

## **Grading:**

Grading continues as normal. We are still using the existing Alex Bisset program. Programmer Gordon Rattray supports current grading work. A new outside Scotland results web form is operational which allows data to be imported into the program without retyping results. More recently a new script was created which allows the chief grader to upload directly to the online website without intervention by Gordon – meaning users get to see the update a day earlier than usual.

A new program will be created but work and domestic issues has meant Gordon has not had as much time as hoped but fully intends to complete the new program.

### **Current issues:**

1) There have been no instructions issued on how to implement the AGM resolution concerning grading of junior events faster than 30 minutes.

2) In January the facility was removed by which active (over 10 results) adult non CS member can see latest grade every week. Active players should support CS by joining if they want to take advantage of grading work. However it's a nuisance not to be able to see full latest grade team lists.

3) 40% of the participants in SNCL division 1 are not CS members but this event is FIDE rated.

4) ECF have changed their grades (made them all higher) which means we have to think of a change in the conversion formula. This is a great advert for why you don't make unnecessary changes to a grading system unless you have fully thought through the consequences of the changes.

## **Website:**

Regular updates: congress prize-winner reports (when supplied), selection news, links to big events with Scots or high level world events, CS meeting reports, international quarterly. George Anderson updates: calendar, club list, member list.

Issues: some of the junior information is out of date.

Spam is a problem. One partial solution might be to stop all email addresses appearing as hyperlinks on the website.

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