



Skerries Chess Club

Cumann Fichille na Sceirí



www.skerrieschess.com

Short Yearbook for 2020/21 Season

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

Attendance at AGM

John & Mary Loughran, Krishiv & Karthick Thoppe, Dan & Bláithín Aldridge, Mark Allidine, Owen Johnston, Aliseo & Marco Mancosu, Aine Doran & Jack Moore, Tom Jackson, Eibhlín & Frank Sullivan.

Progress since Foundation

Now near the end of our 9th season. Founded on 2/10/2012. Prior to COVID we had three teams in Leinster leagues.

Membership and Attendance

24 members (-21 compared to last season).

10 Adults (-14) and 14 juniors (-7) including 6 girls (-2) and 8 boys (-5).

Lower turnover of 5 new members compared to 19 new members last season.

Average attendance on Tuesday nights was 18 (-8) before the physical club closed after 13th March. Max was 27 just before lockdown.

Team Competitions

With 2 – 3 matches remaining the Leinster leagues were suspended in March 2020 due to COVID and did not resume this season.

The Killane Shield cup knockout competition was not held this season, neither was the National Club Championships, the Novices league, the Mick Germaine Cup nor the Dublin Finals of the Community Games.

Towards the end of last season Skerries entered a team of 6 in the Hibernian Online Chess League and the World Chess 2020 online rapid tournament. There was no HOCL this season and we did not enter other team competitions.

Highest attendance on club nights: John Loughran (31) and Mary Loughran (28).

Notices: John Loughran

The club remained online after 10th March 2020. We organised outdoor chess on Tuesdays at 2.45 pm for five weeks in Sept-Oct while the weather was nice. We may resume when the weather improves if we have someone to organise and host it.

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.

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

Results of all tournaments played are on our website under Tournaments menu. We held the: Autumn and Turkey Tournaments, the latter concurrent with the Skerries Community Games before Christmas.

Starting in January the Club Championships ran alongside novelty events including a simul, swop chess and other chess variants. Recently we finished the Open Rapid Club Championships, while the Junior event finishes next week. We will run a Blitz championships, Handicap events and more novelty events. All events are online.

Links with Elm Mount, Drogheda, Śrem and South Longford

See Home > Affiliated Clubs for details. These include Śrem in Poland, Guichen in France, Elm Mount, Drogheda and South Longford.

Their members joined us for tournaments, about 8 from Elm Mount, 1 from Drogheda, 2 from Śrem.

Some of these clubs invited us to their tournaments: Elm Mount, Śrem, South Longford – see Tournaments page and Affiliated Clubs page.

Teams for this season

How many teams we field this season will depend on what is organised and the evolving restrictions due to COVID.

Junior Officer's Report – John Loughran

Community Games

Only the Skerries competition was held. Results under Tournaments on website.

Garda Vetting – Áine Doran

Any club undertaking activities which allows regular contact or access to children/vulnerable persons is required by law to ensure that all its members are Garda Vetted. This includes adult playing members, teen members and parent supervisors (one of whom is the parent/guardian of a junior member).

During 2020/21, although the club has operated primarily online, the Garda vetting requirements remain mandatory. The process is almost complete for current members with two outstanding.

All new members / parent supervisors joining the club are required to complete a Vetting Invitation Form which can be downloaded from the Skerries Chess Club website. The completed hard copy form, along with two forms of valid ID – a photo ID and proof of current address – should be provided, preferably in person, to the Garda Vetting Officer of the Club for verification. Where it is not possible to verify in person other methods of verifying identification may include a video call (e.g. Zoom) where the person, along with their photo ID and proof of current address are visible to the Vetting officer. Once the vetting officer is satisfied that these are verified, a copy or photo of the ID and proof of address may then be sent online to the Vetting Officer.

The Vetting Officer keeps a hard copy of the completed Vetting form and IDs and inputs the information to the online Garda Vetting Bureau. Typically within 10 days the new member/parent supervisor will receive an email from the Garda Vetting Bureau. This includes an online link to the vetting application form which needs to be completed within 3 weeks. If this is not completed within this timeframe the application is cancelled and the process has to start again. It is essential that vetting invitation is completed as soon as possible. Within several weeks a disclosure is then sent to the Skerries Chess Club Vetting Officer. 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 please contact the Vetting Officer – see Contacts on website.

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. This will resume next season I presume.

Webmaster's report: John Loughran

www.skerrieschess.com was set up in November 2012 with over 76 000 visits to date (7 000 last year, a bit less than usual). Hosting costs around €30 annually. If we carry out our plan to introduce an online database and increase security this may increase by about €30. 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 and a WhatsApp group. Parents' rota on website. Child Protection and Safety too. Mark Allidine will develop social media next season including facebook.

Coaching

We did some coaching on Zoom for juniors and adults, starting at 7 pm with short 20 - 30 minute sessions. Thanks to those who contributed: John, Mark, Krishiv, Ciarán Quinn from Elm Mount, Dan, Marco and others? This could also be repeated and could include more contributors I hope.

There is a link to a coaching video on YouTube by Mark on the Coaching page. Krishiv presented a chess chat, on Zoom to discuss general topics of interest in chess.

As we planned at the last AGM we did use Zoom to comment on and predict moves from a live game between strong players – Alex Goss vs. Ciarán Quinn.

Rating

Fred continues to rate our results weekly as before. On the ratings page if you click on [Skerries Ratings Online.htm](#) you can see your full rating history, all games won, drawn and lost against all opponents, a really interesting resource.

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

John will add a report here later, on SCC ratings. ICU and FIDE ratings have been static due to the lack of over-the-board games played.

Player name	20/04		Jun-20	
	Rating	Number	Rating	Rating
FullName	Live Rating	games	gain	SCC Rat
	SCC			
Dan Aldridge	1997	1	0	1997
Mark Allidine	1546	29	105	1441
John Loughran	1491	34	-21	1512
Marco Mancosu	1405	24	97	1308
Fred Harte	1355	9	29	1326
Joe Dunne	1317	14	57	1261
Aliseo Mancosu	1234	25	11	1223
Owen Johnston	1159	18	-36	1194
Boris David Luna				
Antezana	1080	6		
Enda Joyce	1072	0	0	1072
Krishiv Thoppe	1013	31	79	933
Antonio Proença	981	5	-79	1060
Adam Scanlon	914	24		
Eibhlín Sullivan	816	8		
Jack Moore	769	22	-47	817
Tom Jackson	751	16		
Amelie Nelson	728	5	-76	804
Bláithín Aldridge	727	2	71	656
Millie O'Connor	675	6	-33	708
Stanislaw Repeka	575	4		
Ziggy O'Connor	559	7	28	531
Mary Loughran	547	25	-166	713
Ruaidhrí Silke	499	9	1	498
Ciarán Silke	455	3		

Biggest ratings gains by

Mark Allidine +105, Marco Mancosu +97 (seniors)

Krishiv Thoppe +79, Bláithín Aldridge +71 (juniors)

Treasurer's Report – Karthick Thoppe, John Loughran

Will be presented at the AGM.

Fees

Normally fees are €80 for seniors, €70 for juniors/students, with €10 euro off for each additional family member, and €10 euro off for juniors who paid for Gold membership of chesskid.com, and a €10 euro supplement for those wishing to play in the Leinster leagues.

Last season due to COVID we reduced fees to €40 for seniors, €35 for juniors/students, with €10 euro off for each additional family member, and €10 euro off for juniors who paid for Gold membership of chesskid.com, and a €5 euro supplement for those wishing to play in the Leinster leagues.

We decided on fees for the coming season to reflect the likelihood of returning to over-the-board chess of:

€50 for seniors, €40 for juniors/students, with €10 euro off for each additional family member, and €10 euro off for juniors who paid for Gold membership of chesskid.com, and a €5/€10 euro supplement for those wishing to play in the Leinster leagues, depending on ICU fees.

AGM of Leinster Chess Union

The LCU may hold their AGM on Zoom soon. Two delegates from each club may attend and vote.

AGM of Irish Chess Union

Is normally held around 20th September, maybe on Zoom. All may attend. See ICU homepage'

AOB Items

None.

Election of new committee

Thanks to all current members of the committee for their efforts in making this such a vibrant and successful club. Current incumbents after posts, re-elected or newly elected in **bold**.

- a) Chair – **John Loughran**
- b) Secretary – **John Loughran**
- c) PR – **Mark Allidine** – social media
- d) Webmasters – **John Loughran, Fred Harte, Marco Mancosu, Karthick Thoppe**
- e) Tournament controllers – **John Loughran, Marco Mancosu**
- f) Ratings officer – **Fred Harte**
- g) Prizes officer – **Dan Aldridge, Bláithín Aldridge**
- h) Equipment officer / librarian – Dan Aldridge, Bláithín Aldridge
- i) Treasurer – **Karthick Thoppe**
- j) WhatsApp coordinator for rota – **Karthick Thoppe**
- k) Parent representative:
- l) Membership officer: John Loughran
- m) Lead Supervisors (Printer):
- n) Junior officers – **Áine Doran** (will ask for help from other parents)
- o) Vetting Officer – **Áine Doran (Karthick + ?Antonio)**
- p) Coaching officer – **Marco Mancosu**
- q) Coaches – John, Mark, Krishiv, Marco, Dan, & others (1/2/3)
- r) Club captain – **John Loughran**
- s) First team captain – **John Loughran**
- t) Second team captain – Enda Joyce(?)
- u) Third team captain – Dermot Murphy(?)
- v) Cup team captain(s) – **John Loughran**
- w) Novices team captain(s)

Prize Giving Ceremony

Here we mention prize winners on Zoom. All are on the website under Tournaments.