

BSCC 2020 Blitz Report

The Blitz this year was played thankfully before COVID.

The format was a round robin in match form (1 game played as white and 1 as black consisted of a match). There were some objections to this form as some felt this was dispiriting to some as drawn games as part of lost matches were not visible on the scoreboard and only influenced tie-breakers. Next time the format will likely change a small amount to reflect every game played.

There were 12 competitors on the day, for the first time including 3 juniors.

As has become typical over the last few years competition for the top spot was essentially between myself and Ieuan. Adam made history as the first adult player to concede points to a junior (Hanako) in an official club competition.

| Pos | Name | Gms | W | D | L | Score | TPR | SRtg | DE | RtInc |
|-----|------------------------|-----|---|---|----|-------|-----|------|-----|-------|
| 1 | Ieuan Ward | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 9.5 | 213 | 207 | 0.5 | 6 |
| 2 | William Young | 10 | 9 | 1 | 0 | 9.5 | 195 | 177 | 0.5 | 18 |
| 3 | Kevin White | 10 | 7 | 1 | 2 | 7.5 | 170 | 174 | 0.0 | -4 |
| 4 | Andrew Cowlin | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 6.5 | 150 | 140 | 0.5 | 10 |
| 5 | Grzegorz Grzegorzewski | 10 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 6.5 | 141 | 122 | 0.5 | 19 |
| 6 | Gary Thurston | 10 | 5 | 2 | 3 | 6.0 | 145 | 150 | 0.0 | -5 |
| 7 | Adam Hirst | 10 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 4.0 | 106 | 125 | 0.0 | -19 |
| 8 | Pete Jurd | 10 | 4 | 0 | 6 | 4.0 | 103 | 120 | 0.0 | -17 |
| 9 | Neil Thompson | 10 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 3.0 | 109 | 126 | 0.0 | -17 |
| 10 | Hanako Ward | 10 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 2.0 | 30 | 34 | 0.0 | -4 |
| 11 | Alex Thompson | 10 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 1.5 | 82 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| 12 | Sam Jurd | 10 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 0.0 | 80 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 |

The 1st place trophy was due to be decided by a blitz tiebreaker, however to date this has not been played due to COVID.

The 2nd trophy this year is awarded to Hanako Ward as the highest scoring junior player.

Ultimately a reasonably enjoyable day.

William Young.