

Southern Counties Chess Union

U18/U14 Jamboree 2015

This year the Southern Counties Chess Union U18/U14 Jamboree was held at The Royal Grammar School in Guildford on Sunday, 8th March 2015. There were two events in each of the age categories, a six board Open section and a six board, grade limited, minor section.

The event attracted twenty teams from six counties – Berkshire, Essex, Middlesex, Oxfordshire, Surrey and Sussex and included some of the top juniors in the country. The Minor tournament in the U18 age category had a grade limit of below 130 and the U14 age category had a grade limit of below 110. Including a few reserves there were over 120 players.

In each event there were three long play games. Digital clocks were used in all the games which meant that a Fischer time limit 1 hour + 5 seconds increment per move could be used. Our thanks go to the SCCA and UK Chess Academy for lending their digital clocks.

All four sections in the Jamboree were very close throughout and the Surrey juniors did our county proud by winning both U18 sections and were runners-up in both the U14 sections.

U18 OPEN

Surrey	11	1st
Berkshire	9	2nd
Sussex	7	3rd

U18 MINOR

Surrey A	14	1st
Sussex	12	2nd
Middlesex	11	3rd
Surrey B	8	
Oxfordshire A	6.5	
Essex	6	
Oxfordshire B	5.5	



U18 Open Winners – Surrey



U18 Minor Winners – Surrey A

U14 OPEN

Sussex A	13	1st
Surrey	12	2nd
Middlesex	10.5	3rd
Oxfordshire	9	
Essex	8.5	
Berkshire	5.5	
Sussex B	4.5	

U14 MINOR

Essex	11	1st
Surrey	11	2nd on tie break
Sussex	5	3rd



U14 Open Winners – Sussex A



U14 Minor Winners – Essex



U14 Open Runners-up – Surrey



U14 Minor Runners-up – Surrey

Surrey U18 Open winners were Akshaya Kalaiyalahan, Adam Taylor, Koby Kalavannan, Guilhem Denninger, Timothy Foster and Gwilym Price.

Surrey U18 Minor winners were Lauren Weaver, Adam Averbukh, Aranan Sivakumar, Luke Nelson, Nilomi Desai and Stephen Darby.

Surrey U14 Open runners-up were Alex Golding, Tharshan Kuhendiran, James Golding, Anshu Ramaiya, Omeet Atara and Alex Darby.

Surrey U14 Minor runners-up were Eoin O'Leary, Tess Weaver, Edward Burton, Bridie O'Leary, Xavier Laurillard and Emma Buckley.

The tournament was smoothly run by Alan Thorn (Royal Grammar School) and his team of controllers – Ian Baker, Mark Campbell, Mike Egan and Robert Mead, whilst Chris Howell (Sussex Juniors) was arbiter. Christine Golding liaised with the county managers, SCCU Treasurer, organised equipment and also invited Surrey players. Kim Darby and Brigitte King were the Surrey Junior Team Managers on the day. The whole event ran smoothly and the juniors really enjoyed playing competitively but in a friendly spirit. The prizes at the end of the Jamboree were presented by IM Graeme Buckley.

Our thanks go to the Surrey parents who helped with the refreshments on the day in the Great Hall where the parents and players could go and relax. All the teams, managers, parents and other supporters behaved fantastically and left the school in a clean and tidy state. The SCCA are grateful to The Royal Grammar School for providing such an excellent venue.

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