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NEWS

John Wager (Metropolitan Police) has won the CSSC National Championship held in Leeds. Congratulations to John who came 1st with a score of 4½/5. 14 played. John also won the event in 2003.

Kevin Thurlow (UNATS) won the Best Game Prize for the following game played in Round 4 (notes by Kevin):-

Greenacre, Kevin (1954) - Thurlow, Kevin (2122) [B22]

20th CSSC Championship, 2010

1.e4 c5 2.c3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e5 Bg7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nge2 [8.Nf3 Bg4] 8...f6 9.f4 Nh6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Qb3 e6 12.Bd2 b5 White has a big centre and Black appears to have two bad bishops, but d4 is weak and the Black pieces can activate quickly. **13.h3 Bb7 14.Rac1 Na5 15.Qd1 Nc4 16.Rc2 [16.Bxc4 dxc4 would be pleasing for Black!] 16...Nxd2** otherwise, white would play Bc1 and b3. But the rook leaving the back rank gives Black play. **17.Qxd2 fxe5 18.fxe5 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Qh4 20.Kg1 Rf8** and now Black looks a bit threatening on the kingside, but the bishops are still not great. **21.Nd1 Rf7 22.Qa5 b4** Threatening Qd1+ **23.Qxb4?!** [23.g3 is better.] **23...Bxe5 24.a3 Bb8 25.Bxa6 [25.Rc8+ Bxc8 26.Qxb8 Rf8 delays matters.] 25...Ng4 26.g3** is best. [26.hxg4 Qh2#; 26.Bxb7 Bh2+ 27.Kh1 Rf1+ 28.Ng1 Rxc1#] **26...Qxh3 27.Nf4 Qxg3+ 28.Rg2 Qxf4 0-1**

ECF GRADES FOR 2010-2011

The full online ECF list may be found at <http://grading.bcfservices.org.uk/>

The ECF grades should be used to determine lists of nominated players.

A REMINDER

Club Secretaries must inform the Senior Recorder of their nominations in accordance with League Rule 12 by no later than **10th September 2010**. The Senior Recorder still requires nominations from Business & Innovation, GLCC, DHSS, Treasury and UNATS.

INDIVIDUAL BLITZ TOURNAMENT

The Individual Blitz Tournament will be held on **Thursday 16th September 2010**, start time is 6.45pm in the Greycoat Room, Civil Service Recreation Centre, Chadwick Street, London SW1P 2EP. Entry is free, but please notify the tournament controller,

Nigel Blades Tel 020-8580 5872 (Home) email: nigelblades@blueyonder.co.uk by **Friday 10th September** if you wish to enter. Entries will be acknowledged.

The tournament is open to all LCSPOM Chess League players. Civil servants new to the League are welcome but must first join their Departmental club (see <http://www.cscl.org.uk> for a list of clubs).

The format of the event will be all-play-all, number of rounds dependent on entry, but will finish by 9.30pm approximately. 5 minutes per player per game. FIDE Blitz rules apply (the same as in previous years)

The winner will hold the Bond Trophy for one year. 2009's winner was Arne Eilers (Metropolitan Police).

HANDBOOK AMENDMENTS

These changes apply to the 2010-2011 Handbook which has been recently issued to Club Secretaries.

Page 1 – Executive Committee – amend “Rule 7” to read “Rule 6”.

It is envisaged that the next *Information Sheet* will be published in October.