

## **MCCU Website Report 2024-5**

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### **Report on website**

I have continued the publication policy of previous years and I endeavour to report: the results of inter-county matches, key successes by midland players, and notices about upcoming congresses in MCCU counties with links to their entry forms. From 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024 to 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025, the website has published fifty two brief reports of congresses and events in the MCCU area and the results of all ten MCCU county matches and the four national stage results involving MCCU teams.

I thank Nigel Birtwistle (Lincs), Peter Evans (Staffs), Neil Graham (Leics), Chris Lewis (Shrops), Simon Scott (Notts) Stephen Smithson (Staffs), Tim Walker (Notts) for their news. Without their input the website would be less comprehensive and less accurate. It would be nice to receive more news from county secretaries and while I received updates from MCCU directors for County Chess (Stephen) and Junior Chess (Tim), I received little from others.

The union has picked itself up from the bottom with a significant increase in inter-county matches and regional junior activity, but I believe new blood is required at the top to restore the organisation of the MCCU. It was a shame that no Midland county team was able to progress to national finals this season for the first time since I have been reporting on MCCU activities and I recommend that the union considers a jamboree format using venues organised by the union for next season's county team programme.

The web hosting company, EazyWebz, has been available for uploads at all times. I have received no requests to remove information or pictures from the website since the union's last AGM.