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Durham County Junior Championships

Held at Red Rose School, Chester-le-Street on Saturday, 14th February

The Durham County Junior Championships were organised at Red Rose School by the Northumbria Junior Chess Association. 44 children took part in this event where the fact that it was half-term meant that several of our regulars were unable to attend. Four good tournaments were held.

At Under-9, Thomas Gholkar who lives in Hamsterley Mill but attends Newcastle Royal Grammar School was clear champion with 7 wins from his 7 games. Second was Ronny Dunbar from Tynemouth on 5/7 and third equal on 4½/7 were Andrew Louw and Oliver Bennett both also from RGS. Top girl and winner of the Durham Girls Championship was Lisa Ryan from Red Rose.

Two more RGS boys shared top spot in the U-11 Championship with 6/7. They were Matthew Bennett and Edward Dunn. Matthew, who took a gold medal, lives in Newcastle and so could not win the Durham Championship which went to Edward who lives in Chester-le-Street. Andrew Douglas was third on 5/7 and Aine Beldon from Tynemouth was the top girl on 4/7.

Jamie Sheerin of RGS scored 5½/6 in a combined U-14 and U-15 Championship and took a gold medal, but again, living in Newcastle, was not allowed to win the Durham title. Second place, a point behind was shared by Stephen Wardle (Tynemouth) and Thomas Mavin from Darlington. Thomas, still only 8, wins the Durham Championship at Under-13; Andrew Craggs (Red Rose) was awarded the Durham U-15 title.

There was a particularly good and hard fought tournament at Under-18 controlled by 15-year old Sophie Seeber who on this occasion preferred arbiting to playing herself! Eventually Christopher Wardle (Tynemouth) came out on top with 4½/5. Steven Aitchison (Tynemouth) was half a point behind. Third place on 3½/5 was shared between Patrick Beldon (Tynemouth) and Theon Rogers (RGS). Since Theon comes from Cleadon he became Durham County Champion.

We are, as always, grateful to Red Rose School, once again, for the use of their hall and to head teacher, Mrs Lees for presenting all the prizes.

CHESS FLIGHT TO IRELAND.



RGS Newcastle were due to play Methodist College, Belfast in the BCF Schools Championship. Instead of playing by telephone or at Stranraer as in the past, they flew to Belfast taking advantage of Ryanair's cheap flights.

Sadly the match was lost by 2-4 – the Lai brothers won on the top two boards and were very cross with the rest of the team!

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNDER 18 TOURNAMENT

1. Patrick BELDON	Thomas More	W+6 B+5 W+3 B-2 B+4	4
2. David BLACK	Red Rose	B+8 W-3 B+5 W+1 B+7	4
3. Theon ROGERS	RGS	W+7 B+2 B-1 W-4 W+8	3
4. Christopher WARDLE	Tynemouth	W-5 B+7 W+6 B+3 W-1	3
5. Sophie SEEBER	Forest Hall	B+4 W-1 W-2 B+8 W=6	2½
6. Steven AITCHISON	Tynemouth	B-1 W+8 B-4 W+7 B=5	2½
7. Robert McLEOD	West Denton	B-3 W-4 B+8 B-6 W-2	1
8. Stephen WARDLE	Tynemouth	W-2 B-6 W-7 W-5 B-3	0

Patrick Beldon is Northumberland U-18 Champion as David Black is from Chester-le-Street

UNDER 15/13 TOURNAMENT

1. Jonathan LAI	RGS	B+8 W+5 B+4 W=2 B+3 W+10 B+7	6½
2. Daniel LAI	RGS	B+4 W+10 W+3 B=1 B+5 W+6 W+8	6½
3. Christopher WALKER	RGS	B+9 W+7 B-2 W+6 W-1 B=4 B+5	4½
4. Samuel BELDON	Thomas More	W-2 B+11 W-1 B+9 W+7 W=3 +FF	4½
5. Daniel GALLIMORE	Durham	W+11 B-1 W+7 B+10 W-2 B+9 W-3	4
6. Scott MILNE	Thomas More	B-7 +FF W+8 B-3 W+10 B-2 W+11	4
7. Daniel LAVERICK	Durham	W+6 B-3 B-5 W+8 B-4 +FF W-1	3
8. Alexander MABERLY	Thomas More	W-1 W+9 B-6 B-7 +FF W+11 B-2	3
9. Jack PENDER	Thomas More	W-3 B-8 +FF W-4 B+11 W-5 B+10	3
10. Stephen STOREY	Thomas More	+FF B-2 W+11 W-5 B-6 B-1 W-9	2
11. David MULVANEY-SALES	Thomas More	B-5 W-4 B-10 +FF W-9 B-8 B-6	1

Jonathan Lai is Northumberland U-15 Champion and Daniel Lai is U-13 Champion

UNDER 11 TOURNAMENT

1. Ross MILLS	RGS	B+7 W+11 B+3 W+13 B+6 W+2 B+5	7
2. Andrew DOUGLAS	RGS	B+8 W+12 B+4 W-6 B+3 B-1 W+7	5
3. Matthew BENNETT	RGS	W+15 B+9 W-2 B+8 W-5 B+11 B+6	5
5. Hamish YAU	RGS	B=10 W-3 B+11 W+12 B+4 W+6 W-1	4½
6. George BILCLOUGH	RGS	B+19 W+13 B+14 B+2 W-1 B-5 W-4	4
7. Michael BURN	Red Rose	W-1 B+16 B-13 W+19 W+9 B+10 B-2	4
8. Liam CROSS-SMITH	Red Rose	W-2 B+20 W+18 W-4 B+14 W-3 B+11	4
9. Jamie RIDLEY-SMITH	RGS	B+14 W-4 B-12 W+17 B-7 W+19 B+16	4
10. Aine BELDON	Tynemouth	W=5 B-18 W+15 W-3 B+13 W-7 B+17	3½
11. Robin KERRISON	Tynemouth	W+20 B-1 W-5 B+18 B+12 W-4 W-8	3
12. James BUDD	Red Rose	W+18 B-2 W+9 B-5 W-11 B-16 B+20	3
13. Charles ANDERSON	RGS	W+16 B-6 W+7 B-1 W-10 B-14 B+19	3
14. Alastair CAMPBELL	Tynemouth	W-9 B+17 W-6 B+15 W-8 W+13 B-3	3
15. Nathaniel GRAHAM	RGS	B-4 W+19 B-10 W-14 B+20 W=17 W=18	3
16. Megan PATTIE	Tynemouth	B-13 W-7 B-17 W+20 B+19 W+12 W-9	3
17. Andrew GRAHAM	Marden Br.	B-3 W-14 W+16 B-9 W+18 B=15 W-10	2½
18. Alan NG	RGS	B-12 W+10 B-8 W-11 B-17 W+20 B=15	2½
19. Andrew SMITH	Marden Br.	W-6 B-15 W=20 B-7 W-16 B-9 W-13	½
20. Alex CLOWRY	Valley Gdns	B-11 W-8 B=19 B-16 W-15 B-18 W-12	½

UNDER 9 TOURNAMENT

1. John BROOKER	RGS	B+5 W+7 B+2 W+6 B+3 B+8 W+4 B+10 W+12	9
2. Thomas LANGLEY	RGS	+FF B+8 W-1 B+4 W+7 B+6 W+3 W-5 B+11	7
3. Gavin MINTY	RGS	W+4 B+9 W-6 B+5 W-1 B+7 B-2 W+8 B+15	6
4. Peter CAMPBELL	Tynemouth	B-3 W+14 B+11 W-2 W+10 B+9 B-1 W+15 W+5	6
5. Stephen JAMFREY	Red Rose	W-1 +FF B=8 W-3 B+12 W+13 W+9 B+2 B-4	5½
6. Matthew ALDRIDGE	RGS	B+13 W+12 B+3 B-1 W-8 W-2 B+11 W-7 W=9	4½
7. Thomas GHOLKAR	RGS	B+14 B-1 W+15 W+9 B-2 W-3 W=12 B+6 B-13	4½
8. John ROWLAND	Red Rose	B+11 W-2 W=5 B+14 B+6 W-1 W-10 B-3 +FF	4½
9. Ronnie DUNBAR	Tynemouth	W+10 W-3 B+13 B-7 W+11 W-4 B-5 +FF B=6	4½
10. Jamie NAIK	RGS	B-9 W-11 B+12 W+13 B-4 W+15 B+8 W-1 W=14	4½
11. Ross MUSGRAVE	Red Rose	W-8 B+10 W-4 B+15 B-9 +FF W-6 B+14 W-2	4
12. Monty DETHICK	Tynemouth	W=15 B-6 W-10 +FF W-5 B+14 B=7 W+13 B-1	4
13. Anna BURN	Red Rose	W-6 B+15 W-9 B-10 W+14 B-5 +FF B-12 W+7	4
14. Lucy BROWN	Red Rose	W-7 B-4 +FF W-8 B-13 W-12 B+15 W-11 B=10	2½
15. Desmond BLOEMERS	Marden Br.	B=12 W-13 B-7 W-11 +FF B-10 W-14 B-4 W-3	1½

With 100% scores Ross Mills at U-11 and John Brooker at U-9 are Champions. Our thanks go to St Thomas More School for hosting these Championships and especially to Debbie Mulroy who arranged it and presented the prizes at the end

