

Notes - Hertfordshire Chess Association Open Evening

Present: Jeremy Fraser-Mitchell, Martin Hill, Maurice Moore – St Albans
Chris Cook, Andrew Smith – Little Heath
Steve Law – Hemel Hempstead
Stephen Dicks
Alan Brewis, James Green – Hertford

Introduction: The evening had been widely circulated with the intention of supporting the HCA and developing its activities - particularly competitions. Although it was very disappointing so few clubs were represented, those who did attend were particularly constructive and good progress was made. Thanks to all for their positive input.

1. **Treasurer**
Maurice Moore offered to take on this important role following the AGM in July.
 2. **Capel, Burn and Bunce**
These competitions (the Herts internal championships) are normally held around late September, just before a new season begins. Andrew Smith offered to run them.
 3. **The Old Puller Cup**
A rapid-play competition, will return after a long absence. Suggested format is to hold it over half a day at a weekend – Andrew Smith.
 4. **County U1650**
A team will be entered into the SCCU competition next season - Martin Hill (Alan Brewis offered support)
 5. **Schools' League**
Invitations to be sent to schools in the area in the hope enough show interest in this – Andrew Smith. (Alan to support any League Management System requirements)
 6. **Equipment**
Boards, sets and clocks to be consolidated and stored – Martin Hill
 7. **hertschess.com**
Alan has received an offer from Andrew Roderick to help develop the website.
 8. **25th Anniversary**
Little Heath are planning to celebrate this milestone next season!
 9. **HCA Meetings**
These will continue to be held but based on necessity rather than regularity.
 10. **HCA Secretary**
This role becomes vacant following Alan's retirement at the AGM. Interested parties should contact him for details.
 11. **Juniors**
It is noteworthy that junior activity in the county has increased in recent years, although not within the HCA. Credit to those clubs actively supporting this and to those individuals supporting special junior events e.g. ESPCA (English Primary Schools Chess Association).
- PS The date for the **HCA AGM** this year is Friday 19th July.