

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT REPORT

More than twenty chess enthusiasts took part in the recent handicap tournament held at Glenrothes Chess Club. Particularly encouraging was the participation of eight of the junior club players, all of whom enjoyed the experience of playing against much stronger and more experienced players. Just as pleasing, was the fact that the club's strongest players also took part – despite knowing that they were on a 'hiding to nothing', since they were likely to receive as little as two minutes clock-time in many of their games! As it happened, the stronger players put up a good show and Ben Jenkins fought off tough challenges from Neil Taylor and Stuart Blyth to emerge as overall winner. For his troubles, Ben went home with a brand new copy of *My Great Predecessors*, by Garry Kasparov. Best junior prize, with 3/5 went to Liam Ingram, who put in a fine performance, including a first-round win over the tournament's highest-rated player, George Pyrich. Francis Bachelor also finished on 3/5 but lost out on the best-junior prize as Liam defeated Francis in their round-3 encounter.

FINAL PLACINGS

Ben Jenkins	4 ½
Stuart Blyth	4
Neil Taylor	4
George Pyrich	3 ½
Liam Ingram	3 (Junior Prize)
Francis Bachelor	3
Bisko Simeonov	3
Steve Donohoe	3
Pete Selbie	3
Branislav Sudjic	2 ½
Bruce Geddes	2?
Jim Morrow	2 ½
Sam T. Blyth	2
Kevin Stirling	2
Kenny Morran	2
Ruiaridh Cockburn	2
Joanne Sinski	1
Ryan Dick	1
Alistair King	1
David Lonie	1