

The three main club contests have now been decided. In the premier event, the club championship, Russell Kynoch and Manuel Perez Carballo fought out a close play off, having tied for first place on 6 points each. Though out graded by some 400 points, Russell put in a good performance against Manuel's unusual choice of defence, 1...g5?! (known as the 'Basman Attack' or 'Reversed Grob'). Most onlookers felt that after about twenty moves or so, Russell actually had a superior position. Unfortunately, it was also the case that Russell (not for the first time, nor the last!) was in serious time trouble, having a couple of minutes left in which to make around fifteen moves. This proved too much to ask, even for someone with Russell's long experience with such positions, and it was no shock when Manuel took advantage of a time-pressure inaccuracy to claim the full point and the club championship!

Pete Selbie has been crowned Major (Intermediate) champion, while young Francis Batchelor saw off challenges from Jim Morrow and Liam Ingram to lift this year's Minor (Novice) championship.