



Skerries Chess Club

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Yearbook for 2013/14 Season

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Agenda for Annual General Meeting, 29th April 2014, Joe May's

- 1) Apologies – Fred Harte, Paschal O'Shea, Luke Whelan and dad Gary (says thanks)
- 2) Minutes of AGM 2013
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- 6) Fees
- 7) Teams for next year – LCU div. 4 O'Hanlon (6), div. 6 Bodley (5), Community Games U16, U12, Novices x 2 - 3
- 8) AGM of LCU – will be held in June. Motion: Extend Fischer mode option to all divisions and KO cups.
- 9) AGM of ICU – usually in September. Motions?
- 10) Election of officers: (Current incumbents after posts)
 - a) Chair – John Loughran
 - b) Secretary – John Loughran
 - c) Tournament controllers – Alan O'Kelly, John Loughran, (Tadeusz Szczęśniak)
 - d) Treasurer – Seamus Casey
 - e) Junior officer – Enda Joyce
 - f) Coaching officer – Clodagh Zomer, Paschal O'Shea, Victor Unguryan, (Brian Leonard)
 - g) Ratings officer – Fred Harte
 - h) First team captain – John Loughran, Tadeusz Szczęśniak
 - i) Second team captain – Enda Joyce, Paschal O'Shea
 - j) First cup team captain –
 - k) Novices team captain(s) –
 - l) Webmasters – John Loughran, Alan O'Kelly, Fred Harte
 - m) Membership officer – John Loughran, (Alex O'Brien)
 - n) Prizes officer – Paula O'Neill, Alan O'Kelly
 - o) Equipment officer / librarian – Enda Joyce, Paschal O'Shea, (Mairéad Johnston)
 - p) PR – John Loughran
 - q) Parent representative – James Casey, Paula O'Neill
 - r) Score keeper / junior organiser – Seamus Casey and many parents.
- 11) Prizes for Club Championships and Board Prizes
- 12) Certificates
- 13) AOB

Chair/Secretary's/Membership Officer's/PRO's Report – John Loughran

Progress since Foundation

Now near the end of our second season. Founded on 2/10/2012. Now we have 2 teams in the Leinster leagues with our first team securing promotion again this season.

Membership and Attendance

42 fully paid up members (increased by 1 from 2012/13).

12 (+1) Adults and 29 (-1) juniors including 4 (-1) girls and 25 (0) boys.

Large turnover of members – 3 new adults (2 left), 14 new juniors (14 left).

Average attendance on Tuesday nights is 29 (+2) (Min 14 on 22/4/14, Max 38 (+4) on 28/1/14) – More than most clubs I know of.

Competitions – external

First team won promotion (in 2nd place) from Div. 5 (BEA Cup) to Div. 4 (O'Hanlon) of Leinster Leagues, having been promoted last season from Div. 6 (Bodley). We aim for Div. 1. the Armstrong Cup.

Second team did poorly in Div. 6, the Bodley Cup but 6 new players including 5 juniors got match experience in the leagues.

Community Games – 2nd in U16 and U12 (Last year we came 3rd in U16 and U12).

Novices league – to be played on 18th May. Knockout cup to be played in May – June.

Participation in national tournaments

John Loughran played in Dublin Masters Major (Sept. 2013).

Notices

Knockout Cups – Killane Shield – The group phase of about 3 games starts soon. Games are as in the BEA Cup – start at 7:30 pm until maybe 11 pm.

One team of 6 has been submitted from the following panel: John Loughran, Enda Joyce, Gordon Roe, Daniel Stefan, Alexander Unguryan, Cathal Joyce, Dermot Murphy – anyone else?

O'Connell Cup/Novices league – Enda Joyce – 18th May 2014 in ALSAA Sports Club. Clubs and Schools can enter a maximum of two teams to the event. Each team will comprise four players. There will be two sections. Section A for players rated between 700 and 900 and Section B for players rated below 700 and unrated. Play will commence at 10am. Please enter by emailing mauraosborne@eircom.net before April 9th. (Pause to take names of those interested). See ICU ratings below for team selection.

Malahide Millennium Tmt./Leinster Championships – Sat 3rd May, Sun 4th, Mon 5th – Hilton Dublin Airport Hotel, Malahide Rd. – Prizes total €3000 – Entry fee €35 (€25 for U18s) if paid by 30/4/14 – 2 games per day – 90 mins + 30 secs/move each player – 3 sections (Senior over 1800 ICU rating, Intermediate between 1400 and 1800, Junior U1400). John will play.

Drogheda Congress – Sat 31st May, Sun 1st June, Mon 2nd – Boyne Valley Hotel – Prize fund €2000+ – Entry €40 before Thurs. 29th May – 2 games per day – 2 hours for all moves for each player – 3 sections (Section A over 1600 ICU rating, Sec B between 1100 and 1600, Sec C U1100). John, Tadeusz & Paschal will play.

See www.icu.ie then click on Calendar to see the calendar of all upcoming events in Ireland. Or on our website www.skerrieschess.com click on Links > ICU then Calendar.

Club will run until 15th July, break for August (sets available), resume on 2nd Sept. Committee meet 26th August. See upcoming events in Tournament and News > Calendar on website, current version reprinted below.

Calendar of Events for 2013/14 Season

Calendar of Events for Skerries Chess Club 2013/14 Season - Subject to change						BEA	
Tuesday	For	What else is on this week?				Score	
Date	Event	who?	Day	Date	Event	Sk-Op	Bodley
2013/14 Season						5R1 = Div 5 BEA Round 1	Score
27-Aug	Committee meeting				6R5 = Div 6 Bodley		Sk-Op
03-Sep	Opens for new season, Friendlies, Coaching for Adults						
10-Sep	Autumn Open, Seagulls R1						
17-Sep	Challenge match v. Balbriggan. Seagulls R2						
24-Sep	Autumn Open R2, Seagulls R3	Junior	Sa	28-Sep	Mick Germaine Cup (U16s) Drumcondra		
01-Oct	Autumn Open R3, Seagulls R4	Div 5		Oct	BEA begins around now		
08-Oct	Autumn Open R4, Seagulls R5	Div 5	Sa	12-Oct	5R1: Ballinasloe-Skerries	1½-3½	
15-Oct	Autumn Open R5, Seagulls R6						
22-Oct	Autumn Seagulls R7	Div 5	Tu	22-Oct	5R2: Sker-Rathmines A	5 - 0	
		Div 6	Tu	22-Oct	6R1: Sker-Elm Mount		2 - 3
29-Oct	Turkey R1, Com Games R1	Div 6	Tu	29-Oct	6R2: M'hide-Skerries		1½-3½
05-Nov	Turkey R2, Com Games R2						
12-Nov	Com Games R3	Div 5	Tu	12-Nov	5R3: Sker-Round Tower	2½-2½	
19-Nov	Com Games R4	Div 5	Tu	19-Nov	5R4: Dublin Univ-Sker	4 - 1	
26-Nov	Turkey R3	Div 6	Tu	26-Nov	6R3: Sker-Portmar.		1 - 4
03-Dec	Turkey R4, Com Games R5	Div 6	We	04-Dec	6R4: St.Ben.-Sker		1 - 4
10-Dec	Friendlies						
17-Dec	Turkey R5, Com Games R6	Div 5	Tu	10-Dec	6R5: Sker-Inchicore	3½-1½	
24-Dec	CLOSED to cook Turkey!						
31-Dec	CLOSED						
07-Jan	2014 Spring Open begins	Div 6	Sa	11-Jan	6R5: Sker-Drog		0 - 5
14-Jan	Spring Open R2	Div 5	Tu	14-Jan	5R6: N.Barróg-Sker	3½-1½	
		Div 6	Sa	18-Jan	6R6: Gonzaga-Sker		0 - 5
21-Jan	Spring Open R3	Div 5	Tu	21-Jan	5R7: Sker-Rathmines B	4 - 1	
28-Jan	Spring Open R3 contd., Simul	Div 6	Tu	28-Jan	6R7: Sker-N.Barróg		1½-3½
04-Feb	Spring Open R4						
11-Feb	Spring Open R5	Div 5	Sa	15-Feb	5R8: Gorey-Skerries	1½-3½	
18-Feb	(Mid-term) Spring Open R6						
25-Feb	Spring Open R6 contd.	Div 5	Tu	25-Feb	5R9: Skerries-Dublin	3 - 2	
04-Mar	Spring Open R7, final round	Div 6	We	05-Mar	6R8: Blanch-Sker		1 - 4
11-Mar	Club Champs R1						
18-Mar	Club Champs R2	Junior	Fri	21-Mar	Community Games Dublin Finals		
		Div 6	Sa	22-Mar	6R9: Curragh B-Sker		Not played
25-Mar	Club Champs R3	Div 5	Sat	29-Mar	5R10: Balbriggan-Sker	4 - 1	
01-Apr	Club Champs R4						
08-Apr	Club Champs R5, final round	Junior	FS	Easter	Irish Junior Champs, see icu.ie		
15-Apr	Blitz tmt 4 all (Easter)	Div 5	Su	13-Apr	5R11: Sker-Bray/Grey	3 - 2	
22-Apr	Handicap Blitz (Easter)						
29-Apr	Annual General Meeting	KOC		Apr	Knockout cups begin around now		
06-May	Speed tmt R1&2 Rapid R1&2	All	SSM	May	Malahide Mill. & Leinster Ch.		
13-May	Speed tmt R3&4 Rapid R3&4	Junior	Su	18-May	O'Connell Cup(Novices) ALSAA		
20-May	Speed tmt R5&6 Rapid R5&6	KOC	Tu	20-May	KSR2: Skerries-Elm Mount		
27-May	Piece H'cap tmt R1&2	All	SSM	Jun	Drogheda Congress		
03-Jun	Piece H'cap tmt R3&4						
10-Jun	Piece H'cap tmt R5&6	KOC	Mo	09-Jun	KSR3: Rathmines-Skerries		
17-Jun	Swop chess tmt R1&2	KOC			Knockout stages around now		

24-Jun	Swop chess tmt R3&4
01-Jul	Swop chess tmt R5&6
08-Jul	Open
15-Jul	Open
22-Jul	Closed (Sets available)
29-Jul	Closed (Sets available)
05-Aug	Closed (Sets available)
12-Aug	Closed (Sets available)
19-Aug	Closed (Sets available)
26-Aug	Committee meeting
02-Sep	Opens for new season

Tournament Controller's Report - Internal tmt's – Alan Kelly, John Loughran

Autumn Selection Tournament 2013

Sept. – Oct 2013. Held to select teams based on ratings after the tournament.

Open

1	Tadeusz Szczesniak	1573	4.5 / 5
2	John Loughran	1671	4
3	Paschal O'Shea	1294	3

GP 1	Dermot Murphy
GP 2	Marek Szczesniak

Seagulls

1	James Casey	6.5 / 7
2	Tiernan Ryan	5.5
3	Luke Whelan	4.5

U800 GP 1	Ryan Staunton	3.5
U800 GP 2	Luke Doyle	3.5
U800 GP 3	Moses O'Brien	3.5
U600 GP 1	Daniel Shortt	3.5
U600 GP 2	Vita O'Brien	2.5
U600 GP 3	Finn Woodlock	2.5

Turkey 13

Oct – Dec 2013. Joint first on 4/5, winning vouchers for a share of turkey and ham:

Tadeusz Szcześniak
 Fred Harte
 John Loughran
 U1300 Grading Prize: Enda Joyce

Skerries Community Games 2013/14

Oct – Dec 2013. Concurrent with Turkey 13. To select teams to represent Skerries in Dublin finals. Teams finally selected from those available are listed below in Team Reports.

U16s

1-2	Ryan Cornealle	5	1 st on tie-break
	Alan Joyce	1181 5	2 nd
3	Daniel Stefan	1136 3.5	3 rd
4-5	Finn Woodlock	646 3	U900 Grading Prize 1
	Niamh Cotter	810 3	U900 Grading Prize 2
6	Cathal Joyce	1166 2.5	
7	Seán O'Toole	891 1.5	

11 entries

U12s

1	James Casey	1043	7	1 st
2	Luke Whelan	863	5	2 nd
3-4	Sam Zomer	718	4	3 rd on tie-break
	Ryan Staunton	704	4	
5-8	Oscar Bourke	921	3.5	
	Luke Doyle	746	3.5	U800 Grading Prize 1
	Alexander Unguryan	1171	3.5	
	Eoin O'Kelly	644	3.5	U800 Grading Prize 2
9-10	Tiernan Ryan	944	3	
	Aliseo Mancosu	643	3	
11-14	Vita O'Brien	606	2.5	
	Tadgh Hickey	594	2.5	U600 Grading Prize 1 on tie-break
	Moses O'Brien	644	2.5	
	Joshua Mackle	884	2.5	
15-17	Marek Szczesniak	1065	2	
	Ruben O'Brien	597	2	U600 Grading Prize 2 on tie-break
	Seán Rooney Fitzgerald	595	2	
21 entries				

Spring Open 2014

One large section with 7 rounds. Prizes in different rating bands to give everyone a chance to win something. The Cormorants (4th rating band) did particularly well.

1	John Loughran	1675	6.5	Open 1 st	
2	Enda Joyce	1257	5.5	Open 2 nd	
3	Cathal Joyce	1143	5	Open 3 rd	
4-6	Fred Harte	1651	4.5		
	Brendan Morrissey	1224	4.5		
	Luke Doyle	704	4.5		Seagulls 1 st
7-8	Alexander Unguryan	1127	4	Herons 1 st	
	Daniel Stefan	1085	4	Herons 2 nd	
9-11	Eoin O'Kelly	584	3.5		Cormorants 1 st
	Moses O'Brien	626	3.5		Cormorants 2 nd
	Aliseo Mancosu	542	3.5		Cormorants 3 rd
12-19	Tiernan Ryan	806	3		Seagulls 2 nd
	Finn Woodlock	564	3		
	Dermot Murphy	1082	3	Herons 3 rd	
	Oscar Bourke	827	3		Seagulls 3 rd
	Alan Joyce	1169	3		
	James Casey	969	3		
	Sam Zomer	629	3		
	Ryan Staunton	621	3		
20	Luke Whelan	779	2.5		
21-27	Paschal O'Shea	1299	2		
	Niamh Cotter	832	2		
	Tara Naessens	600	2		
	Seán Rooney Fitzgerald	400	2	Oyster Catchers 1 st	
	Ciaran McKenna	603	2		
	Tadgh Hickey	400	2	Oyster Catchers 2 nd	
	Charlie Naessens	476	2	Oyster Catchers 3 rd	
28-29	Joshua Mackle	450	1.5		
	Vita O'Brien	468	1.5		
30-32	Mark Allidine	733	1		
	Daniel Shortt	783	1		
	Ruben O'Brien	400	1		
33-35	Gordon Roe	1050	0		
	Ryan Cornielle	656	0		
	Lucy Naessens	400	0		

Club championships – see below in Prize Giving

Team Reports: Leinster League Div 5, British & European Airways (BEA) Cup

We came second so we gained promotion to Div 4 (O'Hanlon Cup) for next season. This was our second promotion in a row, having gone up from Div 6 to Div 5 last season.

Div 5 BEA Cup 2013 - 2014

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Pts
1 Round Tower	10	31	11	8	36 ½
2 Skerries	10	26	11	13	31 ½
3 Gorey	10	24	14	12	31
4 Ballinasloe	10	22	14	14	29
5 Rathmines B	10	21	11	18	26 ½
6 Dalbriggan	10	16	16	18	24
7 Inchicore	10	17	13	20	23 ½
8 Naomh Barróg	10	19	8	23	23
9 Dublin	10	12	13	25	18 ½
10 Bray / Greystones	10	9	14	27	16
11 Rathmines A	10	10	11	29	15 ½

The BEA team began with a defeat but bounced back to overtake Ballinasloe. In the end we pipped Gorey to 2nd place by a half point, secured by Fred Harte in the last game being played in the last round! In the Bye below we actually played Dublin University and won 4 – 1 but they were later eliminated for too many defaulted matches.

Skerries					
Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
1	Ballinasloe	Sat 12 Oct 13	Away	Lost	1 ½ – 3 ½
2	Rathmines A	Tue 22 Oct 13	Home	Won	5 – 0
3	Round Tower	Tue 12 Nov 13	Home	Drew	2 ½ – 2 ½
4	Bye				
5	Inchicore	Tue 10 Dec 13	Home	Won	3 ½ – 1 ½
6	Naomh Barróg	Tue 14 Jan 14	Away	Won	3 ½ – 1 ½
7	Rathmines B	Tue 21 Jan 14	Home	Won	4 – 1
8	Gorey	Sat 15 Feb 14	Away	Lost	1 ½ – 3 ½
9	Dublin	Tue 25 Feb 14	Home	Won	3 – 2
10	Dalbriggan	Sat 29 Mar 14	Away	Won	4 – 1
11	Bray / Greystones	Sun 13 Apr 14	Home	Won	3 – 2

Brian Leonard won a board prize from the Leinster Chess Union (LCU) (and from Skerries CC) for the second year in a row, for scoring 8 out of a possible 10 points. The performance of each player is shown below along with the ICU ratings they had at the start of the season. Tadeusz and John shared the captaincy.

Board	Player	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1	Loughran, John	1633	6	2	2	7 / 10
2	Harte, Fred	1652	4	5	1	6½ / 10
3	Leonard, Brian	1557	7	2	0	8 / 9
4	Szczesniak, Tadeusz	1197	5	1	1	5½ / 7
5	O'Shea, Paschal	1313	2	0	7	2 / 9
Sub1	Joyce, Enda	758	1	1	0	1½ / 2
Sub2	Murphy, Dermot	0	0	0	2	0 / 2
Sub3	Morrissey, Brendan	1236	1	0	0	1 / 1

Team Reports: Leinster League Div 6, Bodley Cup

We finished last in the Bodley but but 6 new players including 5 juniors got match experience in the leagues.

Div 6 Bodley Cup Group A 2013 - 2014

	Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Reg	Pts
1	Gonzaga	9	35	5	5	0	37 ½
2	Drogheda	9	35	4	6	0	37
3	St Benildus B	9	23	7	15	0	26 ½
4	Elm Mount	9	16	12	17	0	22
5	Curragh B	9	17	8	20	0	21
6	Malahide	9	18	6	21	0	21
7	Naomh Barróg A	9	12	10	23	0	17
8	Portmarnock	9	13	6	26	0	16
9	Blanchardstown	9	16	6	23	4 ½	14 ½
10	Skerries	9	7	2	36	0	8

The Bodley team had a tough time against superior opposition, narrowly missing a team victory in round 1. We did not play our round 9 match, informing our opponents that we had only 3 players available.

Skerries						
Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score	Wov
1	Elm Mount	Tue 22 Oct 13	Home	Lost	2 - 3	
2	Malahide	Tue 29 Oct 13	Away	Lost	1 ½ - 3 ½	
3	Portmarnock	Tue 26 Nov 13	Home	Lost	1 - 4	
4	St Benildus B	Wed 04 Dec 13	Away	Lost	1 - 4	
5	Drogheda	Sat 11 Jan 14	Home	Lost	0 - 5	
6	Gonzaga	Sat 18 Jan 14	Away	Lost	0 - 5	
7	Naomh Barróg A	Tue 28 Jan 14	Home	Lost	1 ½ - 3 ½	
8	Blanchardstown	Wed 05 Mar 14	Away	Lost	1 - 4	
9	Curragh B	Sat 22 Mar 14	Away	Lost	0 - 5	5

6 new players got experience in the leagues and some even scored personal victories. Enda Joyce (captain) wins a board prize from Skerries CC for the best score on his team.

Board	Player	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1	O'Shea, Paschal	1313	1	1	2	1½ / 4
2	Joyce, Enda	758	3	0	5	3 / 8
3	Murphy, Dermot	0	0	0	7	0 / 7
4	Joyce, Cathal	0	0	0	5	0 / 5
5	Joyce, Alan	0	1	0	3	1 / 4
Sub1	Stefan, Daniel	700	1	0	7	1 / 8
Sub2	Unguryan, Alexander	0	0	0	1	0 / 1
Sub3	Harper, Paul	700	1	1	0	1½ / 2
Sub4	Casey, James	0	0	0	1	0 / 1

Community Games

The Dublin Finals were played on Friday 21st March 2014 in St. Thomas Junior NS, Jobstown, Tallaght, Co. Dublin. Both our teams came second in their age groups, winning silver medals, to add to their bronze medals from last year. In the Under 16s two board prizes will be awarded, one to Alan Joyce who scored 1.5/2 on board 1 and another to Ryan Corneille. Ryan won one game as a sub on board 6 but then played up on board 5 in the second match and won his game which helped us win that match 3 - 2 against Jobstown to secure our 2nd place. They beat us last year to come second themselves. This substitution was an astute move by the Junior officer and Captain Enda Joyce.

In the Under 12s the board prize will be awarded to Sam Zomer who scored 3 points out of 4 games. In the final round against Jobstown it all depended on Oscar's game which finished last. He was a rook down but managed to push a pawn home to queen and finally found a checkmate to win the match for Skerries and silver medals for his team. See complete results below.

Under 16					Total	Total	
	Opponents	Malahide	Jobstown		Match pts	Game pts	Place
	Match points	0	0		0		2nd
Board	Team Score (Game pts)	½	3			3½	
T	1 Alan Joyce	½	1			1½	Bd prize
E	2 Daniel Stefan	0	0			0	
A	3 Cathal Joyce	0	1			1	
M	4 Seán O'Toole	0	0			0	
	5 Mark Allidine	0	0*	*on Board 6		0	
Sub:	6 Ryan Corneille	1	1**	**on Board 5		2	Bd prize
Under 12					Total	Total	
	Opponents	Malahide	Port-		Match pts	Game pts	Place
	Match points	0	marnock	12th Lough	6		2nd
Board	Team Score (Game pts)	0	3	5	3	11	
T	1 James Casey	0	1	1	0	2	
E	2 Tiernan Ryan	0	1	1	0	2	
A	3 Oscar Bourke	0	0	1	1	2	
M	4 Sam Zomer	0	1	1	1	3	Bd prize
	5 Luke Doyle	0	0	1	1	2	
Sub:	6 Moses O'Brien	0		1	1	2	

Junior Officer's Report – Enda Joyce (verbal report)

Coaching Officer's Report – Clodagh Zomer (in Paschal O'Shea's absence)

There is a renewed emphasis on coaching of juniors in the club this season. Coaching is tailored to the levels of the juniors, starting with ensuring a firm foundation in the basics up to more complex manoeuvres and strategies.

Juniors are allocated a coach within their rating band. Thanks to the fact that we have so many volunteer coaches each band has two coaches. Typically coaching sessions begin at 7pm (another reason to be there on time!) and last 20 or 30 minutes. Coaching can take place in groups where a coach focuses on particular topics (e.g. forks, openings, endings) or can take the form of one junior playing a coach while being mentored about their moves, possibilities, analysis etc.

A record is kept of coaching, and juniors due coaching, through the use of a spreadsheet that is pinned up on the notice board and updated each week. Coaches can check who is due coaching and juniors are aware who their coaches are. In addition, the spreadsheet enables coaches to try and give each junior an equal amount of coaching.

The following adult members have been providing coaching over the last year: Paschal O'Shea, Marco Mancosu, John Loughran, Victor Unguryan, Dermot Murphy, Enda Joyce, Fred Harte, Tadeusz Szczęśniak and Brendan Morrissey. The first three delivered the most minutes to juniors this season. On average juniors received 1 hour and 15 minutes of coaching although this ranged from 10 mins to 170 mins in individual cases. The discrepancies in coaching availed of can, in part, be explained by late arrival or non-attendance by junior members. Juniors are encouraged to actively seek coaching from their coaches. A full breakdown of coaching given and received by all players is on the website on the Coaching page. Informal coaching of adults by each other often during post game analysis is not included.

Given the strong results of the U16s and U12s in the recent Dublin Community Games, perhaps the coaching is paying off!

Rating Officer's Report – Fred Harte & John Loughran

Fred now updates the website himself weekly with Live Ratings, usually within a day or two of the club night. He has changed over to the Glicko rating system which offers a number of advantages and is a modification of the Elo system. His comments on this will be added to the website soon. To summarise, the Glicko system calculates a rating change for a player based on their opponent's rating and their rating deviation. Their rating deviation gives an estimate of how far wrong their published rating might be, and also determines by how much their rating will change after a win or loss. The Glicko system also comes with an Excel spreadsheet which halves the amount of time it takes Fred to do the ratings every week, compared to the Excel program he wrote to calculate them based on the Elo system.

The club benefits by the weekly ratings updates which allow members to track their progress.

The ratings of most existing members have decreased a little this year because of an influx of new members which has resulted in some rating deflation, so members should not be too concerned with the absolute value but rather their relative position in the rating list. Some prizes have been awarded to adults and juniors for rating improvements which are all the more impressive taking this deflation into account.

More members have obtained full and provisional ICU ratings this year from playing in the leagues and in tournaments, which ultimately is the best way to improve.

Ratings: Skerries Ratings and Irish Chess Union Ratings

Age Group	MEMBERS	SCC Rating 27-Apr-14	ICU Rating 27-Apr-14	ICU Reg No.	FIDE Rating 27-Apr-14
	John Loughran	1671	1629	795	1872
	Fred Harte	1637	1616	552	
	Tadeusz Szczeniak	1624	1391	13453	
	Brian Leonard	1480	1559	784	
	Victor Unguryan	1346		13530	
	Enda Joyce	1283	940	13405	
	Paschal O'Shea	1266	1120	13386	
	Brendan Morrissey	1188	1208	13448	
U13	Alan Joyce	1129	822 <i>prov.</i>	13499	
	Marco Mancosu	1094			
	Gordon Roe	1090			
U14	Daniel Stefan	1075	768 <i>prov.</i>	13475	
U10	Marek Szczeniak	1074		13500	
U12	Alexander Unguryan	1036	467 <i>prov.</i>	13494	
U15	Cathal Joyce	1032	556 <i>prov.</i>	13493	
	Dermot Murphy	1027	574 <i>prov.</i>	13528	
	Paul Harper	1008	703 <i>prov.</i>	10601	
U12	James Casey	926	18 <i>prov.</i>	13495	
U12	Tiernan Ryan	879			
U15	Mark Allidine	855			
U13	Niamh Cotter	818			
U13	Seán O'Toole	817			
U12	Oscar Bourke	803			
U17	Daniel Shortt	802			
U15	Ryan Corneille	773			
U11	Luke Whelan	694			
U8	Sam Zomer	684			
U10	Moses O'Brien	683			
U9	Aliseo Mancosu	670			
U12	Luke Doyle	668		13529	
U12	Ryan Staunton	651			
U10	Eoin O'Kelly	606			
U14	Ciarán McKenna	573			
U13	Finn Woodlock	552			
U12	Vita O'Brien	475			
U10	Charlie Naessens	458			
U9	Joshua Mackle	451			
U8	Rueben O'Brien	400			
U9	Lucy Naessens	400			
U8	Tadhg Hickey	400			
U7	Tara Naessens	400			
U8	Seán Rooney Fitzgerald	400			

Prov. means provisional ratings, less than 20 games, unreliable.

Best attendance: Tiernan Ryan, Luke Doyle, 32 nights.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran

www.skerrieschess.com was set up in November 2012 with over 14 000 visits to date (7 000 last year). Hosting costs less than €30 annually. The site gives information about the club including events, tournaments, results, ratings, some coaching information, contact details and links to other chess sites nationally and ones useful in chess training. This season the workload was shared and as a result updates were if anything more frequent. The tournament controller Alan O'Kelly uploaded the pairings and results for each tournament weekly. The ratings officer Fred Harte now updates the ratings on the website weekly, usually within a day or two. These live ratings have preceded the same thing implemented by the ICU! We also have an inactive facebook page: f:skerrieschess. If anyone is interested in posting results to that we will give permission.

Parent's Representative Report – Seamus Casey

A critical element to the smooth running of the Junior Chess each Tuesday is the contribution by parents. Their help in the set-up, result recording, and keeping the players in action makes for a good experience for all the players. Next year we will build on this and look to get more parents involved periodically to spread the load.

Following a suggestion at last year's AGM this year a parents' rota was introduced by Paula and Seamus which greatly improved the running of club nights. There were usually one or two extra parents present who helped with the tasks above in addition to Seamus Casey and Alan O'Kelly.

Prize Giving Ceremony

Board Prizes – For highest scores on each of our teams.

Div 5 BEA Cup	Brian Leonard	8/9 (10)
Div 5 Bodley Cup	Enda Joyce	3/8 (9)
W Brennan Cup	Tadeusz Szczęśniak	4/4
Novices Herons	Alan Joyce	14/21
Novices Terns	James Casey	6/21
Novices Terns	Luke Doyle	6/21

Replica Plaques for Leagues 2013/14 and 2012/13

Div 5 BEA Cup 2014 Runners-up	Brendan Morrissey	1/1
Div 6 Bodley Cup 2013 Runners-up	Daniel Stefan	0.5/2

Blitz Club championships 2014

1st	John Loughran	4/4
=2nd	Gordon Roe	3/4
=2nd	Tadeusz Szczęśniak	3/4
=2nd	Luke Doyle	3/4
U1000 GP	Tiernan Ryan	2/4
U800 GP	Mark Allidine	2/4

Rating Improvement Prizes 2013/14

Awarded to those players whose Skerries ratings improved the most over the season, and who had a Skerries rating from the end of last season.

1st Adult	Tadeusz Szczęśniak	+51
2nd Adult	Enda Joyce	+21
1st Junior	Finn Woodlock	+203
2nd Junior	Moses O'Brien	+37

Club championships

Senior	=1st	Tadeusz Szczęśniak	4.5/5
Senior	=1st	Fred Harte	4.5
Senior	3rd	John Loughran	3
Senior	U 1300 GP	Enda Joyce	1.5
Junior Boys	1st	Daniel Stefan	2.5/5
Junior Boys	2nd	Cathal Joyce	2
Junior Boys	3rd	Alexander Unguryan	1.5
Junior Girls	1st	Niamh Cotter	2.5/5
Junior Girls	2nd	Vita O'Brien	4/5
Junior Girls	3rd	Lucy Naessens	1.5
U1200	1st	Gordon Roe	4.5/5
U1200	2nd	Marco Mancosu	4
U1200	3rd	Daniel Stefan	2.5
U1200	3rd	Dermot Murphy	2.5
U1000	1st	Tiernan Ryan	5/5
U1000	2nd	Niamh Cotter	2.5
U1000	3rd	Oscar Bourke	2
U1000	3rd	Daniel Shortt	2
U800	1st	Mark Allidine	4.5/5
U800	2nd	Ryan Staunton	3.5
U800	3rd	Ryan Cornielle	3
U800	3rd	Eoin O'Kelly	3
U600	1st	Vita O'Brien	4/5
U600	2nd	Charlie Naessens	3
U600	3rd	Joshua Mackle	2.5

Treasurer's Report – Seamus Casey – Printed Copies Only