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## **Checkmate for an Anniversary Date**

CHESS players from throughout the West of Scotland descended on the town for five Thursdays last month to take part in the East Kilbride Chess Club's 40th Anniversary Open Tournament.

Held at the town's Murray Owen Centre, where the club meet every Thursday, the tournament was a great success.

Provost Russell Clearie honoured the chess club's 40-year existence by being on hand to present the prizes.

And the overall winner was Duncan Walker of Hamilton Chess Club.

Provost Clearie presented Duncan with the tournament trophy (donated by John Dykes) and a cheque for £60.

The runner-up was Cumbernauld Chess Club's David Johnstone, with Phil Thomas (Giffnock), Paul MacDonald (Glasgow Montrose) and Arthur Mulholland (Hamilton) sharing third prize.

Local player Paul Denham was presented with the East Kilbride Chess Club Top Player's Cup after his excellent performance.

Fellow East Kilbride club member, Scott Miller, shared the under 1200 grading prize with Giffnock Chess Club's Andrew McCulloch.

The top junior prize was shared by Peter Devenny (Cathcart and East Kilbride chess clubs) and Alex Finnie (Hamilton) with the Slow Starter's prize being picked up by Marc Sheridan (Inverclyde).

Book prizes, kindly donated by Chess Suppliers, were won by East Kilbride Chess Club's Henry Lynn and Jim Johnston.

Provost Clearie also made presentations to John Dykes to mark his 20th anniversary as the East Kilbride club secretary and to Tom Brisbane, who has been Treasurer for 33 years and the club's longest serving member of 36 years.

The Provost also made a presentation to 78-year-old Henry Lynn, one of the original members when the club was founded in the Calderwood Inn in November 1968.