

# **BUCKS COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION**

## **JUNIOR ORGANISER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Bucks, thanks to the efforts of Paul Basham and Neville Belinfante, has hosted major national events but has experienced increased difficulty in entering team events at the older age ranges due to lack of players and adequate support staff.

Gone are the days when I could put out 20 senior players in the Chiltern League every other week through the winter months!

Bucks Under Nines and Under Elevens again failed to qualify for the National Inter Association Finals, but performed a little better than last season. I concentrate my efforts on the Under Nines hoping to set down firm roots for the future, but with the exception of Nick Butland's three star players am responsible for the development of all the other established and prospective County players at this level.

Unfortunately we only get a trickle of those players who don't come up from our Under Nine base. There is no schools' league and with the exception of our Autumn Congress the County Under Eight Championship, next month, is the only traditional competition still running.

The history of junior chess in Bucks, which I hope to produce in draft at the end of the year, will highlight the good years. I sincerely hope that there will be more to come.