



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



www.skerrieschess.com

Yearbook for 2014/15 Season

Agenda for Annual General Meeting, 28th April 2015, Joe May's and Contents

- 1) Apologies
- 2) Minutes of AGM 2014
- 3) Matters arising
- 4) Items for AOB?
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Chair/Secretary/Membership/PRO reports – John Loughran
 - i) Progress
 - ii) Membership
 - iii) Team competitions
 - iv) External tournaments
 - v) Attendance
 - vi) Calendar of Events 2014/15
 - b) Tournament Controller's report – Alan O'Kelly, John Loughran
 - c) Team Captains' reports
 - i) Killane Shield 2014 – John Loughran
 - ii) Div 4, O'Hanlon Cup – John Loughran
 - iii) Div 7A, O'Sullivan Cup – Gordon Roe
 - iv) Div 7B, O'Sullivan Cup – Dermot Murphy
 - v) Community Games – Enda Joyce
 - d) Junior officer's report – Enda Joyce
 - i) Progress from winning U16 Dublin finals
 - ii) Results of O'Connell Cup 2014
 - e) Coaching officer's report – Clodagh Zomer,
 - i) Coaching course and FIDE Instructor title – John Loughran
 - f) Ratings officer's report – Fred Harte
 - i) Skerries and ICU ratings and predictions – John Loughran
 - ii) Notices: Cups, Novices, Malahide, Drogheda
 - g) Webmaster's report – John Loughran, Alan O'Kelly, Fred Harte
 - h) Parental supervision report – Paula O'Neill
 - i) Treasurer's report – John Loughran for Seamus Casey
- 6) Fees
- 7) Teams for next year

- 8) AGM of LCU
- 9) AGM of ICU
- 10) AOB
- 11) Election of officers: (Current incumbents after posts, number of new or extra people needed)
 - a) Chair – John Loughran, (1)
 - b) Secretary – John Loughran, (1)
 - c) PR – John Loughran, Clodagh Zomer, (1)
 - d) Webmasters – John Loughran, Alan O’Kelly, Fred Harte, (1)
 - e) Membership officer – Alex O’Brien, (1)
 - f) Tournament controllers – **(1 New)** (Alan O’Kelly stepping down), John Loughran
 - g) Pairings organiser and score keeper – Clodagh Zomer, (1), Alex O’Brien, and some parents.
 - h) Ratings officer – Fred Harte
 - i) Prizes officer – Paula O’Neill, (Alan O’Kelly stepping down), (1)
 - j) Equipment officer / librarian – **(1 New)**, (Gordon Roe stepping down), (1)
 - k) Treasurer – **(1 New)**
 - l) Parent representative – (1), Paula O’Neill
 - m) Junior officer – Enda Joyce, (1)
 - n) Coaching officer – Clodagh Zomer, (1)
 - o) Coaches – John, Enda, Paschal, Fred, (also Dermot, Joe, Brendan) (1/2/3)
 - p) Club captain – John Loughran
 - q) First team captain – John Loughran, (1)
 - r) Second team captain – Gordon Roe, (1)
 - s) Third team captain – Dermot Murphy, (1)
 - t) First cup team captain – John Loughran, (1)
 - u) Novices team captain(s) – Enda Joyce, (1)
- 12) Prizes for Club Championships and Board Prizes
- 13) Certificates

Apologies

Dermot Murphy, Mark Allidine, maybe Alex O’Brien.

Minutes of 2014 AGM

Matters arising

AOB items noted for discussion at the end

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

Progress since Foundation

Now near the end of our third season. Founded on 2/10/2012. Now we have 3 teams in the Leinster leagues with our second team narrowly missing out on promotion this season. (2 teams in 2013/14 and 1 in 2012/13)

Membership and Attendance

Alex O'Brien is the membership officer. 43 fully paid up members (+1 compared to 2013/14).

12 (no change) Adults and 31 (+1) juniors including 4 (0) girls and 27 (+1) boys.

Lower turnover of members – 10 new members replace those leaving this season (17 last season).

Average attendance on Tuesday nights is 31 (+2) – more than most clubs I know of.

Team Competitions

First team (captain John Loughran) finished 4th in Div. 4 (O'Hanlon Cup) of Leinster Leagues. This team was promoted from Div. 5 last season and from Div. 6 the season before but missed out on promotion by one place this year.

When last season's Div. 6 (Bodley Cup) was split in two our second team (captain Gordon Roe, including about 2 juniors) ended up in the newly created Div. 7 (O'Sullivan Cup). Although they won the Div. 7A section initially they missed out on promotion in the play-offs, again by one place. If only one team in Div. 3 or higher withdrew next year we would be offered two promotions.

Our new third team (captain Dermot Murphy, mostly juniors) struggled in Div. 7B but had some quality individual wins nonetheless including an amazing win by Mark Allidine.

Mick Germaine Cup – one day tournament on 11th Oct 2014 for junior teams. Our team of 4 finished mid table but Fionn Reid-Kelly was drafted onto the Blanchardstown team who came third!

Community Games – 1st in U16s and 2nd in U13s (Last year we came 2nd in U16 and U12, previous year 3rd in both).

Novices league – to be played on 10th May.

Knockout cups to be played in May – June.

Q: How many members would like us to order hoodies (about €28) or "Football shirts" (about €40) for Skerries Chess Club which members could wear to team events etc.?

Participation in national tournaments

Gianmarco Roselli came 3rd in the U8 Irish Junior Championships in Blanchardstown in April on 4.5/6.

Luke Doyle competed in the U14 section getting 1/6.

John Loughran played in Malahide (May '14, 3/6 points, -41 ICU rating), Drogheda (June, 3.5/6, +38), Irish Championships Senior (July, 3.5/9, +41), Kilkenny (Nov, 3.5/4, +35), Bunnratty (Feb '15, 4/6, +48).

ICU Rating gains (incl. leagues etc., top 3): John Loughran +97, Alessio Roselli +60, Paschal O'Shea +38.

Provisional ICU rating gains: Gordon Roe +218 points, Dermot Murphy +28.

Attendance

We will note the attendance so notices, yearbooks, certificates and prizes can be relayed to those not present.

Notices

Club will run until 14th July, break for August (sets available), resume on 1st Sept. Committee meet 25th August. See upcoming events in Tournament and News > Calendar on website, current version reprinted below. The calendar also summarises the results of all league games.

We are planning a few fun events for the next few weeks starting with Swop chess next week. We hope to have a handicap tournament and an outdoor "Sprint Chess" challenge where the clock is placed 10 metres from the board.

Calendar of Events for 2014/15 Season

Calendar of Events for Skerries Chess Club 2014/15 Season - Subject to change									
Tuesday		What else is For			Fixtures & Results, See also leinsterchess.com				
Date	Event	Day	Date	who?	R	Div 4 O'Hanlon Cup	Div 4	Div 7A	Div 7B
						Div 7A O'Sullivan Cup	Score	Score	Score
						Div 7B O'Sullivan Cup	Sk-Op	Sk-Op	Sk-Op
26-Aug	Committee meeting								
02-Sep	Opens for new season, Friendlies, Coaching for Adults								
09-Sep	Autumn Seagulls R1, Master Class								
16-Sep	Aut Seag R2, Master Class								
23-Sep	Aut Op R1, Seag R3								
30-Sep	Aut Seag R4, Master Class	Sa	04-Oct	Div 4	1	Skerries-Curragh(g)	2 - 4		
07-Oct	Aut Op R2, Seag R5								
		Sa	11-Oct	Junior		Mick Germaine Cup (U16s) Drumcondra			
14-Oct	Aut Op R3, Seag R6								
		Mo	20-Oct	Div 4	2	Elm Mount-Skerries(a)	3 - 3		
21-Oct	Aut Op R4, Seag R7								
28-Oct	(mid-term) Aut Op R5	Tu	28-Oct	Div7A	1	SkerriesA-DubUniv		1 - 4	
04-Nov	Comm Games R1 & Turk R1	Tu	04-Nov	Div 4	4	Skerries-Phibsboro(b)	4 - 2		
11-Nov	Turkey R1, C Games R2	Tu	11-Nov	Div7B	1	SkerriesB-N Barrog			1 - 4
18-Nov	Turkey R2, C Games R2 ctd.	Tu	18-Nov	Div7A	2	Malahide-SkerriesA		2½ - 2½	
		W	19-Nov	Div 4	4	RndTower-Skerries(g)	0 - 6		
		W	19-Nov	Div7B	2	StBenildus-SkerriesB			0 - 5
25-Nov	Turkey R3, C Games R3								
02-Dec	Comm Games R4	Tu	02-Dec	Div 4	5	Skerries-St.Benildus(bwo)	6 - 0		
		Sa	06-Dec	Div7B	3	SkerriesB-Enniscorthy			0 - 5
09-Dec	Turkey R4, C Games R5								
16-Dec	Turkey R5, C Games R6								
23-Dec	CLOSED to cook Turkey!								
30-Dec	CLOSED								
06-Jan	2014 Spring Open begins								
		Mo	12-Jan	Div 4	6	Celbridge-Skerries	4 - 2		
13-Jan	Spring Open R2	Tu	13-Jan	Div7A	4	Dublin-SkerriesA		3 - 2	
		fss	16-18 Jan			Gonzaga Classic			
		Sa	17-Jan	Div7B	4	Ballinasloe-SkerriesB			1½ - 3½
20-Jan	Spring Open R3								
27-Jan	Spring Open R4	Tu	27-Jan	Div 4	7	Skerries-Dun L'ire	2½ - 3½		
		Sa	31-Jan	Div7A	5	SkerriesA-Gorey		4 - 1	
03-Feb	Spring Open R5								
10-Feb	Spring Open R6								
		W	11-Feb	Div7A	6	BlanchA-SkerriesA		5 - 0	
		W	11-Feb	Div7B	5	BlanchA-SkerriesB			½ - 4½
		Th	12-Feb	Div 4	8	Inchicore-Skerries	3 - 3		
17-Feb	(Mid-term) Club Champs R1								
		fss	20-22 Feb			Bunratty Festival			
24-Feb	Match, Club Champs R1 contd.	Tu	24-Feb	Div 4	9	Skerries-P'marnock	3½ - 2½		
03-Mar	Club Champs R2	Tu	03-Mar	Div7A	7	SkerriesA-Bray/G		3½ - 2½	
		M	09-Mar	Div 4	10	Aer Lingus-Skerries	2½ - 3½		
10-Mar	Club Champs R2 contd.	Tu	10-Mar	Div7A	P1	SkerriesA-DublinUniv		1 - 4	
		Tu	10-Mar	Div7B	E1	SkerriesB-St.Benildus			2 - 3
17-Mar	Club Champs R3								
		W	18-Mar	Div7B	E2	Bray/G-SkerriesB			Postponed
		Fri	20-Mar	Junior		Community Games Dublin Finals Jobstown			
24-Mar	Club Champs R4					U16s won!, U13s silver			
		W	25-Mar	Div7A	P2	BlanchB-SkerriesA		2 - 3	
		fss	27-29 Mar			Cork Congress			
31-Mar	(Easter) Club Ch Catchup								
07-Apr	(Easter) Club Ch Catchup								
		FS	10-12 Apr	Junior		Irish Junior Champs, see icu.ie			
14-Apr	Club Champs R5, final round								
		S	18-Apr	Div7A	P3	Enniscorthy-SkerriesA		1½ - 3½	
		Su	19-Apr	Div 4	11	Bray/G-Skerries			
21-Apr	Swop chess games								
28-Apr	Annual General Meeting		Apr	KOC		Knockout cups begin around now			

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

Autumn Selection Tournament 2014

Sept. - Oct 2014. Held to select teams based on ratings after the tournament.

Autumn Open 2014

Overall				
1	John	Loughran	1684 *	4.5
2	Fred	Harte	1637 *	4
3	Joe	Dunne	1488 *	4

Grading Prizes (Under 1100)				
7	Daniel	Stefan	1071 *	2
8	Alessio	Roselli	1069 *	2
9	Cathal	Joyce	1026 *	2

Autumn Seagulls 2014 - Round 7

Overall				
1	Cathal	Joyce	1026	6
2	Tiernan	Ryan	886	5.5
3-4	Fionn	Reid-Kelly		5
	Alexander	Unguryan	1036	5

Grading Prizes (Under 700)				
6-9	Luke	Doyle	670	4
	Finn	Woodlock	548	4
10	Eoin	O'Kelly	616	3.5

Turkey 14

Oct - Dec 2014. Joint first on 4/5, winning vouchers for a share of turkey and ham:

1 Turkey 2014							5	
Nr	Pno ID	Title Name	Rating	Fed	Sco	SB		
1	1	John Loughran	1668 *	5	13.50		Gold	
2	4	Enda Joyce	1267 *	4	6.00		Silver	
3	3	Joe Dunne	1504 *	3	6.50		Bronze	
4	2	Fred Harte	1611 *	3	6.00		Bronze	
5	5	Paschal O'Shea	1255 *	3	5.50		Bronze	
6	10	Dermot Murphy	1018 *	2	4.00		GP 1	
7	9	Nikolai Dimitrov	1058 *	2	3.00		GP 2	
8	8	Gordon Roe	1120 *	2	2.00			
9	6	Brendan Morrissey	1174 *	2	1.50			
10	12	Angelo Roselli	940 *	1	1.50			
11	7	Marco Moncosu	1131 *	0	0.00			
12	11	Garreth Dunphy	978 *	0	0.00			

Skerries Community Games 2014/15

Oct - Dec 2014. Concurrent with Turkey 14. To select teams to represent Skerries in Dublin finals. Teams finally selected from those available are listed below in Team Reports.

Skerries Community Games 2014/15 Under 16

Nr	Name	Rating	Fed	Sco	SB	
1	Alan Joyce	1128 *	5	18.50		Gold
2	Daniel Stefan	1050 *	5	15.25		Silver
3	Mark Alladine	861 *	5	12.00		Bronze
4	Cathal Joyce	1049 *	4.5	11.00		
5	Alessio Roselli	1152 *	3	9.00		
6	James Casey	868 *	3	7.50		
7	Tiernan Ryan	891 *	3	7.00		
8	Niamh Cotter	798 *	3	3.50		GP 1 (u 800)
9	Ryan Cornielle	817 *	3	4.50		
10	Fionn Reid-Kelly	746 *	2.5	4.75		GP 2 (u 800)
11	Alexander Ungayan	1024 *	2	2.50		
12	Luke Doyle	681 *	1.5	2.75		
13	Ryan Staunton	661 *	1.5	1.75		
14	Vita O'Brien	516 *	1	2.50		
15	Oscar Bourke	785 *	1	0.50		
16	Finn Woodlock	605 *	0	0.00		
17	Owen Johnston	743 *	0	0.00		

Under 13

Nr	Name	Rating	Fed	Sco	SB	
1	Eoin O'Kelly	642 *	5.5	13.50		Gold
2	Aliseo Moncosu	689 *	5	14.50		Silver
3	Larry Hogan	452 *	4	9.00		Bronze
4	James Casey	868 *	3.5	11.00		
5	Luke Doyle	681 *	3.5	9.75		
6	Ryan Staunton	661 *	3.5	8.25		
7	Tiernan Ryan	891 *	3	9.00		
8	Gianmarco Roselli	437 *	3	7.75		GP 1 (u 500)
9	Alexander Unguryan	1024 *	3	7.50		
10	Moses O'Brien	660 *	2.5	5.50		
11	Charlie Naessens	477 *	2.5	3.25		GP 2 (u 500)
12	Lucy Naessens	374 *	2.5	3.75		GP 3 (u 500)
13	Tadhg Hickey	403 *	2	4.00		
14	Vita O'Brien	616 *	2	5.00		
15	Ruben O'Brien	402 *	2	2.50		
16	Daniel O'Kelly	271 *	2	4.00		
17	Tara Naessens	354 *	1.5	2.75		
18	Oscar Bourke	785 *	1	2.50		

Spring Open 2015

One large section with 6 rounds. Prizes in different rating bands to give everyone a chance to win something. The Cormorants (4th rating band) did particularly well.

	Name	Rating	Score	SB	Result
Seals (Open)					
1	Nikolai Dimitrov	1058 *	5	15.00	Gold
2	John Loughran	1668 *	4	11.50	Silver
3	Mark Allidine	861 *	4	11.00	Bronze
Herons (Under 1200)					
13	Marco Moncosu	1131	3	6.00	Gold
19	Brendan Morrissey	1174	2	4.00	Silver
24	Daniel Stefan	1050	2	3.50	Bronze
Seagulls (Under 900)					
4	Fionn Reid-Kelly	746	4	10.50	Gold
7	Tiernan Ryan	891	3	7.00	Silver
9	Niamh Cotter	817	3	6.00	Bronze
Cormorants (Under 700)					
11	Luke Doyle	681	3	7.00	Gold
10	Aliseo Mancosu	689	3	5.50	Silver
14	Finn Woodlock	605	3	5.00	Bronze
Oyster Catchers (Under 500)					
18	Tadhg Hickey	403	3	4.25	Gold
16	Lucy Naessens	374	3	3.00	Silver
23	Charlie Naessens	477	2	4.00	Bronze

Club championships – see below in Prize Giving

Swiss Master

Using the new Swiss Master software for doing pairings has enabled very detailed output of results all available on our website under Tournaments. You can click on a name and find out how someone did against all opponents and you can see the results of all rounds including unplayed games, very handy for the organisers.

Team Reports: Knockout Cups: Killane Shield

We submitted a team of 6 for the Killane Shield which is open to all players who played in Division 3 and below of the Leinster leagues and to beginners. We played two matches and lost both and thus failed to qualify for the knockout phase, but some new players gained valuable experience and had some great games.

Team Reports: First Team: Leinster League Division 4, the O'Hanlon Cup

Our first team finished fourth, missing out on promotion by one place as three teams were promoted this season to fill a gap in Div. 2. Our first team were promoted last year and from Div. 6 the year before.

Div 4 O'Hanlon Cup 2014 - 2015

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Def	Pts
1 Round Tower	11	36	20	10	0	46
2 Curragh	11	36	17	13	0	44 ½
3 Dun Laoghaire	11	37	13	16	1	42 ½
4 Skerries	11	30	7	29	0	33 ½
5 Aer Lingus	11	16	34	16	0	33
6 St Benildus	11	27	11	28	0	32 ½
7 Inchicore	11	23	19	24	0	32 ½
8 Elm Mount	11	25	14	27	0	32
9 Bray / Greystones	11	19	20	27	1	28
10 Celbridge	11	21	14	31	0	28
11 Portmarnock	11	19	16	31	0	27
12 Phibsboro	11	9	9	48	0	13 ½

Board order was generally 1.John (captain), 2.Fred, 3.Joe, 4.Paschal, 5.Enda and 6.Brendan/Gordon/Alessio, although we did rotate board order sometimes. We definitely missed Brian Leonard and Tadeusz Szczesniak this season though we were lucky to have Joe Dunne joining the team. He was our top scorer on 8/11 winning a SCC Board Prize.

Skerries						
Player	Code	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1 Dunne, Joseph	381	1484	7	2	2	8 / 11
2 Harte, Fred	552	1616	5	1	5	5½ / 11
3 Joyce, Enda	13405	953	2	1	8	2½ / 11
4 Loughran, John	795	1679	6	2	3	7 / 11
5 Morrissey, Brendan	13448	1208	2	1	2	2½ / 5
6 O'Shea, Paschal	13386	1159	5	0	6	5 / 11
7 Roe, Gordon	13645	1003	2	0	2	2 / 4
8 Roselli, Alessio	13318	1069	1	0	1	1 / 2

Skerries					
Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
1	Curragh	Sat 04 Oct 14	Home	Lost	2 - 4
2	Elm Mount	Mon 20 Oct 14	Away	Drew	3 - 3
3	Phibsboro	Tue 04 Nov 14	Home	Won	4 - 2
4	Round Tower	Wed 19 Nov 14	Away	Lost	0 - 6
5	St Benildus	Tue 02 Dec 14	Home	Won	6 - 0
6	Celbridge	Mon 12 Jan 15	Away	Won	4 - 2
7	Dun Laoghaire	Tue 27 Jan 15	Home	Lost	2 ½ - 3 ½
8	Inchicore	Thu 12 Feb 15	Away	Drew	3 - 3
9	Portmarnock	Tue 24 Feb 15	Home	Won	3 ½ - 2 ½
10	Aer Lingus	Mon 09 Mar 15	Away	Lost	2 ½ - 3 ½
11	Bray / Greystones	Sun 19 Apr 15	Away	Drew	3 - 3

All our team did well including two drafted up from last season's second team, Paschal and Enda and our three subs who rotated on board 6. This was so that Gordon and Alessio could strengthen our second team in the hope of promotion. This strategy nearly worked and did not weaken our first team as they and Brendan are close in ratings.

More details from our website under Links > LCU

Team Reports: Second Team: Leinster League Div 7A, O'Sullivan Cup

Our second team finished last in Div. 6A (Bodley) last year. This oversized division (20 teams in 2 sections) swelled with lots of new teams entering our second team was allocated to the newly created Div. 7A (O'Sullivan Cup), and our new third team joined Div 7B.

Div 7 O'Sullivan Cup Group A 2014 - 2015

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Def	Pts
1 Dublin University	6	22	1	7	1	21 ½
2 Skerries A	6	18	2	10	0	19
3 Dublin	6	17	4	9	0	19
4 Malahide	6	16	2	12	0	17
5 Gorey	6	12	4	14	0	14
6 Blanchardstown A	6	5	4	21	0	7
7 Bray / Greystones	6	5	3	22	0	6 ½

Despite losing Enda and Paschal to the first team we gained Gordon, Alessio and Nikolai who added to the strength of the juniors on the team. Having struggled in 2013/14 the experience gained proved useful as we almost won promotion. We came second in our section 7A but only came fourth in the play-offs, missing out on promotion.

Skerries A						
Player	Code	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1 Dimitrov, Nikolai	17485	0	6	0	0	6 / 6
2 Joyce, Alan	13499	822	3	0	2	3 / 5
3 Joyce, Cathal	13493	578	0	0	2	0 / 2
4 Roe, Gordon	13645	1003	5	0	1	5 / 6
5 Roselli, Alessio	13318	1069	3	1	1	3½ / 5
6 Stefan, Daniel	13475	787	1	1	4	1½ / 6

Skerries A					
Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
1	Dublin University	Tue 28 Oct 14	Home	Lost	1 - 4
2	Malahide	Tue 18 Nov 14	Away	Drew	2 ½ - 2 ½
3	Bye				
4	Dublin	Tue 13 Jan 15	Away	Won	3 - 2
5	Gorey	Sat 31 Jan 15	Home	Won	4 - 1
6	Blanchardstown A	Wed 11 Feb 15	Away	Won	5 - 0
7	Bray / Greystones	Tue 03 Mar 15	Home	Won	3 ½ - 1 ½

Board order was usually 1.Gordon (captain), 2.Alessio, 3.Nikolai, 4 and 5.Two of Alan, Daniel and Cathal although there was some team rotation. Gordon and Nikolai won LCU and Skerries board prizes.

In the play-offs we lost 1 - 4 to Dublin University, 2 - 3 to Blanchardstown and 1.5 - 3.5 to Enniscorthy, all of whom are promoted. More details of the initial league stages from our website under Links > LCU.

In the playoffs the players scored: Gordon (2/3), Alessio (1/3), Nikolai (0/3), Alan (0/3), Daniel (2/3).

Team Reports: Third Team: Leinster League Div 7B, O'Sullivan Cup

Our third team entered the newly created Div. 7 (O'Sullivan Cup) section 7B. Composed mainly of inexperienced juniors and two adults one of whom withdrew, we struggled against very capable opposition, but gained valuable experience which as we have seen with our second team, may prove very useful next season. Despite our many losses there were some jewels. Mark Allidine had a lovely tactical win from a complex position which I found hard to analyse as a spectator (John). He learned a lot from reading Irving Chernev's "Winning Chess", probably the best and most entertaining book on tactics I have read.

Div 7 O'Sullivan Cup Group B 2014 - 2015

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Pts
1 Enniscorthy	5	21	1	3	21 ½
2 Blanchardstown B	5	14	4	7	16
3 Ballinasloe	5	13	2	10	14
4 St Benildus	5	9	4	12	11
5 Naomh Barróg	5	9	1	15	9 ½
6 Skerries B	5	2	2	21	3

Captain (and driver) Dermot Murphy did a great job in organising his team and maintaining motivation, while taking on the strongest opponents on board 1. Board order was usually 1.Dermot, with Fionn, Mark, Luke, Ryan Corneille, Ryan Staunton and Finn sitting at the other boards with a lot of rotation.

Skerries B						
Player	Code	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1 Allidine, Mark	17456	0	1	0	2	1 / 3
2 Corneille, Ryan	17473	0	0	0	2	0 / 2
3 Doyle, Luke	13529	0	0	1	3	½ / 4
4 Murphy, Dermot	13528	606	0	1	4	½ / 5
5 Reid-Kelly, Fionn	17472	0	1	0	3	1 / 4
6 Staunton, Ryan	17487	0	0	0	3	0 / 3
7 Woodlock, Finn	17465	0	0	0	2	0 / 2

Skerries B						
Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score	Wov
1	Naomh Barróg	Tue 11 Nov 14	Home	Lost	1 - 4	
2	St Benildus	Wed 19 Nov 14	Away	Lost	0 - 5	
3	Enniscorthy	Sat 06 Dec 14	Home	Lost	0 - 5	
4	Ballinasloe	Sat 17 Jan 15	Away	Lost	1 ½ - 3 ½	1
5	Blanchardstown B	Wed 11 Feb 15	Away	Lost	½ - 4 ½	1

Mark Allidine and Fionn Reid-Kelly both win Skerries board prizes as top scorers.

After the leagues finished there an extra matche arranged against St. Benildus which we lost 2 – 3. Mark, Ryan Corneille and Finn lost while Fionn and Dermot got walkovers. More details of the initial league stages from our website under Links > LCU.

Community Games

U16s Win Dublin Finals!

The Skerries under-16 team won the Community Games Dublin Finals held in Jobstown on Friday 20th March 2015. This means they go through to the regional finals which include Dublin, Kildare and Wicklow. If they win that it's the Leinster and finally the All-Ireland finals. The under-13s won Silver Medals ahead of Lucan, Iona and Portmarnock, losing only to Malahide who won the U13s.

The U16s were helped a little by the fact that Malahide only fielded four players so we had a walkover on board 5. In our match against them it was looking bleak as all four of our players looked to be losing except perhaps for Cathal who had a fairly even game. Alan and Mark lost so we needed two wins plus the walkover to beat Malahide, our closest rivals. Daniel was a piece and a few pawns down but his opponent did not seem to know how to finish him off. Although losing, Daniel was threatening a back rank mate with rook and bishop which he finally secured after chasing away the protecting knight with his pawn. Cathal played really well in the ending with a rook and bishop versus rook and opposite coloured bishop. He used his time well and took his opponent's king when they both had minutes left. After this 3 - 2 win against Malahide the team then secured convincing wins against Jobstown (4 - 1) and Portmarnock (4 - 1) to win first place overall. We will award Daniel Stefan and Fionn Reid-Kelly board prizes as our top scorers on 3/3. On the way home we noticed that the last time Skerries had their name engraved on the cup was 1992. In board order the team was Alan Joyce (1/3), Daniel Stefan (3/3), Cathal Joyce (2/3), Mark Allidine (2/3) and Fionn Reid-Kelly (3/3) with sub Owen Johnston (1/1).

The U13s had a tougher time of it losing their first match 0.5 - 4.5 to Malahide. Despite this disappointment they bounced back winning their next three games 3 - 2 against Lucan, 5 - 0 against Iona and 3 - 2 against Portmarnock to secure second place overall, repeating their good performance from last year. As on the U16s all players scored some points but we will award board prizes to the three top scorers on 3/4, Tiernan Ryan (board 2), Oscar Bourke (Bd. 4) and Sam Zomer (Bd. 5). Alexander Unguryan played well on board 1 (1.5/4) as did James Casey on board 3 (1/4) with Eoin O'Kelly and Aliseo Mancosu both scoring 2/2 as subs.

As you can see from the photos the juniors were delighted with their success. Credit must go to the Captain and Junior Secretary Enda Joyce who organised the teams and made a lot of calls to ensure we had full teams despite being ill himself.



Dublin Champions Under 16 Community Games Dublin Finals 2015: Skerries. Back (L to R): Mark Allidine, Daniel Stefan, Owen Johnston, Cathal Joyce. Front (L to R): Alan Joyce, Fionn Reid-Kelly.



Under 13 Community Games Dublin Finals 2015 Silver Medallists: Skerries. Back (L to R): James Casey, Alexander Unguryan, Oscar Bourke, Tiernan Ryan, Front (L to R): Aliseo Mancosu, Sam Zomer, Eoin O'Kelly.

Junior Officer's Report – Enda Joyce

Having won the Dublin finals our U16 team is due to play Wicklow in the last week of May if they had a team if not we would play Kildare. The next round would be July 4th which would be the Leinster final. The last round would be second week of August but the date is not set yet.

O'Connell Cup, 2014, Sun 18th May, ALSAA, Results

Round	1	2	3	4	5	Totals	
Opponents	Rathmines	St. Benildus	Malahide	Blanchardstown	Enniscorthy		
	0.5	2	4	3	4	13.5	/20
	loss	draw	win	win	walkover		
Skerries Team							
Mark Allidine	0.5	1	1	1	w/o	4.5	/5
Daniel Stefan	0	0	1	0	w/o	2	/5
Alan Joyce	0	1	1	1	w/o	4	/5
Ryan Corneille	0	0	1	1	w/o	3	/5

The Skerries team came third overall in the U1000 section of the O'Connell Cup. The board order was varied. Two other Skerries players played for other teams who needed players: Luke Doyle & Aliseo Mancosu.

Coaching Officer's Report – Clodagh Zomer

This is the second year running that the club has put an emphasis on coaching for all club members, very successfully given the results, once again, in the Dublin Community Games.

This year the club took the step to invite FIDE Chess Master David Fitzsimons to give three coaching sessions from 8 pm to 10.30 pm in the club – starting with the junior and then working with the seniors. These sessions were very beneficial with plenty of interaction and very much enjoyed by all ages and levels in the club. Numerous topics were covered including classic games, how to outwit your opponent with opening preparation and how to calculate in highly tactical positions.

David has kindly sent on the database of games and positions he used to coach us in the second master class. You can play through these games and see how much you remember by clicking on the links on the Coaching page on the club website skerrieschess.com to work through these games and for further links.

A number of generous senior members offer their expertise and time to juniors each week to bring the juniors through the intricacies of the game. Coaches are usually available for coaching unless they themselves are involved in a tournament on that night.

The noticeboard shows which coaches are allocated to which members. Check who your allocated coach is and make your presence known to the coach when you arrive. This isn't set in stone – if another coach is available you are welcome to ask the coach if you can avail of coaching from them.

Members who arrive at 7 pm sharp can avail of a session of coaching before matches are played. We also keep a record of coaching received by a member – this is noted on coaching sheets and will be available on the website soon. It is useful to ensure that all are availing of coaching and coaching is equally distributed.

On behalf of the club members and parents I'd like to thank the coaches for their time and patience: Enda Joyce, Paschal O'Shea, John Loughran, Fred Harte, Dermot Murphy, Marco Mancosu, Joe Dunne, Brendan Morrissey.

John Loughran adds: I attended a coaching seminar in Bunratty in February 2015 run by FIDE, the world chess federation, given by FM David O’Connell. He tutored us on psychology and even nutrition and went on to how to study classic games. He placed a big emphasis on studying endings as it is in this phase that you learn how the pieces really work when the board is less cluttered. At the end I qualified for the FIDE Instructor title which is a definite boost for our club for whose support I am grateful. His system of predicting what the ratings of serious junior players will be when they are aged 20 was particularly helpful along with his top four ways to improve. See the Ratings report below for more on this.

Rating Officer’s Report – Fred Harte

The rating system devised by Mark Glickman has worked very well over the past year for Skerries Chess Club. Mark is an American statistician, and chairman of the United States Chess Federation ratings committee. His system has become known as the “Glicko” system. Mark provided an add-in to Microsoft’s Excel computer spreadsheet program that made the job of calculating the ratings after every club night much simpler than it had been in the past. And the amount of detail that is generated by the computer is far ahead of what could be provided if the results were all done by hand. For a long while members were able to view just their ratings on the Skerries website. But, now, due to a recent upgrade, members can see much more what the program can offer, either by browsing the file online, or by downloading the file for themselves. You can see the result of every club game played since the beginning of the season – who your opponent was and the outcome of the game; that’s nearly 750 games so far! And there’s more: each player can click on their own tab to see whom they played, the rating of their opponents, and the effect of the result on their own rating. The value of a rating system is to provide chess players with a measure of how well they are progressing. Everybody wants to improve, and if you do by playing stronger than ever before, you’ll see your rating increase. How do you improve? By playing players better than yourself [higher rated] and then trying as hard as you can to see good moves on the board. You will need to practise the various aspects of chess playing: opening moves; tactics; endgame technique. Get a good book, and work diligently through it to help you do this.

A major factor in the success of the rating system is the effort put in by those who take the results of matches week in and week out. Without such volunteers there’d be no ratings at all. My thanks to all those who have undertaken to do this job.

John Loughran adds: Skerries ratings are updated weekly so are essentially “Live”. The following rating list shows a complete list of members in various age groups. Ratings in bold are established while those in regular font or italics are provisional, based on a small number of games and thus unreliable. The gain columns show how these ratings have changed since last April.

The leagues column shows how many volunteered to play on each team in the Leinster leagues and how many games they ended up playing for the first team in Div. 4 and the second and third teams in Div. 7A and 7B. We paid ICU fees for four players who played no league games. To avoid this next season we will only register players after they play their first league game.

A system called Age Performance Ratio devised by Kevin O’Connell FM can be used to predict a junior player’s rating progress and predict the rating they may achieve aged 20, provided they continue to play chess seriously, compete in external tournaments, write down their moves, analyse games afterwards and do some chess study. In the table I have presented the top ten predicted ratings among juniors in the club which suggests that if these juniors and many more not shown follow this advice they should be competing for places on the first team before long. We need to encourage all juniors to annotate and analyse games and compete in more ICU rated events.

Ratings: Skerries Ratings, Irish Chess Union Ratings and Some Predictions

	Leagues		Games pld		Player name	22/04	Gain	Top 10	ICU	Gain	
Age	Play?	ICU	in Division			Live	since	Predicted	Rating	since	
Group	21	23	4	7a	7b	MEMBERS	Rating	Apr14	Rating20	Apr-15	Apr-14
	D4	R	11			John Loughran	1663	-21		1726	97
	D4	R	11			Fred Harte	1591	-46		1556	-60
	D4	R	11			Joe Dunne	1500	12		1502	14
	D4	R	11			Enda Joyce	1278	7		910	-30
	D4	R	11			Paschal O'Shea	1227	-52		1158	38
U15	D4&7	R	2	5		Alessio Roselli	1177		1537	1065	60
	sub					Marco Mancosu	1159	46			
	D4&7	R	4	6		Gordon Roe	1155	58		1221	218
	sub	R	5			Brendan Morrissey	1141	-29		1175	-33
U14	D7a	R		5		Alan Joyce	1135	13	1575	725	-97
	D7a	R		6		Nikolai Dimitrov	1108	93		1035	1035
U15	D7a	R		6		Daniel Stefan	1059	-13	1419	731	-37
U16	D7a	R		2		Cathal Joyce	1055	29	1415	527	-29
	D7b	R				Angelo Roselli	990				
U13	D7a	R				Alexander Unguryan	988	-48	1508	573	106
	D7b	R			5	Dermot Murphy	987	-25		602	28
U13	no					Tiernan Ryan	907	21	1507		
	D7a	R				Gareth Dunphy	900				
U13	no					James Casey	865	-61			
U14	D7b	R			4	Fionn Reid-Kelly	859				
U16	D7b	R			3	Mark Allidine	854	-9			
U16	D7b	R			2	Ryan Corneille	824	33			
U14	no					Niamh Cotter	783	-17			
U13	no	R				Oscar Bourke	769	-35			
U10	no					Aliseo Mancosu	739	61	1539		
U13	D7b	R			4	Luke Doyle	694	24			
U14	no					Owen Johnston	694	-96			
U11	no					Moses O'Brien	643	-43			
U13	D7b	R			3	Ryan Staunton	639	-32			
U9						Sam Zomer	636	-47	1636		
U11	no					Eoin O'Kelly	635	18			
U14	D7b	R			2	Finn Woodlock	621	74			
U8	no					Gianmarco Roselli	551		1551		
U13	no					Vita O'Brien	529	60			
U11	no					Charlie Naessens	507	47			
U11	no					Larry Hogan	492				
U12						Evan O'Connor	410				
U9	no					Ruben O'Brien	408	37	1408		
U10	no					Lucy Naessens	396	56			
U9	no					Tadhg Hickey	356	94			
U8	no					Tara Naessens	314	40			
U10	no					Daniel O'Kelly	222				
U9						Samuel Hanlon	196				

Notices: John Loughran

Knockout Cups – We will enter teams of 6 in Killane (all)/ Willie Brennan (U1500 ICU only). Entries by Friday 1st May. Games are as in the leagues – start at 7:30 pm until maybe 11 pm. Who would like to play?

The Novices league - O'Connell Cup (ICU rating below 900) and Philip Hogarty Rising Stars (rating below 700) will be held on 10th May 2015 at 10.15 am in ALSAA Sports Club, Old Airport Road, Dublin Airport, Co Dublin. This is a team event for Clubs and Schools. Each team will comprise four players. For further details email mauraosborne@eircom.net. Who would like to play? See ICU ratings below for team selection.

Malahide Millennium Tmt./Leinster Championships – Sat 2nd May, Sun 3rd, Mon 4th – ALSAA – 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 and Gordon will play.

Drogheda Congress – Sat 30th May, Sun 31st, Mon 1st June – 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 & 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.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran

www.skerrieschess.com was set up in November 2012 with over 23 000 visits to date (9 000 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

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. More parents are involved periodically which spreads the load but we could always use more volunteers to help out in any way.

Treasurer's Report – Seamus Casey

See end of printed copy of yearbook.

Fees

We propose to maintain fees at the reduced level for next season of €60 for adults and €50 for juniors with a new flat rate of €10 extra for those wishing to play in the leagues to go towards the ICU fee paid by the club.

Teams for next year

We propose fielding 3 teams in the leagues as this season (adults and juniors), 1 – 2 teams in Mick Germaine Cup (juniors), U16 and U13 teams in Community Games, 1 – 2 in Novices/O’Connell Cup and 1 – 2 in Knockout Cups after the leagues.

Would people mind if we circulated a printed sheet containing contact details (phone and e-mail) of all adult members and parents of junior members, to facilitate communication within the club? This would help particularly team captains, selectors, tournament controllers etc. and would help members contact various officers.

Would people object if a similar list (minus any objectors) was available on the website? (E-mail addresses hidden from spammers)? We would get verbal consent before adding anyone to this list. I (John) do not get too many calls or e-mails even though my details are on the website.

AGM of Leinster Chess Union

Held in June. With the club’s approval I will put forward motion to extend the Fischer mode option to all divisions and KO Cups. For example 1 hour and 15 mins plus 30 seconds added on per move instead of 1 h 45 mins for all moves. Two delegates from each club may attend and vote. Approve? Other motions regarding leagues etc? Delegates?

AGM of Irish Chess Union

Held in September. Motions must be in 1 month in advance. All may attend. Any motions?

AOB Items can be discussed now

Election of new committee

Thanks to all current members of the committee for their efforts in making this such a vibrant and successful club. We would love to have 2 people for each job if possible, old and new, train in and in case child quits (parents must always do as children tell them!).

Prize Giving Ceremony

Board Prizes

2014/15

Div 6 O’Hanlon Cup	Joe Dunne	8/11
Div 7A O’Sullivan Cup	Nikolai Dimitrov	6/6
Div 7A O’Sullivan Cup	Gordon Roe	5/6
Div 7B O’Sullivan Cup	Mark Allidine	1/3
Div 7B O’Sullivan Cup	Fionn Reid-Kelly	1/4
Community Games U16	Daniel Stefan	3/3
Community Games U16	Fionn Reid-Kelly	3/3
Community Games U13	Tiernan Ryan	3/4
Community Games U13	Oscar Bourke	3/4
Community Games U13	Sam Zomer	3/4

Rating Improvement Prizes

2014/15

1st Adult	Nikolai Dimitrov	+93
2nd Adult	Gordon Roe	+58
1st Junior	Tadhg Hickey	+94
2nd Junior	Finn Woodlock	+74

Club championships

Cups

Senior Cup	John Loughran
Junior Boys' Cup	Alexander Unguryan
Junior Girls' Cup	Niamh Cotter

Skerries Club Championships 2015 Senior

Place	Name	Score
1st	John Loughran	4.5
2nd	Joe Dunne	3.5
3rd	Fred Harte	3
3rd	Enda Joyce	3

Skerries Club Championships Section B

Place	Name	Score
1st	Nikolai Dimitrov	2
1st	Angelo Roselli	2
1st	Alexander Unguryan	2

Skerries Club Championships Section C

Place	Name	Score
1st	Mark Allidine	4
2nd	Niamh Cotter	3
3rd	Tiernan Ryan	2
3rd	Fionn Reid-Kelly	2

Skerries Club Championships Section D

Place	Name	Score
1st	Finn Woodlock	4.5
2nd	Moses O'Brien	3
2nd	Eoin O'Kelly	3

Skerries Club Championships Section E

Place	Name	Score
1st	Gianmarco Roselli	5
2nd	Larry Hogan	4
3rd	Tara Naessens	2.5
3rd	Sam Zomer	2.5
5th (U400 Grading Prize)	Lucy Naessens	2

Certificates

Certificates will be awarded to all members listing tournaments they played in, any prizes won, other prizes and their current Skerries and ICU ratings.