

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2015**

MCCU AGM - 20TH JUNE 2015 from Peter C Gibbs

There are two things which have stood out during the year, as far as I am concerned. The first concerned the election for the post of ECF Director of Junior Chess (& Education). Details about this arose unfortunately after the last MCCU AGM. Therefore, Andrew Farthing carried out consultations about our two votes. David Levens, our Director for Junior Chess, was interested in the post. I thought him an excellent candidate and I gave my vote for him. There was also another Midland candidate for the post, Traci Whitfield. Sadly, emails on the subject became heated. After canvassing for opinions I think Andrew was correct in the end to award one vote for each candidate. The ECF elected Traci to the post. David felt that he had not been fully supported by the MCCU and decided to resign from his post with it. I think this was a mistake as he had played such an efficient role for the MCCU. A long life has taught me many things and one is that aspirations are not always achieved.

The second matter, I am glad to say, had a happy ending. Our Congress Director, Peter Sherlock, was taken ill during the year. On behalf of the MCCU I sent Peter and his family a "Get Well" card. I am glad to say that Peter was restored to health.

I wish my apologies to be conveyed to the meeting as I have a prior engagement. I am happy to stand as MCCU President again.

## **CEO REPORT 2015**

Ray Dolan

Well what a busy year! Represented MCCU in November 2014, @ St Edwards C OF E Academy of Leek in Staffordshire who won a National award presented by ECF Junior Director Traci Whitfield. .

David Levens resigned as Junior Director. Thank you to him for his time and service to the MCCU.

Less we forget we are all volunteers and work hard for our great game of chess.

As you know by now Andrew Farthing is standing down, as Chairman and ECF delegate, Thank you to him for his hard work over the years.

MCCU organised a congress, the first for many years. Venue was great idea. But it was not a success as regards entries - only 53. So we made a loss. Copy of congress accounts, thanks to Andrew Leadbetter, for his hard work for doing this and to Peter Sherlock for doing the Grading. Thank you to all the support I had, not forgetting my wife Eunice. Thank you to Rich Whitshir and John Grasham for helping set up the Night before. Thanks to Neil Graham, Matthew Carr, John Mildenhall and John Gresham for their support.

## **Secretary's Report 2015**

John Grasham

This year as secretary I compiled the details of MCCU Officers for the yearbook and distributed all necessary information via email to MCCU Officers. I was particularly annoyed to find out that despite being receipted as being received by the ECF, my submissions were completely ignored in the yearbook and the 2013 submission I made was used instead. This has caused many details in the yearbook to be out of date.

In my role as secretary I attended the MCCU Congress in Walsall. I offered my services in whichever capacity was needed and I was asked to play. The congress went well despite a very unusual incident that I won't go into here and I believe that entries will increase once the tournament becomes more established.

I am happy to continue in the post of secretary for the following year.