

British Chess Championships 2009, Torquay - 26 July to 8 Aug

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The 2009 British Chess Championships, currently on in Torquay, include entries from 11 Essex players. Follow their progress on this page and on the BCC website via this link:

[British Chess Championships Website](#)

Live games are broadcast. There are also now some videos on the Home page.

We will keep up to date with the latest news of our lads' progress on this page.

Colin Ramage, John Philpott and David Smith all start their events today, Mon 03-Aug (see panel right and their sections below).

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Roving Reporter

We are now getting regular reports from our 'Roving Reporter' to augment the sometimes slow data on subsidiary events. Roving Reporter contributions are annotated "RR".

Quiz night success An Essex team outscored the competition for a convincing win in this year's quiz night (02-Aug 20:00) at the British Championships, hosted by Kevin Staveley. Mike Adams, at one time a candidate for the Saxons but ending up on the Guildford team as the maximum team size was 6 adults, kindly took the team photo. - RR

[For pictures see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

Graded Championships We commented in week 1, apropos the British U175, that five rounds seems a short course for a national championship. (Don't seem to have retained that comment, but you see it here now.) RR reports: "In response to feedback received, the Congress Managers have indicated that an increase in the number of rounds for the grading limited championships is under active consideration."

British Championship

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores										
Lawrence Trent 2471m	5½/9	1	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	4½	5½	5½		
Andrew Lewis 2287f	4/9	0	1	2	2	2½	3½	3½	3½	4		
John Anderson 2248	3½/9	½	1	1	1	2	2	2½	2½	3½		
Subin Sen 2093	4/9	1	1	2	2½	2½	2½	3	4	4		
Ian Reynolds 2092	4/9	½	1	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½	3½	4		

Round 7 pictures: [For RR's pictures see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

Round 8 pictures: [For RR's pictures see web page for links: [Follow the lads](#)]

Pairings for R9 - 05-Aug 14:15

David Howell has the sole lead with 6½/8 as his main rival Gawain Jones was beaten in R8 by Richard Palliser, who has played National Club matches for Ilford. Gawain Jones, Richard Palliser and Simon Williams are =2nd with 6 followed by 10 players on 5½ which include Lawrence Trent. In R9, we see the second all-Essex pairing with Ian Reynolds white against Andrew Lewis.

Board 7 Lawrence Trent 2471 (5½) 0-1 Thomas Rendle 2377 (5½)

Board 22 Subin Sen 2093 (4) 0-1 Felix Jose Ynojosa 2188 (4)

Board 23 Ian Reynolds 2092 (3½) ½-½ Andrew Lewis 2281 (3½)

Board 33 John Anderson 2248 (2½) 1-0 Dominic Tunks 2083 (2½)

Lawrence's roller-coaster ride continued as he lost to Thomas Rendle. This time, Lawrence's sac of the exchange for nebulous compensation rebounded. He failed to make capital out of a passed h-pawn and in the end appeared to find a help mate to bring the game to a conclusion.

The all-Essex pairing Reynolds-Lewis ended peaceably but Subin lost. John Anderson returned to winning ways.

All Round 8 games are now available in pgn download, or view on screen.

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British Seniors

Ivor Smith is playing in the British Seniors, an event he won 10 years ago.

Ivor has 3½/5; Progressive: ½, 1, 1½, 2½, 3½

R5 Pairing - 05-Aug 09:30

Board 206 Michael Cook 2062 (2½) 0-1 Ivor Smith 2132 (2½)

Roving Reporter: The Seniors is incredibly tight, with 15 of the 30 competitors tied for or within half a point of the lead coming into today's round.

For the second day running, the top three boards in the Seniors were all drawn. This enabled Ivor to catch up with the erstwhile leaders on 3½ out of 5. Others, including David Anderton, have also caught up, and depending upon the outcome of George Dickson's game there will be either eight or nine joint leaders going into round 6. - RR

Update: eight (8) players on the lead score of 3½ after five rounds. Two to go.

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British U150

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores				
John Philpott 142	2/3	½	1½	2		
David Smith 130	1/3	1	1	1		

R3 Pairings - 05-Aug 09:30

Board 70 Richard Desmedt 129 (1½) ½-½ John Philpott 142 (1½)

Board 76 Syringa Turvey-Cross 117 (1) 1-0 David Smith 130 (1)

[U150 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open am Week 2 3-Aug

Colin Ramage, Score 1½/3; Progressive: 1, 1, 1½

R3 Pairing - 05-Aug 09:30

Board 53 Mitchell Burke 133 (1) ½-½ Colin Ramage 149 (1)

[AM Week 2 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open pm Week 2 3-Aug 14:15

Colin Ramage, Score 1½/3; Progressive: 0, ½, 1

R3 Pairing - 05-Aug 14:15

Board 96 Colin Ramage 149 (½) 1-0 John Carr 79 (½)

There is a wide range of gradings in this tournament and a clear favourite for the first prize. It is not the competitor graded 181, who might otherwise fancy his chances, it is Russian GM Alexander Cherniaev, a frequent competitor at the Ilford Congress.

[PM Week 2 Pairings](#)