

REPORT ON THE PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2007

This year the Primary Individual Championship was held on the weekend of 23/24th June at the Dunolly Adventure Centre, Aberfeldy. This residential event is now in its 24th year and is restricted to 32 invited players attending Primary School. It has, and still does, attract almost all of the best young chess talent in Scotland. It is a unique event in that it is the only occasion when these players will play in a Primary event with a time control of 1 hour per player with all games being recorded. This gives some players their first taste of longer games prior to playing in adult tournaments.

SAT 23rd - Players arrived at the centre on Saturday morning where they registered and were shown to their rooms, getting a few minutes to unpack and meet up with friends both new and old. With the first round due to start at 10.30am everyone gathered in the playing hall to hear the opening remarks and be introduced to 'The Chaperones'. We welcomed three new (or not so new!) faces - DONNA, JIM and AMY. JIM controlled the event, ably assisted by AMY who also analysed some of the games played. The other two chaperones were Mr Grumpy (aka NORRIE) and his long suffering wife MAUREEN.

Rd 1 produced several unexpected results with top seed JONNY SCOTT losing to debutant CONNOR MCKAY and 5th seed CALLUM DICKSON losing to another debutant in BEN HE.

Rd 2 - saw both JONNY and CALLUM again losing to ALICE LAMPARD and GRAHAM HANNAH respectively.

Rd 3 - after this round only PETER DEVENNY and CALLUM BIRKETT had maximum points closely followed by KIERAN O'DONNELL, ANDREW McLAUGHLIN, CALUM HENNING and ALICE LAMPARD on 2.5pts.

An evening BBQ had been planned but owing to the fact that the rain had not stopped all day this was moved indoors where the children still enjoyed burgers etc. After the evening meal outdoor activities took place despite the inclement weather which did not deter the children from climbing the high wall and scaling the high pole etc. Most managed both tasks successfully with 8 year old ROBERT CHILDS leading the way by reaching the top of the high pole, standing on the small platform and launching himself into space. Not to be outdone, our youngest chaperone AMY managed the same task while displaying part of her nether region to an appreciative audience!!!

After this the tuck shop did a roaring trade selling "HEALTHY FOODS", crisps, sweets, chocolate etc. DONNA and AMY organised a crazy chess team event that included forfeits of singing and dancing. Well done to KIRON, SEAMUS, and SHIVAN for leading these forfeits. KIERAN O'DONNELL's team were eventual winners and SEAMUS won the prize for most checkmates. So it was off to bed.

DAY 2 - luggage was packed including clean towels, rooms spotless and everyone at breakfast by 8.30am ready for action.

Rd 4 - saw PETER defeat CALLUM and move into pole position with KIERAN moving into outright second place

Rd5 - PETER continued his good run with a hard fought win over KIERAN. The highlight of this round was a titanic battle between SHIVAN and ALICE - this game went right to the wire and resulted in a very good win for ALICE. Jim thought this was the best game played so far and it earned a round of applause from a captivated audience. CALLUM BIRKETT and ANDREW McLAUGHLIN also moved to 4pts with wins over ROBERT and ADAM respectively.

Rd6 - saw PETER and ANDREW clash with ANDREW ending PETER'S winning run in a tense encounter. ALICE defeated CALLUM to join PETER and ANDREW on 5pts. TAYLOR PANTON moved to outright 4th with a win over KIERAN.

With three players finishing on 5pts tie break was used to decide the final placings:

PRIMARY INDIVIDUAL CHAMPION 2007	PETER DEVENNY
RUNNER UP	ANDREW McLAUGHLIN
THIRD PLACE	ALICE LAMPARD
FOURTH PLACE	TAYLOR PANTON
Medal for 4pts	CALLUM BIRKETT, PETER RAINEY and DANIEL THOMAS

Can I give a big thank you to all who made this year's event a very enjoyable experience despite the weather.

Report by Norrie Mathie

Let battle commence!



The prize winners with trophies, medals and certificates



The champion!



The chaperones! Norrie, Amy, Jim, Maureen and Donna



The chart tells the story

TOURNAMENT NO'S								
Player No	NAME	GRADE Tourney Number	PROGRESSIVE SCORE ROUNDS					
			1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Jonathan Scott	1289	17 0	20 0	4 1	22 2	25 2½	31 3½
2	Shivan Murdachy	1082	17 1	16 2	4 2	24 3	20 3	7 3½
3	Daniel Thomas	1059	19 ½	12 ½	6 2	17 3	9 3	16 4
4	Robert Childs	939	20 ½	31 ½	1 ½	26 1½	22 2½	27 3½
5	Callum Dickson	936	22 0	29 0	18 0	15 1	26 2	25 3
6	Rieran O'Donnell	924	21 1	16 2	3 2½	19 3½	8 3	14 3½
7	Adam Shannon	917	23 1	17 2	8 2	20 3	10 3	2 3½
8	Peter Devenny	877	24 1	24 2	7 3	14 4	6 5	10 5
9	Callum Birrett	863	25 1	27 2	4 3	6 3	3 4	10 4
10	Andrew McLaughlin	860	26 1	22 ½	31 2½	20 3	7 4	8 5
11	Peter Rainey	839	27 0	25 0	23 1	20 2	21 3	19 4
12	Comas Millar	825	28 1	3 1	19 1	18 1	29 2	32 2
13	Kiran Roy	823	29 0	26 0	30 0	23 0	15 ½	28 1½
14	Taylor Panton	813	20 1	2 1	26 2	21 2½	3 3	6 4½
15	Charlotte Childs	800	31 ½	19 ½	25 ½	5 ½	17 1	26 1
16	Sarat Roy	793	32 1	6 1	27 1½	28 2½	19 2½	3 2½
17	Connor McRay	769	1 1	7 1	27 2	3 2	24 3	18 3½
18	Sam Turner Blyth	759	2 0	28 0	5 1	12 2	32 3	17 3½
19	Calum Henning	737	3 ½	25 ½	12 2½	6 2½	16 3½	11 3½
20	Alice Lampard	736	4 ½	1 ½	22 2½	10 3	2 4	9 5
21	Aaron Lewis	726	6 0	30 1	29 1½	14 2	11 2	24 2½
22	Ben He	696	5 1	10 ½	20 ½	7 1½	4 1½	30 2½
23	Emma Grant	679	7 0	32 0	11 0	13 1	30 1	29 1½
24	Graham Harnch	678	8 0	5 1	32 2	2 2	17 2	21 2½
25	Seamus Herran	675	9 0	21 1	15 2	7 2	1 2½	5 2½
26	Rory Brawn	656	10 0	13 1	14 1	4 1	5 1	15 2
27	Sam Gregory	644	11 1	9 1	16 1½	27 2½	14 2½	4 2½
28	Gordon Clark	642	12 0	14 1	21 1½	16 1½	31 1½	13 1½
29	Mervyn Petrie	635	13 1	8 1	17 1	32 1	12 1	23 1½
30	Georgy Gorobets	625	14 0	21 0	13 1	11 1	23 2	22 2
31	Max Allison	615	15 ½	4 ½	10 ½	27 1½	25 2½	1 2½
32	Stefan Robertson	572	16 0	23 1	20 1	29 2	18 2	12 3