

West of Ireland League 2016

Report :

After this years West of Ireland league 11 junior players have gotten their first ' chess rating ' details below. And for those already rated it was quite a competitive battle for the overall title and individual rating points.

The format was for two games to be played on one Sunday each month. The 4 teams with the highest points totals qualified for the semi-finals. And the bottom 4 teams went into the shield competition.

Our first venue was the Woodstock Hotel in Ennis which the parents and players enjoyed. Ballinasloe and Galway hosted the next Sundays in nice hotels too. With the finals back in the Woodstock, Ennis.

At the end of the qualifying the leading 4 teams were .. (1) Lmk-Ennis , (2) Galway , (3) Brierhill and (4) Ballinasloe.



Winners – James Naughton, Evan Forde , Con Kirby, Dylan Murphy.

James Naughton (Ireland International player) led the Lmk-Ennis team against Denis Ruchko (also an Ireland International player) and they played out had a hard fought draw on board one .. but the final itself was a landslide win for Lmk-Ennis (3.5 pts.) to Galway's (0.5 pts.).

The match for 3rd place was very close between Ballinasloe and Brierhill. The board one players (Eimear O'Thuatail and Aoife Castle) had a blitz play-off to decide matters. Both girls put their all into it, finally Eimear won out and Brierhill got a hard earned 3rd spot.

In the Shield virtually all the players were novices and the focus was away from personal ratings and on winning some prizes. The Shield winners were Galway Bee's who just about got past Ennis Bee's on a tie-breaker.



Shield winners - Christopher Burke , Kenysha Ryder , Liam McDonagh , and Andrew Finnerty.

They enjoyed the riga-ma-role of writing their moves and using the clocks.



Ennis B Team

The games were all played in a great spirit and new rivalries and friendships made. Many of these players will be in action at this weekends Bunratty International chess festival.



Brierhill Team.

A word of thanks to Mr. Maksym Ruchko who did the technical work required to get the event rated.

We'll be back (next year) and all clubs are welcome to join.

Below are the individual rating changes after this event :

Player Name Rating before Rating after

Ballinasloe

Coleman, Conor	564	677
Castle, Aoife	962	892
Shadid, Abdullah	585	506
Martin, Liam	-	393
Coleman, Eoin	-	357

Galway

Ruchko, Denis	1374	1313
Nemeth, Zalan	1047	1053
Fearnhead, George	480	588
Sanchez Frias, Jose Alejandro	-	699
Yarema, Markian	-	465
Burke, Christopher	190	518
McDonagh, Liam	-	301
Finnerty, Andrew	-	148
Ryder, Kynesha	-	702

**Ennis &
Limerick**

Forde, Evan	805	827
Murphy, Dylan	653	644
Hehir, Sean	601	559
McAleer, John	-	-
Montwell, Sam	-	-
Morrow, Ronan	-	-
Naughton, James	1110	1145
Kirby, Con	806	843
Lillis, Aaron	-	557
Rochford, James	-	-
Pyne, Cian	-	654

Brierhill

O'Tuathail, Eimear	630	621
McMahon, Katelyn	680	663
McMahon, Lauren	581	557
King, Sinead	-	686

Knocknacarra

Blanchard, Ruairi	-	700
O'Lee, Sean	-	-
Hickey, Gary	-	-
Hickey, Harvey	-	-

Castlebar

Harkan, Daire	-	-
Glancy, Josh	-	-
Loftus, Cillian	-	-
Tvohy, Joe	-	-
Mulroe, Cian	-	-