relevant divisions of the Leinster League , but not without some heart-stopping performances. The Ennis Shield finished in 9th place just 2.5 points ahead of Kilkenny who were relegated along with UCD. The team suffered from the unavailability of key players in the early part of the season and never really achieved their potential.

In the BEA Cup the story could have been so much different if the team hadn't decided to become the draw specialists of the division. They finished in 5th place a mere 5 points off the relegation zone but 10.5 points behind Public Service who were runners-up to Portmarnock. However the club did get the oppertunity to give League debuts to Michelle Cowley, Michael Eagleton,Pat Finnegan, and Alan Tyndall. Here's to next season.

Club Gradings

The Club Grading System introduced in 1992 again proved popular with members with all club matches now graded. The list of most improved players for 1994/5 makes interesting reading:

1. Michael Eagleton	+95
2. Kieran Rogers	+81
3. Michelle Cowley	+38
4. Philip Mitchell	+35
5 Don Fox	+21
Donal O'Boyle	+21
7.Brendan Kelly	+18
8 Pat Finnegan	+16
Eoin Murphy	+16
10 Frank Pentony	+15

A suitably inscribed trophy was presentated to Michael Eagleton at the Club's Presentation Night on 20th May 1995.

Michelle makes Faber Cup Team

Michelle Cowley's fine season in both the School's League and the Club Championship received further recognition with the news of her selection as a member of the Irish Schoolgirl's Team to participate in the Faber Cup in Germany in July. This is a great honour for Michelle, her school and Drogheda Chess Club and she follows in the illustrious footsteps of Miriam Woods and Mairead Ni Shiocru who were selected in the past. We wish her every success in July.

Blast from the Past

In 1981 the All-Ireland Schools Regional Finals were hosted by Drogheda Chess Club in St Peter's Parochial Centre. Four teams took part from Skerries,Navan,Dundalk and Drogheda. The Drogheda team comprised Eanna O'Boyle Brendan Corrigan,Michael Eagleton, Michael Manley and John Caffrey.

They were under the watchful eye of Eamonn Reay and produced some excellent results to finish top of the group with 23 points .

As a result they qualified for the North East Final with Downpatrick,Cavan, and Portadown and narrowly missed out on the Final stages of the competition.

Solution : ...Rh8 (if gxh+,Kg8 wins the Queen)

June Congress '95

Just a reminder that the June Congress takes place in the Boyne Valley Hotel over the June Bank Holiday weekend. The five round tournament retains the format of previous years with entrants divided into groups of six by grading. Each group is then run as an all-play-all with prizes for the winner and runner-up in each group. The winner of the top group will also receive the June Congress Shield.

The first round begins at 10am on Saturday 3rd June, with a blitz tournament the previous evening (8pm) for early arrivals. Ther will be two rounds of the main competition on Saturday and Sunday with the final round on Monday morning. Adjourned games to be completed on Saturday and Sunday evening.

Entry fee is £15 with areduced rate of £10 for students and unemployed people. Contact Andrew Thomson at (041) 36110 or Donal O'Boyle at (041) 24864 for further details.

Enda Keane R.I.P.

The unexpected death of Our colleague Enda Keane on 14th April last caused great sadness and grief among members ofthe club. Enda who was a member since returning to Ireland in 1992 was a popular and dedicated member . He represented the club in the Leinster Leagues on both the Ennis Shield and BEA Cup teams over the past two years and was Intermediate Champion last year. His pleasent and good humoured nature will be sadly missed by all concerned. May he rest in peace.