

Irish Draughts Association

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Kildare Newsletter

The Kildare Open Draughts Tournament was held in The Town House Hotel Naas on 23/24 February. We had players from most parts of Ireland and three from Scotland (the old reliables).

There were 13 players in the Masters which was won by Sean ODriscoll on 14 points second was Tom Kee On 12 points (52 honour points) third was Paddy Doyle on 12 points (47 honour points)

There were 13 players in the Seniors, this was won by Denis Fitzgerald on 13 points (50 honour points.) Second on 13 points was Michael Martin (48 honour points) third was Mick OShaughnessy on 12points (50 honour points) forth was Sean McCauley 12 points (47 honour points).

There was 7 players in the Intermediates which was won by Julian McGuinness on 18 points second was Andrew O'Brien on 12 points and third was Mary Gallagher on 11 points.

The trophies for all the above was once again sponsored by Liam Stephens. Many Thanks Liam. Jim Somers and Peadar Sweeney did an excellent job of refereeing the tournament again, thanks again Jim and Peadar

Peadar got some sponsorship from The Centra Caragh and from Hair Angels Caragh many thank to them for their continued support.

This year we were pleased to run a youth competition, there was three sections u10 u12 and u14. The under 10 was controlled by Mairead Breen.

- 1st Daragh Finn (Ashbourne)
- 2nd James Cranny (Carlow)
- 3rd William Carr (Ashbourne)
- 4th Sean Breen (Carlow) and Tomas Cooney (Ashbourne)

The Under 12 was controlled by Brid Carr.

- 1st Maire Gallagher (Ashbourne)
- 2nd Aaron Thornton (The Heath)
- 3rd Cianan Finn. (Ashbourne)
- 4th Rachel Lewis (The heath)
- 5th Isabel Carr (Ashbourne) and William Walsh (Carlow)

The under 14 was controlled by Harriet Cooney.

- 1st David Carr. (Ashbourne)
- 2nd Emily Jacob (The Heath)
- 3rd Sean Gallagher. (Ashbourne)
- 4th Onora Finn (Ashbourne) and Rachel Jacob (The Heath)

Congratulations to all the above winners and runners up, there was three trophies for each section and Liam Stephens sponsored these also, many thanks again Liam.

I would like to thank Brid Mairead and Harriet for their great work in controlling the competitions and the parents for bringing their children and of course the children for playing and making such a good day of it. I hope to see you all back next year, for the Kildare Open 2015.

Bill Dobbins Kildare Draughts Club.