

## SOURCES

For Nottingham Chess Club (Founded 1829) there is the minute book 1872-97 (Nottinghamshire Archives DD / 703 / 1 ) and membership book (University MS 675 )

There is a big gap until the BCF Yearbooks start in 1931-32 (MCCU first entry) and 1932-33 (Notts CA first entry ) The volumes from the 1930's include a report on the seasons activities (reproduced in full). Later yearbooks just list officers and clubs.

There are references to an NCA yearbook in 1929-30 and 1964-65 and discussion in the minutes circa 1970 about the publication. There could well be a time-series for all the years in-between. Have any survived?

West Bridgford have a cash book 1928-83, and a book giving the detailed results of matches 1946-61 and club AGM minutes 1965-75

Nottingham Evening Post Column written by John Coggan from approx. 1970-73. Available on microfilm at Nottingham Central Library. Needs a full exploration to see if there are any hidden treasures.

Bulletin – I have an almost complete series of printed bulletins from 1982-2003. Ian Kingston moved it on-line - the complete three year series for 2005-06 to 2007-08 can be found on the website by scrolling backwards through the “News” section

### Printed Bulletins

Year	Editor	Summary	Issues to hand
1982-83	T A Lane	Nos1 & 7 Missing	2 , 3 , 4 , 5, 6
1983-84	T A Lane	No8 Missing	9 , 10, 11 , 12, 13 , 14
1984-85	T A Lane	Complete	Nov, Jan, Feb, Apr, Jul
1985-86	I Brown	Complete	Nov, Jan, Feb, Mar/Apr,
1986-87	C Cantrill	Several Missing?	2 , Jun
1987-88	P D Hare	Complete	Sep, Oct, Dec, Apr, May
1988-89	J T Swain	No2 Missing	1 , 3, 4 , 5
1989-90	J T Swain	Complete	1, 2 , 3, 4
1990-91	D Smallwood	Complete ?	4 in total (Undated)
1991-92	D Smallwood	None	
1992-93	A E Morrey	June 93 Missing	Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr
1993-94	A E Morrey	Complete	Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun
1994-95	A E Morrey	Complete	Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun
1995-96	A E Morrey	Complete	Oct , Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun
1996-97	A E Morrey	Complete	Oct , Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun
1997-98	A E Morrey	Complete	Oct , Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun
1998-99	A E Morrey	Dec 1998 Missing	Oct, Feb, Apr, Jun
1999-00	A E Morrey	Complete	Oct , Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun
2000-01	M H Barnes	Complete	Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec, Feb, Mar, May
2001-02	J A Tait	Complete	Oct, Dec, Feb, Jun
2002-03	L Darby	Complete	Sep, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, May, Jun
2003-04	L Darby	Mostly missing	May
2004-05	L Darby	None	

NCA Minutes – There is an almost complete series of association minutes from 1969 are: AGM 2000, 2003-05 and RRM 1998-2007, 2014

NCA Website – This gives League tables from 1968-69, compiled by Ian Kingston. Source? MCCU and ECF websites

Trophies – League, County Championship (silver rook) U18, U16, U14. The U12 is missing

### What is Missing

Officers	1922-32 Secretary / Captain 1960's Various	
County Junior Champions	U12 Trophy 1980's Various	
NCA Handbook	All (known to exist for 1929-30, 1964-65, 1968-69, 1969-70)	
Minutes	All prior to 1969 RRM 1998-2007, 2014 LMC	
Bulletins	1982-83 Nos 1 & 7 1983-84 No8 1988-89 No2 1992-93 Jun 93 1998-99 Dec 98	1991-92 (Were there any?) 2003-04 Most 2004-05 (Were there any?)
League Tables	1927-28 to 1967-68 (except 1949-50)	

### NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL PIECES

#### Clubs affiliated to NCA

Compiled from yearbooks to 1969 and the league tables thereafter. Some minor uncertainties:

Were Phoenix a new club in 1984? The name and playing their first season in Division 3 suggests not, but if so who were they previously?

There is a reference to a Dukeries club, but not recorded as affiliated. 1950's / early 1960's ?

The founding of the first Mansfield club

I'm sure I have seen a reference to a West Bridgford club in a 1900's Directory, which I cannot now find. The expenditure recorded in the club cash book strongly suggests the current West Bridgford club was founded in 1928.

## **Officers**

Prior to 1969 there are just yearbooks. President and Secretary 1922-32 are given in subsequent yearbook reports but other officers for the earliest years are unknown – perhaps just Treasurer and County team captain.

The BCF Yearbooks after WWII usually only give the principal officers – President, Secretary Treasurer, County Captain and usually correspondence captain. Peter Dodson was probably the last all purpose Secretary (1959-63) who did just about everything – the jobs of League Secretary, County Championship Controller, grader plus running a couple of small congresses (Keith Richardson won in 1961). By the late 1960's these were all separate posts, so there are gaps for this period. His wife Nancy was League Secretary 1968-71, and was made an honorary life vice-president on her retirement for her lengthy service. So it seems reasonable to assume she took on the job during his time as Secretary, taking the post back to 1962-63 and possibly earlier.

From 1969 there are the Minutes, bulletin, League Handbooks and BCF/ECF Yearbooks, and should be complete. However even with these various sources it is not always clear Andrew Walker had a go at compiling list of officers shortly after becoming Association Secretary. I cannot improve on his comments on the difficulties:

“I have occasionally managed to infer earlier officers and service from the minutes and service from comments in the minutes , but there are several sources of uncertainty even for recent years: some people were appointed but replaced before the start of the season, some jobs appeared and disappeared with scant recognition, some jobs changed title.”

## **County Champions**

The table records County Champions by season, though on many of the trophies they are recorded by year - 1971 for season 1970-71 for example.

The main sources for the Junior Champions are the old trophies – the U18 to 1975-76, U16 to 1985-86 and U14 to 1987-88. Thereafter it is the minutes, which sometimes give a full list and sometimes are less helpful – reporting only that prizes were presented, or (1984-85) reported in the bulletin or (1988-89) that “U16/U14/U12 championships had been held. So there are some gaps. The U12 trophy is missing so there more gaps.

From the 1980's the holding of junior championships also became more erratic. The table records “no contest” where I am reasonable sure that was the case, and the blanks may (or may not) indicate there are further names to be recorded. The last year a full set of Championships seems to have been 1993-94. From 2006-07 the best junior in the County Championships was awarded the title of junior champion