

Chess Club Survey

17 People took part. Objective to help find out how many teams we should have.

Number of teams.

Three people who did not play last season, wanted to play. 4 who did play wanted more games, and the rest said the number of games was about right. Number of players:

- Jim Sumner will not be playing next season, Carl and Adam be available less, Alan not available for most away matches.
- Kenny interested in playing again (4 to 7 games). Brett will play 3. Gained Eshan and John Dickinson.

Captains. Carl wants to step down. There are possible replacement volunteers from people in lower division teams (John Dickinson and Juhno), but no volunteer to captain Preston 2 in Blackpool and Fylde league.

Conclusion – keep number teams the same, but need a captain for Preston 2 in Blackpool and Fylde

Drivers

We are losing existing drivers in Carl and Jim from Preston 1 and 2. Malcolm will still drive for Preston 1. Eshan prepared to drive, and Phil/Colin (occasionally). Perhaps put Eshan/Phil/Colin in same team to share driving?

For Preston 3 and 4 we have: Joss, Paul, Graeme, John (occasionally) so should be OK.

Divisions

Everyone said the playing strength of their opponents was about right which suggests no need to change teams divisions. But Jim Sumner is leaving so we will be weakened despite Brett playing a few games. Does anyone want to play top boards for Preston 2 ? Also need to take account of drivers above.

Conclusion: Do we keep 2 equal teams in division 1 ? Do we move a team down to division 2 ? Players from those teams need to vote.

Club Activities

Fourteen people expressed interested in playing in club events other than club championship. Other suggestions were:

- Social events not including chess!
- Group lessons or learning sessions. structured social session every so often, which might involve play some games, some hand and brain chess, and solving some prepared puzzles, or learning theme. Perhaps we could also look at people's games at the club.and help people improve.
- Try to attract younger members, esp Newman College 6th formers, & students from Uclan to play/join the Club. i'd like to help (though i suspect we'd need someone much younger to 'front' & also attend Fresher's Event to publicise the Chess Club & how very close it is to Halls of Residence (& how cheap the beer is) etc etc.

