

REPORT ON CLUB YEAR 2016-17

The club membership was higher than last year. 31 players have attended the club during the current term. In the whole year, 62 players attended at least once (although some only came 1 or 2 times and didn't return) of whom 37 had never been to the club before. The main tournaments we held were successful - 19 players played in at least 5 of the 7 rounds of the UK Chess Challenge heat and 18 players played in at least 4 of the 5 rounds of the UK Go Challenge heat (13 players did both). Many of our UK Chess Challenge qualifiers did very well in the regional Megafinal.

The club finances are strong with over £1900 in the club account (although we have not yet received the bill for the last term's room hire, this is usually a little over £200).

The club will be 25 years old the year after next (2019). We should probably do something to celebrate this but it is still a way off at the moment.

FUTURE ORGANISATION OF THE CLUB

Previously the club was jointly run by the City Chess Club and University Go Society. Since the chess club decided a couple of years ago not to be involved, the Go Society has carried on running the club with help from various parents and some chess helpers. The Go Society committee has now asked if parents could be more involved in running the club (e.g. if there could be a club committee with representatives from the Go Society and parents, with also a chess helper if possible).

One priority is to find someone who can lead chess teaching at the club. It would also be good to share the running of meetings out so that no particular organisers are committed to attending every week. Any other ideas for developing/improving the club are welcome. Parents should not feel that they have to be skilled Chess or Go players to help at the club. In fact, when any parents join in and learn themselves, we believe this benefits their children and the club.

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