



# OLTON CHESS CLUB



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### DIVISION 3 WIN 2<sup>ND</sup> PROMOTION

Following last season's promotion of the Division 4 team as runners up, it was expected that Division 3 would find it hard going this season. However, thanks to some additional players joining the teams and some great performances from existing members and reserves, they have gone one better and won Division 3.

It was a good team all-round effort. Scores for the players during the season were :

Jim McDonald 7½/13  
 Steve Chadaway 9½/15  
 Ken Allen 9/15  
 Chris Pitt 6½/12  
 Jens Christensen 10/11  
 John Llewelyn 9/12

Also playing as part of the team was Richard Liszewski. New members this season included Steve Chadaway playing on the higher boards, Chris Pitt in the middle order and Jens Christensen lower down. Unfortunately, Jens has now moved to Glasgow. The team will compete in Division 2 next season, along with the relegated 1B team. This will be a much more daunting prospect, but the team seems to be up to the challenge.

Well done to the team and Reserves Jim Gillespie and Dave Stockwin, who played in a number of the matches. And here they all are....



### FINAL RESULTS 2006-07

#### Division 1A

Olton 3-3 Lichfield

#### Division 1B

Olton 2-4 Bushbury

#### Division 3

Olton 4-2 South B'ham

Walsall 2-4 Olton

Olton 4½-1½ Rushall

Mercia 1½-4½ Olton

#### Division 5

Mutual 4-2 Olton

#### Olton 1A

Olton 2½-2½ Banbury (Cup)

Kenilworth 3-2 Olton

Banbury win on board elimination

#### Olton 1B

Nuneaton 2½-1½ Olton

### FRIENDLIES OPEN NEW SEASON

The new season opens proper on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, when Olton 2A take on the B side in the opening fixture. By that time, though, the club will have played the two annual friendly matches.

The Shirley match was played on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August over 16 boards and saw a narrow win for Olton in what has been a close affair over the years.

The full scorecard appears below, but to sum up events, Andy Cottom lost very quickly. Mark Cundy's game was a mess and Robert Reynolds drew in a better position. No change there, then.

Mick Kerr played well to score a well-deserved win on board 13 (more on him later), but there were some disappointing outcomes from promising-looking games on the higher boards.

With everyone in good heart, the attention now moves to the home friendly match against South Birmingham on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> August. The club has taken a beating in this match over the last few years, but we can only hope that we put up a better

performance this time.

Moving into the season itself, the club has entered five teams in the BDCL and three in the Leamington League. We have Birmingham League teams in Divisions 1, 2 (A and B), 5 and 6. This will prove to be a bit of a stretch, but we should be able to give everyone, including the newer players to the club a regular team place. The additional LDCL team in Division 2 makes a welcome return with a number of players expressing interest.

Please note that with the smoking ban coming into force in July this year, it is now an offence to smoke anywhere inside the premises of the Tyseley club.

Chess club subscriptions remain the same this year at £21 for full members, £11 for Juniors & O.A.Ps. These are due by the end of October and should be paid to John Clulee as soon as possible.

TWMC subscriptions are due in January 2008 and are expected to remain at £10. These can be collected with chess subs and paid by the committee if required.

#### SHIRLEY

Rob Walker	0-1
Dave Thomas	0-1
John Freeman	½-½
Rob Purcell	0-1
Gordon Christie	1-0
Aled Walker	0-1
Ken Warren	1-0
John Asbury	0-1
Frank Jimenez	½-½
Gabor Cspregi	1-0
Kim Gilbert	0-1
Mike Warden	def-1
Jonathon Dale	0-1
J Garrity	1-0
R Simpson	1-0
Philip Purcell	1-0
<b><u>7-9</u></b>	

#### OLTON

Phil Holt
Mark Cundy
Robert Reynolds
Richard Smith
Robert Wallman
Dave Cheshire
Trevor Holt
Gary Hope
Paul Hodgskin
Andy Cottom
Jim Gillespie
Bramwell Garner
Mick Kerr
Bill Yeomans
Courtney Kerr
J Eardly (Shirley)

## OPENING FIXTURES

### Division 1

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, home to Bushbury  
 Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September, home to West Brom II (cup)

### Division 2A

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, home to Olton B  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, away at Halesowen

### Division 2B

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September, 'away' to Olton A  
 Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September, home to Halesowen

### Division 5

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September, away at West Mids Police  
 Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, home to Westminster

### Division 6

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September, away at Boldmere B  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, home to Boldmere A

### Leamington 1A

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, home to Shirley  
 Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, away at Banbury

### Leamington 1B

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September, away at Stratford  
 Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October, home to Solihull

### Leamington 2C

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September, away at Stratford  
 Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, away at Solihull

## Registrations

### 2007-08

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Grade</u>
Phil Holt	183
Alan Lloyd	166
Dave Gostelow	148
Robert Wallman	148
Mark Cundy	147
Robert Reynolds	144

### Division 2A

Richard Smith	149
Richard Reynolds	142
Trevor Holt	141
Dave Cheshire	140
Jim McDonald	127
Steve Chadaway	131

### Division 2B

Paul Hodgskin	127
Ken Allen	126
Dave Brown	122
Chris Pitt	121
John Llewelyn	113
Andy Cottom	111

### Division 5

Mark Radford	126
Richard Liszewski	112
Jim Gillespie	109
Dave Stockwin	103
Bramwell Garner	87
Stuart Bradley	79

### Division 6

Pete Singh	70
John Clulee	67
Peter Simpson	64
Bill Yeomans	54
Mick Kerr	--
Courtney Kerr	--

Warren Archibald	--
Tony Goldwater	--

### Other players

Martin Smyth	158
Henry Brockbank	152
Gary Hope	140
Jens Christensen	144

## SUMMER TOURNAMENT

This year's event was won by Phil Holt with 6½/7. Robert Reynolds was second on 5½ and Matthew Tapp was third on 5.

Kim Gilbert won the Major section on 4½, after beating Gary Hope in round 7. John Asbury was second on 4/7. Dave Stockwin and Frank Jimenez were equal on 3½ in the Minor and John Clulee won the grading prize.

## PHIL HOLT SIMULTANEOUS

### 2007

Club champion Phil Holt provided us with a simultaneous display during the summer recess. Considering the number of entrants and the standard of opposition, he did pretty well. There were 13 club members providing a wide range of

abilities and the results were slightly surprising.

Four players scored draws – Robert Reynolds, Steve Chadaway, Dave Stockwin and Mike Kerr. Robert looked to be in a difficult position and it was later found to be lost at one point, but the end position was to Robert's advantage. Steve held a steady position together throughout the game and Phil was unable to make any progress.

Dave's game was extremely complex and he might well have won early on, but he came under more and more pressure as the number of opponents diminished. Mike did extremely well to play Phil into a stodgy position and again he was unable to make any headway.

Everyone else lost in various degrees of catastrophic fashion, but special mention should be made of Jim Gillespie, who almost hung on for a draw. Here are a couple of games from the event.

### WHITE

#### P.Holt

1. P-K4
2. P-Q4
3. P-K5
4. N-KB3
5. B-K2
6. O-O
7. R-K1
8. P-QN3
9. B-N2
10. QN-Q2
11. P-B4
12. B-KB1
13. BPxP
14. NxP
15. P-QN4
16. PxN
17. N(4)-B3
18. N-N3
19. KRxQ
20. QN-Q4
21. NxN
22. KR-QB1
23. PxB
24. K-N2
25. R-B2
26. QR-QB1

### BLACK

#### D.Stockwin

1. P-QB3
2. P-Q4
3. B-B4
4. P-K3
5. N-Q2
6. P-B4
7. R-B1
8. P-KR3
9. N-K2
10. KN-N3
11. N-B5
12. B-Q6
13. BPxP
14. N-B4
15. BxB
16. QxP
17. B-N4
18. QxQ
19. BxP
20. N-K7ch
21. BxN
22. BxN
23. O-O
24. KR-Q1
25. R-B3

### Draw agreed

Black has a pawn extra but could struggle to press home an advantage against a stronger

player, who was returning to the board in shorter and shorter times.

### WHITE

#### P.Holt

1. P-Q4
2. N-QB3
3. P-Q5
4. P-K4
5. B-KN5
6. Q-Q2
7. B-K3
8. B-KB4
9. B-N3
10. B-N5ch
11. BxBch
12. KN-K2
13. P-KR3
14. O-O
15. Q-B1
16. P-B3
17. QxN P-N5; 18. B-K1

### BLACK

#### Rob Reynolds

1. N-KB3
2. P-B4
3. P-Q3
4. P-KN3
5. B-N2
6. P-KR3
7. N-N5
8. B-Q5
9. Q-R4
10. B-Q2
11. NxN
12. B-N2
13. N(5)-K4
14. N-B5
15. P-QN4
16. P-N5 (NxP; 17. QxN P-N5; 18. B-K1 R-QN1 gives a slight advantage to black)
17. O-O
18. N(5)-N3 (If BxR; 19. QxB N(5)-N3; 20. P-QB4 N-B3, black has a small material advantage, but white looks threatening on the dark squares)
19. P-B5 (QxP or KR-B1 retain an advantage)
20. K-R2
21. Q-B4
22. P-K4
23. P-B4
24. Q-N4
25. QBPxP
26. Q-R3
27. N-B4
28. PxP
29. P-K5
30. Q-B1
31. RxN
32. PxP
33. K-N3
34. Q-Q2
35. B-B6
36. K-B3
37. Q-K6ch ? (NxR – Black cannot recapture QxN, as 38. Q-K7 is mate)
37. QxQ
38. K-N4
39. K-B5
40. KxP

### Draw agreed

Black is in fact a piece up, but his King is in dangerous territory and all sorts of threats are lurking.

*Richard Reynolds*