

Events attended Since agm

World Youth

Greece

October 2010

14 players competed. Head coach Alan Tate.

Liverpool Quadrangular

Liverpool

December 2010

26 players competed for 3 teams.

Competition suffered heavily from other teams defaulting boards. The hosts have agreed to run a support tournament in Dec 2011 for players not making the teams so that all teams should have reserves available on site. Scotland fielded 6 travelling reserves who guested for the other 3 teams. These reserves scored 8 points from 13 games.

Scotland won the U16 competition with a score of 11/18

We fielded the strongest U12 team I can remember; around 100 points aboard higher than the previous 2 visits to Liverpool. The difference was enough to avoid embarrassing 9-1 defeats. One match was won 6.5 to 3.5 the others were lost 5.5 to 4.5

Events in planning

Glorney Festival

Dublin

July 2011

Provisional teams:-

Glorney

Andrew McClement

Ian McDonald

Shivan Murdochy

Jonny Scott

Sam Gregory

Faber

Rhian Hughes
Ali Roy
Alice Lampard

U14 (listed in alphabetical order)

Daniel Deary
Cristina Espinosa
Andrew McCusker
Carl Milton
Kiron Roy
Zak Roy

U12 (listed in alphabetical order)

Murad Abdulla
Alexander Bond
Colin Howie
Kai Pannwitz
Fergus Skillen
Jamie Underwood

Travelling reserve and Under 12 reserve
Anna Milton

Euroyouth2011

Bulgaria

September 2011

Selections:-

U10 Boys Kai Pannwitz
U12 Boys Murad Abdulla
U12 Boys Jamie Underwood
U14 Boys Carl Milton
U16 Boys Andrew McClement

U12 Girls Anna Milton
U14 Girls Cristina Espinosa
U16 Girls Ali Roy

U16 Chess Olympiad
Turkey
Late October 2011

Provisionally squad of 5 rotating to play 4 board matches

Andrew McClement
Ian McDonald
Shivan Murdochy
Jonny Scott
Ali Roy

WorldYouth2011
Brazil
November 2011

Selections in progress

Liverpool Quadrangular
Liverpool
December 10th to 11th 2011

26 players competing for 3 teams

Travelling reserves to play in the individual tournament for reserves.

Selections have not started yet

For this tournament U12 means is born after Sept 1st 1999

For all other international tournaments we attend the cut off date is the 1st of January

The Way Forwards – Preparation

Our U12 team continues to grow in strength. Previously it was rare to have two players available with a grade above 1,000 For the Glorney U12 tournament it was possible to offer out places to 6 players grade above 1100. This is not coincidence, key reasons are

- Increased representation in the younger age groups at World and Euro championships.
- Increased access to Fritz and on line chess (I posted the CD's obtained by Angus McDonald from Playchess.com)
- Improved chess libraries at home- all U12 internationals for 2011 either chose a book from the Book stall or Edinburgh or had one turn up in the post.
- More and more of our younger international players are getting meaningful coaching.
- Peer group pressure . We have a critical mass of strong rapidly improving primary pupils, many of whom have not yet gone into P7.

The Way Forwards – Admin load of IJD position.

Too much admin work passes through this PC. Jacqui's donation of time helps but she does much voluntary chess work outside my remit.

The model I wish to introduce for the future is as follows:-

- Retain elected IJD position .
- For major events abroad delegate bulk of admin and part of budget to head of delegation who travels with the team and acts as the second coach for the younger players.
- Selection panel for event to be appointed by the head of delegation.

For events in planning

1. Angus McDonald has agreed to take on admin workload for World Youth.

2. Robin Moore will be travelling to Euroyouth with the squad as head of delegation and second coach. Robin and Judy Milton sorted out travel arrangements for me
3. I myself will be going to the EU Individual at Mureck in Austria
4. Jacqui and Myself are dealing with Glorney festival in July
5. Liverpool Quadrangular in December 2011 – no arrangements in place yet. Jacqui gives advance notice that she feels unable physically to organise self catering for 50 plus people at the event. Changes will be needed but the Nightingale lodge remains the favoured venue

Thanks to all those who have donated time in advance of event to help the players prepare and to all the parents who have come on the trips and helped make them a success socially and chess –wise.

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