

Council Report April 2011

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My usual report would state that grading and web services are proceeding as normal but improvements are limited and more people should be updating the website.

Over the last year IT specialist Andrew McHarg has been working on enhancements to the online grading system and the website. Andrew's accompanying report outlines where we are now and future plans.

Council may want to consider what level of online grading data should be available to non-members.

If membership is too expensive for some people how about an online grade service only. Eg £5 juniors, £10 adults.

Grand Prix: Hugh Flockhart resigned as GP invigilator after a decade of service. Although the post was advertised on the noticeboard nobody offered to take on Hugh's role. Meanwhile I have acted as GP invigilator and Dick Heathwood will be responsible for prize distribution.

There have been some negative comments about the method of point scoring in the GP. The rules which are largely unchanged from around 2000 were designed to be simple. However this simplicity does lead to anomalies with regard to score multipliers. Council may want to comment on how point scoring could be improved.

As a start for debate I would suggest the following scoring system may be an improvement. Scottish Champs and Large weekender 3*, Small w/e, Large one day a week, Large allegros 2*, Everything else 1*. (Large = 50 or more combined total in the adult sections of a congress. Weekender means taking place over 1 weekend).