# Records Officer Report – Dec 2016

The records are currently up to date for Feb 2016, which is significantly further behind than I had intended to be. The records available online have not yet been updated, as the intention was to bring the records up to date before altering the existing material.

My progress has been generally slow for a few reasons:

* Learning the records system.
* Adjusting to full time employment.
* Issues around using the system.

In terms of using the system itself (currently built in Microsoft Access), there are a few things that are worth noting:

* For small tournaments, due to the way the details need to be specified, the spreadsheet load is inefficient as it cannot use the fixed lists in Access to generate the respective fields.
* For large tournaments (e.g: the Nationals), the spreadsheet load method is more efficient but requires a lot of data manipulation to accurately load all the data.
* The system is currently unable to identify any record holders that are superseded, which is to say if I load a multi-day tournament (or multiple different tournaments on the same day), unless I load each one day at a time so record holders would be missed. This makes entering coinciding tournaments challenging and time consuming.
* The large variations between tournament results forms make manual and automatic processing of scores take longer and more prone to mistakes.

With further development and practice, I aim to be able to get the records database up to date before the World Masters Games and update the website and certificates accordingly.

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