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Welcome to our spring edition, the first of the 2010 series. We are now in British Summer Time which has resulted in heavy doses of all seasons apart from summer.

First, an apology to printed magazine subscribers for the excess postage problems caused by edition 108. The combination of heavier cover paper and a new type of envelope pushed the weight over 100g, so the Royal Mail took their customary revenge. I'll get the scales out this time (there must be a Dragon pun in there somewhere)...

George Pyrich takes us through the second ICCF rating list of 2010, and also documents the Scottish Master (SM) qualification requirements for aspiring players.

Alan Borwell has provided some annotated games from the ICCF Veterans' World Cup 2, and announces the start of VWC3 in September.

Bernard Milligan's CD review section includes offerings from Martin, Trent, Davies and Lilov. His games column includes well-annotated contributions from men of letters Richard Beecham and David Cumming.

Alan McGowan makes his debut in the magazine with an article on SCCA history, and we hope he can provide us with further insights in issues to come.

George Pyrich's international column contains some featured games from the 8th European Team Championships plus news of our friendly international matches.

There are a number of notices covering the start of our 2nd Webserver Open, our upcoming AGM and a pending vacancy for Secretary. Please get in touch if you want to participate in any or all of these.

Richard Beecham reports that his game against the Bulgarian Davidov in Olympiad 16 ran to 114 moves, so he moves ahead of Geoff Lloyd (107) in the most moves contest. Geoff remains out on his own with 4+ years for a postal game – unless of course you know different!



Chess Suppliers is back in action, operating as a mail order business, but also covering the Scottish congress circuit.

<http://www.chesssuppliers.co.uk/>

SCCA Webserver Events



<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>

To view tables and games in the SCCA Webserver Open, Championship Cycle and Leagues, you don't need to register on the ICCF server - go to the website (above), click Tables and Results, then National Federation Events then Scotland Events.

Some games have a time delay, e.g. current position is 5 moves ahead of what you can see.

Recent 100 Club Winners

2010	1st	2nd
March	A P Borwell	J Anderson
February	J Anderson	A P Borwell
January	G W G Livie	G D Pyrich

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Notices

By Jim Anderson

2nd Webserver Open

Take part in the Association's 2nd "SCOTS HOME AND AWAY" Webserver Tournament

This event which commences 24 May 2010 is open to:

ALL SCOTTISH PLAYERS AT HOME AND ABROAD

ENTRY IS FREE OF CHARGE

There is no need for SCCA membership

The prize fund will be £200

For further information or to enter please contact Colin Macgregor (colin.macgregor@scottishcca.co.uk)

Closing date for entries 10th May 2010

AGM 2010

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday, 20th June 2010 at 4pm. The venue has been switched to 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth PH1 1BA after uncertainty over whether we could use the normal premises in Stirling.

We'll be pleased to see you there if you can manage along. If you'd like to participate, but can't get to the meeting, we can offer the opportunity to participate in a Skype conference call. We've used this technology successfully for our committee meetings, so a link-up is certainly feasible.

Please get in touch with Iain at president@scottishcca.co.uk if you'd like to use this service – he can arrange a test call before the meeting.

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous AGM and Matters Arising
3. President's Remarks
4. Secretary's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. International Secretary's Report
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. Appointment of Auditor
9. Subscriptions and Fees
10. AOB

SCCA Secretary

Jim Anderson is standing down at this year's AGM, having served in the post since June 2001.

[President's note:

I'd like to thank Jim for everything he's done to date, and hope to see him remain as a committee member – he's been a loyal SCCA supporter for many a year, and his experience will continue to be a big benefit to us.]

Applications are thus invited to fill the vacancy. The main parts of the job are:

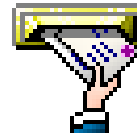
1. Primary contact point for outside bodies, queries, etc
2. Organise & minute committee meetings (3 fairly fixed in Jan/Feb; May/Jun and Aug/Sep, with others as needed)
3. Organise domestic events to start in Jan; appoint & liaise with TDs; organise trophies & medals at season-end
4. Other admin as needed

It may be possible to share elements of the job across committee, though we require a designated secretary to be appointed.

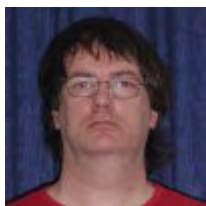
If you can help, please get in touch with Iain at president@scottishcca.co.uk prior to the AGM.



Letters to the Editor



After the computers correspondence, John Armstrong writes refreshingly from Bonnyrigg:



I play Chess for fun, as my grading shows. I don't think it is correct if I play against a computer that my opponent feels they must use.

If it helps them to justify themselves, then good luck to them. I don't mind losing games, as long as I enjoy them.

Losing in 10 or 13 moves doesn't give enough time to enjoy, neither does winning in a short time scale. Most of us play this way, as we can't get time for OTB. My shift work interferes with going to clubs.

My grading was better when I was stuck on constant day shifts and I won medals in 1998 and 1999. Now the shifts affect my play, but I still enjoy the games. So if you happen to get drawn against myself, I don't RESIGN and allow you to finish the game, unless it has reached adjudication, when I'll resign if you are well ahead. But don't always expect an easy game, sometimes I surprise myself and WIN.

But back to my original point, no computers used here for chess. Also next to no reading about it, partly as I find it a



Scottish Master Title

By George Pyrich

It's been pointed out that we haven't published the qualification requirements for the SM title, so here they are:

1. Attaining the ICCF GM, SIM or IM title.
2. Attaining 3 norms, without limit of time; one norm for each of the following:
 - (a) (SCCA or) ICCF grade of 2300 or above, provided this grade is based on at least 30 results in total, and on at least 12 new results since any previous norm has been awarded for grade.
 - (b) Outright winner of the SCCA Championship Final, or joint winner with at least 75% of total points.
 - (c) Half IM norm.
 - (d) 50% or more of the points in an ICCF World Semi-Final.
 - (e) Winner of one 15-player ICCF World or European Master Class.
 - (f) Winner of two 7-player ICCF World or European Master Class.
3. Players must be members of the SCCA and have indicated that the SCCA is their primary CC body when norms are achieved, and the award of the title is subject to ratification by the SCCA Executive Committee.

Current SM title holders are:

ICCF Grandmasters

D M Bryson (1986), A J Muir (1995), D A Kilgour (1996)

ICCF Senior International Masters

P M Giulian (1999), C A McNab (1999), T J Craig (2001), D S Finnie (2002), C R Beecham (2009)

ICCF International Masters

T S Wickens (1988), K B McAlpine (1990), A P Borwell (1993), G D Pyrich (1995), T Thomson (1999), J Watson (1999), G R Sprott (2001), G W G Livie (2003), I Mackintosh (2008)

SCCA Masters

AJ Norris (1986), G J Morrison (1987), S R Gillam (1997), R W M Baxter (1998), D J Stewart (1998), C J Lennox (2001), I Aird (2002), B Milligan (2002), D Neil (2002), A C Brown (2003), T Matheis (2008)



2010/2 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The second ICCF grading list for 2010 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 December 2009 to 28 February 2010. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April and 30 June 2010. You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a provisional rating (* below). Provisional ratings apply until 30 games have been processed. Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email grader@scottishcca.co.uk if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	411	1992 ↑	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	179	2339 ↔
518	Anderson, G M	175	2316 ↑	264	Lloyd, G	351	2250 ↑
121	Anderson, J	171	1752 ↔	337	Loughran, R	65	1710 ↓
049	Armstrong, A	112	1885 ↔	441	MacCaellich-Young, Ms J	15	1517 ↔ *
313	Armstrong, J McK	104	1529 ↓	433	MacDonald, M	26	1583 ↔ *
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)	59	2332 ↔	367	MacDonald, P H	39	1952 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	311	2511 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	233	1917 ↔
599	Bell, A D	52	2326 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	450	2335 ↑
501	Bennett, P G	45	2148 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	409	2011 ↑
431	Binnie, J	18	1622 ↓ *	457	Mahony, J	18	1460 ↔ *
022	Bird, A G E	10	0 ↔ *	566	Marshall, I H	300	2071 ↓
520	Bird, Prof G H	47	2078 ↔	434	Matheis, T (SM)	130	2425 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	684	2201 ↓	083	Maxwell, A	45	2183 ↔
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	33	1901 ↓	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↔
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	2318 ↔	352	McDonald, G R	79	1921 ↔
424	Burridge, R J	24	1792 ↔ *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↔
458	Burton, C	15	1620 ↓ *	525	McKerracher, D	4	0 ↔ *
435	Cairney, J	13	2028 ↓ *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↔
423	Calder, H	96	2055 ↓	412	McKinstry, J	34	1613 ↔
096	Campbell, A W I	32	1798 ↔	001	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144	2452 ↔
585	Collins, S	22	1828 ↔ *	409	Miller, S	28	1720 ↔ *
173	Cook, W M	61	1959 ↔	401	Moir, P J	46	1681 ↑
364	Coope, D W	397	1903 ↓	438	Montgomery, J	10	0 ↔ *
247	Cormack, W H	28	1985 ↓ *	598	Montgomery, R S	153	2284 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	324	2364 ↔	338	Morrow, J	10	0 ↔ *
332	Crawley, J	13	1912 ↔ *	564	Murray, J S	22	1956 ↔ *
166	Cumming, D R	346	2286 ↑	440	Neil, C	50	1725 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	49	2235 ↓	453	Newton, A	15	1818 ↔ *
422	Dawson, J	2	0 ↔ *	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	62	1946 ↑
572	Dempster, D	497	1627 ↓	444	Paine, Dr K A	66	2127 ↑
430	Doherty, T	19	1706 ↔ *	1012	Paulin, A	9	0 ↔ *
595	Domnin, M	6	0 ↔ *	379	Phillips, G H	209	2104 ↔
371	Edney, D	137	1973 ↑	432	Price, D	78	1976 ↑
372	Flockhart, H	23	2113 ↔ *	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	726	2259 ↑
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	123	2340 ↔	343	Rawlinson, J	10	0 ↔ *
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	136	Reeman, I F	127	2306 ↔
124	Goodwin, B J	100	2044 ↑	437	Roberts, A	110	1836 ↔
445	Graham, S	194	2243 ↑	407	Ross, D W	26	1920 ↔ *
399	Grant, J	16	1834 ↔ *	398	Rough, R E	23	1893 ↔ *
596	Hardwick, M E	105	1450 ↓	522	Savage, D J	73	1961 ↓
556	Hartford, Mrs E A	168	1912 ↔	449	Scott, A	46	1871 ↓
063	Harvey, D	68	2033 ↔	454	Sheridan, N	12	1535 ↑ *
510	Hislop, A T	169	1936 ↔	439	Smith, M J	22	1858 ↑ *
515	Jack, J P E	24	1783 ↔ *	1125	Spencer, E A	12	1877 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	19	2035 ↔ *	448	Sreeves, C	10	0 ↔ *
322	Jessing, M	26	2111 ↔ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	119	2125 ↔
415	Kerr, A	10	0 ↔ *	442	Swan, I	55	2394 ↔
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	279	2376 ↓	1120	Taylor, W	14	2113 ↔ *
260	Knox, A	59	1674 ↔	1121	Thomson, D	4	0 ↔ *
1117	Laing, D	14	2101 ↔ *	452	Toye, D T	28	1755 ↓ *
419	Lees, J A	81	2072 ↔	065	Young, S M	46	1903 ↔
256	Lennox, C J (SM)	153	2287 ↔				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	103
New entrants	2
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	1
Full grades (30+ games)	65
Provisional grades (<30 games)	38
Grading increases (↑)	21
Grading decreases (↓)	19
Grading static (↔)	63

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2511	Lennox, C J (SM)	2287
McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	2452	Cumming, D R	2286
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Montgomery, R S	2284
Matheis, T (SM)	2425	May, M A	2283
Swan, I	2394	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2259
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2376	Lloyd, G	2250
Craig, T J (SM)	2364	Graham, S	2243
Gillam, S R (SM)	2340	Dawson, Prof A G	2235
Livie, G W G (IM)	2339	Borwell, A P (IM)	2201
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2335	Maxwell, A	2183
Baxter, R W M (SM)	2332	Bennett, P G	2148
Bell, A D	2326	Paine, Dr K A	2127
Brown, Dr A C	2318	Stewart, Dr K W C	2125
Anderson, G M	2316	Phillips, G H	2104
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MacGregor, C A	233	Gillam, S R (SM)	123

Other Notes

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries, and members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating. Players registered as SCO with ICCF, but who are not SCCA members, have been filtered out.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site (<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>), click on the Rating list link then complete the search boxes.

The main ICCF website (<http://www.iccf.com/>) allows you to download a free program which allows you to analyse your previous and future rating performance.

Go to ICCF Ratings on the main menu then click on the Download Eloquery link. Various zip files are available, containing the program, ratings database, historical and tournament data.



ICCF Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

ICCF introduced a new World Cup for Veteran players (over age 60) in 2008 with the first tournament organised by the Czech CCCA, in memoriam of Stanislav Volgar. It attracted over 150 players in 13 groups, with the winner of each group qualifying for the 1st Veterans World Cup Final, with 13 players, which has been started recently.

The ICCF Congress in Pleven, Bulgaria in 2008 decided that following the popularity of the inaugural tournament amongst older players, new Veterans World Cups would be started each year. The Scottish CCA offered to organise a second and subsequent tournaments on behalf of ICCF and provide Cups and prizes for the top 3 medallists.

The 2nd Veterans World Cup was started in September 2009 and attracted a massive 273 entries, playing in 21 groups with the top three from each group being guaranteed a place in the Semifinals stage, which is expected to start in early 2011.

The Third ICCF Veteran's World Cup will be started on 1st September 2010 (see notice at the end of this article).

These new Veterans World Cups are proving to be very popular with older players, both from enjoyment of playing and exchanging of messages with fellow veterans! Here are three games which I have completed recently in the 2nd Veterans World Cup.

Rissanen,H (2170) – Borwell,A (2206) [A00] ICCF Veterans WC2, Group P06, 2009

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	d6
6.f3	Qb6
7.Be3	a6
8.Qd2	Qxb2

As in Hnatovsky-Schister CC 2007 – an unbalanced and interesting position with Black having 3 pieces for Queen.



9.Rb1

[9.Rb1 Qa3 10.Bb5 axb5 11.Ndxb5 Qa5 12.Bb6 Qxb6 13.Nxd6+ exd6 14.Rxb6 Be7 15.Rb1 0-0 16.0-0 Rd8∞]

9...	Qa3
10.Bb5	axb5
11.Ndxb5	Qa5
12.Bb6	Qxb6
13.Nxd6+	exd6
14.Rxb6	Be7
15.Rb1	0-0
16.0-0	h6
17.Rfd1	Nd7
18.Qe3	Nc5
19.Nd5	

[19.Nd5 Bd8 20.Nb6 Bxb6 21.Rxb6 Rxa2 22.Rxd6 Rxc2]

19...	Bg5
20.f4	Bd8

[20...Bd8 21.Nb6 Bxb6 22.Rxb6 Re8 23.e5 Nd7 24.Rxc6 bxc6 25.Rxd6 Rxa2 26.Rxc6 Nf8 27.Qd3 g6 28.Qc4 Be6 29.Qe2 Rd8]

21.e5	Re8
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[21...Re8 22.Nc3 Ra3 23.Rxd6 Na4 24.Rd3 Nxc3 25.Rxc3 Rxa2 26.Qc4 Be7 27.Rb5 (27.h3 Rd8 28.Kh2 g6 29.Qe3 Kg7) 27...g6 28.Qc4 Ra1+ 29.Kf2 Kg7 30.Rd3 Be6 31.Qc3 Ra4 32.Kg3 Rc8 33.Rxb7 Bb4 34.Qb2 Be1+ 35.Kf3 Nb4 36.Rd6 Rxc2 37.Rxb4 Rxb2 38.Rxb2 h5⌘]

22.Nc3	Ra3
23.Rxd6	Na4
24.Rd3	Nxc3
25.Rxc3	Rxa2
26.Qe4	Be7
27.h3	Rd8

Maybe g6 first was better, to answer Rd3 with Bf5 and then 28. Rxd8, Nxd8

28.Rd3	Bc5+
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[28...Rxd3 29.cxd3 Ra6 30.Rb5 Ra1+ 31.Kh2 Ra2 32.Qc4 Be6 33.Qc1 g6 34.Rxb7 Bd5 35.Rb2 Ba3 36.Qxc6 Bxc6 37.Rxa2 Be7 38.Ra6 Bd5 39.Ra5 Bc6 40.d4 Kg7 41.d5 Bb4 42.Ra1 Bxd5]

29.Kh1	
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[29.Kh1 Nd4 30.Rd2 Bf5 31.Qxb7 Rc8 32.Rf1 Ra7 33.Qb2 Ne6 34.Qb3 Ra3 35.Qb7 Rc7 36.Qb8+ Kh7 37.Rd8 Kg6]

29...	Nd4
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30.Rd2

Decision here is whether Black should hold b-pawn or play Bf5 immediately. Subsequently, keeping the b-pawn maybe offered Black better winning possibilities. [30.Rd2 b6 (30...Bf5 31.Qxb7 Rc8 32.Re1 Ra7 33.Qb2 Ra4 34.c3 Ba3 35.Qb6 Bc5 36.Qb7 Ra7 37.Qd5 Be6 38.Qe4 Bf5 39.Qd5=) 31.Rbd1 Bf5 32.Qe3 Bxc2 33.Rxd4 Rxd4 34.Rxd4 Ra1+ 35.Kh2 Rd1 36.e6 Rxd4 37.e7 Ba4 38.e8Q+ Bxe8 39.Qxe8+ Kh7 40.Qxf7±]

30...	Bf5
31.Qxb7	Rc8
32.Re1	Ra7
33.Qb2	Ra4
34.c3	Ba3
35.Qb6	Bc5
36.Qb2	Ba3
37.Qb6	Bc5

Offered draw – agreed ½-½



Borwell,A (2206) – Kahn,A (1800) [B00]
ICCF Veterans WC2 – Group P13.,2009

1.e4	c6
2.b3	d5
3.Bb2	dxe4
4.Nc3	Nf6
5.Nge2	Bf5
6.Ng3	Bg6
7.h4	h6
8.h5	Bh7
9.Qe2	e6



[9...e6 10.Ngxe4 Nbd7 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Kb1 0-0-0 13.g3 Ba3 14.Bg2 Bxb2 15.Kxb2 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Nf6 18.d4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 Rd5 20.Qg4 Rg5 21.Qe2 Rd8 22.c4 Rd7 23.a3 Qd8 24.Qe3 Rf5 25.f4 Ra5 26.b4 Qb6 27.c5 Qb5 28.Qd3 b6 29.Qxb5 Rxb5 30.Kc3=]

10.Ngxe4	Be7
11.0-0-0	Nbd7
12.g4	Qa5
13.Kb1	0-0-0
14.Bg2	Kb8
15.f4	Nd5
16.Qf3	Ba3

[16...Ba3 17.Bxa3 Qxa3 18.f5 Nxc3+ 19.dxc3 Qe7 20.Rhe1 Ne5 21.Qf4 f6 22.Rd4 exf5 23.gxf5 c5 24.Rdd1 Qc7 25.c4

Rhe8 26.Nc3 Rxd1+ 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Nd5 Qd6 29.Qg3 Qf8 30.Be4 Rd7 31.Re1]

17.Bxa3	Qxa3
18.f5	e5
19.Nxd5	cxd5
20.Nc3	Nb6
21.Qg3	f6
22.d4	Rhe8
23.Rhe1	a6
24.dxe5	Ka7
25.e6	

[18...e5 19.Nxd5 cxd5 20.Nc3 Nb6 21.Qg3 Qd6 22.Nb5 Qe7 23.d4 Rhe8 24.Rhe1 f6 25.a4 a6 26.Nc3 Bg8 27.a5]



[25.e6 d4 26.Qf3 Re7 27.Ne4 Nd5 28.Qf2 Qb4 29.c4]

25...	d4
26.Qc7	Re7
27.Nb5+	axb5
28.Qxd8	
1-0	



Borwell,A (2206) – Sergeev,V (2409) [B00]
ICCF Veterans WC2 – Group P06.,2009

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	e5
6.Ndb5	d6
7.Bg5	a6
8.Na3	b5
9.Bxf6	gxf6



10.Nd5	f5	20.Nxd5	Qa7
11.Bxb5	axb5	21.Qf3	Be6
12.Nxb5	Ra4	[21...Be6 22.Nf6+ e4 23.Nxe4 fxe4 24.Qc3+ Qc5 25.Qxh8 Rf4]	
13.Nbc7+	Kd7	22.Nb4+	Kd7
14.0-0	Rxe4	23.Qc6+	Kd8
15.Qh5	Ne7	Offered a draw which was agreed ½-½	
16.Qxf7	Kc6		
17.Rfd1	Qd7		
18.Qh5	Rg4		
19.Qh3	Nxd5		



Third ICCF Veterans' World Cup

The ICCF Congress in Pleven, Bulgaria in 2008 decided that following the great popularity of the tournament among older players, new Veteran's World Cups would be started every year.

The Scottish CCA offered to organise the second and subsequent tournaments on behalf of ICCF working in collaboration with the ICCF Non Title Tournament's Commissioner. Special cup trophies would be provided by the Scottish CCA to ICCF for winners of each tournament.

The **Third ICCF Veteran's World Cup** will be started on **1st September 2010**.

As with the 2nd VWC, the event will be **organised in three stages**, which will allow several players from each group stage to advance to the Semi-finals and Final. The number of promotions will depend on the total of entries received, but groups at each stage will comprise of 13 players (12 games) **played by webserver with a rate of play of 10 moves in 40 days**.

ICCF Veteran's World Cups are open to **all players who are 60 years old or more** at the start of the tournament. Although the number of preliminary groups which each player may enter is unlimited, no player will qualify for more than two Semi-final groups or more than one place in the Final.

Players may enter in the usual way through their National Federations or, where eligible, via the ICCF Direct Entry system. The Direct Entry fee is calculated based on the method of payment and currency chosen, with the exact amount shown during the registration process.

Entries via National Federations should contain player's name, date of birth, Email address, ICCF ID and current rating and should be forwarded by Email to the Tournament Organiser Alan P. Borwell, Email:- alanborwell@iccf.com, to reach him before **17th July 2010**. It would be appreciated if Federations send entries "as received" and not delay them until closing date.

Entries from players who countries participate in the ICCF **Direct Entry Scheme** should send their entries, using the DE system. The Closing date for Direct Entries will be **31st July 2010**.

All veteran chess players are heartily invited to enter this tournament, both for the enjoyment of games and friendly contact/communication with senior players round the World.

Member Federations are asked to give the tournament wide publicity to veteran players.

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World Tournament Director



Spanish Exchange Variation By Andrew Martin



This is probably one of the first openings I tried to learn when I took up chess. Like many players of my generation I was inspired by the great Bobby Fischer. I wish Andrew Martin's DVD was around at the time as I might have obtained a far greater understanding of the subtleties of this fantastic opening.

A simple idea underpins the Exchange Variation of the Ruy Lopez. Take all the pieces off and White wins the ending. Naturally, the execution of this plan is anything but simple because Black obtains the Bishop pair and free piece play to compensate him for his doubled pawns on c6. Nevertheless, it is useful to have something to aim for!

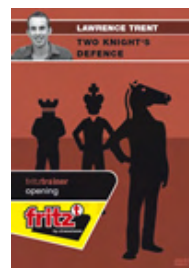


Many World Champions have employed 4.Bxc6 and we will see some of their encounters on this DVD, along with a collection of very recent examples. Bobby Fischer was perhaps the most influential of those who played 4.Bxc6, as he showed the line could be played dynamically and that White was not restricted only to play for better endgames.

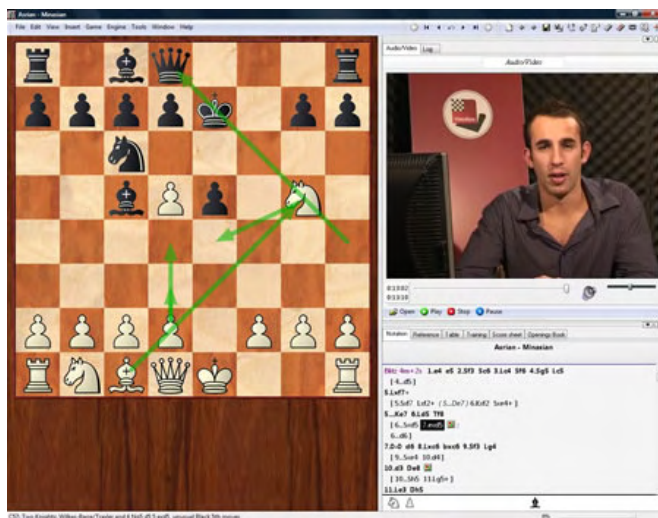
The Exchange Variation is suitable for all levels of player, completely sound and a good tournament weapon. On this new ChessBase DVD, Andrew Martin makes a convincing case for White's chances. In 2010, 4.Bxc6 is as dangerous as ever. Video running time: 4 hours.

System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.

Two Knight's Defence By Lawrence Trent



On this DVD, IM Lawrence Trent presents a comprehensive repertoire and thematic analysis of the most enterprising, yet well less documented move 1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 in the Two Knight's Defence. Once labelled a "foolish" and "primitive" lunge by the old masters, White ignores his development in order to immediately attack the Achilles Heel of Black's position on f7.



However, with no less than five World Champions and modern-day Super GMs such as Nigel Short and Hikaru Nakamura essaying this romantic option, 4.Ng5 not only dodges the well-trodden theoretical paths of the Ruy Lopez, but provides an exciting and perfectly sound alternative for the first player. 4.Ng5 is, therefore, certainly no move to be ridiculed! Video running time: 4 h 45 min.

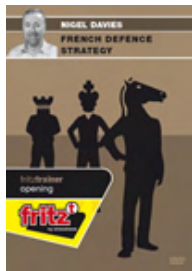
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Trent starts this DVD with the exciting Traxler counter gambit, or as some say the Wilkes - Barre variation that runs with the exciting move 4..Bc5!?

As we can see in the following game:
 Asrian,A (2634) - Minasian,K (2457)
 ARM-ch Yerevan, 2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Bc5 [4...d5] 5.Bxf7+
 [5.Nxf7 Bxf2+ (5...Qe7) 6.Kxf2 Nxe4+] 5...Ke7 6.Bd5 Rf8
 [6...Nxd5 7.exd5; 6...d6] 7.0-0 d6 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nf3 Bg4
 [9...Nxe4 10.d4] 10.d3 Qe8 [10...Nh5 11.Bg5+] 11.Be3 Qh5
 [11...Bxe3 12.fxe3] 12.Nbd2 Bb6 [12...Bb6; 12...Bxf3 13.Qxf3
 Qxf3 14.Nxf3] 13.a4 Bxf3 [13...a6] 14.Qxf3 Qh4 15.Bxb6
 axb6 16.Qg3 Qxg3 17.hxg3 Nd7 18.b3 g5 19.Nc4 d5 20.Ne3
 Nc5 21.exd5 cxd5 22.Nxd5+ Kd6 23.Nc3 1-0.

French Defence Strategy By Nigel Davies



The French Defence is one of the best choices a player can make for his opening repertoire, especially older players with limited study time. The solid construction of Black's game puts the onus on positional understanding and makes it immune to sharp and tricky variations. The longer you play the French the better you'll play it. On this DVD Nigel Davies explains the strategy behind the French Defence by examining typical pawn structures and explaining the plans and ideas for both sides.



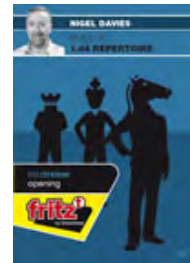
The concepts are illustrated via a series of instructive games allowing the viewer to improve his understanding of this opening whilst watching some entertaining and creative chess being played. After watching this DVD the viewer will understand what to do in typical French Defence middle games and never be at a loss for a plan. It will also make it easier to learn specific variations because these can then be hung on hooks of understanding. Video runnig time: 4 hours.

Nigel Davies is an International Grandmaster and highly respected chess coach. He has played the French Defence on

and off since his teenage years and taught this opening to a number of his students.

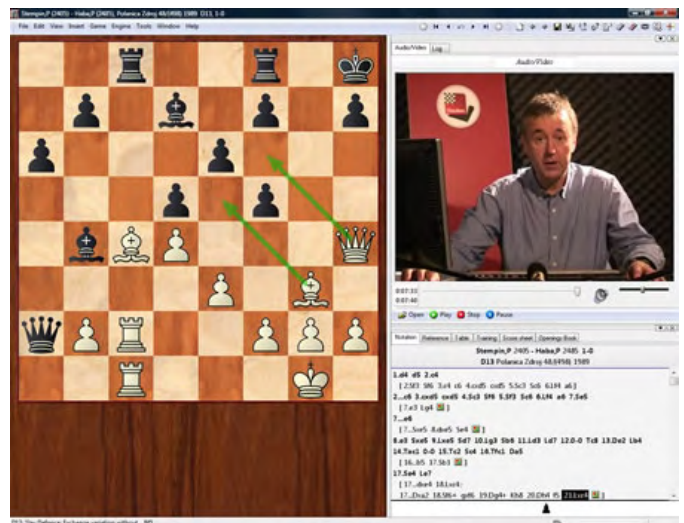
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Build a 1.d4 Repertoire By Nigel Davies



Creating a Repertoire can be a difficult and demanding job, especially for those with limited study time. Attempts to implement a lot of new openings at the same time can set a player adrift in a sea of unknown chess patterns. This in turn can have a catastrophic impact on their game. On this DVD Nigel Davies explains how to go about this process of building a repertoire the right way, with a minimal amount of stress or sweeping wholesale changes.

Instead of changing everything at once he proposes that you start out with a Queen's Pawn Opening such as the London System, Torre Attack or Colle System and then build on these openings step by step. After playing 1.d4 and 2.Nf3 you will gradually introduce lines with 3.c4 whilst acquiring an understanding of the middle games this will lead to.



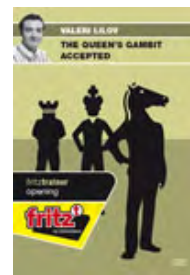
Davies makes specific recommendations about which variations you should play and the order in which they should be introduced. In the final stage of their repertoire development players may wish to switch to 1.d4 and 2.c4, but with the groundwork having been properly laid. At the end of the DVD Davies explains how to go about this and discusses some of the issues involved. Running time: 5 hours.

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The Sicilian Kan Variation By Valeri Lilov



The Queen's Gambit Accepted By Valeri Lilov



This dynamic and flexible opening starts with moves 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6. Through carefully selected games and analysis made for that system, the author will help you understand the opening without the need to memorize tons of moves.

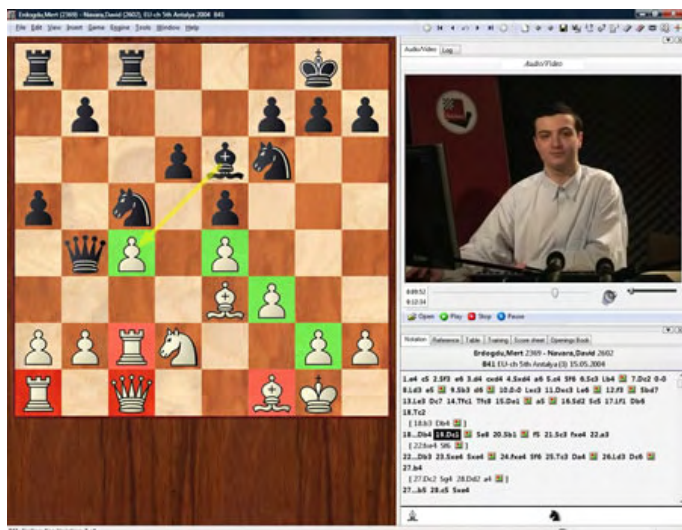
The many innovative ideas that the Sicilian Kan offers combined with the fool-proof teaching approach of the lecturer will give you the opportunity to find your own way of utilizing this solid opening with great success.

A unique Dragon-Najdorf setup is what FM Lilov calls the core of the Sicilian Kan, which will guarantee you a strong and active position even late in the middle game, which will provide you with plenty of counterattack opportunities. Video running time: 4 hours 29 minutes.

Flexible plans for Black and strong weapons against the majority of White's deviations from the main line are presented in an easy-to-understand manner. Most of the key ideas are illustrated with great examples from notable games between famous chess titans including Kasparov, Anand, Petrosian, Smyslov, and Kharlov.

In this DVD, FM Lilov will teach you a plan for Black with a6, b5, Bb7, Nbd7 and c5, which is one of the best ways to meet White's Queen's Gambit. For those of you who like to experiment more in the opening, the FIDE Master has prepared a creative plan with Bg4. Video running time: 4 h 23 min.

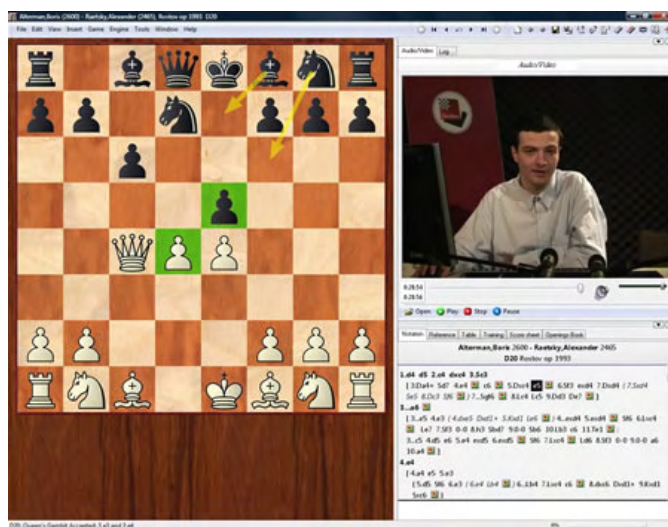
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Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

It's been an interesting few months since the last magazine. Firstly record lows in the weather which saw me stuck in most of the time, then a volcano goes off in Iceland. I hope none of our members are stranded abroad.

I got a nice couple of games from Richard Beecham and David Cumming. After Iain's instructions last time out I have edited David's games to say pawn. Those of you who are nostalgic can just think prawn when you are going over David's games.

I read with interest Richard's comments in his letter in the last Magazine. I like Richard a lot and although I can understand his thoughts on the use of the word prawn I totally disagree with Richard's comment "The Games Editor should have stamped it out years ago". The games column belongs to the members and I do not see it as my job to change their annotations unless there is some major error or ambiguity. Even then I contact the annotator to clarify things. Frankly no one else has ever complained to me regarding David's use of the word prawn. In fact if they wanted to cut down on its use they could have sent in more of their own games. David has been the largest contributor to the games column since I took over so more of his games do appear. Anyway Richard, David and I will remain friends so I hope this is the last time I have to mention this matter.

Olympiad 18 Prelims Section 2 Board 1, 19.04.2010

White: C. Richard Beecham

Black: Yoav Dothan (2648)

Catalan [D00]

[Annotator C. Richard Beecham]

My opponent Yoav is an Elite Grand Master, being in the World's Top 20 players. He has become a very good chess friend and we exchanged long letters about family, our countries, religion, we exchanged photos of both holidays and home life. Yoav even offered me a place in the 49th Israeli Championship Final; I was very honoured, but declined. So, what opening do you play against the "best-in-the-world"? Playing Black against 1.d4 he usually plays either a QGD or Slav; I noticed that he rarely met a Catalan, and this being my "opening of choice" against the strongest players....

1.d4 **d5**
2.c4 **e6**
3.Nf3 **Nf6**
4.g3 **Be7**

Black can go 9 different ways after 4...dxc4, this helps me greatly as now I have only 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 or 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 dxc4 to worry about.

5.Bg2 **0-0**
6.0-0 **dxc4**
7.Qc2 **a6**



We have 2 other possible moves here. Firstly 7...c5 which does not look too good after 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Nxc4 Qe7 11.Nfe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 and now in "Chess Informant 91" Mikhalevski gives the following lines 12...Bd6 (and 12...Bd4 13.Bf4 Nd5 14.Rfd1 Nxf4 15.gxf4 Bb6 In both lines White has a clear positional advantage.) 13.Nc4 Bc7 14.b3! Rd8 15.Ba3 Qe8 16.Rfd1±; And secondly 7...Bd7 8.Qxc4 Bc6 9.Nc3 a6 10.Bg5 b5 11.Qd3 Nbd7 12.a3! with this move White prepares b2-b4 which prevents Black's natural break with c5.

8.Qxc4!

This is a "personal" exclamation mark. I learned that 8.a4?! was only worth a draw; in the game Beecham-Liebert Scotland v Rest of the World - Board 1. We continued 8.a4 Bd7 9.Qxc4 Bc6 10.Bg5 Bd5 11.Qc2 Be4 12.Qc1 h6 13.Bf4 Nc6 14.Rd1 Nd5 15.Nc3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Na5 17.Nd2 (½-½)

8... **b5**
9.Qc2 **Bb7**
10.Bd2

This is a clever little move. It prevents Black from easily carrying out the

natural ...c5, as Blacks...Nbd7 can be met with Ba5!

10... **Be4**
11.Qc1



11... **h6!?**

TN This move has not been played before. After checking Mega-Database I found similar ideas in the games of Judit Polgar and Nigel Short. To me it is a useful waiting move, taking away the g5 square from White.

12.Rd1!?



I now think that 12.a3! was better, controlling the b4 square was more important than indirectly protecting d4.

12... **Bd6**
13.Nc3 **Bb7**
14.Ne5 **Bxg2**
15.Kxg2 **Nbd7**
16.f3 **b4!?**

Here, Yoav told me that this move was the 6th choice on his program. His move would not have been possible had I played 12.a3 followed by b4. I expected 16...Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.Bxh6 Nd5 19.Bg5 f6 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Be3 Re8 with a level position.

17.Na4



The idea of 17.Nc6 is a dead end viz... 17...Qe8! 18.Nb1 a5 19.Qc2 Nb8! 20.Nxb8 Rxb8 21.e4 Qb5 22.Be3 c5! with a slight initiative for Black.

- 17... Qb8
- 18.Nxd7 Nxd7
- 19.Be3 Qb5
- 20.Qc2 e5
- 21.Rd2 Rae8
- 22.Rad1 f5
- 23.dxe5 Rxe5

Best. After 23...Qxe5 24.Bf4 Qb5 25.Bxd6 Kf7; or 23...Nxe5 24.Bf2 Rf6 25.b3 Nf7 26.Nc5 White is better.]

24.Bd4 Re7

I had hoped for 24.Re6!? 24...Re6 when after 25.e3 Ne5 26.b3 Qb7 27.Rf2 g5 28.Qe2 Ng4 29.Qc4 Rf7 30.Nc5 Qc6 31.Re2 Ne5 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Nxa6 Qxc4 34.bxc4 f4 35.Rd4 Rxe3 36.Rxe3 fxe3 37.c5 Be7 38.Rxb4 White has a big advantage.

25.e3 Ne5

The main alternative was 25...Be5 26.Bxe5 Nxe5 27.b3 Nf7 28.Kf2 Rfe8 29.Rd5 White retaining a small advantage.

- 26.b3 Qb7
- 27.Rf2 g5
- 28.Nc5

I could see no advantage after a possible 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Re1 Ra5!? 30.e4 fxe4 31.Rxe4 Rf6 32.Re8+ Kg7 33.Qc4 Qd5 34.Qxd5 Rxd5 35.Nb2 Rf8 36.Re6 Rf6 37.Re4 Rdf5

- 28... Qb5
- 29.Rc1 g4
- 30.fgx4?!

Here I chicken out. I should have played 30.f4!? but I saw the draw and took it. After 30.f4!? Nf3 (30...Qc6+ 31.Kf1

Qb5+ 32.Re2 Nf3 33.Qc4+ Qxc4 34.Rxc4 a5 35.Nb7 Ra8 36.Rc6 Rd7 37.Nxd6 cxd6 38.Bb2±) 31.Qc4+ Qxc4 32.Rxc4 a5 33.Nb7 Ra8 34.Rc6 and White retains a small but lasting advantage.

- 30... Nxc4
- 31.Rxf5 Rxf5
- 32.Qxf5 Qe2+
- 33.Kh3 (½-½)

After 33...Nf2+ 34.Kg2 is a perpetual check as Black is a pawn down. It's too risky to try 34...Nd1+ 35.Kg1 Be5 36.Bxe5 Rxe5 37.Qc8+ When White has a nice plus. ½-½



World Correspondence Chess Championship Candidates Section 4, 20.04.2010
White: C. Richard Beecham
Black: Mario Bellegotti
 Catalan [D30]
 [Annotator C. Richard Beecham]

There are many silly ways to die. The writer Nathanael West died after a car crash on a flat stretch of road in Southern California, where any other car approaching could be seen for a couple of hours beforehand. The Ancient Greek painter Zeuxis laughed so hard at the painting of a hideous hag he had just completed that he burst a blood vessel and died. History, like chess, is littered with stupidly self-inflicted deaths. My opponent Mario decides on a long, lingering death! The game however is a good example of "good Knight" v "bad Bishop". Games at this level, just below World Championship Final level are very difficult to win, in this tournament, when this game was completed we had only 2 wins and 56 draws. This win clinched the Senior International Master Title for me.

- 1.d4 d5
- 2.c4 e6
- 3.g3

The Catalan is a useful opening if you want to avoid the Nimzo and Queen's Indian or the Queen's Gambit. It is not always the quiet opening that some may think as we shall see in my notes.

- 3... Nf6
- 4.Bg2 dxc4
- 5.Nf3 Nc6
- 6.Qa4

This is the most challenging continuation, Black's main plan with 5...Nc6 is to meet

6.0-0 with 6...Rb8 followed by ...b5. In this case Black does not have to waste time on the preparatory ...a6, thus saving a tempo; 6.Qa4 therefore cuts across Black's plans.

- 6... Bb4+
- 7.Bd2 Nd5

Another idea is 7...Bd6, which has been played by Kramnik and Anand, but now I think 8.Na3 is probably best, capturing the c-pawn with the Knight and making it more difficult for Black to play e6-e5. So Black goes 8...Bxa3!? 9.Qxa3 Ne4 10.Be3 Qd6 11.Rc1 Qxa3 12.bxa3 Nd6 13.Ne5 Bd7 14.Nxc4 Nf5 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.e3 Nfe7 17.g4 and White had a pleasant advantage in Gustafsson-Khenkin Germany 2005.

8.Bxb4

Here I considered 8.Qb5!?, which involves a pawn sacrifice, but playing a sacrifice in a C.C. game is different to OTB where the time clock is more restrictive. The most popular continuation after 8.Qb5 is 8...Bxd2+ 9.Nbxd2 c3 10.bxc3 Nxc3 11.Qd3 Nd5 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfc1 h6 14.Rab1 Nb6 15.e4 Qe7 16.Nb3 Rd8 17.Qe3 as in Tkachiev-Inkirov, Aubervilliers 2003 where White has typical OTB compensation.

- 8... Ndx64
- 9.0-0

[I spent many hours on the amazing position after 9.a3 b5 10.Qxb5 Nc2+ 11.Kd2 Bd7 12.Kxc2 Nxd4+ 13.Nxd4 Bxb5 14.Nxb5 Rb8



- I came to the conclusion that it is Black who is better after say 15.N1c3 0-0 16.Rad1 Qf6 17.Ne4 Qg6 18.Nbc3 Rfd8 19.Rxd8+ Rxd8 20.e3 Rd3 21.Kc1 Qf5 22.Re1 h6 23.h3 Rxc3+!! 24.bxc3 Qa5

- 9... Rb8

Black has a natural alternative in 9...a6 10.Ne5 0-0 11.Nxc6 Nxc6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Qxc4 Rb8 14.b3 as played in Delchev-

G.Timoshenko, Mosko 2001, but White retains a small but lasting advantage.

10.Nc3 a6
11.Ne5 0-0
12.Nxc6 Nxc6
13.Bxc6



In the World C.C. Final 18 V.Piccardo-H.E.Van Kempen was drawn in 33 moves after 13.Qxc4 Qxd4 14.Bxc6 Qxc4 15.Ne4 bxc6 16.b3

13... bxc6
14.Qxc4 Rxb2

Also possible is 14...Qd6 but White may be better after 15.Ne4 Qd5 16.Qc2!?

15.Rab1 Rb6
16.Qc5 h6
17.a4 Rxb1

An interesting alternative was 17...a5!? 18.e3 Ba6 19.Rfd1 Qb8 with the idea of activating the Bishop via Be2 or Bd3.

18.Rxb1 Qd6
19.Ne4 Qd5
20.Qxd5 cxd5
21.Nc5



Looking at the above diagram, we can see that White is a pawn down and yet in such a simple looking position the Knight on c5 dominates the Bishop on c8. White has a small but lasting advantage.

21... f6
22.f3 e5
23.e3 Kf7
24.a5 Ke7

25.Rb8 Rd8
26.Kf2 h5
27.Ra8 Bf5!?

It may have been better to keep Rooks on and try 27...g5 28.Ke1 h4 29.Kd2 exd4 30.exd4 and 30...c6

28.Rxd8 Kxd8
29.Nxa6 Kd7
30.h4 Kd6
31.Nb4 c5



32.a6!

Rather obvious, but still it's good to have an exclamation mark now and again! The next few moves are forced reminding us that the White Knight is still very good indeed.

32... Bc8
33.a7 Bb7
34.Nd3 c4
35.Nc5



35... Bc6

36.g4! This was the point at which I realised that White's position was won. The passed Black "c" pawn can be mopped up by White's King. Meanwhile the Black King must remain on the Queen side to cover White's "a" pawn.

36... c3
37.Ke2 c2
38.Kd2 e4
39.gxh5 exf3
40.Nd3 Kc7
41.Kxc2 Kb7
42.Kd2 Kxa7

43.Nf4 Be8
44.Ke1 Bf7
45.Kf2 Kb7
46.Kxf3



White has won a pawn and with it the game. The Black Bishop is still bad.

46... Kc6
47.Kg4 Kd6
48.Kf5 Ke7

No better was 48...Be8 49.h6 gxh6 50.Kxf6 Bc6 51.h5

49.h6 gxh6
50.Ng6+ Kd6
51.Kxf6 Be6
52.Nf4 Bg4
53.Kg6 Bf3
54.Kxh6 Kd7
55.h5 Bg4
56.Kg7 Black Resigns. 1-0



British Correspondence Chess League, 2009

White: David R Cumming
Black: Kevin Carter
Semi-Slav [D45]
[David R Cumming]

1.d4 d5
2.c4 c6
3.Nf3 Nf6
4.e3 e6
5.Nc3 Nbd7
6.Qc2



Semi-Slav Defence, Stoitiz's Variation, akin to the Meran Defence, except that White has played 6/Qc2, to which Black responded with the slightly passive ...Be7, instead of ...Bd6, which prepares the ...e5 break.

6... Be7
7.Bd3 dxc4
8.Bxc4 b5
9.Bd3 Bb7
10.a3

10.0-0 a6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.Bd2 c5 13.dxc5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.Rac1 Rc8 16.Qb1 Ke7 17.b4 Bd6 18.e4 Ng4 19.Qb2 f6 20.Bc3 e5 21.h3 Nh6 22.Bd2 Nf7 23.Be3 Qd8 24.a3 g5 Federic,J (2176) - Podoba,M (2083) / Slovakian2007/EXT2008/1/2-1/2.

10... a6N



10...0-0 11.e4 h6 12.0-0 Rc8 13.Qe2 a6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Qe4 f5 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Qh7+ Kf7 18.Ne5+ Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rf4 20.Bg6+ 1-0 Lopez,J-Vilaplana Valls, H/ Valencia 2004/ CBM 098.; 10...a5 11.Ne4 (11.0-0 b4 12.Ne4 0-0 13.Nxf6+ Nxf6 14.e4 Nd7 15.e5 g6 16.Bh6 Re8 17.Be4 Qb6 18.Rfd1 c5 19.dxc5 Nxc5 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 21.Bg5 Bf8 22.axb4 Qxb4 23.Rd4 Qb3 24.Rc4 Qxc2 25.Rxc2 h6 Hansen,C (2560) - Hort,V (2590)/Dortmund 1988/ CBM 007/0-1) 11...Rc8 12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.e4 Qb6 14.Be3 c5 15.d5 exd5 16.exd5 Bxd5 17.0-0-0 b4 18.a4 b3 19.Qe2 Qb4 20.Bb5 Bc6 21.Bd2 Bxb5 22.axb5 Qa4 23.Bc3 Nf8 24.Nd2 Ne6 25.Qc4 Chuchelov,V (2608)-Zvjaginsev,V (2653)/Mainz 2003/ CBM ext/1-0.

11.b4= Qc7
12.0-0 e5±
13.dxe5 Nxe5
14.Nxe5 Qxe5
15.Bb2 Qc7??

Disastrously inactive, and losing a tempo by playing the Queen back to c7, from where it is vulnerable to a pin along the c-file, and for tactical reasons opening the b7-g2 diagonal by advancing the c-pawn

now becomes much more difficult. [Deep Junior 10 15...Ng4 16.g3 Qh5 17.h4 0-0 18.Ne2 c5 19.Nf4 Qh6 20.Be4 Bxe4 21.Qxe4 Bf6 22.Bxf6 Nxf6 23.Qc6 c4]

16.Ne4+- Ng4



Black would have saved a tempo and preserved a slight disadvantage from his perspective had he played this move instead of his actual 15th, which pretty clearly wasted a very valuable tempo.

17.Ng3 h5
18.Bf5!

Prevents Black castling Queenside, attacks the ...Ng4 thereby prejudicing the advance of the pawn on h5 and restricts the mobility of Black's pieces!

18... Nxe2?

Desperation!

19.Rfd1 Bc8
20.Be5!! Nf3+



20...Qxe5 21.Qxc6+ Deep Junior 10: 21...Kf8 22.Qxa8 g6 23.Rac1 Kg7 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Bxc8 Bf6 26.Rd5 Qb2 27.Kxh2 Qxf2 28.Qa7 Bb2 29.Qe7

21.gxf3 Bxf5
22.Nxf5 Qb7
23.Nxe7 Kxe7
24.Bxg7 f6
25.Qf5 Raf8?
26.Bxf8+ Rxf8

Deep Junior 10: 26...Kf7 27.Rd6 Rg8+

28.Kh1 Rg6 29.Rg1 Rxc1+ 30.Kxc1 Qe7 31.Bxe7 Kg7 32.Qxf6+ Kg8 33.Rd8+ Kh7 34.Rh8#

27.Qe4+

Forces my opponents next move, thereby dropping his Queen, and he will shortly be mated too.

27... Kf7
28.Qh7+

28.Qh7+ Ke6 29.Qxb7 Deep Junior 10: 29...Rg8+ 30.Kh2 Kf5 31.Rd5+ cxd5 32.Qxd5+ Kg6 33.Rg1+ Kh6 34.Qxg8 h4 35.Qg6#] 1-0



Red Hot Pawn Web Site

White: David R Cumming (1873)

Black: sonnyboy (1935)

Nimzo-Indian Defence [E39]

[Annotator David R Cumming]

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 e6
3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Qc2 c5
5.dxc5 0-0
6.a3 Bxc5
7.Nf3

[7.Bf4]

7...Nc6 [7...b6]

8.Bg5

[8.Bf4; 8.e3; 8.b4; 8.g3]

8... Nd4

8...Be7; 8...b6; 8...h6

9.Nxd4 Bxd4
10.e3 Qa5



10...Be5 11.Bd3 h6 12.Bh4 b6 13.f4; 10...Bxc3+ 11.Qxc3 Ne4 12.Bxd8 Nxc3 13.Bc7 Na4 (13...Ne4) 14.Bd6 Re8 15.b3 Nb6 16.e4

11.exd4 **Qxg5**
12.Qd2

[12.g3]

12... **Qxd2+**
13.Kxd2 **b6**

13...d6; 13...d5 14.c5 Bd7 15.f3 Rfe8
 16.Bd3 e5 17.Rhe1 exd4 18.Ne2] **14.b4**
 [14.f3; 14.Bd3

14... **Bb7**

14...d6 15.Bd3 Rd8 16.f3 h5 17.h4 Kf8
 18.Rhe1 Bd7 19.Rab1 (19.f4) 19...Rac8
 20.Rec1 e5 21.Nb5 Bxb5 22.cxb5 exd4
 23.Rc6 Nd5 24.Rbc1 Rxc6 25.bxc6 Nc7
 26.Re1 (26.g4) 26...Re8 27.f4 Rxe1
 28.Kxe1 Ke7 29.Be2 Kasparov,G (2820)-
 Kramnik,V (2770)/Tilburg 1997/CBM
 061/[Dokhojan]½-½.; 14...Ba6

15.f3 **d6**
16.Bd3 **Rfd8**

16...Rfc8 17.Rhc1 (17.Nb5 Ne8 18.Rhc1
 Kf8 19.Nc3 Ke7 20.a4 a5 21.Rab1 axb4
 22.Rxb4 Ba6 23.Ne2 d5 24.Rxb6 Bxc4
 25.Bxc4 dxc4 26.Nc3 Nd6 27.g4 h5 28.h3
 Rh8 29.Ke3 Rhc8 30.Rb4 hxg4 31.hxg4
 Karpov,A(2674)-Unzicker,W(2437)/
 Mainz 2005/CBM107 ext/½-½.) 17...Kf8
 18.a4 (18.Ne4 Nxe4+ 19.Bxe4 d5 20.cxd5
 Bxd5 21.Bxd5) 18...a5 19.Rab1 axb4
 20.Rxb4 Nd7 21.Ne4 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Ra5

17.a4N



17.Rhc1 Kf8 (17...g6 18.Ke3 Rac8 19.Ne4
 Kg7 20.Nd2 e5) 18.Rab1 (18.Nd1 g6
 19.Ne3 Nd7 20.Bc2 a5 21.Ba4 axb4
 22.axb4 Ke7 23.Bb5; 18.Rcb1 Bc6 19.h4
 h6 20.Ke2 g5 21.Kf2 Rac8 22.Rh1 Kg7
 23.Rac1 Rh8 24.Rh2 g4 25.h5 gxf3
 26.gxf3 Kf8 27.Rg1 Ke7 28.Ne4 Bxe4
 29.fxe4 Rhg8 30.Rxg8 Rxg8 31.Rh4 Rg4
 Rochev,Y-Elseth,R (2358)/Panormo
 2001/CBM 084 ext/½-½.) 18...Bc6
 (18...Ke7 19.a4 Rab8 20.a5 bxa5 21.bxa5
 Bc6) 19.a4 a5 20.bxa5 bxa5 21.Rb6 Rdc8
 22.d5 (22.Rcb1 g6 (22...Nd7 23.R6b3 Nf6
 24.Ke3 Ke7; 22...g5 23.d5; 22...Ke7 23.d5

Bd7 24.Rb7 Rc5 25.g4 h6 26.h4) 23.h4 endgame.
 Ke7 24.Be2 (24.Ke3 Nd7 25.R6b2 Rab8
 26.Nb5) 24...Nd7 25.R6b2 Rab8 26.Nb5
 (26.Rxb8 Rxb8 27.Rxb8 Nxb8) 26...e5
 (26...Rb7) 27.Na7 (27.Ke3 exd4+
 28.Kxd4; 27.d5 Bxb5 28.Rxb5 Rxb5
 29.Rxb5 Rc5) 27...Rxb2+ 28.Rxb2 Rc7
 29.Nb5 (29.Nxc6+ Rxc6 30.Kd3 (30.Rb5
 Ra6 (30...exd4 31.Rxa5 Rc7 32.Rb5
 (32.Kd3 Nc5+ 33.Kxd4 Nb3+) 32...Nc5
 Sokolov,I (2656)-Van der Sterren,P
 (2535)/Amsterdam 1999 CBM/073/
 [Golod,V]½-½. (32...Ra7 33.Bd1 Nc5)
 33.a5 Ra7 34.g3 Nb7 35.Kd3 Nxa5
 36.Kxd4) 31.dxe5 Nxe5 (31...dxe5
 32.Kc3) 32.Rb7+) 30...exd4 31.Rb5 Nc5+
 32.Kxd4 Ne6+ (32...Nxa4 33.Rxa5 Nc5
 34.Ra7+) 33.Ke3 Rc5) 29...Rb7 30.d5
 Bxb5 31.Rxb5 Rxb5 32.axb5 (32.cxb5
 Nb6) 32...Kd8) 22...exd5 23.cxd5 Bxd5
 (23...Nxd5 24.Rxc6 Rxc6 25.Nxd5 Rxc1
 26.Kxc1 Rc8+ 27.Kd2 Rc5 28.Nb6)
 24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Rxd6 Rxc1 26.Kxc1
 Ne3 27.g3 Rc8+; 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Ke3
 Kf8 19.Ne4 Bxe4 20.Bxe4 d5 21.cxd5
 Nxd5+ 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Kd3 ½-½
 Masse,H (2224)-Gravel,S (2220)/
 Montreal 2004/EXT 2006

17... **e5±**
18.d5 **a5**
19.Rhb1!+-



Forseeing the opening of the b-file, the
 White Rooks prepare to activate and
 double along this file to devastating
 effect!

19... **Bc8**
20.bxa5 **bxa5**
21.Rb6 **Ra7**
22.Rab1 **Kf8**
23.Nb5 **Ra6**
24.Rxa6 **Bxa6**
25.Nc7 **Bc8**
26.Rb5 **Nh5**
27.Rxa5 **Nf4**
28.Bf1 **Bd7**
29.g3 **Nh3**
30.Ke3

To protect the pawn on f3 and further
 centralise the King for the forthcoming

30... **Ke7**
31.Ra7 **h6**
32.Na8!

Foreseeing wholesale piece exchanges on
 d7, transposing to a won endgame for
 White.

32... **Ng5**
33.Nb6 **Nh7**
34.Bh3 **Nf8**
35.Bxd7 **Nxd7**
36.a5!



Important in-between move here, tempii is
 vitally important in this endgame!

36... **Ke8**
37.Rxd7 **Rxd7**
38.Nxd7 **Kxd7**
39.a6 **Kc7**
40.c5!!

Opening a path for the d-pawn to push to
 promotion. The Black King can stop
 either it or the a-pawn, but not both!!

40... **dx5**
41.a7 **Kb7**
42.d6 **Kxa7**
43.d7 **c4**
44.d8Q **Kb7**
45.Ke4 **c3**
46.Kd5 **c2**
47.Qd7+ **Kb6**



48.Qc6+ **Ka7**
49.Qxc2 **f6**
50.Qc7+ **Ka6**
51.Kc6 **e4**
52.Qb6# **1-0**



[Editor's Note: Many of you will know Alan McGowan who is the Chess Scotland Historian. Alan's researches uncover many interesting aspects of SCCA history also and he's kindly agreed to provide us with relevant material as he finds it.]

1899 SCA Correspondence Tournament

RESULT OF S.C.A. CORRESPONDENCE TOURNAMENT.—Fourteen players entered for this tournament, which commenced in November 1899, and, with the exception of one game (Lee v. Muirhead), all the games were finished two or three months ago. One entrant, the Rev. F. R. Macdonald, was compelled to resign without playing a move, having been ordered abroad for his health, but his place was filled by a Jersey gentleman, Mr T. R. Lee, who, notwithstanding a two-days' course of post, has given a good account of himself. Indeed, four of the best scores were made by players residing in country districts. Dr W. M. Lock, a well-known Edinburgh player, had to give up the competition owing to illness.

RESULT OF FIRST SECTION.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	Total.
1. A. Fraser, Edinburgh	—	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
2. R. Simson, Edinburgh	1	—	0	0	0	1	0	2
3. R. D. Nicol, Glasgow	0	1	—	0	0	½	1	2½
4. Dr Macdonald, Foyers	1	1	1	—	1	1	1	6
5. J. Connor, Garelochhead	1	1	1	0	—	1	1	5
6. J. L. M'Naughton, Buckie	1	0	½	0	0	—	½	2
7. Dr Duguid, jun., Buckie	1	1	0	0	0	½	—	2½

RESULT OF SECOND SECTION.

	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	Total.
1. T. Lupton, Stirling	—	0	1	1	0	1	1	4
2. K. D. Mackenzie, Glasgow	1	—	1	0	0	½	1	3½
3. W. Battrum, Helensburgh	0	0	—	0	0	1	1	2
4. J. Muirhead, Glasgow	0	1	1	—	½	1	1	4½
5. T. R. Lee, Gorey	1	1	1	½	—	½	1	5
6. Dr Wyse, Polmont	0	½	0	0	½	—	0	1
7. Dr Lock, Castle-Douglas	0	0	0	0	0	1	—	1

In accordance with the rules, the winners of the two sections are entitled to the first and second prizes. Dr Macdonald was found to be the winner of the first prize of £2 and of a handsome gold Maltese cross presented by the honorary secretary of the Association; while the second prize of £1, along with a gold shield, also presented by the hon. secretary, falls to Mr T. R. Lee. The balance of the entry money was given as a third prize, and was gained by Mr John Connor.

[From the Scotsman Digital Archive; article published on 13th February, 1901.]

Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship 1939-40

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1. C.W. Marshall	■	0	1	1	1	1	1	5
2. D.M. MacIsaac.	1	■	½	1	½	1	1	5
3. Jas. Gilchrist	0	½	■	½	1	1	1	4
4. Rev. W. Ryan	0	0	0	■	1	1	1	3
5. T.K. Blake	0	½	½	0	■	1	1	3
6. J. Creevey	0	0	0	0	0	■	1	1
7. N.J. Maclean	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	0

Crosstable from *Glasgow Herald* chess column of Saturday, 14 August 1940. The brief report stated:-

‘The tournament opened with eight competitors, but one retired after a few months’ play, and his score was cancelled. First and second prizes were shared by the joint leaders, who will also hold the title jointly.’

The person who withdrew was A. Klibanski (also sometimes known as Klibanskie, Klibanski-Miller and A.K. Miller, as in the trophy in his name).

In an issue of the *Glasgow Herald* in October 1939, announcing the tournament, it said that the first round was due to begin in December 1901.

I note that the same CW Marshall was still actively playing for many years after: over-the-board chess (for Glasgow CC) and postal chess, winning the Scottish CC title in 1972-73 (shared).

Marshall was shown as (Greenock)
MacIsaac (Glasgow).

Creevey was an Irish player who, for a time, was resident in Scotland. At this time, his home was Ballinalloch, Banffshire. (In the SCA Yearbook 1952-53, he was ‘blessed’ with the address Glenlivet, Ballinalloch, Banffshire.)

James Gilchrist (London). He was Scottish. See, if you are interested, ‘Biographies’ on the CS website – several Gilchrists, including James.

Rev Ryan (Glasgow)

Blake (Glasgow)

Maclean – long associated with Glasgow CC.

Here are a couple of game scores from the tournament:

Ryan,R – Marshall,C [A60]

Scottish Corr. Ch. 1939/40 Glasgow

[Notes by DM MacIsaac in his *Glasgow Herald* column of Saturday, 31 August 1940]

1.d4	e6
2.c4	Nf6
3.Nf3	c5
4.d5	exd5
5.cxd5	d6
6.Nc3	a6
7.a4	g6
8.Bg5	Bg7
9.e4	0-0
10.Bd3	Bg4

11.h3 Bxf3
12.Qxf3 Nbd7
13.Bf4 Re8
14.0-0

Mr Marshall indicates that if Bxd6, Qb6 would be the reply. Clearly White's last move was a premature demonstration.

14... Ne5
15.Qe2 Nh5
16.Bh2 Qh4
17.Bc2 Nf4
18.Bxf4 Qxf4
19.a5 Re7
20.Rab1 Rae8
21.Ba4 Rb8
22.Bc2 g5
23.Qh5 b6

Since Black does not mind this pawn being taken, he might have gone one square more, preparatory to the return of ...Rbe8.

24.g3

Making a serious weakness on his f3, which in due course is severely punished.

24... Qf3
25.Qxg5



25... Qxc3

A surprise move, but by no means the end of the story of the weakened square. If 26.bxc3, 27.Nf3+ wins a piece.

26.Qxe7 Qxc2
27.Qxd6 Re8
28.Rbc1 Qxe4
29.h4 Nf3+
30.Kg2 Ne1+
31.Kh3

The only move, which means that the end is already in sight.

31... Qg2+
32.Kg4 h5+
33.Kxh5 Qf3+
34.g4 Re5+
35.Qxe5 Bxe5
36.Rxe1 Qf6
37.g5 Qf3+
38.Kh6 Bg7#

0-1



MacIsaac,D - Marshall,C [D36]

Scottish Corr. Ch. 1939/40 Glasgow

[Source: *Glasgow Herald chess column of Saturday, 16 November 1940.*]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	e6
3.Nc3	d5
4.Bg5	Nbd7
5.cxd5	

[Modern tastes would prefer 5.e3 c6 6.Nf3 Qa5 etc...]

5...	exd5
6.e3	c6
7.Bd3	Be7
8.Qc2	Nh5
9.Bxe7	Qxe7
10.Nge2	

[...although the line to this point has been seen in GM play up to the present day.]

10... Qg5?!

[10...g6 11.0-0 0-0 looks a little safer.]

11.Rg1	g6
12.0-0-0	f5
13.g3±	

[Black has played with spirit, but White holds the positional advantage.]

13...	a5
14.Na4	

[14.h3!? looks interesting, preparing g4 and opening the Black k-side.]

14...	0-0
15.Nf4	Nxf4

[15...Ng7 is probably better, but retreating the piece maybe went against the grain...]



16.gxf4+-

[White now has a winning position, though it takes a while to reach a conclusion.]

16...	Qf6
17.Rg5	

[17.h4 Qxh4 18.Bxf5!]

17... h6?

[Weakening the g-pawn.]

18.Rg3	Rf7
19.Rdg1	Nf8
20.Nb6	Rb8
21.Qa4	

[21.h4 followed by Qc5 also looks promising.]

21...	Be6
22.Qxa5	Rg7
23.Kb1	Kh8
24.Qc5	Rd8
25.a4	Nd7
26.Nxd7	Bxd7
27.h4	Rdg8
28.Rh3	Rh7?!
29.b3?!	
29...	Bc8

[29.h5 looks more direct.]



30.Kb2	Qe7?
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[Exchanging the queens works in White's favour.]

31.Qxe7	Rxe7
32.Rhg3	Reg7
33.Kc3	b6?!
34.f3	Bd7
35.e4	dxe4
36.fxe4	fxe4
37.Bxe4	Be8
38.f5?!	

[38.b4 now is maybe stronger.]

38...	gxf5
39.Rxg7	Rxg7
40.Rxg7	Kxg7
41.Bxf5	Kf6
42.Bg4	Ke7
43.b4	Kd6
44.a5	Kc7
45.Kd3	Kb7
46.Be2	

Black resigned here. A spirited game between the joint winners. Both made some inaccuracies, but White's spatial and development advantages won through. [46.Be2 bxa5 47.bxa5 Ka6 48.Kc4 Kxa5 49.Kc5 Bd7 50.Bf3 and the Black c-pawn falls.]

1-0



[Editor: we hope to feature more of Alan's historical snapshots in forthcoming editions of the magazine.]





8th European Team Championships

EU/TC8/sf3		8th European Team Championship - Semifinal 3										TD Klauner, Theod															
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	Place
1	Russia	2375		3	4	4	5.5	5	4.5	4.5	3	4.5	38	63	16	12	60	12	4.5	2	5	3.5	5.5	5	5	7.5	1
2	Slovakia	2449	3		4.5	4	3.5	2.5	4	2.5	4	6	34	61	13	7	55	17	3	3.5	4	2.5	6	6.5	4	4.5	2
3	France	2334	3	2.5		3	4	3	3.5	3.5	4.5	6	33	50	1	5	65	7	4	5	5.5	3.5	4.5	3.5	3	4	3
4	Poland	2455	2	3	4		2.5	5.5	3	4	3	4.5	31.5	51	2	6	61	11	4.5	5	4.5	2	3	6	1	5.5	4
5	Czech Republic	2414	2.5	2.5	3	5.5		3.5	1.5	3.5	3	4.5	29.5	50	0	4	59	13	4	2.5	4	5	3.5	3	4.5	3	5
6	Iceland	2420	2	2.5	5	2.5	3.5		2	3.5	3	5.5	29.5	49	-1	4	60	12	3	1.5	3.5	3	4.5	5.5	5	3.5	6
7	Lithuania	2267	2.5	2	3.5	3	2.5	4		3	2.5	5	28	48	-2	3	58	14	1.5	2.5	4.5	3	4	3.5	4	5	7
8	Scotland	2334	2.5	1.5	2.5	2	3.5	2.5	5		2.5	4.5	26.5	45	-5	4	58	14	4.5	1	4	2	5	3.5	2.5	4	8
9	Belarus	2373	2	3	3.5	3	2	3	3.5	3.5		2	25.5	49	-1	0	52	20	4.5	4	4.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	9
10	Israel	2260	2.5	1	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	3	3.5	1		19.5	31	-23	0	62	10	3.5	4	2.5	4	2.5	1	0.5	1.5	10

As usual, the European Team Championships make for tough competition. Here are some Scottish wins from this event, starting with Richard Beecham on board 1 against a Lithuanian opponent, unrated by ICCF, but with a FIDE grading of 2322.

Beecham,C (2500) – Mickevicius,J [E75]
8th European Team Championship - Semifinal, 2009

- 1.d4 Nf6
- 2.c4 g6
- 3.Nc3 Bg7
- 4.e4 d6
- 5.Be2 0-0
- 6.Bg5 c5

[6...Na6!? 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 c6 9.f3 cxd5 10.cxd5 Bd7 11.g4 h6 12.Be3 h5 13.h3 Nc5 was Alterman-Xie Jun, France, 1994, 0-1 (45).]

- 7.d5 e6

[7...a6 and; 7...h6 have been more popular in recent GM play.]

- 8.Qd2 exd5
- 9.exd5 Bf5?!

[9...Re8 and; 9...Qb6 have been preferred by GMs playing this line.]

- 10.g4± Bd7
- 11.h3 b5
- 12.Qf4 Re8
- 13.cxb5 a6
- 14.b6 Bb5
- 15.0-0-0 Nbd7
- 16.Qxd6 Bxe2
- 17.Ngxe2 Nxb6
- 18.Qxd8 Raxd8
- 19.d6 Nc4
- 20.Kc2

White has maintained his opening advantage after the exchanges, but his d-pawn must fall soon. His next moves prepare for the ensuing endgame, where Black's q-side pawn weaknesses present opportunities.



- 20... Rxd6
- 21.Rxd6 Nxd6
- 22.Rd1 Nc4
- 23.Bc1 h6
- 24.b3 Ne5
- 25.Rd6 Re6
- 26.Rxe6 fxe6
- 27.Nf4 Kf7
- 28.Nd3 Nxd3
- 29.Kxd3 h5
- 30.gxh5 gxh5

Eliminating k-side counterplay.

- 31.Be3 Bf8
 - 32.Ne4 Nd7
- [32...Nxe4? 33.Kxe4 Ke8 34.Ke5 Kf7±]
- 33.Ng5+ Ke7
 - 34.Bf4 Kf6
 - 35.Nh7+ Kf5
 - 36.Nxf8 Nxf8
 - 37.Be3 Nd7
 - 38.Kc4 Ke4
 - 39.a4 Kf3
 - 40.Bxc5 Ne5+

Black is holding on grimly, but White's q-side pawn majority is not to be stopped. [40...Nxc5?? is resignation by other means.]



41.Kc3	Ke4
42.b4	Kd5
43.Be3	Nc4
44.b5	axb5
45.axb5	Nd6
46.Kb4	Nb7
47.Bf4	e5
48.Be3	Kd6
49.Bb6	Kd5
50.Bc7	Kd4
51.b6	Kd5
52.Kb5	e4
53.Bf4	Nc5
54.Bc1	Nb7
55.Ba3	Nd8
56.Be7	Nb7
57.h4	Ke6
58.Ka6	Kxe7
59.Kxb7	

1-0



Next, Iain Mackintosh on board 5, who annotated a win against his Lithuanian adversary in the last issue. Here he prevails in the endgame against an Israeli opponent.

**Ginzbursky,L (2275) – Mackintosh,I (2278) [C78]
8th European Team Championship - Semifinal, 2010**

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	a6
4.Ba4	Nf6
5.0-0	Bc5

The Moller Defence. [5...Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 is more main line.]

6.c3	0-0
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[6...b5 7.Bc2 d5 8.d4 dxe4 9.Nxe5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Ng4 12.Bxe4 Nxf2 13.Bc6+ Ke7 14.Rd5 Bb6 15.Bg5+ f6 16.exf6+ gxf6 17.Bh4 Ng4+ 18.Kh1 Rb8±]

7.d4	Ba7
8.dxe5	Nxe4
9.Qd5	Nc5
10.Bc2	Ne7
11.Qc4	d5
12.exd6	cxd6
13.b4N	

[13.Bg5 Qd7 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7 15.Qh4+ Kg8 16.Bxe7 Re8 17.Bg5 Re4 18.Qh5 Qe8 was Dorin–Bernat, Buenos Aires, 1976, 0-1 (33).]



13...d5!?

Loses a pawn, but gets some play.

14.Qh4	Ne4
15.Ng5	Bf5
16.Nxe4	dxex
17.Bxe4	Qd7
18.Bxf5	Nxf5
19.Qh3	Rad8
20.Nd2	Rfe8
21.Nb3	Qb5
22.Bg5	

[An amusing sideline was 22.c4 Qxc4 23.Qxf5?? Qxf1+ 24.Kxf1 Rd1#]

22...	f6
23.Bd2	Nd6
24.Nd4	Qc4
25.Rfe1	Ne4
26.Qh5	Re5
27.Qe2	Nxd2
28.Qxd2	Bxd4
29.Rxe5	Qxc3
30.Qxc3	Bxc3
31.Ree1	Bxe1
32.Rxe1	Rd2̄

Parity restored after the exchanges, but a positional plus for Black.

33.Ra1	Kf7
34.Kf1	Rb2
35.a3	b5
36.Ke1?!	

[I'd expected 36.Re1 to cramp the Black king and protect the a-pawn by Re3. This loses a tempo.]

36...	g5
37.Kf1	h5
38.g3	

[Again, 38.Re1 might have been better.]

38...	Kg6̄
39.h3	Kf5
40.Kg2	Rb3
41.Kf1	Ke4+



The active Black king secures the win.

42.Kg2 Kd3
43.a4?!

[Yet again, 43.Re1 looked a better try.]

43... Rxb4
44.axb5 axb5
45.Rd1+ Ke4
46.Rd6 Rc4

The f-pawn is less important than getting the b-pawn running.

47.Rxf6 b4
48.Rh6 b3
49.Rb6 Rc3
50.g4 h4

0-1



Next up is Gordon Anderson, also against Israeli opposition on board 6.

Anderson,G (2271) – Shitrit,K (2185) [E04]
8th European Team Championship - Semifinal, 2009

1.c4 e6
2.g3 d5
3.d4 Nc6
4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bg2

Settling into an Open Catalan set-up.

5... dxc4
6.0-0 Rb8
7.Nc3 a6
8.e4 Be7
9.d5 Nb4
10.Ne5 exd5
11.exd5

The IQP is offset by a gain in space for White.

11... Bf5
12.a3 Nd3
13.Nxc4 Nxc1
14.Rxc1 0-0
15.Qd4 Ne8
16.Rfe1 Nd6
17.Ne3 Bd7
18.Ne4 Nxe4
19.Bxe4 Re8
20.Nc4 Bf6

21.Qd2 Bh3
22.a4 h6
23.b3 Qd7



[24...cxd6 25.Qxd6 Rbd8 26.Qxd7 Rxd7 27.Bh7+ Kf8=]

24.d6 b5
25.dxc7 Qxc7
26.Nd6 Qd7
27.axb5 axb5
28.Red1 Red8
29.Qc2 Qe6
30.Bd5



30... Qd7??

Blows the game. [30...Qe7 31.Nxf7 Rxd5 32.Nxh6+ gxh6 33.Rxd5 Re8=]

31.Nxf7
[31.Nxf7 Qxd5 32.Rxd5 Rxd5 33.Qg6+]=
1-0



Lastly, Alan Bell weighs in with a victory on board 8. Israel are propping up our section, so unashamedly, here's another win against them.

Bell,A (2217) – Bar Ziv,I (1922) [B45]
8th European Team Championship - Semifinal, 2009

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6

6.Be2 Bb4
7.0-0 0-0

[7...Bxc3 8.bxc3 Nxc4 9.Qd3 d5 10.Ba3 Qa5 11.Nb5 a6
 12.Nd6+ Nxd6 13.Bxd6 Qd8 14.Qg3 Ne7 15.Bd3 Ng6
 16.Rfe1 Bd7 17.c4 dxc4 18.Be4 Bc6 19.Bxc6+ bxc6
 20.Rad1 Ra7 21.Bc5 Rd7 22.Rb1 Qh4 23.Rb8+ Rd8
 24.Rd1 was Nisipeanu–Schneider, Bundesliga, 2010, 1-0.]

8.Nxc6 dxc6
9.e5 Nd5
10.Ne4 Qc7
11.f4

[11.c4 Qxe5 12.cxd5 Qxe4 13.Bf3 Qc4 14.dxc6 bxc6 was
 Mohammad–Lalith, 2007, drawn (61).]

11... Rd8
12.Bd3 b5
13.Bd2 Be7



14.Qh5! Bb7?

[14...g6 15.Qh6 Bb7 16.Ng5 Bxg5 17.fxg5 Ne7 was maybe
 more solid.]

15.Ng5+- Bc5+

[15...Bxg5 16.Bxh7+ Kf8 17.fxg5 Rd7 18.Bg6 Qxe5
 19.Bxf7! looks horrible for Black.]

16.Kh1 h6
17.Bh7+

White's attack now steamrollers through.

17... Kh8
18.f5 exf5
19.Bxf5 Rf8
20.Be4 Bc8
21.Rxf7 Rxf7
22.Nxf7+ Kg8
23.Rf1 Be6



24.Qg6

[24.Nxh6+ gxh6 25.Qg6+ Qg7 26.Qxe6+ bludgeons Black
 also, but all White's options are winning.]

24... Bxf7
25.Qh7+ Kf8
26.e6 Nf6
27.Qh8+ Ke7
28.Qxg7

1-0



Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Apr 2010	10	Lithuania	Server				
Mar 2010	20	Scheming Mind	Server	3	4		
Feb 2010	20	Ecuador	Server	1	0		
May 2009	25	Australia	Server/Post	13	28	2	L
Oct 2008	21	USA	Server/Post	18½	17½		
Oct 2008	28	England	Server/Post	17	39		L
May 2008	50	Rest of World	Server/Post	37	56	1	L
Oct 2007	20	Spain	Server	14½	23½		L
Jun 2007	14	Spain	Post	8	17		L
Apr 2007	20	Slovenia	Server	5½	31½		L
Apr 2007	20	Poland	Server	8	32		L
Nov 2006	28	Germany	Server/Post	19½	36½		L
Mar 2006	28	Sweden	Server/Post	17	39		L
Sep 2005	27	Denmark	Server/Post	16½	37½		L
Jul 2005	21	Australia	Server/Post	24	18		W
Mar 2005	24	Netherlands	Post/Email	16½	25½	2	L
Feb 2005	20	BCCS	Post/Email	18½	5½	16	W



General Information

Members of the Scottish CCA are eligible to play in ICCF postal, email and webserver tournaments, which cover European and World, Open (O - under 1900), Higher (H - 1900-2100) and Master (M - over 2100) classes. Entries to H or M class events for the first time require evidence of grading strength, or promotion from a lower class. O and H classes have 7 players/section, with M class having 11. It is usually possible to interchange between playing modes when promotion from a class has been obtained.

New World Cup tournaments start every 2-3 years, with 11-player sections of all grading strengths, and promotion to 1/2 finals and final. Winners proceed to the Semi-Finals, and winners of these qualify for a World Cup Final. The entry fee covers all stages, and multiple entries are allowed, though Semi-Finals are restricted to 2 places per individual.

Master and GM Norm tournaments with 13-player sections are available for strong players. Master entry level is fixed ICCF rating of 2300+, (2000 ladies); non-fixed ICCF 2350+ (2050 ladies); or FIDE 2350+ (2050 ladies); while medal winners (outright winners ladies) in national championships are also eligible. GM entry levels are 150 rating points higher. A player can enter only one section per playing mode per year. Section winners who do not achieve norms receive entry to a World Championship Semi-Final.

International numeric notation is the standard for postal events, while PGN is normal for email and webserver play. Playing rules and time limits are provided for each event, and the usual postal limit is 30 days per 10 moves, with 60 days for 10 moves in email and webserver. Players may take up to 30 days leave per calendar year.

Use air mail stickers to all destinations to speed postal play, and be aware that some patience is required, as games may take up to 3 years against opponents in countries with poor mail services. Silent withdrawal is bad etiquette! International CC postcards are recommended, and can be obtained from the SCCA. Email and webserver have speeded up many events, and made it cheaper to play. Generally, you play less email/webserver games simultaneously than postal because of the faster play.

A prerequisite for entry via the SCCA is that the player remains a full member of the SCCA for the duration of the tournament. We wish you great enjoyment from your overseas games, and from making new chess friendships!

Current tournament fees are shown on the Fees page of the SCCA website, and all Scottish players competing in ICCF events have bookmarks from the SCCA site to the relevant ICCF cross-table for easy checking of results. The SCCA international secretary can advise on all aspects of play, how to enter, current entry fees, etc.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2010

Theme 3/10: Dory Defence, E10

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Ne4

Entries by 15 April; play starts 1 May

Theme 4/10: Dutch Defence, A83

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Webserver Events 2010

Theme 4/10: Cambridge Springs Defence, D52

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5

7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 e5

Entries by 15 May; play starts 1 June

Theme 5/10: Halasz Gambit, C21

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.f4

Entries by 1 September; play starts 15 September

Note there are no Email Events in 2010.

News

- ❑ Applications are being sought for the vacant position of Direct Entry Commissioner. The job specification is listed on the SCCA News page.
- ❑ Michael Millstone (USA) was unanimously elected to the post of General Secretary.
- ❑ The 3rd Veterans' World Cup has been announced (see article elsewhere in this magazine).
- ❑ World Individual Championship semi-finals for the 2010 cycle will start in June.
- ❑ Jim Cairns, the well-known and respected Canadian CC player, has died at the age of 87.
- ❑ The ICCF Webserver was moved to a new server in early March and the software upgraded to include new features for players and TDs. You can read more at: <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/Message.aspx?message=303>

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