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Report of the Congress Committee chairman

Andy Morley.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP & Individual events 2016

The County individual events were once again held during the summer, each tournament having a round every 4 weeks on Thursday evenings at the Wigston Chess Club. There were 4 events, attracting 45 players in total. This was a good number of participants, but still represented a reduction from the 2015 events, in which there were 50 players :

Championship (open to all)	17 entries	(2015: 20)
Challengers (open to players graded under 160)	8 entries	(2015: 14)
Major (open to players graded under 140)	8 entries	(2015: 6)
Minor (Open to players graded under 120)	12 entries	(2015: 10)

As can be seen, the most significant change was the fall in numbers in the Challengers – but it was still possible (just) to run this (and the Major) as Swiss events.

The winner of the 2016 County Championship, for the first time, was Shabir Okhai of the Syston Club with an excellent score of 5.5 /6. The other events were all decided after play-offs. These were rapid play games, over 2 legs (each player receiving black and white) and the winners are shown below.

Championship:	Shabir OKHAI
Challengers:	Phil HARLOW
Major:	Bob COLLINS
Minor:	Colin ROSS

Results were initially updated to the LRCA website using file sharing software called Dropbox, as were the games (in PGN format) played in the Championship section. Unfortunately the suppliers of this software decided that they would alter it, so that such easy sharing of folders was no longer possible. However, the games from the 2016 event are now, finally, available again on the LRCA website. The 2017 games are also available. Thanks to Martin Burrows for devising a solution to the problem.

Thanks to the Wigston Club for hosting the event. This year's competitions are also held at Wigston, and are now well under way. The number of entries this year is back up to 49

Championship:	19 (2016: 17)
Challengers	9 (2016: 8)
Major	7 (2016: 8)
Minor	14 (2016: 12)

CONGRESS

There was no Atkins congress held in 2016. Plans are in hand, led by Paul Mottram, for a one-day (rapidplay) event to be held (probably) in Mid October at the Leicester Grammar School in Great Glen. Paul has held a number of Junior events at this venue, with success.