

DURBAN CHESS CLUB ANNUAL REPORT

Thursday 26th November 2009

Presentation of Prizes:

Moss Kolnik Memorial Swiss (January to March)

1st Keith Rust 6½ out of 8.
2nd Sure Mataramvura 6 points.

Second Swiss Tournament (July to September)

1st Keith Rust 7 out of 7.
2nd Jason Subke 5½ points.

Third Swiss Tournament (October to November)

1st Erick Takawira 5 out of 6.
=2nd Ashley Lewis, Desmond Rooplal & Sure Mataramvura 4½ points.

Championship: A Section (March to June)

1st Bongani Mgaga 7 out of 8.
2nd Ashley Lewis 6½ points.

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1	Mgaga, Bongani	*	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	7.0/8	
2	Lewis, Ashley	½	*	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.5/8	
3	Rust, Keith	0	1	*	0	1	1	1	1	1	6.0/8	
4	Subke, Jason	0	0	1	*	½	½	1	½	1	4.5/8	
5	Choko, David	0	0	0	½	*	0	1	1	1	3.5/8	
6	Rooplal, Desmond	0	0	0	½	1	*	½	0	1	3.0/8	8.25
7	Dankelmann, Peter	½	0	0	0	0	½	*	1	1	3.0/8	7.50
8	Curry, Paul	0	0	0	½	0	1	0	*	0	1.5/8	
9	Mataramvura, Sure	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	*	1.0/8	

Candidates: B Section (March to June)

1st Nashlen Govindasamy 7 out of 9.
2nd Sandile Xulu 6½ points.

Premier: C Section (March to June)

1st Gumani Ramakuela 11 out of 11.
=2nd Mondli Hadebe & Justice Phiri 7 points.

Reserves: D Section (March to June)

1st Zamani Mhlongo 7 out of 9.
=2nd Kimara Govender & Dave Perumal 6 points.

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Highlights of other 2009 events:

Durban Open Swiss (March)

1st Sibusiso Makhaya 6 out of 7.

UNITE KwaZulu-Natal Open (April)

=1st Spencer Masango & Erick Takawira 7½ out of 8.

Spencer Masango won the Open title & Keith Rust won the Closed title.

Fischer Random Tournament (July)

1st David Choko 7 out of 8.

Darryl Mhlongo Memorial Blitz (September)

1st Erick Takawira

Visit by world champion Anand

The world champion, Viswanathan Anand, visited Durban on the 26th and 27th August 2009. His visit was organised by NIIT, for whom Anand is their global brand ambassador. There is a report on the club website and Desmond Rooplal also wrote a report for the ChessBase website.

Living chess display

On Thursday 4th June 2009 we helped create a piece of history in Durban when two games with living chess pieces were played at the Greyville racecourse and filmed for television. See the report on the club website. SABC's "Top Billing" broadcast the event on 2nd July 2009 to promote the Vodacom Durban July horse race. Watch out for all the fashion!

South African Junior Teams

Congratulations go to the following junior members who were selected to play for South Africa during the year:

- Sayen Naidu scored 4½ out of 8 for the RSA-B team at the World Youth (under 16) team championship, held in September in Akhisar-Manisa, Turkey. His FIDE rating is now 1811.
- Kurt Kin (FIDE rating 1839) and Henry Oliver (unrated) were selected for the RSA team at the World Youth championship (under 18), being held from 11th to 23rd November in Antalya, Turkey.

Durban Chess Club web site

<http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/keithru/homepage.html>