

## Essex Rapidplay Championship 2009

Incorporating the North Essex Rapidplay Championship

Venue: Writtle Community Association

Date: Sunday 19 July 2009

Time Control: 30 minutes per player per game

Controllers: Andrew Brett, Ivor Smith

This year, an U125 section was introduced, giving players in that grading band a separate prize fund to play for. We were hoping that the new section would encourage more entries than materialised, just 12 players contesting the Open and a similar number in the U125. The total entry of 24 was, however, a marked improvement on last year's 16 - who all played in the one section - and nearer the 26 which entered in 2007, but was not enough to cover the increased prize fund.

Also, two small sections place a strain on the Swiss pairing system and Ivor had quite a problem drawing the later rounds.

### Open

| Pos | Player             | Grade | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | Pts | SPS | SOS |
|-----|--------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|
| 1   | Andrew P Lewis     | 207   | b 4+ | w11+ | b 3+ | b 7+ | w 2= | b 5= | 5   | 19½ | 19½ |
| 2   | Jeff A Goldberg    | 173   | b 5+ | w 3= | b 7= | w 6+ | b 1= | w 4= | 4   | 15  | 21½ |
| 3   | Ian D Hunnable     | 159   | w12+ | b 2= | w 1- | b10= | w 8+ | b 6= | 3½  | 12½ | 17½ |
| 4   | David Chandler     | s157  | w 1- | b12+ | w11+ | hpb  | b 6= | b 2= | 3½  | 12  | 17  |
| 5   | Robin Slade        | 156   | w 2- | b 8+ | w 6= | hpb  | b 7+ | w 1= | 3½  | 11  | 21  |
| 6   | William J Stirling | s154  | b 9= | w10+ | b 5= | b 2- | w 4= | w 3= | 3   | 11½ | 20  |
| 7   | Robert T Killeen   | s146  | b10= | w 9+ | w 2= | w 1- | w 5- | b12+ | 3   | 11  | 18  |
| 8   | John C Moore       | 165   | b11- | w 5- | b12+ | w 9+ | b 3- | b10+ | 3   | 8   | 14½ |
| 9   | Russell P White    | s183  | w 6= | b 7- | w10= | b 8- | w12+ | w11+ | 3   | 8   | 13½ |
| 10  | David J Millward   | 165   | w 7= | b 6- | b 9= | w 3= | b11+ | w 8- | 2½  | 8½  | 17½ |
| 11  | Kerry M Chilvers   | s148  | w 8+ | b 1- | b 4- | w12+ | w10- | b 9- | 2   | 9   | 17  |
| 12  | Martin J Jones     | s130  | b 3- | w 4- | w 8- | b11- | b 9- | w 7- | 0   | 0   | 18  |

*Rapidplay grades shown except where marked 's' for standard play.*

*Columns marked: SPS = Sum of Progressive Scores; SOS = Sum of Opponents Scores*

Andrew Lewis was again clearly the class of the field, particularly with Russell White being markedly off form (1 out of 4 before finishing win, win). Andrew disposed of all comers until the last two rounds when he was held to a draw by Jeff Goldberg and then exceeded the time limit in the last round against Robin Slade, but Robin was down to a lone king and threw in an illegal move (not noticed except by the spectators) in the scramble and was on the point of being mated when rescued by the clock for a draw. But this was sufficient for **Andrew Lewis** to retain his crown by a point with 5/6. Jeff Goldberg, having won the Lightning Championship a week earlier, was undefeated, finishing second a point behind. The prize list was completed in a three-way tie =3rd on 3½, between Ian

Hunnable, David Chandler and Robin Slade. **David Chandler** gained the North Essex crown on tie-break (SPS) from Robin Slade.

## Under 125

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| Pos | Player              | Grade | 1    | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6    | Pts       | SPS | SOS |
|-----|---------------------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------|-----|-----|
| 1   | Peter A Brander     | 117   | w 9+ | b 2+ | w 6+ | b 3+ | w 5+ | b 4- | <b>5</b>  | 20  | 21½ |
| 2   | Michael J Coughtrey | s103  | b 8= | w 1- | b11+ | w 6+ | w 3+ | b 5+ | <b>4½</b> | 13  | 19½ |
| 3   | John E Lambert      | s103  | w10+ | b 4+ | w 9+ | w 1- | b 2- | b 7+ | <b>4</b>  | 16  | 21½ |
| 4   | Phil T Foley        | 83    | b12+ | w 3- | b 7+ | b 5- | w 9+ | w 1+ | <b>4</b>  | 13  | 18  |
| 5   | Mario Cassar        | 90    | b 6- | w 8+ | b10+ | w 4+ | b 1- | w 2- | <b>3</b>  | 12  | 21½ |
| 6   | Edward Ballard      | 42    | w 5+ | w 7+ | b 1- | b 2- | w 8- | b11+ | <b>3</b>  | 12  | 20  |
| 7   | William Cheung      | 88    | w11+ | b 6- | w 4- | b 8+ | w12+ | w 3- | <b>3</b>  | 11  | 15½ |
| 8   | K Stephen Woodall   | 61    | w 2= | b 5- | w12+ | w 7- | b 6+ | b10= | <b>3</b>  | 9½  | 15½ |
| 9   | Brian Chan          | 71    | b 1- | w11+ | b 3- | w10+ | b 4- | b12+ | <b>3</b>  | 9   | 16½ |
| 10  | Rory J S Johnson    | 44    | b 3- | w12+ | w 5- | b 9- | b11= | w 8= | <b>2</b>  | 6½  | 14½ |
| 11  | Darius Taylor       | 33    | b 7- | b 9- | w 2- | b12+ | w10= | w 6- | <b>1½</b> | 4   | 15½ |
| 12  | Inigo Taylor        | 7     | w 4- | b10- | b 8- | w11- | b 7- | w 9- | <b>0</b>  | 0   | 16½ |

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The U125 section was much more of a contest. The early leaders were Peter Brander and John Lambert, both of whom started with 3/3. Their clash in Round 4 settled the issue in favour of Peter Brander. John Lambert then lost to a recovering Michael Coughtrey, having started with ½/2, and Peter Brander was the winner with a round to spare when defeating Mario Cassar in the penultimate round. Peter availed himself of the luxury of losing to Phil Foley in the last, to finish in the lead on 5/6. Michael Coughtrey, having slipped past John Lambert, finished second on 4½.

There was a Junior prize, provided by the **David Wood Memorial Trust**, for which there was a three-way tie on 3 points between Edward Ballard, Brian Chan and William Cheung. The Junior trophy was awarded to William Cheung on tie-break.