



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



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Yearbook for 2016/17 Season, **now incl. minutes of AGM in bold**

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Apologies

Paula O'Neill, Conor Ferguson and Rosie, Dermot Murphy.

Minutes of 2016 AGM

Highlights were read.

Matters Arising

65 sets in bags with boards were donated by our club to National Schools in the Skerries area as follows, based on our best guess as to student numbers in each school: 10 to St Patrick's Senior School, 10 St Patrick's junior school, 7 to Holmpatrick, 14 to Realt na Mara, 10 to Educate Together, 6 to Milverton and 8 to Loughshinny. (30 extra sets were bought by St. Patk's SNS) New members from Holmpatrick NS at last.

Hoodies were bought. Will be sold for €25 (adult), €15 (child). €5 off for team members and for members whose parent attended the AGM. About 15 were sold at the AGM. There are some left.

AOB items noted for discussion at the end

We forgot to do this but gave time at the end for AOB.

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

Attendance

We will note the attendance so notices, yearbooks, certificates and prizes can be relayed to those not present. 56 people attended including 21 members and 25 parents of members, some of the parents arrived late.

Progress since Foundation

Now near the end of our 5th season. Founded on 2/10/2012. 2 teams in leagues. 48 members.

Membership and Attendance

John Loughran took over as the membership officer. 48 fully paid up members (+4 compared to 2015/16). 10 Adults (-3) and 38 juniors (+7) including 3 girls (no change) and 35 boys (+7).

Higher turnover of members – 16 new members replaced those leaving at the end of last season (18 last season). Average attendance on Tuesday nights is 33 (+7) – same as 2014/15 season.

Team Competitions - (will read full reports later)

First team (captain John Loughran) came fifth in Div. 3 (Ennis Shield) of Leinster leagues. This team was promoted from Div. 4 last season, from Div. 5 three seasons ago and from Div. 6 the season before.

Second team (captain Enda Joyce) came 5th in Div. 7B (O'Sullivan Cup), missing out on play-offs.

A third team was not formed this year, dropping out of Div. 7 (O'Sullivan Cup).

Killane Shield – We will enter a team this year (2017). We did not play last season as it was a weekender.

We announced that in the Killane Shield Phibsboro and Blanchardstown had withdrawn. Later Phibsboro joined up again so our first match is Tuesday 16th May at home.

Novices league – **We did not enter a team.**

Mick Germaine Cup – **No team entered as it was held too close to Christmas.**

Community Games – In the Dublin finals this year we came 3rd in U16s and 3rd in U13s.

Judit Polgar visits UCD May 25th 6pm to 8 pm – one free ticket. Blitz tmt. follows.

Diana Mirza won FIDE World Schools U17 Girls Championships – see www.icu.ie or www.rte.ie

Participation in national tournaments

John Loughran played in Malahide Senior (May '16, 1/6 points, -34 ICU rating), Drogheda (June '16, 3/6, +22), Killane Shield (0/2, -12), City of Dublin (2/5, -36), Ennis (6/11, -26 est.), Bunnratty (Feb-17. 0.5/6, -30)

Nikolai Dimitrov played in Malahide Junior (May '16, 2/6 points), Malahide Junior (May '17, 4/6 points including some scalps!).

Juniors competed in the Leinster Junior Grand Prix, 2nd event, March 2017 and 3rd event. Report below.

ICU Rating gains (top few):, Nikolai Dimitrov +63 (again), Joe Dunne +46.

Highest attendance on club nights: Joe Dunne (32 – every night)

Provisional ICU rating gains: points, Cathal Joyce +89 (again!), Marco Mancosu after 6 games is 1438!

Notices: John Loughran

Knockout Cups – We will enter a team of 6 in Killane Shield - back to a league format this year. All moves in 1 h 45 mins, start at 7:30 pm. We have Dan, John, Marco, Enda, Nikolai, Owen, Joe (will rotate). Fixtures on Calendar – Tues. 16th May R1 Skerries – Phibsboro; R2 Bye; R3 Tues. 30th May Skerries – Inchicore; R4 Wed 14th June Blanchardstown – Skerries; R5 Sat 1st July Elm Mount – Skerries. May reschedule.

Novices league – The O’Connell Cup (ICU rating below 900) and the Philip Hogarty Rising Stars (ICU rating below 700) will be held on Sunday 28-May-2017 in ALSAA, from 1.30pm - 5.30pm. See Enda, Fred? Teams of 4 from clubs/schools.

Drogheda Congress: Sat 3rd – Mon 5th June, St. Mary’s Parish School (NS), Bryanstown. Prize fund €2000+. Entry €40 before Mon. 29th May. 2 games per day. 90 mins + 30 secs/move. 3 sections: Sec A >1600 ICU rating, Sec B 1100–1600, Sec C <1100. John, Nikolai & 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 11th July, break for August (sets available), resume on 5th Sept. Committee meet 29th August. See upcoming events in Tournament and News > Calendar on website. We are planning a few fun events for the next few weeks starting with Rapid/Speed chess next week. We hope to have a time handicap tournament and an outdoor “Sprint Chess” challenge where the clock is placed 10 metres from the board.

Calendar of Events for 2016/17 Season - see Google calendar on website

Today ◀ ▶ May 2017 Print Week Month Agenda

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
1 May Malahide Millenr	2 7pm Blitz tmt. 3 m	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 7pm Annual Gener	10	11	12 Ennis Congress	13	14
15 7pm Downstairs - 7:30pm Killane R1	16	17	18	19	20 10am 1867 Rapid	21
22 7pm Speed Chess	23	24	25 6pm Judit Polgar T	26	27	28 1:30pm Novices lea
29 7pm Speed Chess 7:30pm Killane R3	30	31	1 Jun	2 Drogheda Congress (Probably)	3	4
5 Drogheda Congr	6 7pm Speed Chess	7	8	9	10	11
12 7pm Speed Chess	13	14 7:30pm Killane R4	15	16	17	18
19 7pm Speed Chess	20	21	22	23 Glorney Gilbert Junior International - Wales, UK	24	25
26 Glorney Gilbert Junior Internationa	27 7pm Speed Chess	28	29	30	1 Jul 7:30pm Killane R5	2

Q: Giant chess set? Premises to keep it in with key? Site? Notice on skerriesca.com? **Was discussed.**

Tournament Controller's Report - Internal tournaments – John Loughran

Autumn Selection Tournament 2016

Sept. – Oct 2016. Held to select teams based on ratings after the tournament.

Autumn Open 2016

1st: John Loughran* (*means on tie-break) 4/5
= 2nd - 4th: Dan Aldridge*, Joe Dunne, Nikolai Dimitrov 3

Grading Prizes (U 1300)

1st: Nikolai Dimitrov* 3
= 2nd - 3rd: Marco Mancosu*, Daniel Stefan 2

Grading Prizes (U 1000)

1st: Owen Johnston* 2
= 2nd - 3rd: Dermot Murphy*, Tiernan Ryan 1.5

Autumn Seagulls 2016

1st: Luke Doyle on 7/7
2nd: Sam Zomer 5.5
3rd: Finn Woodlock 4.5

Grading prizes for players with rating less than 600:

1st: Tadhg McCaughey 3.5
2nd: Lorcan Kelly 3.5

Grading prizes for players with rating less than 400:

1st: Charlie Dunne 4
2nd: Ben Hogan 3 (on tie break)
3rd: Bláithín Aldridge 3

Turkey and Community Games 2016

Turkey 2016

Oct – Dec 2015.
1st Joe Dunne 5/5
2nd John Loughran 4
3rd Paschal O`Shea 3

Skerries Community Games Under 16

1st Fionn Reid-Kelly 5/6
2nd Finn Woodlock 4 (on tie-break)
3rd Owen Johnston 4

Skerries Community Games Under 13

1st Sam Zomer 4.5/6
2nd Éanna Keogan 4.5 (on tie-break)
3rd Lorcan Kelly 4.5

Grading Prizes (U 500)

1st Ruben O`Brien 4.5/6
2nd Joseph Jones 3 (on tie-break)
3rd Jamie Staunton 3

Grading Prizes (U 400)

1st Diarmuid Slattery 3/6
2nd Luke Murphy-Walsh 2 (on tie-break)
3rd Louis Staunton 2

Piece Handicap Tournament 2017 – see prizegiving for results

Spring 2017, in parallel with the club championships, using the handicap system below, based on the based on the difference in Skerries ratings between the players. **Despite the handicap the higher rated player won 61% of the time. John will analyse results in more detail and will redesign for next time.**

Rating Diff.	Piece Handicap Higher Player removes	Which pieces?
>20	Pawn	KBP on f2/f7
>60	Knight	QKt on b1/b8
>80	Knight & Pawn	QKt on b1/b8, KBP on f2/f7
>120	Knight & Bishop	QKt on b1/b8, QB on c1/c8
>160	Rook & Bishop	QR on a1/a8, QB on c1/c8
>180	Queen	Q
>260	Queen & Knight	Q, QKt on b1/b8
>330	Queen & Rook	Q, QR on a1/a8
>370	Queen, Knight & Bishop	Q, QKt on b1/b8, KB on f1/f8
>500	Queen, Rook & Bishop	Q, QR on a1/a8, KB on f1/f8
>1500	Queen & two Rooks	Q, QR, KR

Club Championships – see below in Prize Giving

Team Reports: First Team: Leinster League Division 3, the Ennis Shield

Our first team finished fifth, a creditable performance in our first season in division 3, following our promotion last season when we came second in Div 4 behind Gonzaga. In 2014/15 we came fourth in Div. 6. 2013/14 promoted from Div 5. 2012/13 promoted from Div. 6.

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Pts
1 Gonzaga	11	45	12	9	51
2 Rathmines A	11	38	17	11	46 ½
3 Dun Laoghaire	11	36	14	16	43
4 Cavan	11	29	17	20	37 ½
5 Skerries	11	28	14	24	35
6 Round Tower	11	22	23	21	33 ½
7 Longford	11	17	25	24	29 ½
8 Inchicore	11	21	12	33	27
9 Curragh	11	14	24	28	26
10 Rathmines B	11	18	15	33	25 ½
11 Dublin	11	13	24	29	25
12 Naomh Barróg	11	8	17	41	16 ½

Board order was generally

1. Dan,
2. John (captain),
3. Fred,
4. Joe,
5. Tadeusz or Paschal,
6. Marco, Enda, Nikolai, Daniel Stefan, Dermot

Joe was our top scorer on 8/11 winning a board prize from SCC.

Again this season we used our second team players as subs no more than three times so they could continue to play on the 2nd team.

Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
1	Cavan	Sat 01 Oct 16	Away	Drew	3 - 3
2	Dublin	Tue 11 Oct 16	Home	Won	5 - 1
3	Gonzaga	Sat 22 Oct 16	Away	Lost	1 - 5
4	Longford	Sat 19 Nov 16	Home	Drew	3 - 3
5	Round Tower	Wed 30 Nov 16	Away	Drew	3 - 3
6	Rathmines B	Tue 10 Jan 17	Home	Won	4 - 2
7	Curragh	Sat 04 Feb 17	Away	Won	3 ½ - 2 ½
8	Dun Laoghaire	Tue 14 Feb 17	Home	Lost	2 - 4
9	Inchicore	Thu 23 Feb 17	Away	Won	4 - 2
10	Naomh Barróg	Tue 21 Mar 17	Home	Won	4 - 2
11	Rathmines A	Sun 23 Apr 17	Home	Lost	2 ½ - 3 ½

Player	Code	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1 Aldridge, Dan	17653	1820	4	2	0	5 / 6
2 Dimitrov, Nikolai	17485	931	0	1	2	½ / 3
3 Dunne, Joseph	381	1442	7	2	2	8 / 11
4 Harte, Fred	552	1526	4	3	4	5½ / 11
5 Joyce, Enda	13405	940	0	1	3	½ / 4
6 Loughran, John	795	1710	5	2	4	6 / 11
7 Mancosu, Marco	17903	1100	4	1	1	4½ / 6
8 Murphy, Dermot	13528	617	0	0	1	0 / 1
9 O'Shea, Paschal	13386	1117	3	1	4	3½ / 8
10 Stefan, Daniel	13475	730	0	0	2	0 / 2
11 Szczesniak, Tadeusz	13453	1457	1	1	1	1½ / 3

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

Our second team finished fifth in Div. 7B this season, failing to make the play-offs for the first time. We were unable to field a third team this year due to lack of players.

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Reg	Pts
1 Gonzaga B	8	30	2	8	0	31
2 UCD B	8	25	4	11	0	27
3 Gorey	8	26	1	13	0	26 ½
4 Bray / Greystones	8	20	6	14	0	23
5 Skerries	8	20	4	16	0	22
6 Malahide B	8	13	7	20	0	16 ½
7 St Benildus B	8	10	4	26	0	12
8 Rathmines B	8	16	3	21	7½	10
9 Kilkenny B	8	4	1	35	0	4 ½

Only Paschal was lost to the first team this year after playing most of the rounds. Despite missing some adult players the younger players did very well, especially Cathal who scored 5/5 winning a SCC board prize. Has he scored 6 he would have received a LCU board prize too. Dermot also improved over last year.

We defaulted one board in one match which lost us a place in the end to Bray.

Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score	Wov
1	Kilkenny B	Sat 08 Oct 16	Away	Won	5 - 0	
2	Rathmines B	Tue 18 Oct 16	Home	Drew	2 ½ - 2 ½	
3	St Benildus B	Wed 02 Nov 16	Away	Won	4 - 1	
4	Bye					
5	Gorey	Sat 21 Jan 17	Away	Lost	2 - 3	
6	Malahide B	Tue 31 Jan 17	Home	Won	3 - 2	
7	Bray / Greystones	Tue 21 Feb 17	Home	Won	3 - 2	
8	UCD B	Mon 06 Mar 17	Away	Lost	1 ½ - 3 ½	1
9	Gonzaga B	Tue 28 Mar 17	Home	Lost	1 - 4	

Player	Code	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1 Dimitrov, Nikolai	17485	931	4	1	3	4½ / 8
2 Johnston, Owen	17685	719	0	0	1	0 / 1
3 Joyce, Alan	13499	758	0	0	1	0 / 1
4 Joyce, Cathal	13493	594	5	0	0	5 / 5
5 Joyce, Enda	13405	940	3	3	2	4½ / 8
6 Murphy, Dermot	13528	617	2	0	4	2 / 6
7 O'Shea, Paschal	13386	1117	4	0	1	4 / 5
8 Stefan, Daniel	13475	730	2	0	3	2 / 5

Board order was usually
 1. Paschal,
 2. Enda (captain),
 3. Nikolai,
 4. Daniel or Dermot
 5. Cathal or Alan.

With a panel of only six full time players for a team of five it is a tribute to the players, especially the younger ones that they fielded a full team except for one match when promotion was beyond reach.

Junior Officer's Report – John Loughran for Enda Joyce and Clodagh Zomer

Community Games

The 2017 Dublin Community Games Finals took place in Malahide on Feb 4th 2017. We were able to enter a team into both the under 16s and the 13s, thanks to Enda Joyce and Clodagh Zomer, Junior Officers, who organised the teams. Both teams came third earning bronze medals. Full results on website (Clodagh).

Other Junior Competitions

Novices – **Clodagh thinks we may not have entered a team for some reason.**

Mick Germaine Cup – **we did not enter a team as it was held too close to Christmas.**

Coaching Officer's Report – Marco Mancosu & John Loughran

Coaching remains a regular feature of the chess club. It takes various forms – one on one coaching or group coaching, usually shortly after 7 pm before matches begin. Most adults coach. A record is kept and is online. Some kids are too busy to accept coaching. John would like to reintroduce Master classes from a strong player next year, primarily to inspire the stronger players but as before giving a short taster to the younger ones. [John]

Learning Curriculum: In September 2016, the club launched a new initiative to provide a more comprehensive framework for a coaching strategy, in particular for the junior players. The adults set a curriculum covering chess skills and knowledge for players from complete beginner to advanced levels. Each member of the club is assigned a skills card where his skills and knowledge level are tracked. When coaches provide lessons, they are asked to track in this file the skills and the knowledge the player has acquired during the lesson, and the time spent for the coaching. The next step would be to digitalize the files to get an overview of the club's progress in the curriculum. This should allow the club to better understand the level of the members, and monitor possible common areas where most members – in particular the junior players – show a lack of knowledge. This should allow for better planning of coaching and indicate areas of weakness in which specific interventions may benefit members.

Chesskid.com: In April 2017 the club decided to sponsor gold membership of chesskid.com as a teaching tool for coaches and as a learning platform for a number of junior members of the club. Chesskid.com offers a safe environment where kids can play matches and tournaments, receive interactive lessons, watch fun educational videos and play quizzes whose difficulty increases in line with the growing skills of the kid. Coaches can organize students into groups, give assignments, view individual reports cards to track students' progress, and club report cards to track club progress, promote tournaments and competitions and review the kids games. As chesskid.com is a premium platform, after a trial period the club should decide whether chesskid.com will be supported next season 2017-2018. We are currently running a trial. Our next step would be to evaluate the possibility of involving some of the coaches of the club (who could assist specific kids in their activities on chesskid.com) and expand the trial to a few more kids. Ultimately, we should assess the interest of the kids in the trial, their commitment, and the usefulness of the platform for the club's coaching strategy. I am of the opinion that some of the kids in the trial who used chesskid.com in the last few weeks have shown great interest and have progressed considerably in the chesskid.com curriculum, learning tactics and fundamentals of play which in the medium to long term should reflect in a statistically significant improvement in their club ratings. [Marco Mancosu]

The committee/adult players is to discuss separately whether or not to hold coaching sessions from a strong player predominantly for the adult members. It was also agreed that there should be a rota of adults, and potentially of teenage members to coach on a regular basis.

Rating Officer's Report – Fred Harte

A series of three chess tournaments for junior players has been held so far during 2017. Each tournament was made up of six games of 15 minutes duration for each player. While no one from Skerries participated in the first Grand Prix event, three took the opportunity to test themselves in the second event held in ALSAA: Sam Zomer, Aliseo Mancosu, and Fionn Reid-Kelly. All three did themselves proud. Sam with 3/6, Aliseo with 4/6, and Fionn, who had the misfortune to have been pitted against the eventual three top players in his group, also finished with 3/6. The club sponsored the entry of the trio for this event. Sam also entered the third event held in the nearby Carlton Hotel where he again finished with 3/6. Sam was able to turn the tables on his previous encounter with Thomas Gartlan who had surprised him with an unusual, but dubious attack.

Playing in such tournaments will bring on chess players like nothing else. It can be fun too - a good day out. On the rating front, there have been some notable improvements in ratings over this season to date. Here is a table showing the top eight players who have played more than 20 games as recorded in the club results so far this year. [Note: these are gains since Sept. not since last AGM - John]. **This report was not read out.**

SCC Members	Rating	Games	Gain
1Tadhg McCaughey	598	51	78
2Ben Hogan	461	37	61
3Sam Zomer	700	43	49
4Matthew Greaney	541	21	41
5Charlie Dunne	438	37	38
6Finn Woodlock	663	27	34
7Bláithín Aldridge	432	29	32
8Owen Johnston	723	32	30

Skerries and ICU ratings and predictions – John Loughran

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.

A system called Age Performance Ratio devised by Kevin O’Connell FM can be used to predict the rating young players 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 few 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. Biggest climbers in terms of ICU ratings are starred below, as are most promising juniors.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran

www.skerrieschess.com was set up in November 2012 with over 38 000 visits to date (9 000 last year). Hosting costs less than €30 annually. The tournament controllers John Loughran and Marco Mancosu uploaded the pairings and results for each tournament weekly. The ratings officer Fred Harte updates the ratings on the website weekly, usually within a day or two. Members can review all their results this season. We also have a facebook page: f:skerrieschess updated mainly by Paula O’Neill though others may post too. Anyone else interested? Parents’ rota on website. WhatsApp group. Child Protection and Safety too.

Ratings: Skerries Ratings, Irish Chess Union Ratings and Some Predictions – John L.

Age Group	Player name	Live Rating 03/05	Gain since agm16	ICU Rating May-17	Gain since May16	Top Predicted Rating aged 20
	Dan Aldridge	2025	-21	1822	2	
	John Loughran	1649	-15	1626	-62	
	Tadeusz Szczęśniak	1638	17	1438	19	
	Fred Harte	1600	-11	1537	11	
	Joe Dunne	1468	8	1488	*46	
	Enda Joyce	1247	-26	958	18	
	Paschal O'Shea	1228	11	1131	-26	
	Marco Mancosu	1187	16	1438	*	
	Nikolai Dimitrov	1180	8	994	*63	
U18	Cathal Joyce	1049	0	683	*89	
U17	Daniel Stefan	1043	0	733	3	1243
	Dermot Murphy	937	-24	599	-18	
U15	Tiernan Ryan	919	6			1279
U16	Fionn Reid-Kelly	916	-34			1276
U12	Aliseo Mancosu	749	7			1349
U16	Owen Johnston	723	33	719	0	
U11	Sam Zomer	700	63			*1500
U12	Éanna Keogan	683	-21			1283
U15	Luke Doyle	672	1			
U16	Finn Woodlock	663	33			
U13	Eoin O'Kelly	661	-3			
U11	Lorcan Kelly	629	37			1329
U11	Tadhg McCaughey	598	87			1298
U12	Ewen Cowzer	565				
U10	Matthew Greaney	541				
U10	Darragh Nelson	513				
U9	Orla Kelly	496	-75			*1396
U13	Diarmuid Slattery	481				
U13	Ben Hogan	461	146			
U9	Seán Jones	454				
U14	Jamie Hand	454				
U11	Ruben O'Brien	451	28			1251
U13	Charlie Dunne	438	132			
U10	Bláithín Aldridge	432	252			1332
U11	Joseph Jones	401				
U11	Seán Wilson	391				
U11	Conor Gordon	344				
U10	Jamie Staunton	344	81			
U10	Conor Ferguson	336	-82			
U9	Luke Murphy Walsh	318	-9			*1218
U9	Antoni Borzycki	297				
U10	Isaac Mullan-Jensen	278				
U8	Louis Staunton	260				
U10	Aaron Larkin	253				
U11	Shane Clinton	246				
U10	Seán Hynes	186				
U8	Eimear Kelly	118	-74			*1218
U12	Ethan McCarthy-Brain	362				

Librarian/Equipment Officer's report – Dan & Bláithín Aldridge

We own 22 complete new sets, 2 old ones and some spare pieces, 15 new digital clocks (one box missing) and 9 old ones (one box gone). Lots of books are available to borrow. See Dan.

Parent's Representative Report – Paula O'Neill

The junior section of the club has been particularly busy with 38 underage members, the majority of which are very active with a great attendance rate. In order to ensure that our junior members enjoy their chess and get the most from their evenings in the club we needed to reach out to parents to increase the supervision on chess nights. The response from parents has been brilliant. We now have an active parents rota with helpful communication to parents via the WhatsApp Chess Parents group. With increased parent participation, the club's coaches have been freed up and have more time for coaching and organisation of more fun stuff such as the blitz tournament and speed chess. We are very grateful for the input of so many parents this year and look forward to this continuing. This way, we won't need to limit the numbers of junior members or limit the amount of chess playing and coaching time they receive.

We aim to promote the participation of children in our club by creating a culture of safety and fun. The committee have worked on a child protection policy and safety statement which applies to all those involved in Skerries Chess Club (adults and juniors), as coaches, committee members, team managers, volunteer drivers, parents/guardians and children. These documents are published on the website <http://www.skerrieschess.com> We invite all involved with the club to make themselves aware of and adhere to the policies and to contribute to their update.

Treasurer's Report – Gráinne Ryan

See end of printed copy of yearbook.

Fees

Currently annual membership fees are €60 for adults and €50 for juniors with a flat rate of €10 extra for those wishing to play in the leagues to go towards the ICU fee paid by the club. Second family members get €10 off. Reductions apply for those joining after Christmas (€40 adult, €30 junior) and Easter (€20). We could reduce fees or: Better prizes, Giant Chess Set, Promote chess, Other ideas?

Teams for next year

We propose again fielding 2 teams in the leagues (adults and juniors), 1 – 2 teams in Mick Germaine Cup (juniors), U16 and U13 teams in Community Games, 1 – 4 teams in Novices/O'Connell Cup (juniors) and 1 team in the Knockout Cups (adults and juniors) after the leagues.

AGM of Leinster Chess Union, Tuesday 14th June 2016

With the club's approval I will put forward a motion to extend the Fischer mode option to all divisions and KO Cups as approved last year at our AGM. 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 submitted 1 month in advance. All may attend. Any motions?

AOB Items can be discussed now

There was discussion on evenings when there is a match upstairs and the children have to play downstairs. The evening should be more closely managed by supervisors, requiring more supervisors on these evenings to ensure the children are kept busy.

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. Current incumbents after posts, number of new or extra people needed in brackets. **New members in bold.**

- a) Chair – John Loughran, (1) **Blaithín Aldridge as apprentice**
- b) Secretary – John Loughran, (1)
- c) PR – John Loughran, Paula O’Neill, Clodagh Zomer (1)
- d) Webmasters – John Loughran, Marco Mancosu, Fred Harte (2)
- e) Membership officer – **Gráinne Jones**
- f) Tournament controllers – John Loughran, Marco Mancosu (1-2)
- g) Ratings officer – Fred Harte
- h) Prizes officer – Paula O’Neill, **Gráinne Jones, Bláithín Aldridge** (1)
- i) Equipment officer / librarian – Dan Aldridge, Bláithín Aldridge (1)
- j) Treasurer – Gráinne Ryan (1)
- k) Parent representative: Paula O’Neill, Clodagh Zomer, Margaret Slattery, Louise Dunne (we will ask)
- l) Lead Supervisors – Paula O’Neill, **Margaret Slattery, Christine Mullan-Jensen**, Clodagh Zomer
- m) Junior officer – Enda Joyce, Clodagh Zomer (1)
- n) Coaching officer – Marco Mancosu, Enda Joyce, **Edel Keogan** (1)
- o) Coaches – John, Marco, Enda, Paschal, Fred, Dan, Joe, **Owen Johnston**, Dermot (?) (1/2/3)
- p) Club captain – John Loughran (1)
- q) First team captain – John Loughran (1)
- r) Second team captain – Enda Joyce (1)
- s) Cup team captain(s) – John Loughran (1)
- t) Novices team captain(s) – Enda Joyce (1)

Prize Giving Ceremony

Skerries Board Prize	2016/17	Score
Div 3 Ennis Shield	Joe Dunne	8/11
Div 7B O’Sullivan Cup	Cathal Joyce	5/8
Community Games U16	Tiernan Ryan	2/2
Community Games U16	Owen Johnston	2/2
Community Games U13	Tadgh McCaughey	1/2
Community Games U13	Orla Kelly	1/2

SCC Rating Prize	2016/17	Rise
1st Adult	Marco Mancosu	+16
2nd Adult	Paschal O’Shea	+11
1st Junior	Bláithín Aldridge	+252
2nd Junior	Ben Hogan	+146
3rd Junior	Charlie Dunne	+132

Piece Handicap Open	2017	Score	Blitz Club Championship	2016/17
1st	Sam Zomer	6/6	1st	John Loughran
=2nd	Joe Dunne	4.5/6	2nd	Paschal O'Shea
=2nd	Darragh Nelson	4.5/6	=3rd	Tiernan Ryan
=4th	Aliseo Mancosu	4/6	=3rd	Fred Harte
=4th	Eoin O'Kelly	4/6	Div 2 =1st	Diarmuid Slattery
=4th	Tiernan Ryan	4/6	Div 2 =1st	Darragh Nelson
=4th	Jamie Hand	4/6	Div 2 =3rd	Jamie Hand
=4th	Éanna Keogan	4/6	Div 2 =3rd	Tadhg McCaughey

Skerries Club Championships Section A		Score/5
1st	Dan Aldridge	5
2nd	Fred Harte	3.5
3rd	John Loughran	2

Skerries Club Championship Section B		
1st	Marco Mancosu	4
2nd	Nikolai Dimitrov	2
=3rd	Tiernan Ryan	1.5
=3rd	Fionn Reid-Kelly	1.5

Skerries Club Championship Section C		
1st	Owen Johnston	5.0
2nd	Eoin O'Kelly	4.0
3rd	Aliseo Mancosu	3.0

Skerries Club Championship Section D		
1st	Finn Woodlock	3.0
2nd	Tadhg McCaughey	2.0
3rd	Lorcan Kelly	1.0

Skerries Club Championship Section E		
1st	Jamie Hand	3.0
2nd	Charlie Dunne	2.5
=3rd	Darragh Nelson	2.0
=3rd	Diarmuid Slattery	2.0

Skerries Club Championship Section F		
=1st	Ben Hogan	5.0
=1st	Bláithín Aldridge	5.0
3rd	Conor Gordon	3.0
=4th	LukeMurphy Walsh	2.5
=4th	Seán Hynes	2.5
=4th	Antoni Borzycchi	2.5

Senior Cup, Club Champion	Dan Aldridge
Junior Boys' Cup	Tiernan Ryan & Fionn Reid-Kelly
Junior Girls' Cup	Orla Kelly

U300 Grading Prizes
Eimear Kelly
Seán Wilson

Certificates for all members

Sale of Club Hoodies