of Week"** nominations and I am informed that the award this week goes to **Richard Garrett** for his two wins against Clevedon A and Clevedon B - congratulations Richard!

**13th September 2015**

The match report, written in Tony's inimitable style, for the B Team's win over Clevedon B is now available **here**.

The D Team bounced back from their previous defeat to draw 2-2 against Patchway B thanks to wins by Mssrs **Pugsley** and **Millborrow.**

Meanwhile the C Team scored a 4-2 victory over a tough Hanham A - as reported by Jason (see comments opposite).

We are sad to hear that **Carl Bicknell** had suddenly been taken ill. Our thoughts are with him and we hope he is able to make a speedy recovery.

We have also heard that for a variety of practical reasons **Carl Rabey** will be unable to play for us this season. We would like to thank him for all the help he has given us and to wish him well on his new ventures.

**12th September 2015**

On Thursday night the A Team began their campaign to regain the the League Title against Clevedon A. A full match report will follow but I can confirm that we won 4.5-1.5 with wins from Tyson Mordue, Paul Helbig, Richard Garrett and Tony Harvey.

**8th September 2015**

Bob Radford generously informs me that all the club videos are still available online.

There is a website for the 2013 Club Championship **here** and a collection of videos on Youtube available **here**

You can also access these via the **LINKS** page

**8th September 2015**

Tony tell us of a great start to the season by the B Team:

"SB B team recorded a 4.5 to 1.5 victory against Clevedon B, who in the past has been a bogie opponent.  After going 1 nil down, a good win by Richard brought us level.  The remaining four games all went down to the wire and this time fortune favoured South Bristol.  Some very interesting play and positions were resolved happily to our benefit.   A full report to follow..."

**6th September 2015**

A big week for the club with all four teams involved in important matches.

On Monday the B Team visit Clevedon B hoping to put down a mark.

On Tuesday the C Team travel to Hanham which should give us a good idea of our hopes for the season.

On Thursday our A Team leap into action against Clevedon A - a match in which nothing can ever be taken for granted.

Meanwhile the D Team visit Parkway A - and the only way is up!

**PLEASE** - can all **team captains** submit a match report for all matches, however brief, and preferably within a day of the match. For reasons that I cannot fully explain right now, I will not be able to break your legs immediately, but I have a very good memory!

**4th September 2015**

Last night our D Team, fielding a couple of new faces, kicked off our season at home against Horfield D. You could say that not everything went our way as we went down 0-4 - but the only way is up! The teamsheet is available on the **D Team** page if you click on "Match Report" - hopefully we will soon have some more details to add.

You will now find the dates of all our matches before Xmas on our **Club Calendar** - can Match Captains make sure that I have entered these correctly.

We are also delighted to welcome **Paul Helbig** back into the fold. Although Paul has had a break from chess he has consistently been rated between 190-200 so will be a very strong addition to our A Team.

**29th August 2015**

The League season kicks off next week. We will have an opportunity to watch our D Team entertain Horfield D at home on Thursday in Division Four. Earlier in the week Horfield A play Horfield B while Downend A play Downend B in Division One - intriguing!

**27th August 2015**

Tony informs us of another South Bristol success:

"Congratulations are in order to our own **Neville Senior**.  Equal 1st place in the recent Steve Boniface Memorial Congress Major section with 4/5 and sharing the prize money with three other participates.  Well Done Neville."

**26th August 2015**

We are delighted to extend a very warm welcome **Carl Bicknell** to our club. Carl (graded 196) will be very strong addition to our A Team and has just won with the Steve Boniface Memorial Congress Open (results and games **here**) with  a perfect 5/5! For those of you who have yet to meet Carl, his photo is opposite.

**24th August 2015**

Apparently Clifton B and Clifton C have conflated into one team in Division Two. This means a few fixture changes viz:

In Division One our A Team will now play Cliton A (away) on 3rd November.

In Division Two our B Team will play Clifton B on 19th November (home) and 5th April (away)

The **fixture lists** have been updated accordingly.

**21st August 2015**

Roy tells us:

The **South Bristol Chess Championship Final** was played last night 20th August between **H Andolo** and **R Garrett.**

2 games of 30 mins each were played with alternate colours in the event of a tie a game of 15 mins to be played with Richard playing white in the first and third if necessary.

Humphrey won a fairly even first game on time

Richard won the second game and so inevitably a third game was played which Humphrey won at lightning speed

Richard said that he played quickly because of losing the first game on time

Congratulations to **Humphrey Andolo** (pictured opposite) our new club champion!

**10th August 2015**

The fixtures for the new season are now available **here**

The eagle-eyed among you will also note that I've tried to simplify the website in anticipation of the forthcoming season. have a quick look and let me know if you'd like any further changes.

**8th August 2015**

Jason has shared a couple has shared a couple of photos from Thursday's AGM (prize-givings) opposite.

Congratulations to **Sam** on a very fine performance in the British scoring 5.5/11 despite being heavily outgraded in all but one round.

**6th August 2015**

Don't forget it is the **Club AGM** tonight. I have to send my apologies but please try to get there to influence the future direction of the club.

Meanwhile **Sam** is still going strong (his ELO so far for the tournament is 2141) in the British and is now on 5/9 with two rounds to go. He has played some very interesting chess and hopefully I will be able to publish some of the highlights in the not too distant future!

**1st August 2015**

Sam is playing a blinder at the British. After losing his first two games he has won two and drawn two - and had been pressing for the win in both the drawn games. With 3/6 its all to play for.

**31st July 2015**

The British Championships are being broadcast each day from 3.00 pm at www.chess24.com - where you can watch the exploits of our very own **Sam Gower**. As I speak Sam is on 1.5/4 and looking good.

**28th July 2015**

Jason has sent in some photos of the South Bristol Rapidplay which you can view **here**.

**27th July 2015**

The new Grading List is out. The full list of club players can be found **here**. The biggest improvements are:

Patryk Krzyzanowski 197 (+10)

Humphrey Andolo 190 (+6)

Sam Gower 170 (+8)

David Frydman 164 (+11)

Dan Travis 160 (+10)

You can search the who ECF Grading Database **here**.