

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".

Colin Ramage entered the 2nd Rapidplay 02-Aug. In round 1 he beat F. Burnham (86) with White. In round 2 he drew with M. Josse (181) as Black. In round 3 he is White against Keith Arkell!

Colin lost his game against Keith Arkell. In round 4 he drew as Black against R. Mitra (90). In round 5 he won as White against M. Ward (99). He was Black in the final round against D. Patrick and won. - RR

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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 RR's pictures see web page: [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."

The end is nigh Friday, 7th August sees the last round of the Congress, so, as we prepare for the climax of the British Championships, it is appropriate now to reveal the identity of our 'Roving Reporter'. While the BCC website has provided an excellent service in the main event, the British Championship, information in the subsidiary tournaments has often been a little slow. It was therefore of great service that frequent and informed reports were supplied throughout the second week by RR and the Webmaster is grateful for this valuable assistance in augmenting the

service to our readers in this way. Not just snippets of information, but illuminating photos. It will not take more than a few moments to compare the list of Essex players competing with the identities of those depicted in the photos, to make an educated guess as to the person behind the camera and therefore RR's identity. Roving Reporter is none other than ECA General Secretary, John Philpott. Thank you John, and perhaps, to sign off, you would let us have a pic of you at the board to round off the coverage. WM

British Championship

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores											
Lawrence Trent 2471m	6/10	1	1½	2½	3½	3½	4½	4½	5½	5½	6		
Andrew Lewis 2287f	4/9	0	1	2	2	2½	3½	3½	3½	4	5		
John Anderson 2248	4½/10	½	1	1	1	2	2	2½	2½	3½	4½		
Subin Sen 2093	4/9	1	1	2	2½	2½	2½	3	4	4	4		
Ian Reynolds 2092	4/10	½	1	1½	1½	1½	2½	3½	3½	4	4		

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Pairings for R10 - 06-Aug 14:15

David Howell continues to lead with 7½/9 and next meets the defending Champion, Stuart Conquest (6½) still trying to recover from his shock defeat in R1. Simon Williams is second on 7 and then a pack of four on 6½.

In R10, we see the third all-Essex pairing with Andrew Lewis white against Subin Sen in a repeat of the recent Essex Championship play-off.

Board 8 Jack Rudd 2326m (5½) ½-½ Lawrence Trent 2471m (5½)

Board 25 Andrew Lewis 2281f (4) 1-0 Subin Sen 2093 (4)

Board 27 Simon Warman 2156 (4) 1-0 Ian Reynolds 2092 (4)

Board 29 Andrew McClement 1893 (3½) 0-1 John Anderson 2248 (3½)

After several tempestuous rounds, Lawrence for once found a calm vein, a Nimzo-Indian in which little occurred to interrupt the passage to a knight and pawn ending with 3 v 3 on the K-side where peace could be agreed.

Andrew Lewis had the satisfaction of coming out on top in the re-match of the Essex Championship play-off which had been won by Subin; Andrew thereby nosed into second place among the Essex players. Ian could not add to his score, but John Anderson did, moving ahead of Subin and Ian.

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 4/6; Progressive: ½, 1, 1½, 2½, 3½, 4

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R6 Pairing - 06-Aug 09:30

At the start of R6 there are no fewer than eight (8) players on the lead score of 3½, including Ivor. Two rounds to go.

Board 204 Ivor Smith 2132 (3½) ½-½ Paul Timson 2119 (3½)

Roving Reporter: We had been joking last night about the prospect of all four of the top board games being drawn, allowing some of the players on 3/5 to catch up. Ivor's game on board 4 was drawn, as were the games on boards 2 and 3. However, there was an unfortunate development on board 1. Alan Barton, who was due to play David Anderton with White, telephoned in after the round started to say that he was ill: it is uncertain whether he will be able to play tomorrow. David Anderton agreed to play Michael Dean, who was due to have a bye. This game is still in progress.

David Anderton duly won his game in the Seniors to take the sole lead on 4½ out of 6. In the last round he will be White against Ivor Smith. To take the title on his own, Ivor therefore needs to win and hope that the other games among the players on 4 out of 6 are drawn. - RR

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British U150

Essex Players	Score	Progressive Scores				
John Philpott 142	3/4	½	1½	2	3	
David Smith 130	2/4	1	1	1	2	

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R4 Pairings - 05-Aug 09:30

Board 70 John Philpott 142 (2) 1-0 Syringa Turvey-Cross 117 (2)

Board 82 David Smith 130 (1) 1-0 David Fowler 112 (1)

[U150 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open am Week 2

Colin Ramage, Score $1\frac{1}{2}/4$; Progressive: 1, 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$, $1\frac{1}{2}$

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R4 Pairing - 06-Aug 09:30

Board 53 Colin Ramage 149 ($1\frac{1}{2}$) 0-1 Barry Groves 112 ($1\frac{1}{2}$)

[AM Week 2 Pairings](#)

5 Day Open pm Week 2

Colin Ramage, Score $2\frac{1}{2}/4$; Progressive: 0, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 1

R4 Pairing - 06-Aug 14:15

Board 91 Ian Farquharson 94 ($1\frac{1}{2}$) 0-1 Colin Ramage 149 ($1\frac{1}{2}$)

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](#)