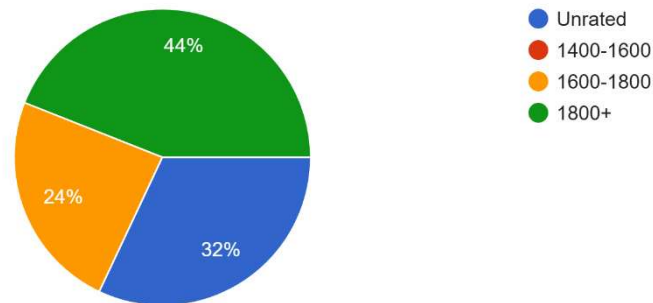


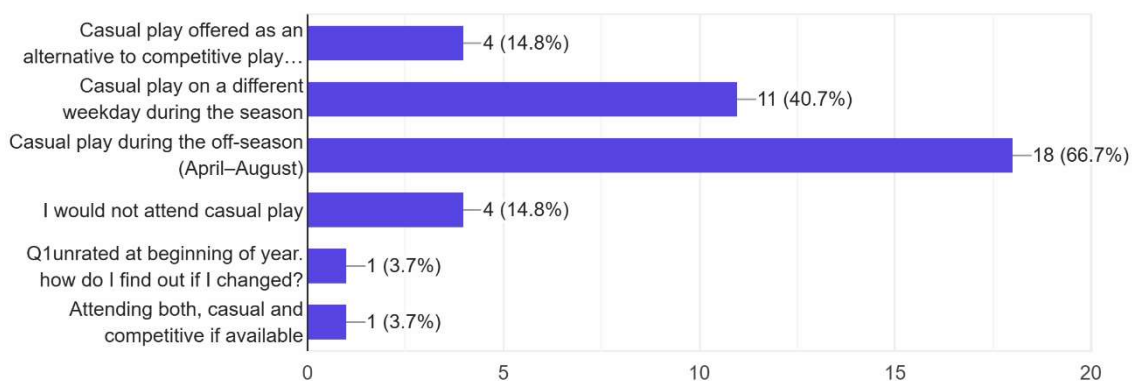
1. What is your current FIDE rating? (This will help us understand whether players at different rating levels are looking for different things from the club.)

25 responses



2. The club currently focuses on competitive play during the September–March season. Which casual play options would you be likely to attend? (Please select all that apply.)

27 responses



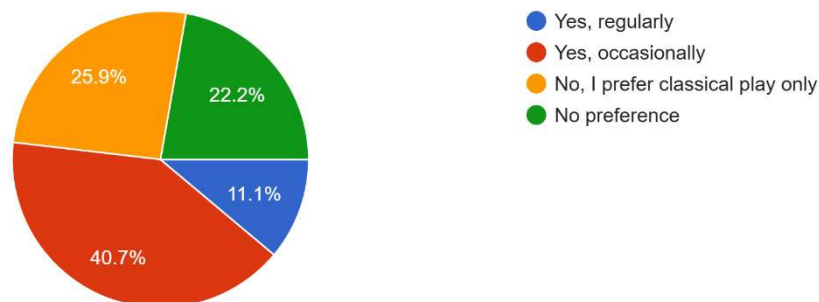
3. How suitable do you find the current venue and environment, and what could be improved?

- bit warmer in the winter !
- The current venue is acceptable but not ideal. I think a break-out room to provide a space for conversation would be a good addition.
- Venue is suitable for current club membership, Missing only an analysis area.
- The current venue is ideally located and very convenient. An analysis room would be great, however players can analyse next door at the cafe.
- The venue is alright. It could benefit from having a playing hall room, and then a secondary room where you can go to talk and analyse games while other matches are ongoing, without the risk of disturbing those games. This would be especially important if casual games were to be offered on the same night as competitive games.
- It is a good venue, no issues

- Very Suitable
- Mostly fine -- it's decently spacious and the location is convenient, but it gets very cold and it would be nice to have a separate room for analysis.
- May struggle for space as club expands, it also gets quite cold during peak winter months. Otherwise I'm not too bothered on venue.
- Location excellent, has helped Club hugely to attract new members. Venue itself can be cold during winter and one big room does not allow analysis room or opportunity to play friendly games or alternative to competition games.
- I find the current venue totally unacceptable. We need two rooms one for competitive play and a social area for skittles chess and analysis.
- it's good.
- Great
- EXCELLANT MORE SPACE AND ENVIROMENT THE PLAYING HALL IS EXCELLANT AT THESE CHOICES
- Playing hall is good but we greatly need a second room for socialising.
- Good
- Seems like a suitable venue; no issues from me.
- It's fine fir me but open to improvements
- Analysis / chat room would be good.
- It is good
- We need a bigger and nicer venue
- Venue is fantastic, if extra training day would be available, I am all in... on th other hand I would discontinue lightning tournament, if any nonclassical format than all rated please , blitz especially
- There is enough room for the increasing number of players, but somewhere for analysis would be appropriated
- very suitable
- Good as a playing venue, but it has no club atmosphere.

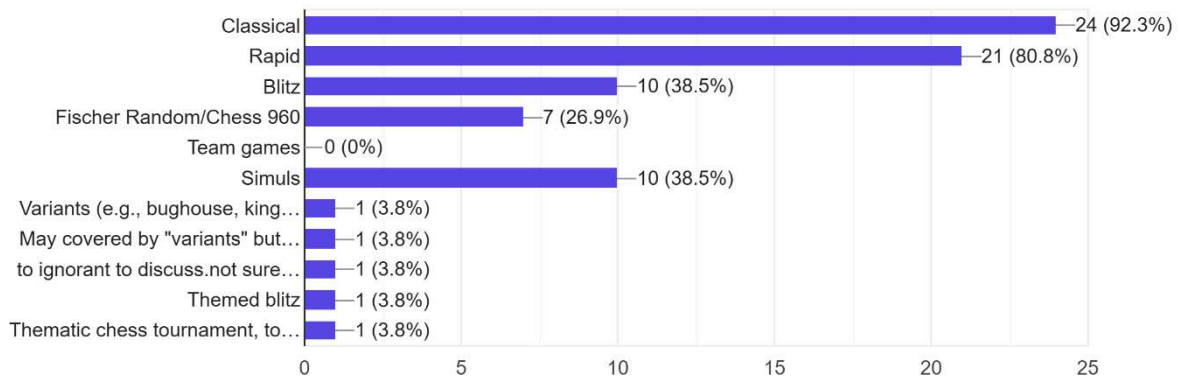
4. Would you like the club to include more non-classical formats?

27 responses



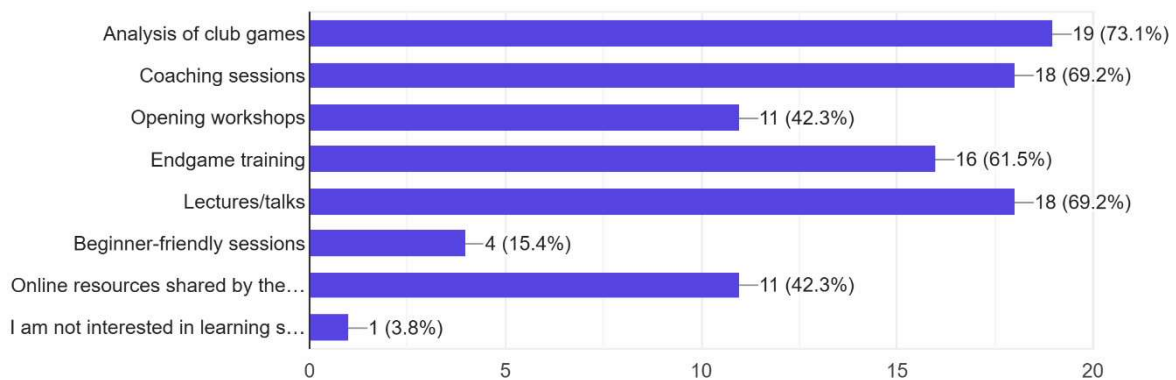
5. What formats of chess are you interested in? (Please select all that apply.)

26 responses



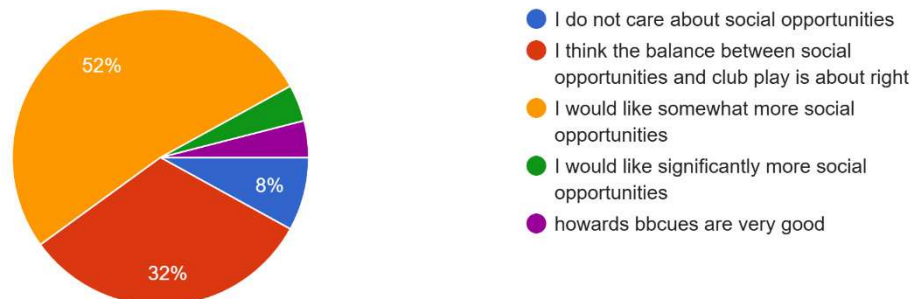
6. Which learning opportunities would you be interested in? (Please select all that apply.)

26 responses



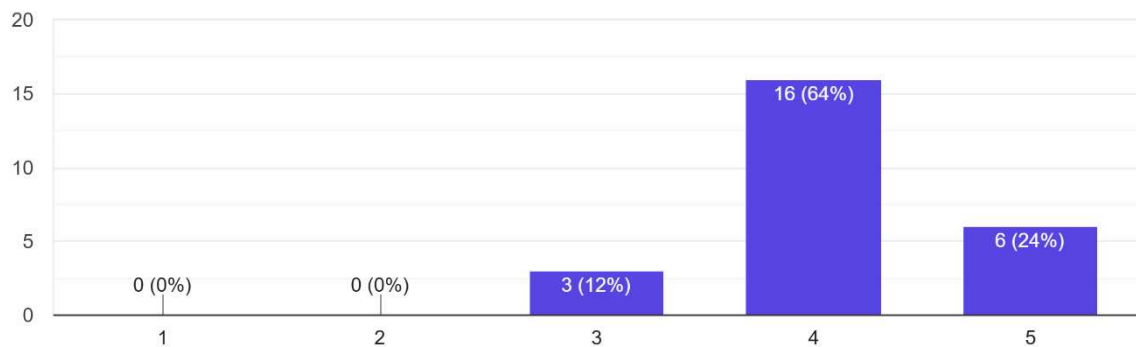
7. Would you like the club to offer more social opportunities?

25 responses



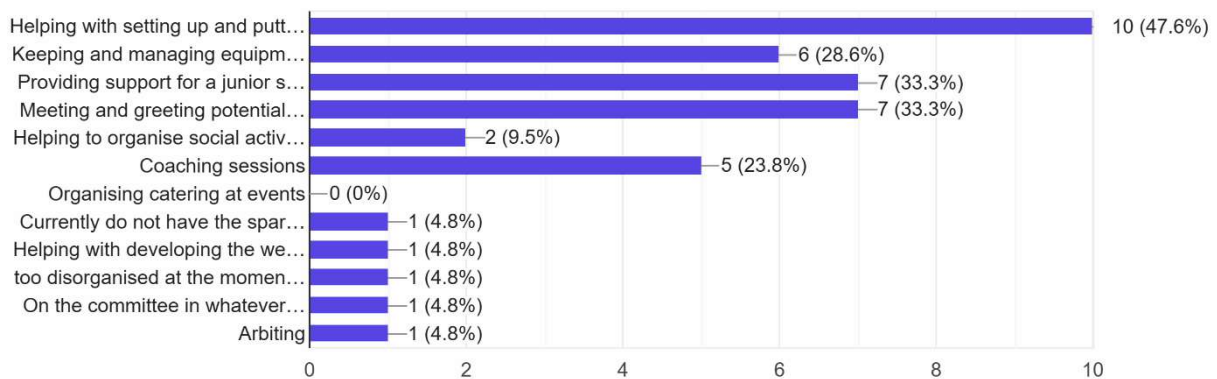
8. How satisfied are you with the club overall?

25 responses



9. Would you be willing to contribute to the running of the club? If yes, please indicate the ways in which you would be willing to contribute below.

21 responses



10. Do you have any other comments or feedback on the club?

- It would be good if payments could be made through the website rather than having to request details for payment by e-mail.
- Can still get quite cold some nights during the winter
- Helping new members with their chess and how they can improve is essential to growing the club.
- I have really enjoyed my time in the club so far, I would just hope for more games in the off season
- N/A
- Overall the club have moved forward under the current chairman with several big improvements such as FIDE membership, ability to attend Olympiad etc,

new Venue, increased ability to attract new members and club seems more forward and outward looking

- An upmarket playing venue in central Douglas.
 - I haven't attended for a long time but I am considering returning
 - No
 - The current venue feels cold during winter even with the air heating . Venue could be better.
 - Best is yet to come :-)
 - our club is on the track it is a gradual process which is in part due to the change of venue promspace is very significantly superior to the previous venue in bradden and the present room is better than the previous room which is/was too small the central location is vitally important if we are to improve
 - Probably, we shall do more to welcome new members as a club, not only to provide a playing opportunity.
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Unrated Players – Response breakdown

- Unanimous support among respondents for casual play during the off-season, and most also said that they would attend casual play on a different weekday during the season.
- Strong interest in coaching and other training opportunities, particularly game analysis, opening workshops, endgame training and lectures.
- Unrated players are generally satisfied with venue, but several suggested that access to an analysis room would be a worthwhile improvement.
- There was also support for occasionally including non-classical formats and for providing somewhat more social opportunities.

Causal Play

All 8 unrated players who answered Q2 said that they would attend casual play during the off-season. 7 out of 8 also said that they would attend casual play on a different weekday during the season. One said that they would attend casual play as an alternative to competitive play on the same night. (*One unrated player did not answer Q2.*)

Feedback on venue

Half of the 8 unrated players who answered Q3 said that they were content with the venue and had no further feedback or suggestions. The other half felt that, while the venue was suitable, there was room for improvement. 3 suggested having access to

an analysis room, and one commented that the room was cold. (*One unrated player did not answer Q3.*)

Formats

6 out of 9 unrated players said that they would like the club to occasionally include more non-classical formats. The remaining 3 either had no preference or preferred classical play only.

All 8 unrated players who answered Q5 said that they were interested in classical chess. 6 also expressed an interest in rapid, 3 in blitz, 3 in simultaneous games, and 2 in Fischer Random or other variants.

Resources

All 7 unrated players who answered Q6 said that they would be interested in coaching sessions and lectures/talks. 6 out of 7 also expressed an interest in analysis of club games, opening workshops, and endgame training. 5 out of 7 said that they would like online resources shared by the club. 2 out of 7 expressed an interest in beginner-friendly sessions.

Social Opportunities

5 out of the 7 unrated players who answered Q7 said that they would like either somewhat or significantly more social opportunities. The remaining 2 either felt that the current balance was about right or said that social opportunities were not important to them. (*Two unrated players did not answer Q7.*)

Overall satisfaction

The average rating from unrated players on the club was 4.25/5.

1600-1800 Players – Response Breakdown

- Most respondents said that they would attend casual play during the off-season, although a third indicated that they would not attend casual play.
- There was unanimous interest in analysis of club games, and some interest in coaching, endgame training and lectures. Opening workshops and online resources also received support.
- Respondents were generally positive about the venue, although several said that the club would benefit from an analysis room.
- Views on non-classical formats were mixed, with respondents evenly divided between supporting their occasional inclusion, preferring classical chess only, and having no preference.

- Most felt that the current balance between social opportunities and club play was about right.

Casual Play

4 out of 6 of the 1600-1800 players said that they would attend casual play in the off-season. The other 2 players stated that they would not attend casual play.

Feedback on venue

The most common feedback on the venue from 1600-1800 rated players was that the venue is good and well located, but would 3 players said that the club would benefit from an analysis room. One player said that there may be an issue with space as the club expands and that it can get cold during the winter months.

Formats

2 out of 6 of the 1600-1800 rated players said that they would like the club to occasionally include non-classical formats; 2 players said that they prefer classical only; and 2 players said that they had no preference.

Resources

All 6 players rated between 1600 and 1800 who answered Q6 said that they would be interested in analysis of club games. 3 out of 6 also expressed an interest in coaching sessions, endgame training, and lectures/talks. 2 out of 6 said that they would like opening workshops and online resources shared by the club.

Social Opportunities

4 out of 6 players said that they think the balance between social events and chess play is about right. 2 said that they would like somewhat more social opportunities.

Overall satisfaction

The average rating from 1600-1800 rated players on the club was 4.3/5.

1800+ Players – Response Breakdown

- The strongest support for casual play was during the off-season, although there was also interest in casual play during the season, both on a separate weekday and alongside competitive play.
- There was strong interest in game analysis, lectures and coaching, with further support for endgame training.
- Most respondents felt that the venue could be improved through the provision of a separate analysis or social room. Other suggestions included addressing

the temperature during winter and, in the longer term, considering a larger venue.

- Views on the inclusion of more non-classical formats were mixed, although a majority supported either regular or occasional inclusion.
- There was also support for providing somewhat more social opportunities.

Casual Play

Of the 11 players rated 1800+, 6 said that they would attend casual play during the off-season. 3 out of 10 said that they would attend casual play on a different weekday during the season, and 3 out of 10 said that they would attend casual play as an alternative to competitive play on the same night. 1 respondent said that they would attend both casual and competitive play if both were available, and 2 said that they would not attend casual play.

Feedback on venue

Of the 10 players rated 1800+ who answered Q3, 3 said that they were satisfied with the current venue or considered it suitable. The remaining 7 said that there was room for improvement. The most common suggestion was access to a separate analysis or social room, raised by 5 respondents. 2 commented that the venue was cold during the winter, 1 felt that a larger and more attractive venue was needed, and 1 said that the venue lacked a club atmosphere.

Formats

3 out of 11 of the 1800+ players said that they would like the club to regularly include more formats; 3 said that they would like the club to occasionally include more formats; 3 said that they prefer classical play only; and 1 had no preference.

All 11 players said that they were interested in classical chess. 9 also expressed an interest in rapid, 5 in blitz, and 5 in simultaneous games. 3 said that they were interested in Fischer Random/Chess960, 1 expressed an interest in thematic tournaments, and 1 in themed blitz.

Resources

7 out of 11 players said that they would be interested in analysis of club games and 7 in lectures/talks. 6 also expressed an interest in coaching sessions, and 5 said that they would like endgame training. 3 were interested in online resources shared by the club, and 2 in opening workshops and beginner-friendly sessions. 1 respondent said that they were not interested in learning sessions.

Social Opportunities

7 said that they would like somewhat more social opportunities. 2 felt that the current balance between social opportunities and club play was about right. 1 said that they did not care about social opportunities.

Overall satisfaction

The average rating from 1800+ players on the club was 4/5.