



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



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Yearbook for 2018/19 Season **with AGM minutes in bold**

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Apologies

Cian McNally is away. Fred Harte has visitors staying.

Minutes of last AGM

Were read by John.

Matters Arising

Some matters were discussed briefly. Fees were raised by €20 to cover costs.

Items for AOB?

Clodagh – Community Games

Marco – Venue

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.

22 members (incl. 2 playing parents) and 5 other parents attended. A slight rise on last year.

Progress since Foundation

Now near the end of our 7th season. Founded on 2/10/2012. Three teams in Leinster leagues.

Membership and Attendance

John Loughran took over as the membership officer. 44 fully paid up members (-1 compared to last season). 19 Adults (+6) and 25 juniors (-7) including 4 girls (-1) and 21 boys (-6).

High turnover of junior members. 9 new members (including 4 adults) replaced those leaving at the end of last season (Turnover of 19 last season). Average attendance on Tuesday nights is 26 (-5).

Team Competitions – (will read full reports later)

First team (captain John Loughran) have one game left in Div. 3 (Ennis Shield) of Leinster leagues. We may come third if we do well but will miss out on promotion.

Second team (captain Enda Joyce), following promotion last season, finished mid-table in Div. 5N (BEA North).

Third team (captain Dermot Murphy) just missed out on promotion from Div 6N (Bodley North) in their first season back after a break, a remarkable achievement.

Killane Shield cup knockout competition was not held this season.

National Club Championships, Dublin, April 2019 – we did not participate due to lack of players available.

Novices league May 2018 – We did not enter a team.

Mick Germaine Cup – Sunday 9th December 2018 in Elm Mount. Team came 6th/22!, our best ever result. Full report on website and summary below.

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

Irish Team Rapid Championships, Sun 13th May 2019 – Skerries finished equal 7th of 8 entries with 1. John Loughran (1/7), 2. Marco Mancosu (1), 3. Aliseo Mancosu (2), 4. Owen Johnston (2.5). Of seven matches we won one and drew one. Not a bad placing among the strongest teams available.

Participation in national tournaments

This season lots more members played in senior external tournaments for individuals including Nikolai Dimitrov, Marco Mancosu, Aliseo Mancosu, John Loughran, Owen Johnston, Paschal O'Shea, Andrey Ivanov Junior. Some great performances and lots of experience gained as well as rating points for many. Nikolai won joint first place in the City of Dublin in September 2018, winning €300!

In junior individual tournaments the juniors who played included Amelie Nelson and Aliseo Mancosu. Aliseo came 2nd in the LCU Junior Grand Prix in February.

Highest attendance on club nights: Owen Johnston (again) and Paschal O’Shea (35).

Notices: John Loughran

After almost six years in Joe May’s, and three months in 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 attendance of 33. Finally, the club moved to St. Patrick’s Senior National School on 22nd May 2018.

John Loughran and Marco Mancosu still need to act as assistant arbiters at two FIDE rated tournaments to complete their qualifications as National Arbiters.

Knockout Cups – No notice yet and this competition was not run last season.

Novices league – Last May and this May 11th we did not send a junior team. This year it was on Saturday 11th May in Coláiste Éanna, Ballyroan, D16 E248, from 12pm - 5pm. Teams of 4 from clubs/schools. Two sections: Phillip Hogarty Rising stars: U16 and Unrated or U700 ICU rating and O’Connell Cup: U16 and U1200 ICU rating. E-mail chess@knightsofeanna.ie.

Drogheda Congress: Sat 1st – Mon 3rd June, St. Mary’s Parish School (NS), Bryanstown. Prize fund €2000+. Entry €40 before Mon. 27th May. 2 games per day. 90 mins + 30 secs/move. 3 sections: >1600 ICU rating, 1100–1600 and <1100. John, Nikolai & Paschal will play. EDIT

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, or the end of June, to be decided, break for August, resume on Tuesday 3rd Sept. Committee meet 27th 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.

Stocktake: see under Equipment Officer’s report, p 13. **The Quality Street were eaten by consensus.**

Skerries Chess Club Stocktake	May-19		May-19	
	Number	Location	Number	Location
Equipment			Prizes Box	1 Enda's
Sets in bags, white plastic unweighted	24	SPSNS in boxes	Quality Street	1 Enda's
Set, cream weighted, DGT	1	SPSNS in boxes	Jelly Beans	1 Enda's
Board, folding, DGT	1	SPSNS in boxes	Slime	1 Enda's
Boards, folding and one-piece	24	SPSNS on shelves	Wine	1 Enda's
Digital DGT 2010 clocks	12	SPSNS on shelves	Score Books	6 Enda's
Clipboards for attendance etc.	2	SPSNS in boxes	Hard Back Score Books	1 Enda's
Noticeboards	2	SPSNS on cupboard	Wine opening set	1 Enda's
			Phone Holder	1 Enda's
Equipment				
Digital DGT 2010 clocks	14	Enda's	Medals	
Digital clocks, small folding orange	10	Enda's	Community Games	2 Enda's
Analogue clocks	12	Enda's	Leinster Chess Union	1 Enda's
Board	1	Enda's	Chess medals to be reused	5 Enda's
Board cover	1	Enda's	Engraved medals	10 Enda's
Garden chess set (1.5 m x 1.5 m)	1	Enda's		
Rollup demo board 1 m x 1 m	1	Enda's		
Stick in pieces for demo board	1	Enda's		
Extra sets and boards	?10	Enda's		

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

Autumn Selection Tournament

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

Autumn Open

1st: John Loughran 5/5
=2nd: Joe Dunne 3.5
=2nd Marco Mancosu 3.5

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

1st: Owen Johnston 3
2nd: Nikolai Dimitrov 2.5
=3rd: Mark Allidine, Dermot Murphy 2
=5th Finn Woodlock, Aliseo Mancosu* 1.5

Autumn Seagulls

=1st: Sam Zomer 6/7
=1st: Tadgh McCaughey 6
3rd: Joseph Jones 5.5

Grading prizes (U550) for players with an initial rating less than 550

=1st: Amelie Nelson 3.5/7
=1st: Charlie Dunne 3.5
=1st: Conor Gordon 3.5
=1st: Nikita Buravskij 3.5
=5th: Bláithín Aldridge 3

Turkey and Community Games (Nov – Dec)

Turkey

1st John Loughran 5.5/6
2nd Marco Mancosu 5
3rd Joe Dunne 4

Under 1100 Grading Prizes

1st Aliseo Mancosu 3.5
=2nd Paschal O'Shea 3
=2nd David Llewellyn 3
=2nd Mark Allidine 3

Skerries Community Games Under 16

1st Finn Sweeney 5/7
2nd Charlie Dunne 4
3rd Jamie Hand 3.5

Skerries Community Games Under 13

1st Conor Gordon 5.5/7 – Gold, Overall winner
2nd Sam Zomer 5 - Silver
3rd Tadgh McCaughey 4.5* – Bronze
4th Sive Connell 4.5

Special Prizes for Under 11s

1st Amelie Nelson 3.5/7
2nd Antoni Borzycki 3
3rd Niamh Connell 2.5

Team Rapid All-play-all, Rating Handicapped

Four teams divided by ratings, prize awarded to team who exceeded their expected score based on ratings difference by the biggest margin. Won by the top team, the Albatroses, which included Martín who played remotely from Spain using chess.com. Time control was 25 mins + 10 secs/move increment. Brainchild of our teenage members.

1st: Albatroses: 1. Martín Krug, 2. Dan Aldridge, 3. John Loughran, 4. Fred Harte, all on 3/3.

Piece Handicap Tournament – see below in Prize Giving

The stronger player removed some of their pieces from the board before the game, giving the weaker players a better chance.

Club Championships – see below in Prize Giving

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

Our first team is currently in **fourth** place after 10 of 11 games. Last round is this Sunday and we have good chances of coming third, although promotion is impossible unless a team drops out in higher divisions. 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	Pts
1	Drogheda	10	35	10	15	40
2	St Benildus	10	35	10	15	40
3	Cavan	10	24	20	16	34
4	Skerries	10	27	12	21	33
5	Dublin	10	23	17	20	31 ½
6	Rathmines A	10	19	21	20	29 ½
7	Lucan	10	19	20	21	29
8	Rathmines B	10	18	22	20	29
9	Dublin University	10	24	8	28	28
10	Phibsboro	10	17	18	25	26
11	Curragh	10	13	21	26	23 ½
12	Elm Mount	10	11	11	38	16 ½

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1	Dublin	Tue 25 Sep 18	Away	Drew	3 - 3
2	Rathmines B	Tue 09 Oct 18	Home	Won	3 ½ - 2 ½
3	Phibsboro	Thu 25 Oct 18	Away	Lost	1 - 5
4	Dublin University	Tue 27 Nov 18	Home	Won	5 - 1
5	St Benildus	Wed 12 Dec 18	Away	Lost	1 - 5
6	Drogheda	Sat 12 Jan 19	Home	Drew	3 - 3
7	Elm Mount	Mon 28 Jan 19	Away	Won	5 - 1
8	Lucan	Tue 12 Feb 19	Home	Won	4 - 2
9	Rathmines A	Thu 28 Feb 19	Away	Drew	3 - 3
10	Cavan	Sat 09 Mar 19	Home	Won	4 ½ - 1 ½
11	Curragh	Sun 19 May 19	Home		

As you can see here our results were mixed. A poor 1 – 5 loss against St. Benildus in round 5 probably cost us promotion as they will likely come second.

A few of our senior players underperformed this season for various reasons. We have some ideas on how to reverse this trend for next season.

Board	Player	ICU Reg.	ICU Rating	Won	Drew	Lost	Score
1	Krug Cortegoso, Rudolfo Martin	18798	2147	1	0	0	1 / 1
1-2	Aldridge, Dan *	17653	1835	6	1	0	6½ / 7
1-2	Costello, John *	249	1806	2	1	0	2½ / 3
1-3	Loughran, John *	795	1592	3	2	5	4 / 10
3-5	Leonard, Brian	784	1559	2	1	1	2½ / 4
2-6	Harte, Fred *	552	1493	2	3	4	3½ / 9
2-6	Dunne, Joseph *	381	1456	5	1	4	5½ / 10
3-5	Mancosu, Marco *	17903	1453	3	2	3	4 / 8
sub b5	O'Shea, Paschal	13386	1238	1	0	2	1 / 3
sub b6	Joyce, Enda	13405	942	0	1	2	½ / 3
sub b6	Morrissey, Brendan	13448	1178	1	0	0	1 / 1
sub b6	Dimitrov, Nikolai	17485	1104	1	0	0	1 / 1

Our top scorers were Dan Aldridge on 6.5/7 and Joe Dunne who got 5.5/10 so far, despite a poor start. Both will be awarded SCC board prizes.

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

Our first team finished in 3rd place after all 11 games. In our last round on Sunday 19th May 2019, we beat the Curragh 5.5 – 0.5 to come third, although promotion is still impossible unless a higher team drops out. 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	Pts
1	Drogheda	11	39	10	17	44
2	St Benildus	11	38	11	17	43 ½
3	Skerries	11	32	13	21	38 ½
4	Cavan	11	26	21	19	36 ½
5	Dublin	11	24	20	22	34
6	Lucan	11	23	20	23	33
7	Rathmines A	11	21	24	21	33
8	Rathmines B	11	20	22	24	31
9	Dublin University	11	26	8	32	30
10	Phibsboro	11	19	20	27	29
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12	Elm Mount	11	13	13	40	19 ½

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Our top scorers were Dan Aldridge on 7.5/8 and Joe Dunne who got 6.5/11 finally, despite a poor start. Both will be awarded SCC board prizes.

Team Reports: Second Team: Leinster League Div. 5N, BEA Cup North - John

Following promotion from Div 6N last season, the aim of our second team was to consolidate and stay up, which we managed to do, despite some anxious moments in the last few rounds before a few good results

Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Def	Pts
1 Portmarnock	10	39	5	6	0	41 ½
2 Malahide	10	27	6	17	0	30
3 Elm Mount A	10	22	13	15	0	28 ½
4 Finglas	10	18	16	16	0	26
5 Aer Lingus	10	20	13	17	1	25 ½
6 Elm Mount B	10	12	24	14	0	24
7 Skerries	10	19	9	22	0	23 ½
8 Drogheda	10	16	9	25	0	20 ½
9 Inchicore	10	10	20	20	0	20
10 Balbriggan	10	12	13	25	0	18 ½
11 Phibsboro	10	7	16	27	0	15

made us safe. Prior to this our second team had been in the lowest division since we started this team in 2013/14 during our second season after re-forming the Skerries club.

We followed the same policy of using second team players as subs for the first team no more than three times to keep our second team strong, while Brian was always meant to be a first team player on loan to the second team for the early part of the season.

Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
2	Elm Mount B	Tue 09 Oct 18	Home	Lost	1 ½ - 3 ½
3	Balbriggan	Sat 20 Oct 18	Home	Lost	2 - 3
4	Finglas	Tue 06 Nov 18	Away	Won	3 - 2
5	Malahide	Tue 20 Nov 18	Home	Won	3 - 2
6	Portmarnock	Thu 17 Jan 19	Away	Lost	½ - 4 ½
7	Elm Mount A	Tue 29 Jan 19	Home	Lost	0 - 5
8	Aer Lingus	Mon 11 Feb 19	Away	Won	4 - 1
9	Drogheda	Sat 02 Mar 19	Home	Lost	2 - 3
10	Inchicore	Thu 14 Mar 19	Away	Won	3 ½ - 1 ½
11	Phibsboro	Mon 25 Mar 19	Away	Won	4 - 1

We had some great wins and some heavy losses.

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2-5	Morrissey, Brendan *	13448	1178	1	0	3	1 / 4
sub b3-5	Llewellyn, David	18435		1	0	2	1 / 3
sub b3-5	Johnston, Owen	17685	797	1	1	2	1½ / 4
sub b4	McNally, Cian	18913		1	0	0	1 / 2
sub b4-5	Mancosu, Aliseo	18586	894	2	1	0	2½ / 3
sub b5	Allidine, Mark	17456	768	1	1	0	1½ / 2
sub b5	Murphy, Dermot	13528	700	0	0	1	0 / 1
sub b5	Woodlock, Finn	17465	700	1	0	0	1 / 1

*Declared, others are subs.

Enda (captain) and Nikolai won SCC board prizes as top scorers.

We rotated subs from our third team to ensure they could all still play for the third team while fixtures remained for them.

In the end our strategy paid off as we finished mid-table and our third team did well too.

Team Reports: Third Team: Leinster League Div 6N, Bodley Cup North – John, Dermot

John writes: Thus season our almost unchanged third team started in Div 6N, having been in Div. 7 O’Sullivan Cup two seasons ago before Div’s 6 and 7 became 6N and 6S. That season they struggled and gained only a few points. This season they nearly got promoted thanks largely to a big improvement in the teenage players, some stronger adult players, and good leadership from their captain Dermot Murphy who also improved his score.

	Team	MP	GW	GD	GL	Pts
1	Drumlish A	10	41	3	6	42 ½
2	Malahide A	10	35	3	12	36 ½
3	Skerries	10	32	3	15	33 ½
4	Naomh Barróg A	10	27	4	19	29
5	Elm Mount	10	23	9	18	27 ½
6	Naomh Barróg B	10	24	4	22	26
7	Phibsboro A	10	19	5	26	21 ½
8	Phibsboro B	10	18	3	29	19 ½
9	Malahide B	10	15	2	33	16
10	Blanchardstown	10	14	3	33	15 ½
11	Drumlish B	10	7	1	42	7 ½

We finished third, 3.5 points short of promotion, an amazing feat for such an inexperienced team.

Dermot writes: We had a successful year finishing third on 33.5 points, just behind Drumlish A and Malahide A

John: Despite winning our last few matches convincingly some poor results early in the season held us back eventually. With a panel of 9 for a team of 5 players we practiced team rotation to ensure that most players got to play as many games as they wanted to, from the 10 fixtures.

Round	Opposition	Date	Venue	Result	Score
2	Naomh Barróg A	Tue 16 Oct 18	Away	Won	3 – 2
3	Blanchardstown	Mon 12 Nov 18	Away	Won	3 ½ – 1 ½
4	Drumlish A	Sat 24 Nov 18	Home	Lost	1 – 4
5	Phibsboro B	Thu 06 Dec 18	Away	Won	4 – 1
6	Malahide A	Tue 15 Jan 19	Home	Lost	1 – 4
7	Naomh Barróg B	Tue 29 Jan 19	Away	Won	4 ½ – ½
8	Malahide B	Tue 12 Feb 19	Home	Won	4 – 1
9	Phibsboro A	Thu 28 Feb 19	Away	Won	4 – 1
10	Drumlish B	Sat 09 Mar 19	Home	Won	3 ½ – 1 ½
11	Elm Mount	Tue 19 Mar 19	Home	Won	5 – 0

Dermot: Aliseo Mancosu was the star player unbeaten in 9 games, winning 8 and drawing one. Finn Woodlock won 6 and lost 2 out of 8. Both won SCC Board Prizes as top scorers while Aliseo is in line for an LCU Board Prize also. All members of the team won matches.

John: We can expect great things next season from these players, whatever team they are on, as some will definitely move up. Most likely we will have a third team next season.

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1	Llewellyn, David *	18435		3	0	2	3 / 5
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3-5	Woodlock, Finn *	17465	700	6	0	2	6 / 8
4	Murphy, Dermot *	13528	700	4	0	4	4 / 8
5	O’Toole, Sean *	18654		2	0	2	2 / 4
5	Reid-Kelly, Fionn	17472	700	1	0	1	1 / 2

Teams for next year

We propose again fielding 3 teams in the leagues (adults and juniors), 1 – 2 teams in Mick Germaine Cup (juniors), U16 and U13 teams in Community Games, 1 – 2 teams in Novices/O’Connell Cup (juniors) and 1 team in the Knockout Cups (adults and juniors) after the leagues. We hope to enter a team in the NCC.

Junior Officer’s Report – Clodagh Zomer and John Loughran

Community Games - Clodagh

This year we had a huge drive to enter two teams into the Dublin Community Games U16s and U13s. A number of regular players weren’t available to play and subs were needed to ensure that any last minute drop outs wouldn’t scupper the hopes of other team members. After heavily canvassing Skerries Community College and St Patrick’s Skerries National School we had two teams of 4 with two subs. Participants from the Chess Club were selected on the basis of the in-house Community Games Competition held earlier in the season.

The Community Games Chess Dublin Finals were held in Malahide Parish Centre on Saturday March 2nd 2019. The Under 16s was captained by Charlie Dunne, and made up of Finn Sweeney, Jamie Hand, Eoin O’Kelly, Daniel O’Kelly and Joshua Mackle. The U16s won bronze medals.

The Under 13s team was captained by Sam Zomer and was made up of Conor Gordon, Tadhg McCaughey, Amelie Nelson, Bláithín Aldridge, Jack Moore and Adam Scanlon. The Under 13s faced stiff competition, having to play 5 matches, yet brought home bronze medals to Skerries.

While we did well to enter two full teams, with opportunities to swap subs in and out of matches, we will need to have a think about the best way to encourage more community-based involvement in the Chess Community Games.

Community Games Dublin Finals 2019

Results of Skerries Teams

U16s Manager: Clodagh Zomer

Rating	Seed	Name	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3	
			Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score
641	1	Charlie Dunne	1	0.5	1	1	1	0
708	2	Finn Sweeney	2	0	2	0	2	0
646	3	Jamie Hand	3	0.5	3	0.5	3	*
	4	Eoin O’Kelly	4	0	4	1	4	0
	5	Daniel O’Kelly	5	0	5	1		
		Sub Joshua Mackle					5	*

* game abandoned when team result was clear *

Team Wins	1	3.5	0
Team Points (2=win, 1=draw)	0	2	0

Total Score	Games Played	Prize
1.5	3	SCC board prize
0	3	
1.5	3	SCC board prize
1	3	
1	2	
0.5	1	

4.5
2 3rd overall

U13s Manager: Clodagh Zomer

Rating	Seed	Name	Round 1		Round 2		Round 3		Round 4		Round 5	
			Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score	Board	Score
872	1	Sam Zomer	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
792	2	Conor Gordon	2	1	2	0.5	2	1	2	1	2	0
666	3	Tagdh McCaughey	3	1	3	0	3	0	3	1	3	0
643	4	Amelie Nelson	4	1	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0
561	5	Bláithín Aldridge	5	0.5	5	1			5	1	5	0
512		Sub Jack Moore					5	1				
		Sub Adam Scanlon					6	0				

Team Wins	4.5	1.5	3	4	0	13
Team Points (2=win, 1=draw)	2	0	2	2	0	6

Total Score	Games Played	Prize
3	5	
3.5	5	SCC board prize
2	5	
1	4	
2.5	4	
1	1	
0	1	

3rd overall

Note: Subs got to play lots of friendly games on separate tables and enjoyed this as well as playing for the teams occasionally.

Other Junior Competitions - John

Novices – Held last May. We did not enter a team.

Mick Germaine Cup – Held in Elm Mount Chess Club in Drumcondra on Sunday 9th December 2018. We entered a team of four players including a player borrowed from Lusk. We finished in 6th place from 22 teams which was our highest placing yet!

Mick Germaine Cup 2018/19								
Elm Mount Chess Club, Ierne Sports and Social Club, Drumcondra on Sunday 9th December, 10 am to 4 pm								
Results for Skerries Chess Club team (including a Lusk & Rush Educate Together player on board 4)								
Round	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	
Opponents	Rathmines Knights	Elm Mount Kings	Holly Park	Glasnevin ET Rooks	Rathmines Kings	Glasnevin ET Knights	Individual Score/6	
Board								
1	Aliseo Mancosu	1	1	1	1	0	1	5
2	Sam Zomer	1	0	1	1	0	0.5	3.5
3	Antoni Borzycki	1	0	1	1	0	1	4
4	Hariharan Senthil Kumar	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5
	Total game points	3	1.5	3	3	0	2.5	13
	Match Points (1 = win)	1	0	1	1	0	1	4
		win	loss	win	win	loss	win	
Final placings:								
1st	Rathmines Kings							
2nd	Elm Mount Kings							
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6th	Skerries CC Aliseo Mancosu won the team top scorer prize with 5/6, on board 1.							
	22 teams altogether							
	Thanks to Manager Marco Mancosu who also supplied results.							

Garda Vetting – Clodagh Zomer

Any club which comes into contact with children is required to ensure that all its members are Garda Vetted.

We began our Garda Vetting process last year and now 27 people are fully vetted. That includes adult playing members, teen members and parent supervisors. Several applications are going through the process at the moment.

Clodagh Zomer is the Skerries Chess Club Vetting Contact Person. When a new member or parent supervisor joins the club they will be given a Vetting Invitation Form. They need to complete this basic information (name, address, date of birth) and accompany it with two forms of valid ID – one of which must include current address. I keep a copy of this. I then submit the details online to the National Vetting Bureau. Usually within 10 days the vetting subject receives an online link to the online vetting application form which they need to complete within 3 weeks. If they do not complete it, we need to start the process again so it is essential that they get it done as soon as possible. Within several weeks a disclosure is then sent to the Skerries Chess Club Vetting Contact Person. This is kept on file. Vetting is valid for three years. There is a fee of €5 per vetting which the club pays. If any member would like to see a copy of their vetting disclosure they should let me know. My contact details are on the website for any further information.

LCU GDPR form: John Loughran

All members who play in the Leinster leagues must sign a form to say that they consent to their details being stored by the LCU and ICU for the purposes of running leagues and tournaments. Most have signed.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran

www.skerrieschess.com was set up in November 2012 with over 58 000 visits to date (9 000 last year). Hosting costs around €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 Clodagh Zomer 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

Coaching stats

Total coaching received in 2018/19 was 100 hours (**to date**), up from 39 last year.

Coaching coverage was excellent for juniors (96% of kids received coaching), up from 93% last year.

Statistical analysis of club coaching, again this year, shows possible correlation between amount of coaching received and progress in club rating, though this may not be causal.

How we coach

Juniors received coaching via:

- Semi informal sessions in small groups (adult coaches to group of juniors)
- Games with adults, with 1-2-1 comments and analysis
- Group coaching with video lesson and puzzles. We held two sessions and it looks like they were appreciated. We should get a feedback from the kids in the AGM whether this option is worth doing more often.
- Aliseo Mancosu was selected by the ICU to attend the ICU Junior Coaching Program 2018 which is the main national program for promising Irish juniors. GM Alex Baburin, FM David Fitzsimons and Ioana Miller among the coaches. Juniors in the Club should keep an eye on next year's program.
- Owen Johnston has had 6 two hour free private coaching sessions with Martín Krug via Skype and lichess which continues.

Adults received coaching via:

- Semi informal sessions in small groups (adult coaches to group of adults)
- Post-match deep analysis of club and league matches
- Training sessions offered by Martín Krug
- External training provided by other clubs (David Llewellyn attended a series of coaching lessons provided by Dublin Chess Club. Fee was partially covered by Club)

Skills Cards

The Curriculum/skills cards system implemented in previous years hasn't been used much this year by coaches. We should decide whether we want to keep it and perhaps digitalize the cards for the benefit of analysis or forget about it.

Chesskid.com

Considering few kids were using it and coaches didn't push it, we decided not to renew the paid gold memberships of chesskid.com which had been made available to the club kids in the previous years. As coaching officer I'd still strongly recommend kids interested in improving their chess to use this great platform.

Possible ideas for next year

For Juniors:

- intensify coaching sessions with video from chesskid.com and puzzles
- increase analysis of matches played by Juniors
- incentivize juniors to 1) write down their games and 2) annotate their games
- puzzle-themed quick competitions to follow up with specific coaching

- formalize a rota of coaches to guarantee coaching every club night, possibly following a curriculum throughout the year

For Adults:

- evaluate costs of running our own structured course of chess lessons based on the model of the one run by the Dublin Chess Club
- evaluate lessons and analysis sessions with external coaches like Martin Krug, even via Skype
- share knowledge of digital platforms and tools to improve analysis and study
- create and share database of games played by club members (and possibly annotated games)
- incentivize adults to comment in writing their own games - and perhaps other members' games
- evaluate buying a DGT electronic board which could allow live broadcasting of top board match(es) in league matches and real-time commenting of the club members (in separate room)

Rating Officer's Report – Fred Harte

Initial Rating

When somebody joins Skerries Chess Club for the first time, they get an initial rating. During the last year a formula was devised that was based upon the guidelines given by the computer program that is used to calculate the ratings each week. The initial rating mainly depends on the age of the newcomer, i.e. $\text{Age} \times 200/3$ with a minimum of 400, and a maximum of 1100. Therefore, if someone joins the club on their ninth birthday they will be assigned an initial rating of $9 \times 200/3 = 600$ points. Or, if they happen to be 12.45 on joining their rating will be 830, and so on. What happens to the initial rating subsequently is up to the efforts made by the player in matches against other players.

Matches

Comparing one rating with another one is just a way of predicting the chances of each of victory in a match. If the difference between two ratings is, say, 200, then the chance [probability] of the higher player winning is 0.76. That is to say if there was to be a match of 25 games between two players with a rating difference of 200, we could expect the higher rated player to win about 19 of them. The logistic formula is $1/(10^{(x/400)}+1)$ where x equals the rating difference.

We can use the logistic formula to get an idea of how a match might turn out between two players under various conditions. As an example, let us suppose a player is going to play a match of 7 games. If the opponent's rating is the same as the player's, then we would naturally expect the outcome to be a score of $3\frac{1}{2}$ for each. If, on the other hand, the opponent was rated 446 points lower, then the expectation would be $6\frac{1}{2}/7$ in favour of the higher rated player. Intermediate results would be: 50 points difference = score of 4 for higher rated player; 102= $4\frac{1}{2}$, 159=5, 226= $5\frac{1}{2}$, 311=6. Of course, the actual result doesn't have to obey the formula. There can be major upsets.

Rating Changes

Suppose two players, A and B play one game. Player A is rated 940 and player B 740 so the rating difference between them is 200 points. Assume that there are no surprises and the outcome of the game is a win for A. A's expected score as mentioned before - using the logistic formula - is 0.760. Since A's actual score is 1, the difference between actual and expected is $1 - 0.76 = 0.24$. This difference is then multiplied by a "k" factor which determines the extent to which A's rating should change. In the Irish Chess Union a k factor of 40 applies to a junior player. Applying ICU rules to our example would give a rating change of $40 \times 0.24 = 9.61$. This then would elevate A's rating from 940 to 949.61. The program that is used for rating Skerries internal club games uses a much higher k factor which has the effect of making our ratings liable to far more rapid change. For example, in our case of A vs B, A's new rating would be 955, an increase which implies a k factor of 62! This seems to suit the club well since it caters for the high percentage of young players whose expertise will inevitably rise rapidly. Only a chess-playing computer would deserve a k factor of zero since it will never improve, disimprove, or get tired, but just play on forever at whatever level it was given when it was made.

Fred Harte, 9/5/2019.

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

Ratings in *italics* are provisional based on a small number of games.

Age Grp	Player name	SCC Rating May-19	Gain since agm18	Predicted Rating aged 20	ICU Rating Apr-19	Gain since May-18	FIDE Rating May-19	Gain since agm18
	MEMBERS							
	Martín Krug	2147	0		2179		2144	
	Dan Aldridge	2010	-18		1858	23	1909	76
	John Costello	1723	0		1812	6	1725	-2
	John Loughran	1559	-5		1550	-33	1671	-99
	Brian Leonard	1506	26		1550	-9	ur	
	Fred Harte	1462	-83		1452	-41	1582	-57
	Joe Dunne	1397	-78		1440	-16	1659	-22
	Marco Mancosu	1324	15		1370	-83	1664	-12
	Enda Joyce	1187	16		948	-21	ur	
	Cian McNally	1179			ur		ur	
U20	Mark Allidine	1152	175	1202	768	38	ur	
	Paschal O'Shea	1138	46		1145	-29	1445	-140
U18	Owen Johnston	1128	156	1278	807	-13	ur	
U14	Aliseo Mancosu	1120	126	1560	836	-58	ur	
	Brendan Morrissey	1102	-21		1178	0	ur	
	Andrei Ivanov sr	1083						
	Sammy Diebold	1072						
	Nikolai Dimitrov	1068	93		1197	136	1433	111
U18	Finn Woodlock	1051	-10	1201	188	-512	ur	
	David Llewellyn	1050	-22		ur		ur	
	Faizan Rehman	953						
U13	Sam Zomer	940	203	1540				
U18	Fionn Reid-Kelly	893		1093	514			
U14	Daniel O'Kelly	802		1322				
U13	Sive Connell	791	79	1311				
U11	Amelie Nelson	771	265	1571				
	Dermot Murphy	759	37		587	0	ur	
U18	Seán O'Toole	744	-256		ur		ur	
U13	Conor Gordon	737	242	1257				
U12	James Yang	731	-67	1331				
U9	Andrey Ivanov jr	718		1718				
U11	Antoni Borzycki	677	-32	1477				
U16	Jamie Hand	666	-38					
U14	Nikita Buravskij	609	116	1049				
U15	Finn Sweeney	603	7	1043				
U13	Tadhg McCaughey	602	-120	1122				
U12	Bláithín Aldridge	576	30	1276				
U11	Jack Moore	565	282	1265				
U15	Charlie Dunne	521	-13					
U15	Harris Ntua Mamve	517						
U13	Joseph Jones	501	-123	1101				
U11	Niamh Connell	480		1280				
U11	Seán Jones	402	-54	1102				
U10	Danny McQuillan	264	247	1064				
U12	Daniel Kearns	151	-249					
U13	Adam Scanlon							

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.

Last season and before, John wrote: “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.”

These predictions are coming true. The rapid improvements made by some of our teenage players, due to following most of Kevin’s advice above, has led to the growth of a strong third team. They nearly got promoted and many of them will be displacing second and first team players next season due to their increased club and ICU ratings. Many participate in external tournaments, read books and analyse their games and openings. I feel the best is yet to come – John.

Top SCC rating increases were obtained by Mark Allidine (+175), Owen Johnston (+156), Aliseo Mancosu (+126). Bigger increases were seen with younger juniors but these may be partly due to rating readjustments in September, although Jack Moore (+282), Amelie Nelson (+265), Danny McQuillan (+247), Conor Cordon (+242) and Sam Zomer (+203) are definitely improving.

ICU Rating gains (top few): Nikolai Dimitrov (+136), Mark Allidine (+38), Dan Aldridge (+23) although ICU ratings have not been updated yet to include the league results. Expect bigger rises among the third team.

We now have 9 players with FIDE ratings. The biggest climbers were Nikolai Dimitrov (+111) and Dan Aldridge (+76).

All other adult and teen members’ FIDE ratings decreased, usually mirrored by a decrease in ICU and SCC ratings too. This is something I feel we need to address with coaching for our senior members.

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 and David who reminded us all who was 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 Dan. All may contribute and suggest improvements.

Equipment Officer’s/Librarian’s Report - Dan and Bláithín Aldridge, Enda Joyce

EDIT insert full stocktake here or earlier.

The Equipment Officers, undertook an end of year audit, and the club has 24 sets, 24 boards and 12 clocks, all in good order, at the club, with additional spare equipment stored at Enda’s house – see Page 3.

Library

Pat Nevin (?), a former club member now living in Wicklow, generously donated over 30 chess books to the club. These are mostly in descriptive notation, with a broad range of topics, including tactics, openings, middle games, endings and collections of masters' games. They are available for borrowing on club nights along with other books in algebraic notation. Ask Dan.

Treasurer's Report – Enda Joyce

See end of printed copy of yearbook.

Fees

Currently annual membership fees are €80 for adults and €70 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. This was an increase of €20 on previous years to cover extra expenses at this venue. Second family members get €10 off. Reductions apply for those joining after Christmas (€50 adult, €40 junior) and Easter (€20).

Discussion ensued. Some people suggested we mix handicap with competitive games earlier in the season, maybe once every 6 weeks.

Others suggested that we repeat where we analysed master games broadcast live on the internet and tried to guess the moves.

People were in favour of perhaps buying a digital board depending on the cost, and of paying a strong player to give us a series of coaching lessons, as well as getting Martín to repeat his coaching during his next visit.

It was agreed to maintain the increased fees as they are and to use the money as above rather than reduce the fees.

Some people suggested adding Fred's report to the website along with a link to ICU articles which explain the rating system.

Marco suggested that we organise an inter-schools' tournament in the Autumn, partly to encourage junior membership and chess playing in schools.

David Nelson suggested the idea of a virtual Skerries Chess Club to enable the likes of Conor Gordon and Tadgh McCaughey who are keen on chess to continue to play online despite a clash with another activity on Tuesday nights.

AGM of Leinster Chess Union, probably in June 2019

The motion I put forward on behalf of the club to extend the Fischer mode time control to all divisions and KO Cups as approved three years ago at our AGM, was finally passed at the LCU AGM last year, as the default option with exceptions allowed where digital clocks are not available or the premises needs to close early. Other motions regarding leagues must be submitted before the 23rd May. This year I will submit motions requesting more timely updating of league results. Two delegates from each club may attend and vote. Delegates? Anyone willing to act as a league controller, mainly to check results and approve them before updating them?

P.S. John spoke with the leagues controller Tristan Sheridan during the last round of the leagues in ALSAA. He explained the slow updating of results was due to mistakes by captains entering

conflicting results or incorrect names. He also explained that the results of all divisions would only be sent in for rating once all divisions were completed. The delay this year resulted in Aliseo missing out on being selected as a reserve for the John Robertson cup team. At the LCU AGM I will suggest:

1. Tristan does not try to do too much which results in delays.
2. League results are sent for rating at Christmas from all leagues, or every few rounds if possible.
3. Leagues are finished earlier.
4. Penalties for late entry of results are made less draconian and then implemented.
5. Rules are implemented e.g. re no delays of rounds allowed except in exceptional circumstances.
6. Last round is 2 weeks after last fixture from penultimate round where possible.
7. Every effort is made to ensure leagues are rated before selection committee meet for junior cups.

AGM of Irish Chess Union

Held in September. Motions must be submitted 1 month in advance. All may attend. John McMorrow is standing down. Any motions?

AOB Items can be discussed now

John asked who would be interested in getting SCC T-shirts (about €15). 17 said yes including about 7 kids. Only 3 were interested in caps.

Someone suggested playing in Floraville sometime to advertise the club.

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, Clodagh Zomer**
- d) Webmasters – **John Loughran, Marco Mancosu, Fred Harte**
- e) Tournament controllers – **Marco Mancosu, John Loughran, Owen Johnston, Seán O’Toole**
- f) Ratings officer – **Fred Harte, Marco Mancosu, Finn Woodlock**
- g) Prizes officer – **Paula O’Neill**
- h) Equipment officer / librarian – **Dan Aldridge, Bláithín Aldridge**
- i) Treasurer – **Enda Joyce**
- j) Parent representative: **David Nelson**
- k) Membership officer (WhatsApp coordinator for rota): **David Nelson, Amelie Nelson**
- l) Lead Supervisors (Printer) – **John Loughran, David Nelson,**
- m) Junior officers – **Clodagh Zomer**
- n) Vetting Contact Person – **Clodagh Zomer (Enda Joyce and Owen Johnston on Vetting Subgroup)**
- o) Coaching officer – **Marco Mancosu**
- p) Coaches – Martín, John, Dan, Joe, Paschal, Fred, Marco, David, Enda & others (1/2/3)
- q) Club captain – **John Loughran**
- r) First team captain – **John Loughran**
- s) Second team captain – **Enda Joyce or Paschal O’Shea if needed**
- t) Third team captain – **Dermot Murphy**
- u) Cup team captain(s) – **John Loughran**
- v) Novices team captain(s)

Prize Giving Ceremony

Skerries Board Prize		Score
Div 3 Ennis Shield 1st	Dan Aldridge	
Div 3 Ennis Shield =2nd	Joe Dunne	
Div 5N BEA & Div 3 1st	Enda Joyce	5.5/10
Div 5N BEA Cup 2nd	Nikolai Dimitrov	5/9
Div 6N Bodley Cup 1st	Aliseo Mancosu	8.5/9
Div 6N Bodley Cup 2nd	Finn Woodlock	6/8
Mick Germaine Cup	Aliseo Mancosu	5/6
Community Games U16	Charlie Dunne	1.5/3
Community Games U16	Jamie Hand	1.5/3
Community Games U13	Conor Gordon	2.5/3

SCC Rating Prize		Rise
1st Adult	Mark Allidine	+175
2nd Adult	Nikolai Dimitrov	+93
1st Junior	Jack Moore	+282
2nd Junior	Amelie Nelson	+265

Coaching Prizes		Hours
1st	Martín Krug	35.0
2nd	John Loughran	29.0
3rd	Dan Aldridge	13.0

Piece Handicap Open		Score
1st	Joe Dunne	4.0
=2nd	Sam Zomer	3.5
=2nd	Seán O'Toole	3.5
=2nd	Owen Johnston	3.5
=5th	Paschal O'Shea	3.0
=5th	Jamie Hand	3.0
=7th	Aliseo Mancosu	2.5
=7th	Dan Aldridge	2.5
=7th	Jack Moore	2.5
=7th	Tadhg McCaughey	2.5
=7th	Bláithín Aldridge	2.5
=7th	Mark Allidine	2.5

Skerries Club Championships Section E		Score/3
=1st	Bláithín Aldridge	2.5
=1st	Amelie Nelson	2.5
3rd	Jack Moore	1.0

Skerries Club Championships Section D		Score/4
1st	Dermot Murphy	4.0
2nd	Jamie Hand	2.5
3rd	Antoni Borzyski	2.0

Skerries Club Championships Section C		Score/5
1st	Finn Woodlock	5.0
2nd	Fionn Reid-Kelly	4.0
3rd	Sam Zomer	3.0

Skerries Club Championships Section B		Score/5
1st	Mark Allidine	4.5
=2nd	Paschal O'Shea	3.0
=2nd	Nikolai Dimitrov	3.0

Skerries Club Championships Section A		Score/5
1st	Dan Aldridge	4.0
2nd	Enda Joyce	3.5
3rd	Joe Dunne	2.5

Junior Boys' Cup	Aliseo Mancosu & Owen Johnston
Junior Girls' Cup	Bláithín Aldridge & Amelie Nelson
Senior Cup, Club Champion	Dan Aldridge