

Kildare Draughts Club March newsletter.

Once again the 2018 Kildare Open Draughts Tournament was played in the Town House Hotel Naas. We had 14 masters and a combined 14 senior/intermediate players contesting for trophies and prize money. I thank all the players for taking part, some from various counties in Ireland and three from Scotland, and to Tom Kee who travelled from his new home in England.

A special thanks to Graham Young for refereeing the tournament, also to Mary for giving us the playing room free of charge, I would also thank Jim Somers for lending 51 boards and pieces for the junior tournament on the Sunday, also thanks to Sean Phillips who through prior commitments was unable to play but made the journey up from Limerick to lend us clocks for the tournament, thanks to all the above.

The Master section was won by Sean Cronin from Limerick, second was Con Boyle from Dublin third place went to Paddy Doyle from Dublin fourth was Sean O Driscoll from Clare just ahead of Frank Moran same points but lower honour points.

The senior was won by Rory Phelan Tullamore Co Offaly, Rory will now be playing in the masters in the Kildare open next year. Second on the same points but lower on honour points was Michael Martin from Enniscorthy Co Wexford, and third

went to Keith Foubister from Scotland and fourth also on twelve points but lower honour points was Julien Mcuinness.

The intermediate section 1st Mick Rattigan Galway, 2nd Michael Brennan, Inistogue Co Kilkenny (not bad for a man in his nineties) congratulations to all the above and well done.

On Sunday we had a junior tournament with 56 children playing in 5 separate sections, under 9, 10, 11, 12, and 14. This competition was sponsored by Croi Laighean Credit Union (250 euro) and Liam Stephens (100 euro) this was refereed by Patrick Breen Carlow, and was controlled by Mairead, Brid, Karena, and Mary, plus other helpers, so thanks to all who helped run a very large competition so well. A special thanks to the parents who brought their children from all parts of Ireland and the children for taking part, well done to all.

Winners under 9.

1st Eddie Keenan (Carlow)

2nd Milo Scott (Meath)

3rd Finn Gallagher (Meath)

4th Caolan O'Hanlon (Longford)

5th Ella O'Sullivan (Cork)

6th Paidi Breen (Carlow)

Under 10s

1st James Harrington (Cork)

2nd Finn O'Sullivan (Cork)

3rd Bobby Power (Cork)

4th Mark Buggy (Carlow)

5th Cathal Purcell (Carlow)

6th Tiarnan O'Callaghan (Cork)

Under 11s

1st Cara O'Sullivan (Cork)

2nd Conor Buggy (Carlow)

3rd Alex Leonard (Meath)

4th Heathe Power (Cork)

5th Conor Molloy (Longford)

6th Conor Burke (Longford)

Under 12s

1st Ronan Burke (Longford)

2nd Caitriona Purcell (Carlow)

3rd Louise Hegarty (Longford)

Under 14s

1st James Cranny (Carlow)

2nd Tymek Miklas (Longford)

3rd Cian Molloy (Longford)

Congratulations to all the above well done to all.

The Tony McAleer Memorial tournament.

This is run by Sean McCauley, (seanmccauley@yahoo.co.uk)

As usual it will be played in the Trawlerman Bar in Movill Donegal on the 7th/8th April, a bus from Dublin direct to Movill is available, contact Sean for more details.

The Irish Open 2018, will be held in the Strand Hotel Ballyliffen, on 27/28/29. October. We played here in 2016 and it was a great tournament organised by Innisowen Draughts Club. We hope to see you all there.

Best wishes to all, keep playing our favourite hobby, Draughts.

Regards Bill Dobbins.