

PLYMOUTH CHESS CLUB PLAYER IS WORLD CHESS CHAMPION

176 players from 23 countries descended on Crete in Greece from 14th-23rd October to battle for the seven Amateur World Senior Chess Championship titles that were at stake. The tournament was over 9 rounds and Tony Tatam, who has been a member of the Plymouth Chess Club for more than 25 years, won his group with an unbeaten run of 6 wins and 3 draws. Tony's opponents were from Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Philippines & Switzerland and he was the only Englishman in the group. After drawing his first game Tony then won 6 consecutive games to take the lead. With intense games, some lasting well over 4 hours, Tony produced his best ever chess to finish as outright winner.

Other Club members also in Crete were Clifford Peach and Andy Proudfoot, who recently moved upcountry. They both played in the next higher up group from Tony which had 44 players. Andy finishing joint 11th with 5 points recording 3 wins, 4 draws and 2 losses whilst Clifford finished joint 26th on 4 points recording 1 win, 6 draws and 2 losses.