

Chess club back on top



EAST Kilbride Chess Club started their new season with the presentation of the Lanarkshire Second Division shield to their 'A' team, who made a swift return to the top division after a brief sojourn in the second division.

Their Junior team turned in a very creditable performance in finishing fourth in the first season of the Lanarkshire Junior Chess League.

Graham Dobbie was presented with the Club Champion trophy as this year's unbeaten winner. However, the Junior Club Champion Trophy ended in a three-way tie after a fiercely

fought championship by the eventual winners, Kevin Parkinson, Paul Russell and Alan McKenna.

This year's Wilson Trophy which is a 36 week club individual tournament, finished with joint winners Jim Parkinson and Pierro Gosetti sharing the honours.

Pictured above are Lanarkshire Division Two winners Jeff Dunn, John Dykes, Jim Parkinson, Graham Dobbie and Tom Brisbane (back) proudly displaying the trophy presented recently at their AGM. Team member Frank Whitelaw was unable to make our photocall,



■ East Kilbride Chess Club's trophy winners were (left to right) Michael Reynolds, Steve Carson, John Dykes and Piero Gosetti.

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A match for anyone!

- EAST Kilbride Chess Club recently held their AGM and presented the club championship shield.
- This year's winner was Mike Reynolds, who won the event for the second year running, while new member Steve Carson picked up the top ungraded player's trophy.
- Other winners were Piero Gosetti, who won the Wilson Trophy, which is an individual league table held by the club throughout the season for the most consistent player in the club.

GRADING

- John Dykes picked up the Sword of Damocles shield for achieving the club's highest grading increase in the official 1998 SCA grading list.
- The club is on the lookout for new blood and is holding free coaching and open nights for potential new members of any age and ability.
- They meet each Thursday night throughout September at 7.30pm in the chess club at the court suite in East Kilbride Civic Centre.

CLUBS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess club making the right moves

EAST Kilbride Chess Club started their 31st season recently with the presentation of prizes at their annual general meeting.

This year's club championship was won jointly by Tom Brisbane and Piero Gosetti with five points out of six.

Jim Johnstone and Andrew Horn both produced some excellent results in the club championship to jointly become the top ungraded players in the competition.

Not content with sharing the club championship, Piero Gosetti also proved to be the club's most consistent player by winning the Wilson Trophy, which is an inter-club league competition held throughout the season.

Andrew Williamson produced

this year's highest Scottish Chess Association grading increase by an East Kilbride Chess Club player and was presented with the Sword of Damocles trophy.

Thirteen-year-old Susan MacKinlay not only proved to be the club's top junior player but also picked up the Duncanrig Secondary School junior trophy, in this, her first year of competitive chess.

Susan's first SCA grade of 920 put her among the very top under-14 girl chess players in Scotland.

However, Susan might will be having some hot competition in the future by new junior members James and Scott Duffy, aged nine and seven respectively.

Their mother Heather says

that young Scott has been playing chess with his brother since he was four years old.

A more immediate asset to the club is the arrival of 18-year-old Vincent Farrell, who recently moved to Stewartfield and has within the last week become joint winner in both the Cathcart chess tournament and the challengers event in the Grangemouth Chess Congress.

Although the club membership is looking healthy, the club is welcoming new members of all ages by giving free entry to new members for the next four weeks at the club's venue of the court room in the civic centre, at 7.30pm every Thursday evening.

For further information, contact club secretary John Dykes on 610170.



■ Chess like that: East Kilbride Chess Club winners (from left) Tom Brisbane, Piero Gosetti, Susan MacKinlay, Andrew Williamson, Jim Johnston and Andrew Horn.

Making all the right moves



EAST Kilbride Chess Club recently held their AGM and presented trophies to this year's prizewinners.

The club's top seed, Alex Nisbet, produced some fine form to lift the Club Champion shield.

John Dykes (left), picked up the Wilson Trophy, which is presented to the most consis-

tent player throughout the season.

The club's Lanarkshire "B" team captain Jim Johnston (right), was presented with the Sword of Damocles shield for the most improved player.

Jim has seen his grading jump 100 points in this year's Scottish Chess Association grading list.

The club have been holding free open nights throughout September to offer free coaching to potential members.

Members of all ages meet every Thursday at the court suite in the civic centre at 7.30pm.

More information is available from John Dykes on 610170.

CLUBS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess mates cheer success

CHESS success certainly runs in one local family, as a father and son picked up East Kilbride Chess Club's top annual awards at their recent AGM.

Alex Nisbet was presented with the club champion shield, while his son Ian collected the junior champion's trophy.

Secretary John Dykes managed a double of his own, winning the Wilson Trophy, the club's own league competition, for the second consecutive year.

John Melvin was awarded the club's prize for its highest-placed ungraded player while The Sword of Damocles shield for the most-improved

player in the Scottish annual grading list went to Piero Gosetti.

East Kilbride's players have also enjoyed success on the wider circuit, with Jim Johnston's consistent results giving him second place in the annual Grand Prix competition.

PRIZEMONEY

Meanwhile, Alex Nisbet won the Glasgow Leagues Slopapolsky Cup at the city's Allegro Tournament, and John Dykes was in the prize money at last month's Cathcart Open.

In league action, East Kilbride 'A' recovered in style from last year's relegation to division four, remaining unbeaten for the whole season as

they bounced straight back up.

They also won the league's AK Miller Cup, knocking out favourites Shettleston in the quarter-final, before beating Renfrew in the crucial decider.

An increase in members has seen the club enter three teams in both the Glasgow and Lanarkshire leagues, plus a junior team in the Glasgow junior league and two teams in the Glasgow rapid play league.

However, they are still on the lookout for further recruits, and will be holding free coaching nights every Thursday this month, beginning at 7.30pm in the Civic Centre's court suite.

Further information can be obtained from John Dykes on 610170.



■ Chess kings: East Kilbride Chess Club's top players were rewarded for a successful season at their recent prizegiving.

CLUBS AND COMMUNITY NEWS

Chess mates honour their top performers

By Judith Tonner

IT was a family affair when the trophies were handed out at East Kilbride Chess Club's annual prize-giving.

Alex Nisbet senior retained the championship title which he won last year, and also collected the Wilson Trophy for the winner of the club's league tournament.

His son Alex junior won the East Kilbride junior title, was named as the club's best young player in the Glasgow junior league, and was recognised for his achievement in being Scotland's most improved junior player on this year's national grading list.

Alan McConnell was presented with the Sword of Damocles as the club's most improved adult, while Peter Sidebotham was the top ungraded player in the club championship.

Finally, the Gosetti Shield, donated by Piero Gosetti to be awarded to East Kilbride's most consistent player in all competitions, was presented this year to John Dykes.

The club's Glasgow League A-team completed the double last season, win-

ning Division Three and then going on to win Division Two of the rapid play league.

For the season ahead,

two teams will again compete in that tournament, plus three each in the Glasgow and Lanarkshire chess leagues.

East Kilbride Chess Club meets in the court suite of the Civic Centre at 7.30pm every Thursday.

New members of any age

or ability are always welcome.

For further information, contact secretary John Dykes on 610170.



■ Good movers: The winners of East Kilbride Chess Club's annual tournaments display their trophies at their prizegiving ceremony.

Chess club making the right moves on international board



■ Making the right moves: Trophy winners at the chess club.

EAST Kilbride Chess Club is still celebrating its success in the Scottish Junior International Chess Championships.

Fourteen year-old Alex Nisbet, the club's junior champion, made his debut as a member of the Scotland squad.

Scotland's third seed in the eight-man team, Alex suffered a loss in his first game against Wales but he then went on to get a very creditable draw against an Irish opponent and he was to prove to be the hero against the Ireland B.

Young Alex's game was the last to finish and

with an almost certain win it was decided to play safe and settle for a draw which secured Scotland the team win and the title.

Both Alex and his father Alex senior, the joint East Kilbride Chess Club champion, look to be in for some stiff competition in the future from Alex's younger brother.

For 12 year-old David, who is a Scotland junior chess youth squad member, has just secured a Scotland Grand Prix prize as one of the strongest up-and-coming juniors.

It was to prove an all-round family celebration as Alex senior became one of four East Kilbride Chess Club players to be awarded a Grand Prix prize as the most consistent player in this year's Scottish Chess Association.

Fellow club players David Potts, Jim Johnston and Andrew Howie also received Scottish Grand Prix prizes.

The 2003-04 club championship was a four-way tie with Alex Nisbet senior, Tom Brisbane, John Dykes and Duncan McDonald sharing the honours.

Alex Nisbet junior also put in an impressive performance, picking up the Junior Club Championship Trophy.

The Wilson Trophy, which goes to the winner of the club's league table of points gained during the season from club games and in Glasgow and Lanarkshire league matches, was shared between John Dykes and Jim Johnston.

And it proved to be third season lucky for the quickly improving Peter Söderbom, who picked up his first Scottish Chess Association grading only last year.

After picking up the top ungraded Club Championship Trophy last year, Peter went on to do the double this year, winning both the Sword of Damocles as the club member with the highest increase in this year's SCA grading list and also the Gosetti Trophy awarded to the best club individual performance in both the Glasgow and Lanarkshire leagues.

It was also celebration time for the East Kilbride B chess team, who were presented with their Lanarkshire Division Two trophy.

The club welcomes all potential new members at any level to its meeting on Thursday evenings, from 7.30 till 10.30pm in the court suite at East Kilbride Civic Centre.

WORD

Quick Clues

ACROSS

- 1 Despicable member (3,3)
- 8 Offspring (4)
- 9 Creep (5)
- 10 Shout out (4)
- 11 Slinky leg (4)
- 12 Touch (4,4,7)
- 14 Invis (3)
- 16 First seedling (5)
- 18 Colada (6)
- 19 Neckcloth (5)
- 22 One on the loose (7,5)
- 24 Scotland's river (4)
- 25 Courgettes (4)
- 26 Musical term (5)
- 27 Moustache (collog.) (4)
- 28 Invited on (10)

DOWN

- 1 Two-wheeler (7)
- 2 Warning (5)
- 3 Optical toy (12)
- 4 Ship-to-beak (8)
- 5 Antiques (5)
- 6 Doll lovers (5)
- 8 Moustache (collog.) (7)
- 12 Not progressive (10)
- 15 Roomy (5)
- 17 Rose suitably (6,2)
- 18 Not accurate (7)
- 20 Walk off (7)
- 21 Destructive (6)
- 23 Delinquent (5)



2-in-1 TAKE YOUR PICK

EN
 11 Sars coming from regions of ancient Palestine (7)
 12 same again, archaic variant Greek style (5)
 14 A dead language but Spanish or Portuguese is spoken in a country (5,7)
 16 second said state (8)

Checkmate in club champion's move

JOINING East Kilbride Chess Club proved a good move for former Bothwell Chess Club player Craig Miller.

For Craig ended the season as his year's East Kilbride Chess Club champion.

He and the other club prize winners were presented with their trophies recently at the club's annual general meeting.

The prizewinners included Andy Howle, who pulled off a double for the season by coming out top of the club's league table to win the Wilson Trophy and who also

proved to be the club's most improved adult player in the latest Scottish grading list winning the Sword of Damocles Shield.

The Gosetti Shield which is presented to the club's most consistent player in both the Lanarkshire Chess League and the Glasgow Chess League was won by

Piero Gosetti, who had kindly donated the shield to the club some years back.

The junior player club championship shield was secured by youngster David Nisbet who is following in the footsteps of his older brother Ian Nisbet, who was last year's junior winner.

Ian, who has recently, once again, represented his country in the Scotland National Junior team, has also featured in the latest edition of the Scottish Grading list as one of the all time highest graded under-15 players in Scotland.

Both boys' gradings have improved considerably this year.

Now they will be among the club players trying to become giant killers when Scottish international master Stephen Mannion visits the club this coming Thursday, September 22.

Stephen will be displaying his skills against up to 90 other players simultaneously.

The club, which meets every Thursday at 7.30pm in the court suite at East Kilbride Civic Centre, would welcome potential new members of any age and strength who would like to participate in this rare opportunity of taking part in the simultaneous display.

Further information on the display or the club activities can be obtained by phoning secretary John Dykes on 01355 610170.



■ The real movers: Chess club champion Craig Miller and the other award winners proudly display their trophies after the presentation.

Smart moves as chess club celebrates win

EAST Kilbride chess club started its new season in its new premises, the Murray Owen Centre.

The season began with the annual general meeting and prizes handed out to individuals and teams.

The meeting started with accolades for the Glasgow League Rapid play B team which was promoted to the top division, with the trophy collected by Piero Gosetti.

Craig Miller was then given his shield as top player in the Club Championship after being undefeated in the event.

Next was Jim Johnston who received the Wilson Trophy cup.

The club members participate in the Wilson Trophy throughout the season, with the results being submitted to the Scottish Chess Association for grading in the SCA year book.

Alan McConnell



■ Chess champs: (l-r) Jim Johnston, Craig Miller, Piero Gosetti and Alan McConnell.

was also awarded a prize as the club's most improved player moving up the SCA rankings.

The club's most consistent player in both the Glasgow League and Lanarkshire League was Duncan McDonald who was delighted to pick up the Gosetti shield.

However arguably the star of the night was young Alex Nisbet.

Hailed as one of Scotland's most promising juniors, he not only won the club's Rapid play tournament but came joint first in this year's Scottish Open tournament held in Troon last month.

This also placed Alex as the top boy in Scottish chess and he's hopping his form will continue when he plays alongside his younger brother Dav-

id, for Scotland in the forthcoming Tri-nations International Junior Tournament against Northern Ireland and Wales.

The club is on the look out for new members, whether novice or master, of any age.

The club meets every Thursday between 7.30pm and 10.30pm.

To find out more call secretary, John Dykes on 610170.

Chess master takes on 18 club players

A SCOTTISH International Master chess player made an admired move by attending EK chess club's open night last Thursday.

Stephen Mannion took on chess club members to mark the opening of the club's 39th season.

Stephen played in an elimination round robin style event that saw his challengers go from 18 to one.

He managed to beat 16 players. Club champion, Craig Miller drew with Stephen while, there was a club victory from Tom Brisbane - the club's longest serving member.

Two of the club members who tried to shake the Scottish Master's concentration were brothers Alex and David Nisbet, who are just back from International duty after playing for Scotland in the Tri-

nations tournament against Northern Ireland and Wales.

The Duncanrig pupils performed well with Alex, 16, helping Scotland win the under 16's title by winning both his games against NI and Wales. David, 14, played in the under 14's where Scotland came runner up to Wales.

The open night also displayed the club's new disabled friendly premises at the Murray Owen Centre.

Club secretary, John Dykes is hoping the new premise and season will attract new members, no matter what age or game strength.

The EK chess club have a team in the National Chess League and three teams in the Glasgow League, Glasgow Rapidplay



INTERNATIONAL STAR: Stephen Mannion playing Alex Nisbet in the club event

League, Glasgow AK Miller Cup and the Lanarkshire Chess League.

They also run several club tournaments throughout the season, with each result recorded with Chess Scotland to enable all members to obtain a grading.

Annual subscriptions for adults are £25 for waged members, £15 for players new to chess and £12 for unwaged players, with monthly fees at £9. There is no annual subscriptions charge for juniors who pay £1 per night.

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Lennart keeps his chess club title

This year's East Kilbride Chess Club champion is Lennart Koehn, who has won the trophy for the second year in succession.

Lennart is also the four-times winner of the Allegro Cup and is continuing to improve his playing strength on board one of the club's top team.

Jim Johnston won the Gosetti Trophy for the person who has gained the most points playing in league matches for the club in a season.

Early in the new year the club will welcome international chess master Stephen Burns-Mannion for a

simultaneous exhibition when he will take on all-comers.

The club meets on Thursday evenings at 7.30pm in the Murray Owen Centre, Liddell Grove, The Murray.

East Kilbride Chess Club has teams playing in the Glasgow, Lanarkshire and Dunbartonshire Chess Leagues and two teams playing in the Scottish National League.

For those new to the game there are coaching sessions run by experienced club players.

For full details of the club's activities and contacts visit the website at www.ekchess.org.uk



Well done Jim Johnston, right, receives the Gosetti Trophy from last year's winner Tom Brisbane

Chess master beats the club



TROPHY HAUL: International chess master Stephen Mannion (third from left) with some of the club's prizewinners

EAST Kilbride chess club kicked off their new season in style last week with a visit from an international master.

Stephen Mannion played the entire club in a simultaneous display and the only player to avoid defeat was EK player John Melvin who secured a draw.

Prior to this exhibition the club held their AGM and presented several members with prizes for their performances last season.

The club's 'A' team won division two of the Glasgow league whilst their 'B' team managed to secure the runners-up spot in division three. Both sides will now play in a higher division this season.

The club championship was tied between Stewart McKay and Craig Miller with Duncan McDonald winning a treble of trophies.

He won the Sword of Damocles for most improved player, the Wilson trophy for

securing the internal club league and the Gosetti for best league performance.

Ian Mackenzie won the autumn allegro tournament, Ciaran Woodward picked up the junior trophy and Andy Howie won the under 100 tournament at the British Open.

The chess club meet every Thursday at the Murray Owen Centre from 7.30pm till 10pm. Anyone interested in joining should call John Dykes on 01355 610 170.

Checkmate for an anniversary date

Jun 25 2008 by Louise Reilly, East Kilbride News

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 Players' 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 starters prize being picked up by Marc Sheridan (Inverclyde).

Book prizes, kindly donated by Chess Suppliers, were won by East Kilbride Chess Club's Henry Lynne 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 Lynne, one of the original members when the club was founded in the Calderwood Inn in November 1968.



CHECK MATE: East Kilbride Chess Club champion Frankie Murray (top right) is pictured with other prize winners from last season at a recent event in the Murray Owen Centre.

Also in the photograph are, front left, Paul Denham holder of "The Sword of Damocles," and Tony Dunlop, winner of "The Wilson Trophy" and joint holder of "The Autumn Cup" with John Dykes (not pictured).

Top left Peter Sidebotham holder of "The Gosetti".

For only £1 per night chess classes for beginners runs for another eight weeks at the Murray Owen Centre on Tuesdays from 7.30 till 9.30pm.

For further information please contact the club secretary Paul Denham at secretary@ekchess.org.uk or phone on 013552 238250.

East Kilbride News, Wednesday 3rd December, 2008

Chess master's visit

EAST Kilbride Chess Club is once again looking forward to a visit by international master Stephen Manion.

The visit, which was organised by John Dykes, will take place on Thursday, December 18, at 7.30pm in the Murray Owen Centre.

The international master will play no fewer than 16 club members simultaneously.

Stephen has intimated these matches can be a useful test of his opening repertoire, memorisation of moves and tactics at speed.

Visitors are more than welcome to go along.

For further information, please

e-mail secretary@ekchess.org.uk or phone Paul Denham on 238250.

Meanwhile anyone looking for brain cell stimulation this winter might want to consider going along to the club.

It meets every Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Murray Owen Centre in the Murray.

The club has teams in the Glasgow, Lanarkshire and Dumbartonshire leagues and also runs various club competitions.

New members are always welcome.

For further information, please e-mail secretary@ekchess.org.uk or phone Paul on the above number.

18 East Kilbride News, Wednesday 10th December, 2008

Chessman

EAST Kilbride Chess Club's reigning champion Frankie Murray (ELO 1607) continues acquiring grading points this season.

He now has so many he is in the top five of Scotland's improving chess players.

Junior player Ruth Devenny (450) was presented with a trophy at Grangemouth Town Hall for being top player in her section of the Walter Munn Junior Grand Prix. Ruth was also first in a recent junior tournament in High Blantyre.

In the Dumbartonshire League Division 2, EK won away 0-4 at Cumbernauld.

Speed is key to success in this chess tourney

EAST Kilbride Chess Club fielded a four-man team in the Scottish Team Lightning Championships in Grangemouth recently.

Lightning events are ones where all the moves in a chess game need to be played in a very short space of time.

In this tournament, all games lasted 10 minutes and with each player being given only five minutes per game to complete all their moves, a fast hand was needed just as much as fast thinking.

The event provided a rare opportunity to take on some of Scotland's best chess players including Grandmasters and former Scottish Champions.

East Kilbride News, Wednesday 17th December, 2008

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2009-01-08 EK News

Provost meets chess mates

SPECIAL VISITOR: members of East Kilbride Chess Club were delighted to welcome South Lanarkshire Provost Russell Clearie to their recent 40th anniversary open tournament. Here some of the club members are pictured at the event with the provost.



Now the club would like to welcome anyone along who would like to play or learn how to play chess. New chess classes for beginners will start this coming

Tuesday, January 13, in the Murray Owen Centre in the Murray between 7.30 and 9.30pm. The classes will run for at least 10 weeks and the fee will be £1 a night on

a pay as you play basis. For further information, contact the club secretary Paul Denham at secretary@ekchess.org.uk or telephone him at 01355 238250.

Happy Wanderers as chess team secure their promotion

A FEW years ago East Kilbride Chess Club was invited into the Dunbartonshire League. Going in under the name of East Kilbride Wanderers, the team is made up of a pool of all East Kilbride chess members. They have now "wandered" their way to promotion by winning the 2008-2009 Dunbarton and District Division 2 title. Delighted team captain, Paul Denham said that all the members deserve credit for their efforts over the season.

He continued: "The team were unbeaten, going into the last match where we needed at least a draw for the title, so I picked Alan Jelfs, Craig Miller, Frankie Murray and Tony Dunlop, four of our strongest players. "After losing the first two games, it was looking precarious. But we fought back and got the draw we needed." Paul added: "A local engraver is going to be busy, as a total of 15 club members played one or more games for the Wanderers".

On-line for chess contest

Jan 14 2009 by Lynda Nicol, East Kilbride News

EAST Kilbride Chess Club has a new on-line chess team.

Its proud captain is Henry Lynn from Calderwood.

The team's first opponents are from Belgium and Henry said: "It's a good way to pass the time".

The club is continuing beginners' classes on Tuesdays from 7.30 till 9.30pm at the Murray Owen Centre in The Murray. Please contact Paul Denham at secretary@ekchess.org.uk or on 01355 238250.

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2009-05-03 EK News

Chess players will be on board



LOCAL chess enthusiasts are looking forward to the second East Kilbride Open Chess Tournament which is due to be held at the end of this month.

The popular event will take place from 7.45-10.15pm over five consecutive Thursdays at The Murray Owen Centre in The Murray, be-

ginning on Thursday, April 30. Entry forms can be downloaded from the club web site at www.ekchess.org.uk/ the entry fees being £14 for waged adults, £12 for juniors under-18 and unwaged adults.

The organisers of the chess tournament said that they are once again expecting a very good standard of entries from chess players of all ages from throughout the

Lanarkshire area and beyond. Meanwhile in the local chess leagues, East Kilbride Chess Club's top 'A' team is currently sitting comfortably in the middle of Lanarkshire Chess League first division.

But it has been a tough season for the 'East Kilbride B' team and relegation looks probable for the local side.

In the second division a very

close contest is developing between E/K "C" and Bellshill "A".

This is made more entertaining by the fact they have to face each other over the board twice in April. All games within the chess league must be played by May 1.

For further information on East Kilbride Chess club, please contact the club secretary Paul Denham at secretary@ekchess.org.uk or telephone him at 01355 238250.

Chess pair make right moves

THE Busby Hotel hosted the 2009 West of Scotland Chess Championships at the weekend.

The event was organised by Phil and Jacqui Thomas.

In the prestigious open section, two East Kilbride players consistently punched

above their weight.

Ranked 11th and ninth respectively, both Tony Dunlop and Alan Jelfs had some fantastic results to finish joint second.

Tony played the last of his five games against Alan Grant of Cathcart chess club

who was ranked first. This game ultimately decided the fate of the title, which went to the top seed.

In the picture above centre is Chess Scotland President Donald Wilson with Tony Dunlop right, and Alan Jelfs left.

2012-10-24 EK News

Kings of the chess board

East Kilbride Chess Club picked up a number of trophies recently.

The prize-winners were presented with their trophies at the Murray Owen Centre.

The league season is now under way with the 'A' and 'B' teams playing each other in the Lanarkshire Chess League.

This is always the first fixture on the calendar. The club also has teams in the Glasgow and Dunbartonshire chess leagues

and competes in the Scottish National Chess League.

The 2011/12 season was good for the club with the 'B' team winning the Glasgow Division 3A title and the EK Wanderers winning the Dunbartonshire Division 2 title.

In addition, the 'A' team did well to come second in Division 1 of the Lanarkshire League.

The club has a successful training programme for juniors

and beginners. Some of the juniors have taken part in national and international tournaments.

The club meet every Thursday from 7.30-10.30pm in the Murray Owen Centre, 1 Liddell Grove, The Murray, and anyone is welcome to come along, from beginners to experienced players.

For more information visit the website <http://www.ekchess.org.uk/> or contact Ian MacKenzie at secretary@ekchess.org



Success From left, Jim Johnston, Tom Brisbane, Alan Jelfs (club champion), Derek Howie and Frankie Murray