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# Drogheda Chess Club

## News

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### Colm Barry takes June Congress title

The 1995 Drogheda June Congress Champion is Colm Barry from Rathmines Chess Club, Joe Ryan and Mel O' Cinneide tied for second place. Club Champion Donal O'Boyle finished joint 1st in group 2 and other local successes were Kieran Rogers, Michael Eagleton and Stephen Kennedy. The tournament was controlled to its usual high standard by Andrew Thomson and Enda O'Boyle. Mr. Terry Smith from Coca-Cola Atlantic the main sponsors presented the prizes on the final day. Here's to next years event.

### Michelle gains Representative Honours:

Michelle Cowley became the third member of the club to represent Ireland when she played on the Faber CUP team in Germany in July. Her predecessors were

Miriam Woods(1985) and Mairead Ni Shiocru (1989). Michelle helped Ireland secure a win over Wales in round 5 when she defeated highly rated Patricia Cook. This was a fine performance and hopefully the start of a memorable International career.

Michelle Cowley - Patricia Cook

1 e4 d5 2 exd qxd 3 Nc3 Qa5 4 d4 e5 5 dxe Qxe 6 Qe2 QxQ 7 Bxe2 Bd6 8 Be3 Nc6 9 0-0-0 Be6 10 Nf3 Ne7 11 a3 Nf5 12 Ne4 0-0 13 NxB NxN 14 Bc5 Rf8d8 15 BxN RxB 16 RxR PxR 17 Rd1 Rd8 18 Nd4 NxN 19 RxN Kf8 20 Bc4 BxB 21 RxB Re8 22 Kd2 f6 23 Rc7 Re7 24 Rc8+ Re8 25 RxR KxR 26 Ke3 Ke7 27 Kf4 Ke6 28 Ke4 g5 29 Kd4 a6 30 a4 a6 31 ppx ppx 32 kc3 Kd7 33 Kb4 Kc6 34 c4 PxP 35 Kxp d5+ 36 Kd4 Kd6 37 b4 h5 38 b5 Kc7 39 Kxp Kb6 40 Ke6 Kxp 41 Kxp 1-0.

### Grading News

Donal O'Boyle is Drogheda's highest graded player yet again according to the latest grading list issued by the ICU. He now stands at 1857 with Jack Parker in second place on 1596. Andrew Thomson(1592), Philip Mitchell (1427) and Anthony Moore(1358) fill the remaining top five places. Most improved grading is Michelle Cowley who rose from 1083 to 1300. Other large

increases were Donal O'Boyle (1697 to 1857), Michael Eagleton (963 to 1117) and Kieran Rogers (1007 to 1215). Strange how the same names seem to reappear again and again - obviously they are the in-form players.

### PLAYERS WANTED:

Both the Ennis Shield and BEA Cup teams survived in their relevant divisions of the Leinster League last year. This season looks like being another difficult year and the biggest problem is fielding teams. Three members of the BA Cup team have already subbed for the first team and Kieran Rogers has been promoted to the Ennis team. It is imperative that we field our strongest possible team in the Ennis at all times to ensure it remains an Ennis team. The remaining fixtures for both teams are as follows:

WED 31/01/96 BA Cup HOME  
SAT 10/02/96 Ennis AWAY  
MON 12/02/96 BA Cup AWAY  
SAT 17/02/96 BA Cup AWAY  
SAT 24/01/96 BA Cup HOME  
SAT 02/03/96 BA Cup AWAY  
SAT 09/03/96 Ennis HOME  
SAT 23/03/96 BA Cup HOME

If you have not played League Chess this season but would be available for some of the above games please contact either team