

Parks 2010 Report

(from the Northumberland County Congress (26/09/2010))

The first NJCA event for the new season was relatively well attended for a Sunday tournament close to the start of the autumn term. The venue was the very comfortable Willow Suite, handily situated close to the cafe and soft play area for the strong contingent of chess juniors.

The first round saw Manav beat Aaranya on time in what seemed to be a drawn position. Sometimes juniors tend to move too quickly and it was good to see players like Aaranya and Darina using as much time as possible when considering their moves. In round 3 Joseph won on board 1 against Kashav, Manav lost to Naman, and there were 3 draws between Darina and Eashan, Aaranya and Parth and William and Ethan.

The girls' championship was decided in Round 4 when Aaranya playing white had the better of it against second placed Darina. Meanwhile on board 1, Akhil beat Joseph in what proved to be the decisive victory in the boys' section. In round 5 there was a hard fought draw between Akhil and Naman, and Joseph won with black against Manav. In the crucial last set of games Joseph Dalton came second out right with 5/6 by beating third placed Naman, while Akhil secured first place by beating Aaranya in a very long and interesting game to give him a very impressive 5.5/6. Parth drew with Manav and in doing so came 4th equal with Mark Rowden on 4. Aaranya duly claimed the Girls' Trophy with 3.5.

Everyone received a distinctive medal and matching ribbon for competing, and trophies with a new design were given for both first and second in the boys and girls. This is the only tournament in the calendar that awards cash prizes as a bonus, and Akhil will be buying the cokes tomorrow with his richly deserved £20. Joseph picked up £10 and Naman received £5. Zheming, William, Anthony and Hugo played in the Minor Congress at the Parks, where they all won £5 each for competing. The RGS tournament is only two weeks away and this weekend will have helped to whet everyone's appetite for the chess competition to come. Richard Boddy and Abi Adams controlled ably, ensuring that the day went smoothly and safely so that all the juniors could enjoy themselves in a secure environment, while an extra thank you goes to David Watson of the Northumberland Chess Association for arranging and funding the venue, publicising the event and helping to set out and clear away. All in all a very promising start to the year!

Full Results

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Pos	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
1	Akhil Gupta (RGS)	8w1	16b1	12b1	2w1	3w"	7b1	5.5
2	Joseph Dalton (RGS)	12w1	5b1	9w1	1b0	6b1	3w1	5
3	Naman Garg (Yarm)	16w1	4b1	6b1	8w1	1b"	2b0	4.5
4	Parth Mannikar (RGS)	14b1	3w0	7b"	9b1	10w1	6w"	4
5	Mark Rowden (S.Shlds)	17b1	2w0	14b1	6w0	8b1	11w1	4
6	Manav Gupta (RGS)	7w1	10b1	3w0	5b1	2w0	4b"	3.5
7	Aaranya Nodiyal (NPS)	6b0	15b1	4w"	13w1	9b1	1w0	3.5
8	Daksh Sharma (RGS)	1b0	bye	11w1	3b0	5w0	13w1	3
9	Keshav Krishnan (RGS)	13w1	11b1	2b0	4w0	7w0	14b1	3
10	Eashan Ragbir (RGS)	15b1	6w0	13b"	17w1	4b0	12w"	3
11	Rory Bell (St Tes)	bye	9w0	8b0	15w1	12b1	5b0	3
12	Daniel Bell (St Tes)	2b0	17w1	1w0	16b1	11w0	10b"	2.5
13	Darina Andriychenko (St Tes)	9b0	14w1	10w"	7b0	15w1	8b0	2.5
14	John Halliday (Pitt'ton)	4w0	13b0	5w0	bye	16b1	9w0	2
15	Kieran Bell (St Tes)	10w0	7w0	bye	11b0	13b0	17w1	2
16	Ethan Heardman (RGS)	3b0	1w0	17b"	12w0	14w0	bye	1.5
17	William Slater (RGS)	5w0	12b0	16w"	10b0	bye	15b0	1.5