



# Newsletter

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## Chess, a game between two players

Chess is a game between two players so, what happens on the board, the clocks end even the scoresheet is, essentially, between you and your opponent. If you think your opponent is doing something wrong you might say something either to your opponent or your team captain etc. At a congress or tournament, you could make the arbiter aware of what you think is wrong.

As for those watching a game, you are a spectator. If you notice something you think is wrong, you will in general be considered to be interfering if you interrupt the game or distract players unless one of them asks for help or assistance. Exceptions where interruption is allowed, include health and safety (smoke in the building etc), or BOTH flags fallen etc. At a congress, you should make an arbiter aware if you are watching a game and you think something is wrong.

Example: Two players are playing a game. One of them has their king in check, but the players are playing on as if they hadn't realised. If you tap either player on the shoulder and say "You do realise you are in check?", it will be you that is considered to be in the wrong. It is up to the players.

Example: You are watching a league game and one of the spectators calls out that a player's flag has fallen during a quickplay finish. Calling flag fall during a tournament could get you expelled. It also leaves the organiser with the problem of what to do about a game that the players themselves did not finish.

Essentially, what happens on the board, the clocks and even the scoresheets is up to the two players. A player might speak their opponent, or ask someone else. As a spectator, if you interrupt a game, unless you have good cause it's probably you who does wrong.

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## John wins Plate section of the Robert Ward trophy

Well done to John Fenby on winning the Plate in the Robert Ward trophy. After a draw at Brewood, he replayed Peter Oliver (142) at Tamworth and won. John's comment "After a mixed/poor season, nice to be finishing on a high." 1

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## The month ahead

### Club nights

#### email Newsletter

For those interested, this newsletter is now available by email as a PDF. If you'd like a copy, just ask Andrew.

Rota	Date	Event
	Apr. 1	
	8	
	15	<b>Ten second lightning tournament</b>
	22	
	29	

**Staffordshire Congress - this weekend**

Just a reminder that the Staffs congress will be taking place in Bloxwich this weekend. Saturday and Sunday (April 12 and 13). Good chess if you take part!

**Club AGM - 13 May**

The club AGM will be held on Tuesday 13 May. The proposal will be to leave membership fees unchanged.

### Away fixtures

Date	Opponents	Our team	Notes
Apr. 1	<b>Mercia</b>	B team	Tuesday
9	<b>Cannock</b>	C team	Wednesday

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## Digital clock

The club is investing in digital clocks. Initially, there will be only one, but it is available so that all of you can familiarise yourselves with using them and setting their time etc.

The clock has quick presets for 5 minute, 25 minute and certain longer games, plus manual settings you can set up for club Championship or league games etc. You could even use it with the club Handicap tournament, where one player is given more time than the other. A number of congresses now use Fischer time control, so if you want to get some practice with that, you can now do so.

**But please note:** When you do use it, once your game has finished, if anyone else at the club would like to use it for their game, you should allow them to do so. It is there for everyone's benefit.

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## Last month's scoresheet

Where information is available, the January 2014 grades of opponents are shown in brackets. Ung: indicates an ungraded opponent - not in the grading list. Def: shows a default win. J indicates the opponent was a junior player.

### B team

**Away v Stourbridge** 3 Mar. Lost 3½ - 1½

M Keady (148) ½, S Bird (146) ½, P Wright (143) ½,  
P Crozet (138) 0, A Davies (126) 0

**Home v Halesowen** 11 Mar. Won 4 - 1

M Keady (135) ½, A Lenz (135) 1, S Bird (107) ½,  
D Blower (70) 1, A Davies (75) 1

**Away v Mercia** 1 Apr. Won 4 - 1

M Keady (118) 1, S Bird (111) 0, P Crozet (Ung) 1,  
A Davies (102) 1, D Buckley (99) 1

### C team

**Home v Boldmere** 18 Mar. Won 3 - 1

M Keady (141) 1, P Wright (130) 1, D Blower (74) 1, D Binfield (52) 0

### D team

**Away v Warley Quinborne** 6 Mar. Won 3 - 1

S Micklewright (95) 1, P Wright (102) 1, D Blower (94) 0, A Davies (Ung) 1

**Away v Kynoch** 7 Apr. Won 4 - 1

P Crozet (97) ½, P Wright (94) 1, D Blower (82) 1, A Davies (38) 1

## Latest league tables

**Cannock League** (table dated 6 Apr.)

Division 3	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts	ppg	Result
Rugeley	8	4	3	1	18	14	15	1.88	L
<b>Brewood</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1.88</b>	
Cannock	7	4	2	1	17	11	14	2.00	
Rushall	9	2	5	2	18	18	11	1.22	D
Lichfield B	8	3	2	3	17	15	11	1.38	W
Wolverhampton	8	2	4	2	15	17	10	1.25	D
Lichfield A	8	2	2	4	15	17	8	1.00	W
Bushbury	7	2	2	3	13½	14½	8	1.14	D
Sutton Coldfield	8	2	1	5	13½	18½	7	0.88	W

## Latest league tables

### Wolverhampton League (both tables dated 7 Apr.)

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

Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts	ppg	Results of matches	
							Home	Away
Boldmere St M	9	7	2	0	16	1.78	D	
Kidderminster	8	6	1	1	13	1.63		L
Rugeley	9	4	3	2	11	1.22	L	
Rushall A	9	4	1	4	9	1.00	L	
Mercia A	9	4	1	4	9	1.00	L	
<b>Brewood A</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0.89</b>		
Wolverhampton B	9	4	1	4	6	0.67		W
Bushbury B	8	1	3	4	5	0.63		D
Lichfield B	9	1	2	6	4	0.44	W	
St Georges B	9	2	0	7	4	0.44		W

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Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts	ppg	Results of matches	
							Home	Away
Stourbridge B	12	10	0	2	20	1.67	L	L
Halesowen B	12	6	4	2	16	1.33	W	L
Walsall Kipping B	12	6	2	4	14	1.17	L	L
Stafford B	12	5	3	4	13	1.08	L	W
<b>Brewood B</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1.00</b>		
Rushall B	12	2	1	9	5	0.42	W	W
Mercia B	12	1	2	9	4	0.42	W	W

### Dudley League (table dated 4 Apr.) (\* - figure includes default matches)

[www.raycollet.net/dudley/](http://www.raycollet.net/dudley/)

Division 3	P	W	D	L	Pts	ppg	Results of matches	
							Home	Away
Bushbury	8	7	0	1	14	1.75		L
Halesowen	7	5	0	2	10	1.43	L	
Wolverhampton	6*	3	2	1*	8	1.33	L	
Walsall Kipping	6	3	0	3	6	1.00	L	
Stourbridge	8*	3*	1	4	7	0.88	W	
<b>Brewood</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0.71</b>		
Kynoch	7	1	3	3	5	0.71		W
Warley Quinborne	5*	1	1	3*	3	0.60		W
Mercia	6	0	2	4	2	0.33		D