



# Newsletter

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## Shropshire congress

Well done to our players who took part in the Shropshire congress last weekend.

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Bye</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Perf</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Place</b>
<b>Major section</b> (47 took part)									
J Fenby	5	1	2	1	½	140	140	2½	22
<b>Minor section</b> (56 took part)									
M Keady	5	4	-	1	-	106	136	4	2 equal
D Binfield	5	2	-	2	½	97	97	2½	21
M Binfield	5	2	-	2	½	89	89	2½	22
D Buckley	5	2	-	3	-	87	76	2	37

In round two of the Minor section, Mark Binfield played a game against the player who would eventually win the section.

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## Handicap tournament

In the club handicap tournament, by the end of December, players who have played at least two games and scored at least half a point are:

	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Opp</b>	<b>Perf</b>	<b>Pts</b>
P Crozet	8	8	0	0	106	156	8
J Fenby	6	4	0	2	99	116	4
D Blower	2	1	0	1	117	117	1
A Davies	2	1	0	1	117	117	1
S Micklewright	2	1	0	1	104	104	1
T Colabella	2	0	1	1	104	79	½
D Buckley	4	0	1	3	114	77	½

In each game played, the higher graded player starts with ten minutes on the clock, the lower graded player is given an extra minute for every point difference between the players grades. You can play each opponent only once.

# The month ahead

## Club nights

Rota	Date	Event	Notes
PC	Jan. 7	<b>Rushall Halesowen</b>	A team D team
	14	<b>Walsall Kipping</b>	B team
DB	21	<b>Mercia</b>	B team
PC	28	<b>Stafford</b>	B team
PG	Feb. 4	<b>Mercia</b>	A team

## Away fixtures

Date	Opponents	Our team	Notes
Jan. 22	<b>Bushbury</b>	A team	Wednesday

## Ladder tournament

In the Ladder tournament at the end of December, positions of players were as shown on the right:

In this tournament, you can challenge any player up to five places above you. (*Please check the current positions from the table in the clubhouse before making a challenge.*) If you beat them, you swap your name with theirs on the ladder board in the clubhouse. If you draw, or the higher placed player wins, the names stay as they are. The tournament winner is the highest placed player who has recorded at least 6 games in the tournament by the end of April.

### Ladder standings

D Binfield  
P Wright  
D Blower  
D Buckley  
A Davies  
M Keady  
P Guest  
J Fenby  
M Binfield  
T Colabella  
A Lenz  
M Jarocki  
S Micklewright  
R Grainger  
D Laight

## Last month's scoresheet

Where information is available, the August 2013 grades of opponents are shown in brackets. Ung, indicates an ungraded opponent - not named in that grading list. Def, indicates a default win. J indicates the opponent was a junior player.

### B team

**Away v Rushall** 9 Dec. Won 4 - 1  
 P Guest (119) 0, P Crozet (116) 1, A Davies (114) 1,  
 S Bird (97) 1, D Buckley (81) 1

### C team

**Home v Bushbury** 3 Dec. Drew 2 - 2  
 M Keady (115) 0, A Lenz (112) ½, P Wright (104) 1, D Blower (101) ½  
**Away v Lichfield** 12 Dec. Won 2½ - 1½  
 M Keady (130) 0, P Crozet (106) 1, A Davies (90) ½, P Wright (80) 1

### D team

**Home v Wolverhampton** 17 Dec. Lost 4½ - ½  
 M Binfield (115) 0, S Micklewright (105 J) 0,  
 P Crozet (106) ½, D Binfield (98) 0

**Cannock League** (table published 3 Dec., but updated, *by me*, with the results above)

<b>Division 3</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Pts</b>	<b>Ppg</b>	<b>Result</b>
Lichfield B	6	3	2	1	14½	9½	11	1.83	Won
Rugeley	4	2	1	1	9	7	7	1.75	Lost
<b>Brewood</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13½</b>	<b>14½</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1.50</b>	
Lichfield A	5	2	1	2	10	10	7	1.40	Won
Boldmere	3	2	0	1	6½	5½	6	2.00	
Rushall	4	1	2	1	8	8	5	1.25	Drew
Cannock	3	1	2	0	7	5	5	1.67	
Wolverhampton	3	0	2	1	5	7	2	0.67	Drew
Bushbury	4	0	2	2	6½	9½	2	0.50	Drew
Sutton Coldfield	4	0	1	3	6	10	1	0.25	Won

## Latest league tables

### Wolverhampton League (both tables published 2 Jan.)

[www.wdclchess.org.uk/blog/?page\\_id=312](http://www.wdclchess.org.uk/blog/?page_id=312)

Division 2	P	W	D	L	Pts	Ppg	Result
Boldmere	5	4	1	0	9	1.80	Drew 3 - 3
Rugeley	6	3	1	2	7	1.17	Lost 4 - 2
Kidderminster	4	3	1	0	7	1.75	Lost 3½ - 2½
Wolverhampton B	4	3	0	1	6	1.50	Won 4 - 2
<b>Brewood A</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1.00</b>	
Mercia A	5	2	0	3	4	0.80	
Rushall A	5	2	0	3	4	0.80	
Lichfield B	6	1	1	4	3	0.50	
Bushbury B	5	1	1	3	3	0.60	
St Georges B	5	1	0	4	2	0.40	Won 4½ - 1½

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Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts	Ppg	Home	Away
Stourbridge B	6	5	0	1	10	1.67	Lost	
Halesowen B	5	3	2	0	8	1.60		
Walsall Kipping B	5	3	1	1	7	1.40		Lost
<b>Brewood B</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1.20</b>		
Stafford B	6	1	2	3	4	0.67		Won
Rushall B	7	1	1	5	3	0.43	Won	Won
Mercia B	6	0	2	4	2	0.33		

### Dudley League (table published 4 Jan.)

[www.www.raycollett.net/dudley/div3.htm](http://www.www.raycollett.net/dudley/div3.htm)

Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts	Ppg	Result of matches
Wolverhampton	3	3	0	0	6	2.00	Lost 4½ - ½
Stourbridge	4*	2*	1	1	5	1.00	Won 2½ - 1½
Walsall Kipping	3	2	0	1	4	1.33	Lost 3 - 1
Bushbury	3	2	0	1	4	1.33	
<b>Brewood</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.67</b>	
Kynoch	2	0	2	0	2	1.00	
Halesowen	2	1	0	1	2	1.00	
Mercia	4	0	1	2	2	0.50	
Warley Q	2*	0	0	2*	0	-	

\* includes defaulted match