

TRAINING DAY

Adults with a grade of under 130 (old grade 105)

Sunday 6th December (10am – 5pm)

at West Bretton Memorial Hall, Bretton Lane, West Bretton (near J38 M1)

How to get a winning advantage after the opening & do I have a problem with my openings?

Session run by ECF Coach – Nick Nixon

Nick says that by move 15, the fate of the game is often decided, the problem is the average club player does not realise it and either does not take advantage by attacking an opponent's vulnerable position or fails to understand the potential weakness of their own position. Often club players mechanically play the same move order despite what their opponent does and this can lead to problems later. In most cases decisions made in this crucial part of the game around move 15 determine what happens further down the line and whether you win or lose. Nick would like to unlock the secret of understanding where you are and what to do next and answer that often asked question in the early middle game ... *What do I do now to try and win this?*

So learn how to turn those bad positions into wins, nearly wins into actual wins and draws into wins!

The idea of the day is to be aggressive and threaten - not only to improve white's opening – but to improve your counter play as black. Due to the number of attendees you will see several different openings and variations plus black counters in one day that should stimulate new ideas for you to explore later.

The YJCA in conjunction with the Yorkshire Chess Association has organised several all day training sessions for juniors using top coaches and these have been very successful and helped to up standards in the county. We have been asked by a number of club players that wish to improve if we can organise similar training sessions for them too – using the same facilities. There will be follow on courses in the future on specific openings and counters.

Nick Nixon – the coach

Nick lives in Leeds and has been a chess coach for over 30 years (an ECF coach for 10 years). Nick's playing career came to an end after a nasty motorbike accident in 1998, but prior to that was well known on the local circuit with a playing grade of 219, 4x Yorkshire Champion and has been invited to do analysis at the British for the last 3 years. Nick's style is very entertaining but he is not scared to point out bluntly what is going wrong – so you will get great value for money over the 7 hours – you will learn a lot – though Nick's analysis might be brutal at times ... but that is why you are coming – to learn from your mistakes!

Format of the day

ANALYSIS

You will be encouraged to send or bring in examples of your recent games you lost or drew and Nick will use some of these along with his own examples to analyse the play in depth on a projected screen.

That means that you will get the chance to see many different openings/variations and hear Nick analyse them (for strengths & weaknesses) from both a white and black perspective.

PLANNING TO WIN IN THE MIDDLE GAME

In order to win a game you must have a plan (and one that might work), Nick will give you an insight of how to formulate an effective plan for the crucial middle game. If you want to win, it must include how you are going to attack and take the initiative away from your opponent and where are the vulnerable areas to attack.

PRACTICE

You will get a chance to practice the advice given in a number of short quick fire games up to move 20 and Nick will analyse these in front of everyone, to discuss the issues of the day – to see if you have picked up the tips in the day.

PERSONAL ADVICE

Whilst analysing, you will be able to ask Nick's advice & also pick his brains in break times for free coaching.

COST £25 ... THAT EQUATES TO LESS THAN £4 PER HOUR.

ENTRY FORM ATTACHED.

Any questions - do not hesitate to contact me. Best regards,
John Fozard, Chairman of Yorkshire Junior Chess and YCA webmaster.

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