

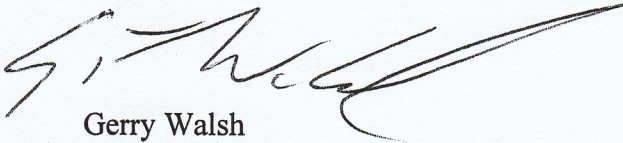
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Chess for the Disabled Committee

Although no formal meeting took place the Chairman Gerry Walsh was able to report on a number of issues.

The organisations of IBCA, IPCA and SCC had staged a number of events throughout the year. Gerry himself had been chief arbiter in the European Championship for the Blind and Visually Handicapped in England in which 76 players from 26 Federations took part, the sad part was that the winner from Czech Republic was unable to get even an IM norm because his field was 5 points less than the regulations required. It was agreed to refer this to Titles and Ratings.

The chairman mentioned an issue in respect of special equipment for disabled players, particularly clocks for the Blind. With the extended use of electronic time controls a speaking clock is in demand and some manufacturers are looking at the economics of producing such clock. Clocks are available from Spain but it takes a sighted person to set them up. Until such a clock is available it was agreed to ask the Rules Committee to consider the special rules for assisting disabled players using electronic time controls.



Gerry Walsh
Chairman