



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



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Yearbook for 2017/18 Season **now with AGM Minutes added in bold**

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Apologies

Fred Harte, Jamie & Eileen Hand, Agata Vergani & Sabina, Charlie Dunne & Louise, Ava, Callum Bagley & parents, **Jack and Áine Moore.**

Minutes of 2017 AGM

Were not read.

Matters Arising

Almost all Hoodies were sold. There are very few left, all Adult Small.

Items for AOB?

None.

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.

Progress since Foundation

Now near the end of our 6th season. Founded on 2/10/2012. Two teams in leagues.

Membership and Attendance

John Loughran took over as the membership officer. 45 fully paid up members (-3 compared to 2016/17).

13 Adults (+3) and 32 juniors (-6) including 5 girls (+2) and 27 boys (-8).

High turnover of junior members. 19 new members (including 3 adults) replaced those leaving at the end of last season (16 last season). Average attendance on Tuesday nights is 31 (-1).

Team Competitions – (will read full reports later)

First team (captain John Loughran) came third in Div. 3 (Ennis Shield) of Leinster leagues, ½ point behind Enniscorthy.

Second team (captain Enda Joyce) came 2nd in Div. 6N (Bodley Cup North), securing promotion to Div. 5N (BEA North).

Large panel but late entries made a third team impractical.

Killane Shield, summer 2017 – runners up! Report below.

National Club Championships, Athlone, April 2108. Report below.

Novices league May 2017 – **We did not enter a team.**

Mick Germaine Cup – Sunday 10th December 2017. Report below by Junior Officer.

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

David Fitzsimons who gave some coaching to us a few years ago has recently achieved his third IM norm which means he will become an International Master as his published FIDE rating was over 2400 already.

Participation in national tournaments

John Loughran played Drogheda (Jun-17, 2.5/6 points, +9 rating points), Irish Ch. Major in Ennis (Jul-17, 3/5, -7), Killane Shield (4.5/5, +26), City of Dublin (2/5, -21), Ennis (5/10, -35), Kilkenny (Dec-17. 2.5/5, +17), Irish Over 50s Ch Stillorgan (Jan-18, 3/7, -33), National Club Ch Athlone (Apr-18, 0.5/4, -5).

Marco Mancosu scored 3.5/6 in the Malahide Intermediate, May-18 in his first tournament.

Paschal O'Shea played in Irish Over 65s Ch. Stillorgan (2.5/7, +85), NCC (1.5/4, +35)

Nikolai Dimitrov played in City of Dublin, Irish Over 65s Ch, Stillorgan (Jan-18, 2/6 points), Irish Over 40s Ch, Stillorgan (Apr-18, 2/7), Malahide Junior (May '18, 4.5/6 points coming 6th winning a grading prize.

Aliseo Mancosu scored 3/6 in the same event and Owen Johnston scored 2.5/6.

ICU Rating gains (top few):, Paschal O'Shea (**92**), Mark Allidine (**184** provisional) (**amended after playoffs**)

Highest attendance on club nights: Joe Dunne and Owen Johnston (33).

Notices: John Loughran

After almost six years in residence upstairs in Joe May's, due to renovations, the club had to find a new premises. On 20th February 2018 we moved to the **Black Raven** lounge where we have been well received. The club would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Joe May and his family and staff who treated us so well over the past five and a half years. Before finding the Black Raven, we researched, contacted and visited most of 18 venues (John and Enda). We looked at all pubs, a few restaurants, cafés, schools and clubs, anywhere we felt was big enough to accommodate an average attendance of 33.

Two members John Loughran and Marco Mancosu attended the weekend course in April to become **National Arbiters**, and passed the exams. Both need to help run two FIDE rated tournaments to complete their qualifications. The €50 fee for each player was paid for by the club and will be offered to other members who wish to become NAs next year, as we will need a few (non-playing) NAs for league games to be FIDE rated.

Knockout Cups – No notice yet but the intention was to run the Killane Shield over a single weekend.

Novices league – No notice yet but usually a Sunday in May in ALSAA, from 1.30pm - 5.30pm. See Enda. Teams of 4 from clubs/schools.

Drogheda Congress: Sat 2nd – Mon 4th June, St. Mary's Parish School (NS), Bryanstown. Prize fund €2000+. Entry €40 before Mon. 28th May. 2 games per day. 90 mins + 30 secs/move. 3 sections: >1600 ICU rating, 1100–1600 and <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 10th July, break for August, resume on 4th Sept. Committee meet 28th 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 Blitz 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.

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

Marc Hynes will make enquiries.

Tournament Controller's Report - Internal tournaments – John, Marco

Autumn Selection Tournament 2017

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

Autumn Open

1st: Joe Dunne 5/5
2nd: Mark Allidine 4
=3rd Fred Harte 3.5
=3rd Paul Ryan 3.5

Grading Prizes (U 1200) decided on tie-break in many cases, marked with an asterisk(*).

1st: Marco Mancosu 2
=2nd: Dermot Murphy, Aliseo Mancosu* 2

Autumn Seagulls

1st: Eoin O`Kelly on 7/7
=2nd: Éanna Keogan 4.5
=2nd: Conor Gordon 4.5

Grading prizes (U 400)

=1st: Amelie Nelson 3
=1st: James Farrell 3
=3rd: Ethan McCarthy-Brain* 2
=3rd: Seán Hynes* 2
=3rd: Nikita Buravskij* 2

Turkey and Community Games 2017 (Nov – Dec)

Turkey 2016

1st Joe Dunne 5/6 (2nd year running)
=2nd John Loughran 4.5
=2nd Marco Mancosu 4.5

Under 1100 Grading Prizes

1st Mark Allidine 3.5/6
=2nd Aliseo Mancosu 3
=2nd Owen Johnston 3

Skerries Community Games Under 16

1st Eoin O`Kelly 4.5/7
2nd Diarmuid Slattery 4.5 (on tie-break)
2nd Ben Hogan 4

Skerries Community Games Under 13

1st Tadgh McCaughey 6/7
2nd Sam Zomer 5
3rd Éanna Keogan 4

Special Prizes for Under 11s

1st Antoni Borzyski 5/7
2nd James Farrell 4 (on tie-break)
3rd Seán Jones 4

Club Championships – see below in Prize Giving

Rapid Club Championships – see below in Prize Giving

Team Reports: Killane Shield 2017

Killane Shield – Knockout cup competition with an initial group phase held between June and August last year. Section A group phase was a 4 team round robin in which we came second to Elm Mount. We qualified to play the winners of Group A, Rathmines. We drew this match 3 - 3 winning on tie break on board count. We narrowly lost 2.5 – 3.5 in the final to Elm Mount securing runners up trophies. Full report on website. Team was made up of first and second team players. Dan and John get board prizes from SCC.

		ICU						Board
Board	Player	Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score		Prizes
1	Dan Aldridge	1822				4 / 4		SCC BP
2	John Loughran (capt.)	1629				4.5 / 5		SCC BP
3	Fred Harte	1537				1.5 / 4		
4	Joe Dunne	1488				1.5 / 3		
5	Marco Mancosu	1438				1 / 2		
6	Paschal O'Shea	1059				0 / 3		
Sub	Joyce, Enda	928				1 / 4		
Sub	Nikolai Dimitrov	978				2 / 2		
Sub	Owen Johnston	702				1 / 2		
Sub	Dermot Murphy	598				0 / 1		

Team Reports: National Club Championship 2018

Held in Athlone on Sat/Sun 21st /22nd April 2018. Skerries entered a team for the first time in this very strong event in which only 8 top teams competed. Thanks to John Costello our average rating was above the required 1450. We started as 8th seed of eight teams and finished 8th also. While our results were disappointing we had some very hard fought games against much stronger players which went right down to the wire. The highlight was a great performance by Paschal O'Shea who finished with a draw and a win and increased his Irish and international ratings. Ironically the 7th seeded local Ballinasloe team came third with a performance way above expectations and qualified for the European Club cup, the chess equivalent to the Champions league! Maybe next year it will be our turn to be lucky. Full results linked from our website.

		FIDE						
Board	Player	Rating	FED			Score		
1	Aldridge Dan	1872	IRL			0 / 1		
1 or 2	Costello John	1752	ENG			0 / 4		
2 or 3	Loughran John	1801	IRL			½ / 4		
3	Harte Fred	1659	IRL			0 / 2		
3	Dunne Joe	1694	IRL			0 / 1		
4	Mancosu Marco	1716	IRL			0 / 4		
5	O'Shea Paschal	1611	IRL			1½ / 4		
6	Joyce Enda	946	IRL			0 / 4		

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

Our first team finished third, a half point behind our rivals Enniscorthy who won promotion. We were promoted from Div. 4 in 2015/16, from Div 5 in 2013/14 and from Div. 6 in 2012/13.

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Pen	Pts
1 Malahide	10	31	19	10	0	40 ½
2 Enniscorthy	10	30	14	16	0	37
3 Skerries	10	31	11	18	0	36 ½
4 St Benildus	10	20	25	15	0	32 ½
5 Drogheda	10	25	13	22	1	30 ½
6 Phibsboro	10	20	17	23	0	28 ½
7 Curragh	10	15	23	22	0	26 ½
8 Longford	10	17	19	24	0	26 ½
9 Cavan	10	16	20	24	0	26
10 Rathmines	10	18	11	31	0	23 ½
11 Inchicore	10	15	12	33	0	21

Board order was generally
 1. Dan,
 2. John Costello (4 games)
 2/3. John Loughran
 (captain),
 3/4. Fred,
 4/5. Joe,
 5/6. Marco,
 6. Paul Ryan/Paschal/Enda

Our top scorers are shown below. Three were awarded SCC board prizes.

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	Enniscorthy	Sat 16 Sep 17	Home	Drew	3 – 3
2	Longford	Sat 07 Oct 17	Away	Won	4 – 2
3	Phibsboro	Tue 17 Oct 17	Home	Won	6 – 0
5	St Benildus	Tue 07 Nov 17	Home	Lost	2 ½ – 3 ½
6	Drogheda	Sat 13 Jan 18	Away	Lost	2 ½ – 3 ½
7	Inchicore	Tue 23 Jan 18	Home	Won	4 ½ – 1 ½
8	Malahide	Mon 05 Feb 18	Away	Lost	2 – 4
9	Rathmines	Tue 27 Feb 18	Home	Won	4 – 2
10	Cavan	Sat 14 Apr 18	Away	Lost	2 – 4
11	Curragh	Sun 29 Apr 18	Away	Won	6 – 0

Great results included a 6-0 win against Phibsboro when our second team beat another Phibsboro team 5-0 on the same night in Joe May's!

We finished with another whitewash against the Curragh in the last round. Despite this it was not enough to secure promotion as Enniscorthy got some strong results near the end.

Board	Player	ICU Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score	Board Prizes
1	Aldridge, Dan *	1822	6	2	1	7 / 9	SCC BP
2	Costello, John *	1836	2	2	0	3 / 4	
2 or 3	Loughran, John *	1629	5	0	5	5 / 10	
3 or 4	Harte, Fred *	1537	4	2	4	5 / 10	
4 or 5	Dunne, Joseph *	1488	4	3	3	5½ / 10	SCC BP
5 or 6	Mancosu, Marco *	1438	5	1	4	5½ / 10	SCC BP
Sub 1	Ryan, Paul	1347	2	1	0	2½ / 3	
Sub 2	O'Shea, Paschal	1059	0	0	2	0 / 2	
Sub 3	Joyce, Enda	928	2	0	0	2 / 2	

Our success this year was helped in part by Dan playing most games, John Costello, ex Skerries player, travelling from the Isle of Man to play 4 games, Marco playing all games as well as Paul Ryan playing a few as a sub. Had some of our other strong players played better who knows what might have been?

Team Reports: Second Team: Leinster League Div 6N, Bodley Cup North

Following the rearrangement of divisions 5 to 7 into div's 5N, 5S, 6N and 6S our second team started in Div 6N, having been in Div. 7 O'Sullivan cup last season. This season we finished in second place and at last won promotion to Div. 5 BEA, having been in the lowest division since we started a second team in 2013/14. In the play-offs we finished third behind Kilkenny and Rathmines. Despite a panel of 16 we were unable to field a third team this year as some players joined later in the season but we may do so next year.

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Def	Pts
1 Malahide A	9	30	5	10	0	32 ½
2 Skerries	9	29	5	11	0	31 ½
3 Malahide B	9	27	4	14	0	29
4 Elm Mount	9	24	4	17	0	26
5 Phibsboro A	9	18	11	16	0	23 ½
6 Naomh Barróg	9	18	6	21	1	20
7 Blanchardstown	9	18	1	26	0	18 ½
8 St Benildus	9	16	4	25	0	18
9 Malahide C	9	11	4	30	0	13
10 Phibsboro B	9	9	6	30	0	12

Our success this year was largely down to the addition of Paul Ryan to the team as well as new players on the first team who pushed others onto the second team including Paschal. These changes pushed our stronger players onto lower boards giving them better chances to win.

We decided to leave Paul on the second team to improve our chances of promotion before we realised the play-offs were only for the cup. This mistake may have cost us promotion for the first team.

Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
1	Malahide B	Tue 26 Sep 17	Home	Won	4 - 1
2	Malahide C	Fri 06 Oct 17	Away	Won	3 ½ - 1 ½
3	Phibsboro B	Tue 17 Oct 17	Home	Won	5 - 0
4	Naomh Barróg	Tue 24 Oct 17	Away	Lost	2 - 3
5	Blanchardstown	Tue 14 Nov 17	Home	Won	4 - 1
6	Elm Mount	Mon 04 Dec 17	Away	Won	3 ½ - 1 ½
7	St Benildus	Wed 13 Dec 17	Away	Lost	2 - 3
8	Malahide A	Tue 09 Jan 18	Home	Won	5 - 0
9	Phibsboro A	Thu 18 Jan 18	Home	Drew	2 ½ - 2 ½

No player was lost to the first team this year due to subbing up. We defaulted no boards this year in any match.

Our large panel of 16 for two teams (of 6 and 5 players) this season meant that some players only got a few games especially as things got tight near the end. Despite this all the subs got a win.

Board	Player	ICU Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score	Board Prizes
1	Ryan, Paul *	1347	5	0	0	5 / 5	(SCC BP)
1 or 2	O'Shea, Paschal *	1059	5	2	0	6 / 7	SCC BP
2 or 3	Joyce, Enda *	928	4	2	1	5 / 7	(SCC BP)
3 or 4	Dimitrov, Nikolai *	966	4	0	3	4 / 7	
4 or 5	Allidine, Mark *	584	5	1	2	5½ / 8	SCC BP
Sub 1	Llewellyn, David *		1	0	0	1 / 1	
Sub 2	Joyce, Alan *	734	1	0	0	1 / 1	
Sub 3	Johnston, Owen *	702	2	0	1	2 / 3	
Sub 4	Murphy, Dermot *	598	1	0	3	1 / 4	
Sub 5	Woodlock, Finn *	188	1	0	1	1 / 2	
	* Declared						

If we keep these players next season we should easily field three teams with younger players coming through especially now that our second team are off the bottom of the league at last!

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

Community Games

Following the in-house community games tournament that took place in November/December we entered two teams in the Community Games Chess Dublin Finals held in Malahide Parish Centre on Saturday March 2nd 2018. Teams were selected on the basis of the results of the tournament, current ratings and availability on the day.

Jamie Hand, Eoin O'Kelly, Ben Hogan, Finn Sweeney, Bláithín Aldridge and Charlie Dunne played in the Under 16s section and brought home a bronze medal.

Sam Zomer, Éanna Keogan, James Yang, Tadhg Mc Caughey, Sive Connell, Antoni Borzycki and Amelie Nelson played for the Under 13s team. They were doing very well, beating Portmarnock and Clontarf earning themselves a place in the final playoffs. However, mid-way through the tournament our team was disqualified due to a registration problem. Out of 5 teams entering, 2 were disqualified. In recognition of their successful participation they will receive medals from the club during the prize giving.

U16s Manager: Paula O'Neill			Round 1		Round 2					
			Opponents:		Opponents:					
			Foxrock		Malahide				Total Games	
Rating	Seed	Name	Board	Score	Board	Score			Score Played	
667	1	Jamie Hand	1	0	1	0			0	2
651	2	Eoin O'Kelly	2	0	2	0			0	2
590	3	Ben Hogan	3	0	3	0			0	2
551	4	Finn Sweeney	4	1	4	0			1	2
538	5	Bláithín Aldridge	5	1	5	0			1	2
484	Sub	Charlie Dunne			6	0			0	1
Team Score				2		0			2	
Points				0		0			0	

U13s Manager: Clodagh Zomer			Round 1		Round 2		Round 3				
			Opponents:		Opponents:		Opponents:		Total Games		
			Portmarnock		Stillorgan		Clontarf		Score Played		
Rating	Seed	Name	Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score			
871	1	Sam Zomer	1	*	1	0	1	1	1	2	
739	2	Éanna Keogan	2	1	2	0	2	1	2	3	
739	3	James Yang	3	1	3	0	3	1	2	3	
684	4	Tadhg McCaughey	4	1	4	0.5	4	1	2.5	3	
628	5	Sive Connell	5	*	5	1	5	1	2	2	
645	Sub	Antoni Borzycki	6	1	6	1	6		2	2	
410	Sub	Amelie Nelson	7	1	7	1	7		2	2	
			* Game terminated as Skerries had won match.								
Team Score				3		1.5		5	9.5	Total score	
Points				2		0		2	4	Total points	

In future years we will ensure that the date of the Community Games Dublin Final is known further in advance in order to avoid a last minute search for players (Clodagh).

John adds: Thanks to Enda Joyce and Clodagh Zomer, Junior Officers, and Paula O'Neill who organised and managed the teams, and to Fred who helped with selection. Full results are on the website thanks to Clodagh. Next season we need to (i) find out the date for the Dublin finals earlier from the Community Games website, (ii) select the teams well in advance, (iii) submit the teams early and (iv) notify the officials of any changes to the line up a few days before the tournament. We are also not allowed to play an U13 player in the U16s apparently, although no rule states this. The official who disqualified us this year has since disqualified the Malahide team in the Leinster Finals for playing 4 players on a 5 player team, despite the fact that they won 4 – 1.

Other Junior Competitions

Novices – May have been held in May 2017. Not sure if we entered a team?

Mick Germaine Cup – Held in Elm Mount Chess Club in Drumcondra on Sunday 10th December. We entered a full team of four players including a complete beginner who said she enjoyed the tournament and wants to play in another one! We finished mid-table with some nice results for some players as follows, in board order: Owen Johnston 4/6, Aliseo Mancosu 2.5/6, Sam Zomer 4/6, Amelie Nelson 0/6. (John)

Garda Vetting – Clodagh Zomer

It is a requirement by law that all members of clubs coming into contact with children get Garda vetted. In our case that means that all adult members and supervisors of Skerries Chess Club need to be vetted. Clodagh Zomer will act as Skerries Chess Club Vetting Contact Person. Enda Joyce and Edel Keogan will make up the subgroup.

We started the process by contacting the National Vetting Bureau in Thurles. They directed us to Fingal Volunteer Centre which is an appointed 'relevant organisation' by the Garda Vetting Bureau. A 'Relevant Organisation' is an organisation already registered with the National Garda Vetting Bureau and appointed as an intermediary for vetting. This is similar to how Skerries Tennis Club volunteers are vetted through Tennis Ireland on behalf of the National Vetting Bureau. Our Garda Vetting applications will be processed by Fingal Volunteer Centre.

In order to begin the vetting process, adult members and supervisors need to complete an Inviter Form, which we hope to have available at the AGM. The form requests the following information – Name, Date of Birth, contact number, current address, e-mail, role/position. This form needs to be completed and returned to Clodagh with a photocopy of proof of identify and proof of current address (e.g. a photocopy of a utility bill). Once this is received you will be sent an e-mail with a link to the online vetting application form by the National Vetting Bureau. A disclosure is then sent to Skerries Chess Club. Vetting is valid for three years. The club will pay the €5 fee. Clodagh's contact details are on the website.

Clodagh brought vetting forms, handed them out and was present to receive applications from members and parents during the AGM. She intends to be present at the start of each chess night to receive more applications over the next few weeks.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran

www.skerrieschess.com was set up in November 2012 with over 49 000 visits to date (11 000 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.

Coaching Officer's Report – Marco Mancosu

- Total coaching received in 2017/18 was 39 hours, up from 35 last year.
- Coaching coverage was excellent for juniors (93% of kids received coaching), while a few adults did not receive coaching. Next year's goal should be 100% for both.
- Statistical analysis of club coaching shows possible correlation between amount of coaching received and progress in club rating, though this may not be causal.
- Curriculum/skills cards system implemented last season. We have a positive opinion, but coaches should remember to use the skills cards. Next year's goal might be to digitalize the cards for the benefit of analysis.
- Chesskid.com - usage increased hugely from last year. 13 kids were active on the platform this year. 2 puzzles contests were run. Next year's goals: launch more and shorter contests, increase participation and usage through diversified activities, keep monitoring gold memberships' usage.
- Statistical analysis (chesskid) shows possible correlation between amount of activities on chesskid and progress in club ranking, again not necessarily causal.
- Coaching methods: For next year, integrate with video sessions using chesskid.com videos, followed by class or small group workouts on the same topic as the video, under senior coaches' supervision, always using chesskid.com resources. Evaluate possible coaching for adults by external coaches.

Marco's findings were accepted with some discussion and John will try and source a strong player to coach the senior players this year either before or after the summer break.

Rating Officer's Report – Fred Harte

The ratings of club members as they play friendly or club tournament games is a measure of how each player is progressing in the art of chess. If a player is concentrating, and is really trying hard they should have a good chance of winning and so increase their rating. If, on the other hand, they don't, and treat the game with indifference, then they can expect their rating to decrease or at least remain in the doldrums. Of course chess can be fun too, and if two players feel like playing a fun game without worrying too much about rating then they should do so, but should not enter their game on the results sheet as then it will most likely be rated.

In order to reduce the number of frivolous games being rated, a cap of 3 games [4 for juniors] per night has been applied. Therefore, if a player plays a dozen games only 3 or 4 will be chosen to be rated.

It is possible for each player to look up their current rating on the web. It is also possible for them to know it from the club night's result sheet as that is updated at the same time as the web site. That is why it is important for a fresh result sheet to be printed for each club night. Club members should be encouraged to keep their rating in mind.

The club rating process is an internal affair as the Irish Chess Union deals with league ratings separately. However the systems are similar, and someone with a high Skerries rating is likely to have a high ICU rating too even if the figures may not exactly match.

For proficiency in tactics one can get a rating online from a number of sites. Here, although the rating systems are different, if somebody has a higher tactics rating than another, then that person is likely to have a sharper eye which will be put to good use during the course of their games.

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

Ratings in *italics* are provisional based on a small number of games. Underlined ICU ratings were amended after the playoffs were rated a few days after the AGM.

Age Grp	Player name	SCC Rating May-18	Gain since agm17	Predicted Rating aged 20	ICU Rating May-18	Gain since agm17	FIDE Rating May-18	Gain since agm17
	Dan Aldridge	2027	2		1835	17	1833	62
	John Costello	1723	3		1806	-30	1727	17
	John Loughran	1564	-85		1583	-51	1770	-77
	Fred Harte	1545	-55		1493	-25	1639	-30
	Joe Dunne	1475	7		1456	-17	1681	-8
	Paul Ryan	1310	-37		<u>1279</u>	<u>-68</u>	ur	
	Marco Mancosu	1309	122		1453	21	1676	new
	Enda Joyce	1171	-76		<u>942</u>	<u>42</u>	ur	
U17	Alan Joyce	1110	0	1310	<u>734</u>	0		
	Paschal O'Shea	1092	-136		<u>1143</u>	<u>92</u>	1585	new
	David Llewellyn	1072						
U17	Finn Woodlock	1061	398	1261	188	0		
U13	Aliseo Mancosu	993	244	1513	<u>895</u>	<u>new</u>		
U19	Mark Allidine	977	83	1077	<u>768</u>	<u>184</u>		
	Nikolai Dimitrov	976	-204		<u>1041</u>	<u>37</u>	1322	new
U17	Owen Johnston	972	249	1172	<u>739</u>	<u>-40</u>		
U11	James Yang	798		1498				
U12	Sam Zomer	738	38	1438				
U12	Tadhg McCaughey	722	124	1322				
	Dermot Murphy	722	-215		587	-11		
U12	Sive Connell	713		1313				
U10	Antoni Borzycki	708	411	1608				
U15	Jamie Hand	703	249	1063				
U14	Eoin O'Kelly	640	-21	1080				
U13	Éanna Keogan	638	-45	1158				
U14	Ben Hogan	630	169	1070				
U12	Joseph Jones	623	222	1323				
U12	Agata Vergani	603		1203				
U14	Finn Sweeney	596		1116				
U14	Calum Bagley	590						
U11	Bláithín Aldridge	546	114	1346				
U14	Charlie Dunne	534	96					
U11	James Farrell	518		1218				
U14	Diarmuid Slattery	513	32					
U10	Amelie Nelson	506	6	1406				
U12	Conor Gordon	495	151	1095				
U13	Nikita Buravskij	493		1013				
U10	Seán Jones	456	2	1256				
U13	Ava Bagley	423						
U12	Shane Clinton	400	52					
U10	Jack Moore	400		1082				
U11	Seán Hynes	400	7					
U13	Ethan McCarthy-Brain	400	-177					
U9	Alex Marsh	400		1006				
U9	Danny McQuillan	400						

Skerries and ICU ratings and predictions – John Loughran

Skerries ratings are updated weekly so are essentially “Live”. The rating list shows a complete list of members. The gain columns show how these ratings have changed since the last AGM.

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. The table shows the top few predicted ratings among juniors in the club which suggests that if these juniors follow this advice they should be competing for places on the league teams before long. We need to encourage all juniors to annotate and analyse games and compete in more ICU rated events.

Parent’s Representative Report

John adds: A big thank you to all the parent supervisors who supervise the juniors and help collect scores on club nights and to Gráinne who reminds us all who is on the rota each week.

Parents Rota, reminders on WhatsApp. Please complete swaps. Supervision is mainly to ensure juniors get most out of club nights, in a quiet atmosphere conducive to enjoyment and improvement, to facilitate coaching, to avoid having to limit junior membership due to noise etc.

Child Protection Policy and Safety Statement have been updated by Paula O’Neill. All may contribute and suggest improvements. **None proposed.**

Treasurer’s Report – Paschal O’Shea

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).

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.

Fees will remain as they are for the time being.

AGM of Leinster Chess Union, Wednesday 13th June 2018

I will put forward a motion to extend the Fischer mode option to all divisions and KO Cups as approved two years ago at our AGM. Other motions regarding leagues must be submitted before the 23rd May. Two delegates from each club may attend and vote. 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

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, re-elected or newly elected in **bold**.

- a) Chair – **John Loughran**
- b) Secretary – **John Loughran**
- c) PR – **John Loughran**, Paula O’Neill, **Clodagh Zomer**
- d) Webmasters – **John Loughran, Marco Mancosu, Fred Harte (2)**
- e) Tournament controllers – **Marco Mancosu, John Loughran, Owen Johnston, (1-2)**
- f) Ratings officer – **Fred Harte**
- g) Prizes officer – **Gráinne Jones**
- h) Equipment officer / librarian – **Dan Aldridge, Bláithín Aldridge**
- i) Treasurer – **Enda Joyce**
- j) Parent representative: **Caroline McCaughey**, Margaret Slattery?
- k) Membership officer (WhatsApp coordinator for rota) – **Gráinne Jones**
- l) Lead Supervisors (Printer) – Margaret Slattery?, **Clodagh Zomer, Gráinne Jones, Mark Gordon**
- m) Junior officers – **Clodagh Zomer**
- n) Vetting Contact Person – **Clodagh Zomer (Enda Joyce and Edel Keogan on Vetting Subgroup)**
- o) Coaching officer – **Marco Mancosu, Enda Joyce**, Edel Keogan?
- p) Coaches – **John, Marco, Enda, Paschal, Fred, Dan, Joe, Owen Johnston, Dermot**
- q) Club captain – **John Loughran**
- r) First team captain – **John Loughran**
- s) Second team captain – **Owen Johnston**
- t) Third team captain – **Dermot Murphy**
- u) Cup team captain(s) – **Owen Johnston**
- v) Novices team captain(s) – will source closer to date.

Prize Giving Ceremony

Skerries Board Prize		Score
Killane Shield 2017	John Loughran	4.5/5
Killane Shield 2017	Dan Aldridge	4/4
National Club Championship	Paschal O'Shea	1.5/4
Div 3 Ennis Shield 1st	Dan Aldridge	7/9
Div 3 Ennis Shield =2nd	Joe Dunne	5.5/10
Div 3 Ennis Shield =2nd	Marco Mancosu	5.5/10
Div 6N & Div 3 1st	Paul Ryan	7.5/8
Div 6N & Div 3 2nd	Enda Joyce	7/9
Div 6N Bodley Cup 1st	Paschal O'Shea	6/7
Div 6N Bodley Cup 2nd	Mark Allidine	5.5/8
Community Games U16	Finn Sweeney	1/2
Community Games U16	Bláithín Aldridge	1/2
Community Games U13	Tadhg McCaughey	2.5/3
Community Games U13	Sive Connell	2/2

Community Games U13 Team		Score
Board 1	Sam Zomer	1/2
Board 2	Éanna Keogan	2/3
Board 3	James Yang	2/3
Board 4	Tadhg McCaughey	2.5/3
Board 5	Sive Connell	2/2
Sub	Antoni Borzycki	2/2
Sub	Amelie Nelson	2/2

SCC Rating Prize		Rise
1st Adult	Marco Mancosu	+122
2nd Adult	Mark Allidine	+83
1st Junior	Antoni Borzycki	+411
2nd Junior	Finn Woodlock	+398

Rapid Club Ch Section A		Score
1st	Nikolai dimitrov	5/6
2nd	Marco Mancosu	4.5/6
3rd	Joe Dunne	4/6
U1100 Gr. Prize =1st	Mark Allidine	3/6
U1100 Gr. Prize =1st	Owen Johnston	3/6
U1100 Gr. Prize =1st	Aliseo Mancosu	3/6

Rapid Club Ch Section B		Score
1st	Sam Zomer	5.5/6
2nd	Éanna Keogan	4.5/6
3rd	Conor Gordon	4/6
U600 Gr. Prize 1st	Charlie Dunne	3.5/6
U600 Gr. Prize =2nd	Finn Sweeney	3/6
U600 Gr. Prize =2nd	James Farrell	3/6

U400 Gr. Prize 1 st	Seán Jones	3/6
U400 Gr. Prize 2nd	Seán Hynes	1.5/6
U400 Gr. Prize 3rd	Ava Bagley	1/6

Skerries Club Championships Section F Score/6

1st	Bláithín Aldridge	5.5
=2nd	Amelie Nelson	4.0
=2nd	Nikita Buravskij	4.0
U400 Gr. Prize 1st	Jack Moore	3.5
U400 Gr. Prize =2nd	Alex Marsh	2.0
U400 Gr. Prize =2nd	Danny McQuillan	2.0

Skerries Club Championships Section E Score/4

1st	Sive Connell	4.0
2nd	Jamie Hand	3.0
3rd	Charlie Dunne	2.0

Skerries Club Championships Section D Score/5

1st	Tadhg McCaughey	4.0
=2nd	Finn Sweeney	3.0
=2nd	James Yang	3.0
=2nd	Joseph Jones	3.0

Skerries Club Championships Section C Score/5

1st	Aliseo Mancosu	5.0
2nd	Finn Woodlock	3.0
=3rd	Owen Johnston	2.0
=3rd	Sam Zomer	2.0
=3rd	Eoin O'Kelly	2.0

Skerries Club Championships Section B Score/5

1st	Marco Mancosu	4.0
2nd	David Llewellyn	3.5
=3rd	Paschal O'Shea	3.0
=3rd	Nikolai Dimitrov	3.0

Skerries Club Championships Section A Score/4

1st	Dan Aldridge	4.0
2nd	Fred Harte	2.5
3rd	John Loughran	2.0

Senior Cup, Club Champion	Dan Aldridge
Junior Boys' Cup	Aliseo Mancosu
Junior Girls' Cup	Sive Connell, Bláithín Aldridge