Many months in the planning, the League Winner's Cup match came to fruition on the evening of 21st June 2022. Fareham - the winners of the Southampton Chess League (captained by Tony Corkett) took on Chichester - the winners of the Portsmouth & District Chess League (captained by Steve Smith) in a 12-board match held at Fareham's home venue, the Duke of Connaught's Own Club.

John Wheeler (standing between the captains) kindly acted as arbiter for the match and was pleased to see a match held in the best of atmospheres.



A photo shoot captured the event for posterity - before a fine-looking group of players took their places.

The Fareham team:



and the Chichester team:



Cometh the evening, both teams were missing some players as a result of covid interference, and although ratings somewhat favoured Fareham, a close match was anticipated. As can be seen from the individual game scores below, half way through the playing session it was far from clear which way some of the games would go, but as games came to a conclusion and results started to come in, Fareham starting amassing points - even in those games in which Chichester players had held clear advantages at certain points.

When the dust finally settled, the match result was a resounding victory for Fareham by the score of 10-2.

The time limit was 60 minutes with 10-second increments. Chichester had white on the odd boards.

Fareham CC			Chichester CC	
Bezuidenhout, Roland	2340	1-0	Wilson, Jaimie	2203
Corkett, Anthony R	2214	draw	McDougall, Andrew	2145
Gregory, Keith DF	2015	draw	Lukosius, Rolandas	2089
Ursell, Adam	1873	1-0	Smith, Steve	1836
Deacon, David J	1858	draw	Judd, Ian	1788
Coburn, Joseph A	1832	1-0	Squires, Chris	1721
Andrews, Liam	1820	1-0	Wilson, Jasper	1962
Black, Ted	1792	draw	Spence, Mike	1677
Elliott, Dave J	1746	1-0	Harrison, Rob	1675
Syed, Ashraf	1712	1-0	Webber, Mike	1574
Philidor, Thomas	1473	1-0	Holmes, Adam	1414
Deacon, Matthew	1665	1-0	Isaac McDonald	1410



Wilson, Jaimie (2203) - Bezuidenhout, Roland (2340) [E33]
1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Nc6 5.d4 Bb4 6.Qc2 0-0 7.Be2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 e5!? 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.e6?! Bxe6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qe4 This looks enticing [12.h3 has been played before Nge5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.0-0 Qd3 15.Qb3 Qc4 16.Qxc4 Nxc4 17.Ne4 Rad8 18.b3 ½-½ (33) Kempinski,R (2599)-Swiercz,D (2622) Chorzow 2013] 12...Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 13...Qd1+! [It was easy to miss this move when playing 12.Qe4. Roland had also been looking at the move 13...Nce5!? and if 14.Nxe5 Nxf2 15.Qd4 (15.Qc2 Nxh1 16.Nf3 Rxf3 17.gxf3 Qh4+ 18.Kf1 Rd8 19.Kg2 Qe1-+) 15...Nxh1 16.Nf3 Qe7 17.a4 c5 18.Qg4 Qd6 19.Ra2 Qd3 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Qb3 Rad8 22.Qc2 Qc4-+, but 14. 0-0 looks safer] 14.Kxd1 Nxf2+ 15.Kc2 Nxe4 16.Ba3 Rf5 17.Rhd1 b5 18.Rd7 Rc8 19.Rb1 a5 20.c4 Nf6 21.Rd3 b4 22.Bb2 e5 23.Rd2 a4 24.Ba1 Ne4 25.Rd5 b3+ 26.Kd1 Nb4 27.Ra5 Nxa2 28.Ke1 Nec3 29.Bxc3 Nxc3 30.Rb2 Rd8 31.Rd2 Rxd2 32.Nxd2 b2 0-1

Corkett, Anthony (2214) - McDougall, Andrew (2145) [B23]
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.Nge2 d6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.a3 Nc6 7.Rb1 Qa5 8.h3 e6 9.d3 Nge7 10.Bd2 0-0 11.0-0 b5 12.Nd5 Qd8 13.Nxe7+ Qxe7 14.Nf4 Bb7 15.Re1 Rad8 16.c3 Qd7 17.Be3 Ne5 18.Qe2 Qc7 19.Rbd1 Rfe8 20.Bc1 d5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.d4 cxd4 24.cxd4 Nd7 25.Nxd5 Rxe2 26.Nxc7 Rxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Bxd4 28.Rd1 Nb8 29.Kg2 Bf6 30.Nd5 Kg7 31.b3 ½-½

Lukosius, Rolandas (2089) - Gregory, Keith (2015) [A55]
1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nf3 Nd7 4.Nc3 Ngf6 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.Be3 a6 9.b4 b6 10.h3 Bb7 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 Rc8 13.Qd2 Rc7 14.Rac1 Qa8 15.Bd3 Rfc8 16.Nh2 Ne8 17.g4 Bd8 18.Na4 b5 19.Rxc7 Bxc7 20.Nb2 Bd8 21.Rc1 Nb6 22.Nf1 Rxc1 23.Qxc1 Qc8 24.Qxc8 Bxc8 25.Nd2 Bd7 26.Nb3 Na8 27.f4 f6 28.f5 Kf7 29.Kf2 Ke7 30.h4 Bb6 31.Na5 Kd8 32.g5 Kc7 33.Bxb6+ Nxb6 34.Kf3 Nc8 35.Nd1 Ne7 36.Ne3 Kb6 37.Nb3 Nc7 38.gxf6 gxf6 39.Ng4 Ng8 40.Ke3 Ne8 41.Be2 Ng7 42.Nf2 Be8 43.Na5 Nh6 44.Ng4 Ng8 45.a3 Kc7 46.Nf2 Nh6 47.Ng4 Ng8 ½-½

Ursell, Adam (1873) - Smith, Steve (1836) [C00]
1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.a3 bxa3 6.Nxa3 a6 7.Nb5 Bd7 8.d4 Nc6 9.Nd6+ Bxd6 10.exd6 Nf6 11.c3 Ne4 12.Qb3 b5 13.Bd3 Na5 14.Qb4 Nc6 15.Qa3 0-0 16.0-0 f5 17.h4 Rc8 18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.Bg5 Qb6 20.Ne5 Nxe5 21.dxe5 Rc6 22.Be3 Qb7 23.Qa5 Rfc8 24.Bd4 Ra8 25.Rfe1 Rf8 26.Re3 Rf4 27.Rg3 Rf8 28.h5 Bc8 29.Be3 Rc4 30.Bh6 g6 31.Bxf8 Kxf8 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.hxg6 h6 35.g7 1-0

Judd, Ian (1788) - Deacon, David (1858) [A39]
1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Nf3 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Qd3 a6 11.Bd2 Rb8 12.Rac1 Be6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.cxd5 Qd7 15.Bc3 Rbc8 16.f4 Qa4 17.a3 Qb3 18.Qf3 h5 19.h3 Nd7 20.Bxg7 Qxf3 ½-½

Coburn, Joseph (1832) - Squires, Chris (1721) [C30]
1.e4 e5 2.f4 d6 3.d3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 Qd7 8.a3 Nd4 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 11.Qxf3 0-0-0 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Qf5 Qxf5 14.Rxf5 Bd6 15.Bg5 Rd7 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Rxf6 Rg8 18.Raf1 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Rg7 20.Ne2 Be3 21.R6f5 Re7 22.R1f3 Bb6 23.Ng3 Re8 24.Nh5 Rg6 25.Nf6 Rh8 26.Ng4 h5 27.Nxe5 Re6 28.Nxf7 1-0

Wilson, Jasper (1962) - Andrews, Liam (1820) [B40]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Rb8 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 e5 9.Nde2 h5 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nd5 h4 13.Nec3 a6 14.Nxf6+ Qxf6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.Qd3 Ne7 17.Rad1 h3 18.Bh1 Rh6 19.Nxe7 Kxe7 20.c4 Bd7 21.Qe3 Qc7 22.Qg5+ Kf8 23.b3 Re8 24.Rd2 Ree6 25.Qe3 Reg6 26.f4 Bc6 27.f5 Rf6 28.g4 g5 29.Qxg5 Qb6+ 30.Rff2 Ke7 31.Rd3 Rh8 32.Rxd6 Rhh6 33.Rxf6 Rxf6 34.Kf1 Qd4 35.Qd2 Rd6 36.Qxd4 Rxd4 37.Re2 Rd1+ 38.Re1 Rd2 39.Kg1 Kf6 40.Bf3 Kg5 41.Re2 Rd3 42.Rf2 Re3 43.Kf1 b5 44.Be2 Bxe4 45.cxb5 0-1

Black, Ted (1792) - Spence, Mike (1677) [B08]
1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Nh5 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 c6 8.Be2 Qa5 9.0-0 0-0 10.a3 Nbd7 11.b4 Qc7 12.Qd2 a6 13.Bh6 b5 14.Bd3 Bb7 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Rfc1 c5 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.bxc5 Qxc5 19.Qe1 Rac8 20.Nd1 Ne5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.f3 Qd4+ 23.Qe3 Qxe3+ 24.Nxe3 ½-½

Harrison, Rob (1675) - Elliott, David (1746) [D40]
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 d5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b3 dxc4 9.bxc4 b6 10.Bb1 Bb7 11.a3 Rc8 12.Qd3 cxd4 13.exd4 Na5 14.Ng5 g6 15.Ba2 Nh5 16.h4 Bf6 17.Be3 Ba6 18.Nb5 Qe7 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rac1 Ng7 21.g4 Nc6 22.Qe4 Bb7 23.d5 exd5 24.Qxe7 Bxe7 25.cxd5 Ne5 26.d6 Rxc1 27.Bxc1 Bxg5 28.Bxg5 Nf3+ 29.Kf1 Nxg5 30.hxg5 a6 31.Nc7 Kf8 32.Ke2 Ne8 33.Bd5 Bxd5 34.Rxd5 Rxd6 35.Rxd6 Nxd6 36.Nxa6 Nc4 37.Kd3 Nxa3 38.Kc3 Nb5+ 39.Kb4 Nd6 40.Nc7 Ke7 41.Nd5+ Ke6 42.Nxb6 Ne4 0-1

A little bit of mayhem on Board 10.
Syed, Ashraf (1712) - Webber, Mike (1574) [D02]
1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Qc1 Bf5 6.Nd2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 h6 8.h3 e6 9.Be2 Be7 10.Ne5 Bd6 11.Nxf7 Bxf4 12.Nxh8 Bd6 13.g4 Bh7 14.h4 Qc7 15.g5 Ne4 16.Bh5+ Kd7 17.Nf7 Bh2 18.Nf3 Nxf2 19.Rxh2 Nd3+ 20.Kd2 Nxc1 21.Rxc1 Be4 22.N3e5+ Nxe5 23.Nxe5+ Ke7 24.Rf2 Rf8 25.Ng6+ Bxg6 26.Rxf8 Kxf8 27.Rf1+ Kg8 28.Bxg6 Qh2+ 29.Kc1 Qxh4 30.Bf7+ Kh7 31.g6+ Kh8 32.Bxe6 Qd8 33.Bxd5 cxd4 34.cxd4 Qd6 35.Bb3 Qc7+ 36.Kb1 Qc8 37.Rf7 a6 38.e4 b5 39.e5 h5 40.e6 Qa8 41.d5 Kg8 42.e7 Qe8 43.d6 1-0

Holmes, Adam (1414) - Philidor, Tom (1473) [E51]
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 c4 9.Bc2 Nc6 10.b3 cxb3 11.Bxb3 Bg4 12.Nb1 Qa5 13.a3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Bxd2+ 15.Nxd2 Ne4 16.Qd1 Rfe8 17.Bc2 Nc3 18.Qc1 Rac8 19.Nb3 Qa6 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7 21.Qxc3 Ne5 22.Qd2 Nd3+ 23.Kd1 Re7 24.Nc1 Qa4+ 25.Ke2 Rc2 26.Nxd3 Rec7 27.Nc5 Rxd2+ 28.Kxd2 Qa5+ 29.Ke2 b6 30.Nd3 Rc2+ 31.Kf3 Qd2 32.Rhd1 Qe2+ 33.Kg3 f5 34.Kf4 Qg4+ 35.Ke5 Rc6 36.Nf4 Qh4 37.Kxf5 g6+ 38.Nxg6 Qe4+ 39.Kg5 Rxg6+ 40.Kh5 Qg4# 0-1

Deacon, Matthew (1665) - McDonald, Isaac (1410) [E90]
1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be3 c6 7.Be2 Qc7 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Rc1 Re8 10.d5 c5 11.a3 h6 12.b4 Ng4 13.Bf4 g5 14.Bd2 b6 15.Nb5 Qb7 16.bxc5 Nxc5 17.Bc3 Nxe4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Ngf6 20.Ne1 a6 21.Nc3 Nxc3 22.Qxc3 Bf5 23.f4 gxf4 24.Rxf4 Bg6 25.Bd3 e5 26.Rf1 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Nd7 28.Qg3+ Kf8 29.Qh4 Kg7 30.Qg4+ Kf8 31.Qh5 f6 32.Qxh6+ Kf7 33.Qh7+ Kf8 34.Rxf6+ Nxf6 35.Qxb7 Nh5 36.Qxb6 Nf4 37.Qf2 Re7 38.Nd3 Rf7 39.Nxf4 Rxf4 40.Qe2 Ra7 41.Rf1 1-0

An excellent evening of chess, and hopefully, the inaugural running of what might become an annual event.

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