

Final Report to Fide on activities of Jersey Chess club 2019

Further to our interim report there has been little movement in chess activity in Jersey but we have the following updates;

1 Chess Teacher Training course

Paul Wojciechowski attended and passed the course held in London on 2 and 3 December 2019.

2 Schools chess

Chess clubs have commenced at Rouge Boiliion School and St Lawrence school and Paul Wojciechowski is assisting in teaching the children at those schools. Each school has approximately 20 participants.

38 Children played in our final tournament of the year held on Sunday 24 November 2019. The numbers were down on the previous years but we anticipate these improving following the starting of clubs in the schools mentioned above

Key performance indicators

We have attached appendix C updated with comments on what we have achieved against the key performance targets. We are pleased to announce that we have met those targets and look forward to improving chess within our Island In 2020. We have received acceptances from 4 Grand Masters 2 WGMs and 5 International Masters for our tournament to be held at 28 March to 4 April and are still looking to invite more Titled players especially WGMs or WIMs. We would appreciate your assistance in finding some of these players.



APPENDIX C - KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

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Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)¹ are the critical (key) indicators of progress toward an intended result.

The NCF is required to measure the effectiveness of its programmes using the KPIs listed below. It is possible that a Federation may not be able to report on a particular KPI and this will be taken into consideration at the end of the reporting period. NCFs can also make use of the 'Comments' field as required. The NCF is also allowed to include any additional KPIs that it considers to be relevant for reporting purposes.

| Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) | Baseline- 2018 ² | End of Period | Comments |
|--|--------------------------------|---------------|--|
| No. of FIDE rated players | 17 | 19 | 19 active players target achieved |
| Certified Arbiters | 1 | 1 | We still have 1 certified arbiter Target achieved |
| Certified Trainers | 1 | 1 | 1 certified trainer plus 1 certified chess teacher. |
| Average rating of top 10 players | 1933 | 1960 | Average of Active top 10 players 1863 Average of all top 10 players 2008 |
| Average no. of rated games by top 10 players | Not known | Not known | Rated games will only be from tournament play |
| No. of participants in international chess tournaments | 22 in Jersey international | 22 | 18 local played in the Jersey tournament 3 other players |

¹ <https://kpi.org/KPI-Basics>

² NCF to populate these fields with the current values of each KPI as at the beginning of the programme/project period.

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| Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) | Baseline-20182 | End of Period | Comments |
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| | | | played in the European Small nations and 3 in British championships Note 27 local players played in Jersey blitz tournament. Target achieved |
| No. of Players on FIDE List | Not available | | 231 players are listed although tis includes many inactive players |
| No. of Affiliated clubs | 1 | 1 | There is still 1 chess club in Jersey. Target achieved |
| No. of School Chess Teachers | 3 | 4 | 4 teachers assisted by federation players including 1 certified teacher see report. |
| No. of schools with chess programmes None have programmes but some have clubs e.g St Georges St John Polish School. | 3 Garry at Mont Nicolle Woj at Vic Others schools themselves (St. John) | 4 chess clubs | 5 active Schools with programmes Victoria college Nont Nicolle St Lawrence D'auverng Rouge Boullion Other schools do have clubs but are not as part of our federation training. |

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| Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) | Baseline-2018 ² | End of Period | Comments |
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| | | | Target surpassed |
| No. of students in chess in school programmes Not chess in schools | Own programmes 40 | Own programmes tournaments 50 | Last tournament was 38 players but there are others learning see above |
| No. of Positive or neutral articles & media coverage incl. social media | 4 | 5 | 7 We had 5 newspaper articles plus coverage of our international on both local TV stations Target surpassed |
| No. of chess sponsors | 2 | 3 | 4 We have managed to secure sponsorship for our junior training programme. Target surpassed |
| No. Of Strategic Partners e.g. NOC | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| OTHER-Please specify No of juniors in school tournaments | 50 | 60 | Due to clashes with other activities the last tournament only attracted 38 players. Target not met. |

On behalf of FEDERATION

President <Federation> JCI

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Polar Capital Jersey International Tournament held on 6th to 13 April 2019

Report on the Polar Capital Jersey International chess Tournament 2019 held at the Ommaroo Hotel 6th to 13th April 2019

The Jersey Open and Holiday tournaments were held at the Ommaroo Hotel on the above dates. In total 67 (2018 82) entrants played in the 3 tournaments, 24 in the Open, 35 in the Holiday and 8 in the Minor tournament. This was a decrease of 15 players over 2018. In addition 40 players took part in the blitz tournament, sponsored by UBS, which was held on the Wednesday evening.

The players represented 13 nationalities, mainly from the UK and Europe. One from Vietnam, Australia and Argentina

Four Grand Masters (2018 8) played in the open tournament, in addition three (2018 5) International *Masters*, including former British junior champion Alan Merry, and Jack Rudd. There were 11 (21) titled players in all including 3 from Jersey.

17 (22) local players entered the tournament a decrease of 5 over 2018. This was a fantastic experience for our Jersey Juniors and will greatly assist in their preparation for the British championships in August. Jersey Junior Jem Gurner was the highest place Jersey Player in the open with a score of 4.5 points

Each day 9 games were broadcast live on the internet via the Jersey club website and other chess websites e.g. chess 24 .com. In addition there was live coverage and streaming of games and the playing hall. The Games were widely followed on the internet.

The week was a huge success with the overall winner of the open being Grand Master Sergey Tiviakov despite losing his first game to Olaf Steffans the shock result of the tournament. 2nd Tiger Hillarp Persson and International Master and last year's champion Alan Merry 3rd.

The Holiday tournament was won by Eric Boisyvon from Liffre in France, with Gabriel Weaver winning the junior prize and his brother Monty Weaver winning the Minor.

During the week the Jersey Open Blitz tournament was held on the Wednesday evening attracting 40 players. Despite the reduction in numbers and a few teething problems with the new venue overall the Tournament was a huge success.

Coverage of the tournament was world- wide through Chess 24 .com a major source for chess players. Local coverage included both TV channels Channel TV doing live feed and BBC concentrating on families. The JEP also did an article and is to do a 2nd giving results.

The 2019 tournament was held at the beginning of April which was before our funding was received from Fide. (£3,732 was received 15 April and £7,021 at the end of September). Therefore none of these funds received from FIDE have been applied to this tournament. This tournament was funded by our existing sponsors and funds held, which meant we had less Grand Masters than in 2018.

The 2020 tournament is scheduled for 28 March to 4th April 2020 and we have secured the same venue as in 2019. The organisers have allocated £5,000 from the funding to that Tournament. This will be in addition to the sponsorship from Polar Capital and UBS. To date Fliers have been printed and distributed and our website updated. We are in the process of inviting Grand Masters and International Masters and will be able to offer more conditions in 2020.

Details are on our website Jersey Chess Club.com and we would be grateful if FIDE could add this to their calendar.

Website

The website relating to our tournament was hacked in 2019 which caused significant problems for persons trying to enter. We have spent £480 to have this corrected and the hacking removed. We have now obtained the services of a professional web host and this should assist us to prevent further issues in 2020.

Junior Chess

Sponsorship

We lost our main sponsor of Junior chess in 2018 and therefore a significant effort has been made during this year to find a replacement. We are pleased to report that Grant Thornton have agreed to sponsor our junior programme and have already assisted in printing posters for the school tournament which will be held at the end of this Month. We continue to run our junior clubs on a Thursday evening at a local school. Costs are incurred for hire of the room, insurance and sundry cost but several members of the federation give their time for free. We would appreciate receiving training manuals or work books to assist us in developing our junior players.

School clubs

2 further Jersey schools have signed up for teaching chess and running clubs these are D'auvergne school and St. Lawrence school. In addition, Rouge Bouillon school and First Tower will start to run chess clubs in November after the half term break. We obtained some sets and boards for each school and Paul Wojciechowski will attend at their clubs to help teach the children. We will require further boards and sets as this grows.

Paul Wojciechowski signed up for the teachers training course which was to be held in Cambridge in September of this year. However, this was cancelled by the organisers and has now been re-scheduled to be held in London on 2nd and 4th of December. Mr Wojciechowski will attend on those dates. The cost of the course £175.50 and a contribution to travel and accommodation of £200 has been set aside for this.

School tournaments held

We held 2 Junior tournaments in the first half of 2019 the first in March at Mont Nicolle school which was attended by 30 primary school children and the second on 7 July at Victoria College attended by 32 children from 11 schools. These numbers were down on the previous year and we believe this was a result of not having sponsorship from the local community.

The next tournament is to be held on November 3rd and our fourth tournament of the year will be held on 24 November. The New sponsor Grant Thornton has assisted us with production of posters to send to all local schools.

Other junior news

3 Jersey Juniors played in The British championships and 2 others played in a rapid tournament in Paris, France. This is the first time our juniors have played in Paris. Travel costs of £200 were allocated to these participants to play.

Several juniors played in The Delancy schools UK tournaments and reached the Mega Finals. The Registration costs of £40 per school to Delancy were paid for by the federation. Travel to the finals in the UK was provided for some of the participants.

We are currently looking for ways to arrange for a trainer to visit the Island to help both our junior and senior players.

Annual match vs Guernsey

The annual match against Guernsey was held in Guernsey this year and therefore no costs have been incurred by the federation this year.

Annual match vs Liffre Chess club

A team from Liffre chess club comprising 19 players and 2 parents visited the Island in September to play the 3rd match between our clubs. The Match was held on Saturday 14 September and a blitz tournament held on the Sunday 15th. Liffre won the match 13 points to 6.

The Jersey Players hosted the French players and funds were spent in hire of the rooms for both days and dinner costs for the French team. The total costs for the weekend was £783.00.

The Connetable of St Helier, Deputy Simon Crowroft, welcomed the French Team and is keen to promote more chess activities in St. Helier.

Next year the match will be held in Liffre on 13 and 14 September.

Chess club venue

The chess club was unable to meet in its usual venue from September 2019. After a significant effort by the members we have now found a new venue for this season and the club leagues have commenced.

Media profile

The Polar capital Tournament held in April was reported on both local TV channels, BBC Jersey and Channel TV. Our local newspaper, The Jersey Evening Post, also reported on the Tournament and, has also reported on our 2 school tournaments held earlier in the year.

Transfer of Players to Jersey Chess Federation

2 players Paul Curtis and Paul Carpenter having been in the island for the requisite period of time were transferred from Guernsey and England to the Jersey chess Federation. The fees of Euro 250 for each of these have been paid for these transfers.

Paul Wojciechowski

Treasurer Jersey Chess Federation.