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A very happy, healthy and successful 2011 to all of you!

As usual in January, we publish all our domestic results and Colin Macgregor's summary of the 2010 season features tight finishes in both team and individual events. Illness and holidays have slightly delayed pairing notices for 2011, but we expect players to receive their details soon.

George Pyrich analyses the first ICCF rating list of 2011 and provides another colourful ICCF Congress report, this time from Antalya, Turkey.

Alan Borwell provides a lengthy piece on the ICCF Veterans' World Cup, an event sponsored by the SCCA, and in which he is both organiser and player. Currently in Barbados and salivating over England's Ashes win, life is presently good for Alan!

Bernard Milligan's Games Column is given over to a lengthy annotation from IM Tom Matheis featuring his game against SIM Jerry Weisskohl in NATT6. Apologies to others who submitted games this time – they should see them in the next issue.

Bernard's CD/DVD Column is shorter than usual, but includes reviews of ChessBase Junior 12 and Megabase 2011, plus Gustafsson's 'Repertoire for Black'.

Our delayed friendly international match against Hong Kong has now been started, and we are also active against Finland and Cape Verde. Though we were well beaten by Scheming Mind, we managed to record a rare victory over Ecuador.

Our team in the Thor Løvholt Memorial (Messrs Cumming, Lloyd, Dawson, Paine, Macmillen and Armstrong) have now begun play in their section. Other upcoming ICCF events include the 2011 World Championship, Postal Olympiad 19 and Direct Entry 5th anniversary – please contact [George Pyrich](#) if you need further details.

Eric Ruch, ICCF President, announces that volume 1 of his *History of Correspondence Chess in the 19th Century* is now on sale, covering the period from the origins of CC to 1840. The work is in French and is available at 35€ (including p&p). For further information, please contact [George Pyrich](#).



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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
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November	P M Giulian	S R Mannion
October	C Dowell	W H Cormack

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2010 Results

By Colin Macgregor

Championship

SCO/C2010		Scottish CCA Championship 2010/11			TD Maxwell, Alistair												
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	211664		Graham, Stuart	2210	█	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6	15.75	0	1
2	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2276	½	█	½	½	1	1	1	1	5.5	14.25	0	2
3	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2325	½	½	█	½	1	1	½	1	5	14.25	0	3
4	SCO	620522		Cormack, William H.	2005	0	½	½	█	0	½	1	1	3.5	7.25	0	4
5	SCO	210729		Coope, Derek William	1939	0	0	0	1	█	½	1	1	3.5	5.5	0	5
6	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	2035	0	0	0	½	½	█	1	1	3	4	0	6
7	SCO	620639		Jamieson, Ian M.	2035	0	0	½	0	0	0	█	.	0.5	2.5	1	7
8	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	0	0	0	0	0	0	.	█	0	0	1	8

SCO/C2009		Scottish CCA Championship 2009/10			TD Maxwell, Alistair								
Rated					1	2	3	4	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2007	█	½	½	1	2	2	0	1
2	SCO	620613		Dawson, A. G.	2215	½	█	½	1	2	2	0	1
3	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2274	½	½	█	1	2	2	0	1
4	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	2072	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	4

The 2009-10 tournament ended in a three-way tie between Messrs Cumming, Dawson and Mackintosh though, with hindsight, the small entry either should have been a double round robin or shouldn't have been played at all! One game still to complete in the 2010-11 event, but 1st and 2nd places are now confirmed – Stuart Graham wins his first title with David Cumming runner-up.

Premier

SCO/Prem2010/A		SCCA Premier 2010 Section A			TD Dawson, A. G.											
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2276	█	½	1	1	1	1	1	5.5	12.75	0	1
2	SCO	210729		Coope, Derek William	1939	½	█	1	1	1	1	1	5.5	12.75	0	1
3	SCO	620637		Brooksbank, Kenneth	1914	0	0	█	1	1	1	1	4	6	0	3
4	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	0	0	0	█	1	1	1	3	3	0	4
5	SCO	620597		Moir, Patrick	1677	0	0	0	█	1	1	1	2	1	0	5
6	SCO	620544		Cook, William M.	1959	0	0	0	0	█	1	1	1	0	0	6
7	SCO	620574		Loughran, Robert	1712	0	0	0	0	0	█	1	0	0	0	7

SCO/Prem2010/B		SCCA Premier 2010 Section B			TD Dawson, A. G.											
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	ENG	620577		Price, Derek	1953	█	1	½	1	1	1	1	5.5	12.25	0	1
2	SCO	620393		MacGregor, Colin A.	1917	0	█	1	1	1	1	1	5	9.5	0	2
3	SCO	620522		Cormack, William H.	2005	½	0	█	1	1	1	1	4.5	7.75	0	3
4	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	0	0	0	█	1	1	1	3	2	0	4
5	SCO	620603		Armstrong, John M.	1564	0	0	0	0	█	½	1	1.5	0.25	0	5
6	SCO	620597		Moir, Patrick	1677	0	0	0	0	½	█	.	0.5	0.75	1	6
7	SCO	620574		Loughran, Robert	1712	0	0	0	0	0	.	█	0	0	1	7

David Cumming and Derek Coope shared the spoils in section A, while Derek Price squeezed past Colin Macgregor and Bill Cormack in section B.

Open

SCO/Open2010/A				SCCA Open 2010 Section A				TD Pyrich, George D.											
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998			½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	19	0	1	
2	SCO	620393	MacGregor, Colin A.	1917	½	½			1	1	1	1	1	1	7	19	0	1	
3	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1564	0	0	0	0							3.5	3.75	0	3	
4	SCO	620574	Loughran, Robert	1712	0	0	0	0	½	0			1	1	2.5	1.75	0	4	
5	SCO	620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	1452	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	5	

SCO/Open2010/B				SCCA Open 2010 Section B				TD MacGregor, Colin A.											
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	620426	Cumming, David R.	2276			½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.5	22	0	1	
2	ENG	620577	Price, Derek	1953	0	½			1	½	1	1	1	1	6	15.25	0	2	
3	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	0	0	½	0			1	0	1	½	3	7.25	0	3	
4	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1564	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	0	2	4.5	0	4	
5	SCO	620574	Loughran, Robert	1712	0	0	0	0	½	0	1	0			1.5	3.5	0	5	

SCO/Open2010/C				SCCA Open 2010 Section C				TD MacGregor, Colin A.											
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	620668	Fraser, Roland A.	1800 ^P			½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	19.5	0	1	
2	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	½	½			1	½	1	1	1	1	6.5	18.5	0	2	
3	SCO	620637	Brooksbank, Kenneth	1914	0	0	½	0			1	1	0	½	3	8	0	3	
4	SCO	620597	Moir, Patrick	1677	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	1	2	3	0	4	
5	SCO	620660	Toye, Daniel T.	1756	0	0	0	0	½	1	0	0			1.5	4.5	0	5	

Section A saw Andrew Macmillen and Colin Macgregor unable to be separated. David Cumming won section B with room to spare from Derek Price. Roland Fraser performed really well in section C to finish ½ points ahead of Andrew Macmillen.

Challengers

2009-10 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Almarza-Mato, C	8	8	0	5
Anderson, J	8	8	0	6
Brooksbank, Dr K	6	6	0	6
Burton, C	8	8	0	3
Cumming, D R	10	10	0	9½
Domnin, M	6	6	0	0
Fraser, R A	6	6	0	2
Graham, S	6	6	0	5½
Hardwick, M E	4	4	0	0
McKinstry, J	6	6	0	4
Macgregor, C A	8	8	0	3
Mahony, J	12	12	0	0
Miller, S	6	6	0	6
Moir, P J	8	8	0	3
Sheridan, N J	6	6	0	2
Toye, D T	4	4	0	1

2010-11 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Anderson, J	4	1	3	0
Armstrong, J McK	8	8	0	2½
Brooksbank, Dr K	8	8	0	4
Cumming, D R	18	18	0	14½
Fraser, R A	8	8	0	3½
Graham, S	22	22	0	17½
Hardwick, M E	8	8	0	0
Macgregor, C A	2	2	0	0
Moir, P J	14	14	0	4½
Neil, C	2	0	2	0
Roberts, A	6	5	1	1
Smith, M J	6	6	0	3½
Toye, D T	14	14	0	6

David Cumming was the medal winner in the 2009-10 cycle, scoring 9½/10. Most other players did not complete the necessary minimum of 8 games, including Kenneth Brooksbank and Scott Miller who both otherwise had 100% scores!

In the 2010-11 cycle, Stuart Graham scored 17½/22 to take the medal, edging David Cumming into 2nd spot. Daniel Toye finished 3rd.

Postal League Division 1

2010		Opponent	Result	Opponent	Result	Pts.
A	Perth Correspondents					8½
1	Mackintosh, I	B1	1	G1	1	2
2	Borwell, A P	F2	1	C2	½	1½
3	Flockhart, H S	D3	1	G3	1	2
4	Paine, Dr K A	E4	1	D4	1	2
5	Harvey, D	E5	1	F5	0	1
B	Social Dragons					3
1	Vaughan, D	C1	0	A1	0	0
2	Rosser, G	D2	1	E2	0	1
3	Ash, G	F3	0	E3	½	½
4	Dowell, C	F4	0	G4	0	0
5	Ross, G	G5	½	C5	1	1½
C	Knights of the Board A					3½
1	Cumming, D R	E1	1	B1	1	2
2	Phillips, G H	A2	½	D2	1	1½
3	Lees, J	G3	0	F3	0	0
4	Grant, J	G4	0	E4	0	0
5	Moir, P J	B5	0	D5	0	0
D	Social C					2
1	Richardson, D	G1	1	F1	0	1
2	Gifford, M	C2	0	B2	0	0
3	Morgan, P	E3	0	A3	0	0
4	Hardwick, M E	A4	0	F4	0	0
5	Dare, P	C5	1	G5	0	1
E	Civil Service Chess B					3½
1	Pickering, P	F1	0	C1	0	0
2	Bicknell, G D	B2	1	G2	0	1
3	Lewyk, I	B3	½	D3	1	1½
4	White, R	C4	1	A4	0	1
5	O'Hare, A	F5	0	A5	0	0
F	Social Stars					8½
1	Doye, P	D1	1	E1	1	2
2	Pallett, R	G2	0	A2	½	½
3	Sanderson, P	C3	1	B3	1	2
4	Sowden, E C	D4	1	B4	1	2
5	Cairney, J	A5	1	E5	1	2
G	Civil Service Chess A					6
1	Duddy, C	A1	0	D1	0	0
2	Hyde, K	E2	1	F2	½	1½
3	Twitchell, N	A3	0	C3	1	1
4	Scuffam, D	B4	1	C4	1	2
5	Ryan, R	D5	1	B5	½	1½

No Postal Division 2 this year, so we had a 7-team Division 1 with a little-used pairing system being revived for the occasion.

Old adversaries Perth Correspondents and Social Dragons shared the title once more, both scoring 85%, with Civil Service A finishing a creditable 3rd on 60%.

The other teams found it hard going, particularly against the big guns, and we may have to revise the format in 2011 – perhaps two smaller leagues differentiated on a grading basis. As ever, it depends on entries received.

Webserver League Division 1

SCOWLeague1/10		SCCA Web League Div 1 2010					TD MacGregor, Colin A.											
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	Place
1	Perth Correspondents	2173	2	3	2.5	4	4	11.5	71	7	7	16	0	2.5	3	3	3	1
2	Social Stars	2141	2	2.5	3	4	4	11.5	71	7	7	16	0	2.5	1.5	3.5	4	2
3	Black Knight	2026	1	1.5	2.5	3	8	50	0	4	4	16	0	2.5	3.5	0	2	3
4	Knights of the Board A	2049	1.5	1	1.5	2.5	6.5	40	-3	2	2	16	0	2.5	1.5	1.5	1	4
5	Brutal Realism	1975	0	0	1	1.5	2.5	15	-11	0	0	16	0	0	0.5	2	0	5

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Perth Corresp	Mackintosh, I	Borwell, A P	Paine, Dr K A	Harvey, D
Social Stars	Vivante-Sowter, J	Pallett, R	Ewan, R	Lloyd, G
Black Knight	Bell, A D	Pyrich, G D	Burnett, W	Dempster, D
Knights Board A	Cumming, D R	Jamieson, I M	Edney, D	Brooksbank, Dr K
Brutal Realism	Taylor, W	Macmillen, A N	Murray, J S	Grant, J

Webserver League Division 2

SCOWLeague2/10		SCCA Web League Div 2 2010					TD MacGregor, Colin A.											
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	Place
1	Hounds of the Scheming Mind	1912	4	6	6	8	8	24	75	16	7	32	0	5.5	4.5	6.5	7.5	1
2	Social Dragons	2010	4	5.5	6	8	8	23.5	73	15	7	32	0	6.5	5.5	7.5	4	2
3	Civil Service	2023	2	2.5	4	8	8	16.5	51	1	3	32	0	6	2	2	6.5	3
4	Dundee Correspondents	1900	2	2	4	8	8	16	50	0	3	32	0	2	8	4	2	4
5	Knights of the Board B	1616	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-32	0	32	0	0	0	0	0	5

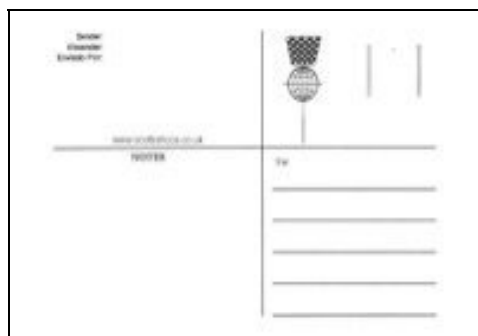
Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Scheming Mind	Insolia, R	Dyson, G	Thorwall, S	Briuhan, W
Social Dragons	Sowden, E C	Ackley, P J E	Cairney, J	Ash, G
Civil Service	Sargent, J M	Bicknell, G	Ryan, R	Pomeroy, R J
Dundee Corresp	Stevenson, F	Paulin, A	Robertson, J	Kelly, J
Knights Board B	Loughran, R	Moir, P J	Binnie, J	Hardwick, M E

The second year of the Webserver League produced extremely close finishes in both divisions.

In Division 1, as in the Postal League, Perth Correspondents and Social Stars slugged it out and couldn't be separated at the finish, so joint honours once more. Black Knight were a clear third.

In Division 2, newcomers Hounds of the Scheming mind finished just half a point ahead of Social Dragons, with Civil Service edging out Dundee Correspondents by the same margin to take 3rd spot. Division 2 was organised on a double rather than a single round robin basis, but no-one complained too much!

CC Postcards



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2011/1 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The first ICCF grading list for 2011 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 September to 30 November 2010. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2011. 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	491	2029 ↓	419	Lees, J A	83	2055 ↓
518	Anderson, G M	185	2323 ↑	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	155	2273 ↓
121	Anderson, J	182	1778 ↓	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	190	2347 ↓
049	Armstrong, A	116	1888 ↔	264	Lloyd, G	399	2313 ↑
313	Armstrong, J McK	125	1643 ↑	337	Loughran, R	102	1574 ↓
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)	59	2332 ↔	441	MacCaellich-Young, Ms J	15	1517 ↔ *
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	325	2509 ↑	433	MacDonald, M	26	1583 ↔ *
599	Bell, A D	77	2352 ↑	367	MacDonald, P H	39	1952 ↔
501	Bennett, P G	69	2189 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	268	1902 ↓
431	Binnie, J	24	1618 ↓ *	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	479	2374 ↑
022	Bird, A G E	10	0 ↔ *	216	MacMillen, A N	472	1842 ↓
520	Bird, Prof G H	47	2078 ↔	457	Mahony, J	18	1460 ↔ *
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	727	2167 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	304	2081 ↔
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	53	1881 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	152	2432 ↑
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	2318 ↔	083	Maxwell, A	45	2183 ↔
424	Burridge, R J	28	1781 ↑ *	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↔
458	Burton, C	16	1611 ↔ *	352	McDonald, G R	79	1921 ↔
435	Cairney, J	22	2082 ↔ *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↔
423	Calder, H	96	2055 ↔	525	McKerracher, D	4	0 ↔ *
096	Campbell, A W I	32	1798 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	39	1638 ↑
585	Collins, S	22	1828 ↔ *	001	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144	2452 ↔
173	Cook, W M	67	1909 ↔	409	Miller, S	28	1720 ↔ *
364	Coope, D W	441	2108 ↑	401	Moir, P J	86	1598 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	44	1986 ↓	438	Montgomery, J	10	0 ↔ *
527	Craig, T J (SM)	334	2353 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	168	2290 ↑
332	Crawley, J	13	1912 ↔ *	338	Morrow, J	10	0 ↔ *
166	Cumming, D R	423	2288 ↓	564	Murray, J S	26	1959 ↑ *
422	Dawson, Prof A G	51	2232 ↓	440	Neil, C	55	1746 ↑
422	Dawson, J	8	0 ↔ *	453	Newton, A	20	1819 ↑ *
572	Dempster, D	555	1855 ↑	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	71	1956 ↑
430	Doherty, T	19	1706 ↔ *	444	Paine, Dr K A	86	2182 ↑
595	Domnin, M	6	0 ↔ *	1012	Paulin, A	24	2013 ↓ *
371	Edney, D	147	1932 ↓	379	Phillips, G H	211	2110 ↑
372	Flockhart, H	25	2122 ↔ *	432	Price, D	92	2035 ↑
459	Fraser, R A	30	1918 ↑	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	746	2255 ↓
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	117	2038 ↑	437	Roberts, A	132	1748 ↓
445	Graham, S	255	2310 ↔	407	Ross, D W	26	1920 ↔ *
399	Grant, J	22	1755 ↓ *	398	Rough, R E	28	1870 ↓ *
596	Hardwick, M E	140	1361 ↓	522	Savage, D J	74	1956 ↔
556	Hartford, Mrs E A	168	1912 ↔	449	Scott, A	46	1871 ↔
063	Harvey, D	74	2036 ↔	454	Sheridan, N	12	1535 ↔ *
510	Hislop, A T	169	1936 ↔	439	Smith, M J	29	1885 ↔ *
515	Jack, J P E	26	1772 ↓ *	1125	Spencer, E A	12	1877 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	28	1987 ↓ *	448	Sreeves, C	13	1908 ↑ *
322	Jessing, M	26	2111 ↔ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	124	2096 ↑
1126	Kelly, J	12	1728 ↑	442	Swan, I	55	2394 ↔
415	Kerr, A	10	0 ↔ *	1120	Taylor, W	18	2092 ↔ *
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	291	2354 ↓	1121	Thomson, D	4	0 ↔ *
260	Knox, A	59	1674 ↔	452	Toye, D T	38	1713 ↔
1117	Laing, D	16	2113 ↑ *	065	Young, S M	46	1903 ↔

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	104
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	67
Provisional grades (<30 games)	37
Grading increases (↑)	28
Grading decreases (↓)	24
Grading static (↔)	52

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2509	Graham, S	2310
McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	2452	Reeman, I F	2306
Matheis, T (IM)	2432	Montgomery, R S	2290
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Cumming, D R	2288
Swan, I	2394	May, M A	2283
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2374	Lennox, C J (SM)	2273
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2354	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2255
Craig, T J (SM)	2353	Dawson, Prof A G	2232
Bell, A D	2352	Bennett, P G	2189
Livie, G W G (IM)	2347	Maxwell, A	2183
Gillam, S R (SM)	2340	Paine, Dr K A	2182
Baxter, R W M (SM)	2332	Borwell, A P (IM)	2167
Anderson, G M	2323	Phillips, G H	2110
Brown, Dr A C	2318	Coope, D W	2108
Lloyd, G	2313	Stewart, Dr K W C	2096

Top 30 Games Played

Pyrich, G D (IM)	746	Graham, S	255
Borwell, A P (IM)	727	Phillips, G H	211
Dempster, D	555	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206
Almarza-Mato, C	491	Livie, G W G (IM)	190
Mackintosh, I (IM)	479	Anderson, G M	185
MacMillen, A N	472	Anderson, J	182
Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	Hislop, A T	169
Coope, D W	441	Hartford, Mrs E A	168
Cumming, D R	423	Montgomery, R S	168
Lloyd, G	399	Lennox, C J (SM)	155
Craig, T J (SM)	334	Matheis, T (IM)	152
Beecham, C R (SIM)	325	Edney, D	147
Marshall, I H	304	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144
Kilgour, D A (GM)	291	Hardwick, M E	140
MacGregor, C A	268	Roberts, A	132

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 Congress – Antalya, Turkey

By George Pyrich

The ICCF Congress of 2010 was held in Limak Limra Hotel in Kemer-Antalya, Turkey from October 2-8. The event was arranged by the Turkish Chess Federation (TCF) and hosted by its President, Ali Nihat Yazici. 64 participants from 20 countries attended.



Limak Limra Hotel in Kemer-Antalya

Tunc Hamarat, Congress Organizer and ICCF XVI World Correspondence Chess Champion provided an introductory speech, talking about the 2010 Congress, a history of the area, and an overview of the Turkish correspondence chess accomplishment.

ICCF President Eric Ruch (FRA) warmly welcomed all the participants and expressed appreciation for the Turkish Chess Federation hosting the 2010 congress and all the hard work of the organisers in preparing the accommodations and facilities. Delegates then stood in silence to the memory of all other departed CC friends. Eric set the theme for the 2010 Congress, “The Three Pillars of ICCF” - Tournaments, Services to Players, and the Webserver. The ICCF President declared the 2010 ICCF Congress in Antalya, Turkey duly opened and all stood while the ICCF Anthem was played.

Eric then read a very moving letter from ICCF Honorary Member, A A (Nol) van’t Riet. Nol is making a slow but steady recovery and he was sorry he was unable to attend this year’s Congress. He offered everyone best wishes, hoped Congress would be a success, and thanked all those who have sent him letters of encouragement.

General Secretary, Michael Millstone, presented a special voting procedure proposal. Other than votes for elected positions which are secret, the proposal was that all votes in Congress be recorded, capturing each Federation’s voting decision (yes, no, abstain, or not voting). Results were yes (23), no (18), abstain (3), not voting (0).

2009 Congress Minutes were then approved, followed by an application from the Deutscher E-Mail Schach Club (DESC). This submission was turned down unanimously – no (44). The wording of ICCF Statute 2.9.1 which covers affiliation requires clarification and Alan Borwell undertook this task.

Bertl von Massow awards were presented for service to ICCF, with gold (15 years) going to Guido Bresadola (ITA), *SCCA Magazine 112*

Jaromír Canibal (CZE), Thed Klauner (LUX) and Dmitry Lybin (BLS). Silver medals (10 years) were awarded to Everdinand Knol (RSA) and Nikolay Poleshchuk (RUS).

The ICCF President then proposed that Honorary Membership be conferred on Dr Fritz Baumbach (GER) for his contribution over 20 years. This was greeted by unanimous acclaim and Fritz made an acceptance speech.

Tournament medals and certificates were then presented:

Olympiad XIII: Czech Republic (silver), Poland (bronze).

Olympiad XV: Germany (silver), Netherlands (bronze).

Ladies Olympiad VII: Slovenia (gold), Lithuania (silver), Germany (bronze).

World Championship XXII: Aleksandr Surenovich Dronov (RUS, gold), Jürgen Bückler (GER, silver), Joop J. Van Oosterom (NED, bronze).

Ladies World Championship VIII: Olga Mikhailovna Sukhareva (RUS, gold), Marie Bažantová (CZE, silver), Ricarda Flügel (GER, bronze).

European Individual Champion 65: Christophe Pauwels (BEL, gold).

European Individual Champion 66: Carlos Cruzado Dueñas (ESP, gold).

CADAP Individual Champion XVIII: Héctor Walsh (ARG, gold).

CADAP Individual Champion XIX: Luis Almiron (BRA, gold).

Asian Individual Champion 4 & 5: Mark Noble (NZL, gold).

Pan-American Team Championship 9: USA (gold).

Interzonal Team Championship 4: Europe A (1st).

Jubilee Postal Open: Yoav Dothan (ISR, 1st).



George Pyrich with Eric Ruch and Gian-Maria Tani

New Finance Director George Pyrich (SCO) paid thanks to his predecessors and committee, and was able to record an improved financial performance for 2009, viz:

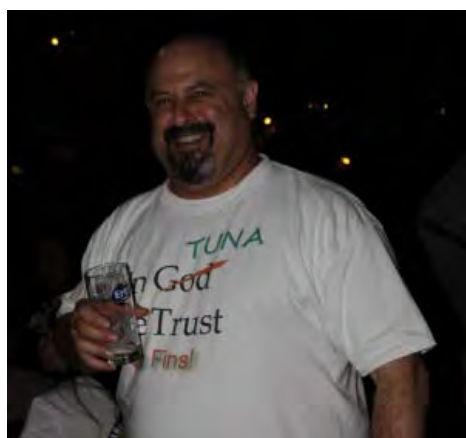
Balance Sheet: 327,160 SF (2008: 283,094).

P&L: surplus 54,670 SF (2008: 12,067).

Josef Mrkvicka (CZE), declared himself fully satisfied with the audit of ICCF accounts, and expressed his appreciation for George’s excellent work and co-operation.

The results of Executive Board mid-term Elections were:

Following the resignation of the Pedro Hegoburu (ARG), Dr. Michael Millstone (USA) received 24 votes out of 24 submitted email ballots and was appointed as ICCF General Secretary.



Dr Michael Millstone

After the resignation of Dr. Uwe Staroske (GER), the position for ICCF Marketing Director has been open since July 2010, but no applications were received prior to Congress. The EB will continue to seek qualified applications for consideration.

Congress then debated the increasing number of draws in modern CC. A working group was formed to look at ways of making matches more exciting and attractive. Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA) volunteered to chair the group consisting of: Gerhard Binder (GER); Artis Gaujens (LAT); Tunc Hamarat (AUT); and Neil Limbert (ENG).

Delegates unanimously agreed to update ICCF Statutes on Registration and Finance for presentation to the 2011 Congress.

Other financial matters were then reported, including transfer of the main ICCF bank from Credit Suisse (SWZ) to Credit Lyonnais (FRA). ICCF's Paypal account is now closed, but a small account is retained with RBS (SCO) for local use.

Delegates voted to change ICCF currency from Swiss Francs to Euros, effective January 2011 - yes (41), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (6).

The Financial Plan for 2009-12 was reviewed and accepted unanimously - yes (44), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (0).

The interim Finance Committee was disbanded following the appointment of George Pyrich as FD.

Delegates voted to reduce most ICCF entry fees by approximately 20% effective January 2011 - yes (43), no (0), abstain (1), not voting (0). *[Ed – these changes are incorporated into the tariff published on the SCCA website.]*

Delegates voted to allow members of the Executive Board and Management Committee to receive expenses for Congress attendance. The agreed rates were 4 (Euro)

cents/kilometre travel and full subsistence. Voting was yes (31), no (0), abstain (15), not voting (0).

The ICCF Direct Entry programme is nearing its 5th anniversary and a commemorative tournament is planned. In the year to July 2010, 617 DE applications were received.

Member Federations will continue to receive 105 free webserver games for national events during the year.

Martin Bennedik continues as the webserver developer and the Services committee met in December 2009 to prioritise tasks for 2010-11 and approve the budget.



Martin Bennedik (right) at play during the Congress

Services Director Raymond Boger (NOR) reported that website development and maintenance had been assigned to Clive Murden (AUS).

Ron Langeveld (NED) continues as games archivist, though he has had limited time to tackle any major work.

Dr. Ewe Staroske (GER) submitted his closing report covering his work with German media, press releases for the ICCF website, contacts with tournament sponsors and prize-winners, articles and games for ChessBase magazine, plus suggestions for events during the Jubilee Year 2011. The latter topic was discussed further and a programme agreed:

- The Jubilee Diamond Tournament will coincide with the ICCF World Cup. This will be called the *World Cup Diamond Jubilee*. As mentioned previously, Poland will be the organizer for the webserver.
- The Jubilee Diamond Tournament will also consist of a Chess 960 event to be hosted and played on the ICCF webserver under the lead of Leonardo Madonia (ITA). Webserver programming is anticipated to take approx. 16-hours and we anticipate completion in time for the tournament start.
- The Jubilee Diamond Tournament postal part will be organized by the ICCF Postal Tournament Office under the supervision of Gian-Maria Tani (ITA).
- Several Diamond Jubilee ICCF officials/delegates tournaments will be organized under the guidance of IA, Andrew Dearnley.
- Congress consensus was obtained that prizes should be similar to ones awarded for the 50th anniversary Gold event.
- All tournaments will be started in 2011.
- Alan Borwell will organise and edit the work necessary to produce an ICCF Diamond Jubilee electronic book.

Alan kindly requests that all Federations update their Federations last 10-years of history, accomplishments, and photos, and submit them to him as soon as possible.

Congress then moved on to the awards of titles. 20 new GMs, 3 new Lady GMs and 53 new SIMs were approved. Among the 87 new IMs was Scotland's Tom Matheis and I was very pleased to accept the award on his behalf!



George picks up Tom Matheis' IM certificate

A further 3 new Lady IMs were approved, followed by ratification of 4 new International Arbiters (IA), including old friend Andrew Dearnley (ENG) who received his certificate in person.



Andrew Dearnley receives his IA certificate

Delegates approved a motion from Germany to promote World Cup XVI Postal Semi-Finals to international title events. Voting was yes (41), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (3).

Frank Geider (FRA) was unable to attend, so his Title Tournaments report was read by Eric Ruch. Highlights included:

New World Championship Cycle. The new cycle has been implemented and Congress acknowledged the excellent efforts of Title Tournaments Commissioner Marco Caressa. **Webchess Open Tournament.** Guido Bresadola (ITA) was appointed Central Tournament Leader (CTL) for the 4th edition which has seen a record of entries. The 4th edition Preliminaries started on July 20th, 2010 and the 2nd edition Final started on June 21st, 2010.

Junior World Cup. Markus Homske (FRA) accepted responsibility for the organisation of these events. The 1st Junior World Cup Final started on July 4th, 2010 and the 2nd Junior World Cup is presently under preparation.

School Webserver Events. Andrew Dearnley (ENG) will look to organise future school webserver events.

Veterans World Cup. Appreciation is extended to the SCCA and the Central Tournament Leader Alan Borwell (SCO) for their continuing commitment to the organisation of the 3rd Veterans World Cup, the Preliminaries of which started on September 1st, 2010. Once again, another record entry has been received for what has become a very popular event.

Direct Entry 5th Webserver Anniversary Event. Direct Entry Commissioner Jean-Christophe Chazalatte proposed the organisation of an international Open Tournament to mark the 5th anniversary of Direct Entry protocol. Congress approved with voting – yes (38), no (2), abstain (0), not voting (4).

A large number of national events and memorial tournaments were proposed, with the large majority being approved by Congress.

Marco Caressa (ITA), Title Tournaments Commissioner, reported that:

22nd World Champion: Aleksandr Dronov (RUS).

8th Ladies World Champion: Olga Sukhareva (RUS).

27th World Championship Finals: start June 2011.

2011 World Championship Cycle: TTC suggest that - Preliminaries: start March 2011

Semi-Finals: start June 2011

Candidates: start September 2011.

9th Ladies World Championship: start dates for semi-finals and final will be announced soon, with an 11-player final proposed.

All proposals and TTC report passed unanimously by Congress, with voting - yes (40), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (4).

Valer Eugen Demian (CAN), Non-Title Tournaments Commissioner, reported that:

Rules Clarification: Duncan Chambers (ENG) had led a working group dealing with standardisation of accepting and promoting players through the various classes and methods of entry.

Event Status: a comprehensive report covered status of the World Cups, Webchess Open, Veterans World Cup, and Champions League tournaments.

Start Dates: it was proposed that World Cup and Webchess Open events have synchronised start dates.

George Stibal: Congress should recognize the lifetime work and dedication of George Stibal after his passing away. All proposals and NTTC report passed unanimously by Congress, with voting - yes (40), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (4).

Gian-Maria Tani (ITA), Postal Tournaments Office Commissioner, reported that:

2009 Statistics: an increased number of groups was started, and player numbers were up by 35%.

2010 Statistics: the 2009 numbers seem to be holding up. All proposals and PTO report passed unanimously by Congress, with voting - yes (40), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (4).

Søren Peschardt (DEN), Money Prize Tournament organiser reported low popularity and difficulty starting sections. A proposal to continue MPT events was defeated with voting - yes (0), no (38), abstain (6), not voting (0).

Thematic and Interzonal Tournament reports were accepted unanimously, with voting - yes (44), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (0).

The Playing Rules Commission had prepared a revised set of Guidelines for Webserver play. This was accepted by Congress with voting - yes (43), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (1).

Rules on Special leave were debated and a proposal to allow 10 days leave for computer failure was defeated with voting - yes (17), no (18), abstain (1), not voting (8). ICCF will no longer award leave for internet or computer failures.

The 50-move rule was debated and a proposal made that the rule be waived if Tablebase demonstrated a win in >50 moves. The proposal was defeated with voting - yes (15), no (27), abstain (1), not voting (1). ICCF and FIDE rules thus remain as written.

Gerhard Binder (GER), Ratings Commissioner, reported that the rating list is now produced quarterly and recommended that more frequent production was neither necessary nor practical for CC. Mariusz Wojnar (POL) has volunteered to deputise and work with Gerhard.

A proposal to consider players inactive if they have not completed a rateable game in 2 years was passed with voting - yes (41), no (3), abstain (0), not voting (0).

A number of Tournament Rules were updated. For details, refer to the ICCF website. In brief summary:

Promotion Events. National Federations can continue to nominate players without an ICCF rating. Otherwise, ICCF ratings are used to qualify entrants from both NF and DE sources.

Withdrawals. Players who withdraw after receiving the start list but before the start date will forfeit entry fees and qualification rights (where applicable).

Tiebreaking. Individual events are decided by SB then results of players against each other. Team events are decided on overall team results, then tied team results, then board 1 (2,3, etc) results.

World Championship Ratings. These will be taken from any ICCF rating lists published in the preceding 12 months.

Appeals and Arbitration Committees had a quiet year. Dmitri Lybin (BLR) had led the production of a new Arbiter's Manual which was adopted by Congress, with voting - yes (41), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (3).

Zonal reports were accepted as read.

Dr. Michael Millstone (USA) proposed a new Office of Special Leave (OSL) to assist with standards and co-SCCA Magazine 112

ordination. This was accepted with voting - yes (44), no (0), abstain (0), not voting (0).

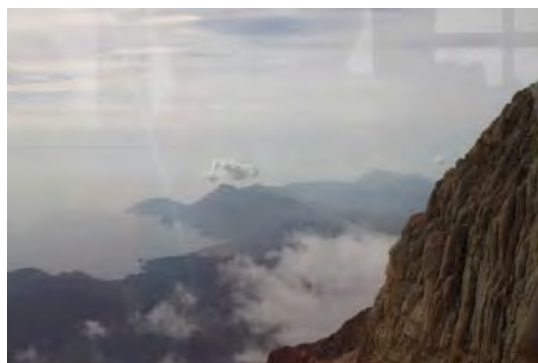
Alan Borwell is standing down as FIDE Liaison Officer and will be succeeded by Eric Ruch (FRA).

All committee structures and memberships were reviewed, with changes documented in the full minutes (refer ICCF website).



Alan Borwell with Corky Shakel (USA)

As usual, there were a number of social events and the Congress delegates enjoyed excursions to the Tahtali Mountain and the ancient cities of Olympos and Phaselis.



Above the clouds on Tahtali

The traditional blitz tournament was won by the Swedish delegate Per Söderberg with a score of 11½ and a 21 board match was held against members of the local Antalya chess club (resulting in a loss for the ICCF team by 7-14). Turkish GM Haznedazoglu also treated the conference participants to a simultaneous chess exhibition.

Although the venue for the 2011 Congress wasn't finalised before the close, subsequent announcements have confirmed Järvenpää in Finland from July 30th till August 5th in the hotel Scandic.

[Ed – once again I'm indebted to Raymond Boger (NOR) for providing excellent photographs of the Congress and its social events!]





Junior 12



The name is perhaps deceptive. Playing against Junior is not necessarily something for children, as Garry Kasparov discovered in a match in New York. He was held to a 3-3 draw by the Israeli program. Junior played in its typically dynamic style, greatly surprising the former World Champion with now-famous bishop sacrifice on h2 that forced him to concede a draw. Junior has its own special search techniques and evaluation functions, which makes it different to any other chess program. It is enterprising and entertaining, sacrificing material for initiative whenever it sees a chance, providing new ideas in traditional positions against man or machine. Written by Amir Ban and Shay Bushinsky, Junior has won multiple World Computer Chess Championships, and now, in version 12, its playing strength has been further increased – by around 200 Elo points, compared to the previous version 10 published by ChessBase. You can look forward to a world class grandmaster when you install the new program on your computer.

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- Junior 12 chess engine (32 bit)
- The latest openings book by GM Alon Greenfeld
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System requirements: Minimum: Pentium III 1 GHz, 1.5 GB RAM, Windows Vista, XP (Service Pack 3), Windows 7, DirectX9 graphics card with 256 MB RAM, DVD-ROM drive, Windows-Media Player 9, internet access (playchess.com, updates and activation). Recommended: PC Intel Core 2 Duo, 2.4 GHz, 3 GB RAM, Windows 7, DirectX10 graphics card (or compatible) with 512 MB RAM or more, 100% DirectX10 compatible sound card, Windows Media Player 11, DVD ROM drive and internet access (playchess.com, updates and activation)

Mega Database 2011



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Mega Database 2011:

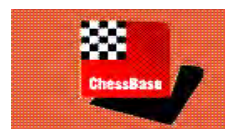
- 4.8 million games
 - 65.000 annotated games
 - Playerbase with 270,000 names and 32,000 pictures
 - weekly online update: 200,000 games until 31.12.2011
- System requirements: 1 GHz Pentium PC, Windows7, Windows Vista/XP, 512 MB RAM, DVD-ROM drive, ChessBase 10, ChessBase 11, ChessBase Light 2009 Premium, Internet.

Black Repertoire against 1.e4 Vol. 2: Open Games

by Jan Gustafsson

The open games after 1.e4 e5 offer White a huge choice. Part 1 of this series covered the main line Spanish and recommended the Marshall Attack - but what to do against the Exchange Spanish, the Scotch or the Italian Game?

The DVD answers those questions and many more. Based on his own Black repertoire, GM Jan Gustafsson provides you with all the tools you could need to successfully combat 1.e4 with 1...e5! Learn why 4...Nf6 spells trouble for Scotch enthusiasts, how to deal with the Evans Gambit and why the King's Gambit should be accepted. Popular lines like 5.d3 in the Spanish are covered, just like the Four Knights, the Ponziani or the Vienna Game, exotic lines like 1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d4 get their treatment as well. Many novelties and improvements over existing theory are to be found along the After watching this DVD you will no longer fear your opponent's deviations from a main line Spanish, in fact, you will positively hope for them! In 19 chapters with a running time of 5h 34, you can complete your e4 e5 repertoire.





Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and enjoying you're your Christmas and New Year festivities.

Unusually in quite a few years I have received a lot more games than required for this issue. Also Iain had fewer pages available due to a lot of other material. I have therefore taken the unusual step of only publishing one game this time out. However don't worry as I have retained all the games I received for future use.

NATT-VI, 30.08.2008

White: T Matheis

Black: - J Weisskohl

Slav Defence [D15]

[Annotator Tom Matheis]

The following game was played in the NATT VI tournament which was my baptism of fire on top board for the Scottish team. I had some very strong and illustrious opponents in this Category 9 group and my goal was to score at least 50%. I didn't imagine for a moment that I would tie for first place in the end by scoring a highly satisfying +2 results with no losses. In the process I secured my second IM and also my first SIM norms. My opponent in this game is the highly experienced American Jerry Weisskohl who had a rating in excess of 2520 when the tournament started. When you play folk with an impressive portfolio it's of course important that you treat your opponent with the necessary respect, but at the same time believe in yourself, especially when you have the White pieces. Up to this point I hadn't yet beaten a 2500+ player, on the other hand I only ever had lost once before (against German GM Koegler), so I always knew that it would only be a matter of time. In this game I knew after my 14th move that I would be able to play for a win. The win did eventually materialise, but only after an extremely hard-fought battle which required some very precise play and deep analysis at various stages. I guess that if you are going to beat a 2500+ player, this is the way you want to do it. I certainly believe that this was one of my 2,3 best correspondence chess games ever. I tried to be as short as possible with my analysis as a full analysis would probably have led to overkill. Some of the positions were so complex that it would have been easy to

provide endless alternatives, however, I do realise that I'm not writing for a chess book here, nor is my name Dr. Robert Huebner who just loves to analyse till the cows come home!

1.d4 **d5**
2.c4 **c6**

One of the most popular openings in modern chess, both in over-the-board and correspondence chess

3.Nc3 **Nf6**
4.Nf3 **a6**

A highly popular variation the aim of which is to push for b5 at the earliest opportunity.

5.c5

You could almost roll a dice now as White has tried no less than 12 different moves here! I experimented with various moves and I feel that c5 causes Black the most problems in the long-term.

5... **Nbd7**

Black has a number of alternatives here. Bf5, Bg4 and g4 are also played on a regular basis 6.Bf4 h3 is worth considering, but it hasn't really been put to the test in correspondence chess yet

6... **Nh5**
7.Bd2

The main alternatives e3, Bg5 and Be3 have also been played at the highest level on a regular basis

7... **g6**



I was a bit surprised by this move. The Black Knight has no real prospects nor

threats on h5 so **7... Nh6** looks more natural to me. The Knight also takes control of the e4 square again. Having said that, former World Champion Ponomarev played g6 once so it has been played by some of the top players, even if Ponomarev went on to lose this game against Podgaets in 2005.

8.e4

With Black having relinquished control of the e4 square, I didn't need a second invitation to advance my e-pawn.

8... **dx4**
9.Nxe4 **Ndf6**

Or Bg7

10.Nxf6+

[10.Nc3 Bg4 (10...Ng7 11.Qb3 Nf5 12.Bc4 e6 13.0-0 Bg7 14.Bf4 Nd5=) 11.Be3 Ng7 12.Bc4 Be6 13.Be2 Nf5 14.Bf4 Nd5=]

10... **Nxf6**
11.Bc4 **Bg7**
12.Qb3 **0-0**
13.0-0 **a5**



This was a surprise. Weisskohl was obviously trying to manoeuvre me into uncharted territory hoping to catch me off-guard. I only found one other game where this move was tried. In Babula - Siebrecht (2008), White continued

14. h3 **a4**
15. Qa3 **Bf5**
16. Rfe1 **Be4**
17. Ne5 **Bd5**
18. Be3 **Bxc4**
19. Nxc4 **Nd5**
20. Rad1 **Re8**
21.Bg5 **Qc7**

- 22. Bh4 Qf4
- 23. Bg3 Qg5
- 24. Be5 h5
- 25. Re4 Qf5
- 26. Rde1 Bxe5
- 27. Rxe5 Qf4
- 28. R5e4 Qc7
- 29. Re5 Kg7
- 30. Qf3 Red8
- 31. Nb6 e6
- 32. Nxa8 Rxa8

and White went on to win. Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit : 1)

14.a4!



I decided to return the favour and threw a novelty at my illustrious opponent. Having examined h3 I just felt it was a bit tame and also allowed Black to play a4. In my opinion a4 is far more natural. Not only does it keep my Queen nicely positioned on b3 with strong pressure on b7, but also I have a more promising pawn structure on the Queen-side. White is already better if you ask me and it's difficult to see where Black can generate any form of counterplay. I fully agree with my esteemed colleague Richard Beecham in that exclamation marks should be used wisely in annotations as otherwise they lose their purpose and become meaningless. I feel that my exclamation mark is justified here as 14.a4 presented Black with unsurmountable problems in the long-term and also formed the basis for my irresistible attack on the Queen-side later on. Fritz 11 came up with an amusing tactical variation in this position: [14.Ne5 Qxd4 15.Bxf7+ Kh8 16.Bc3 Qxc5 17.Rad1 a4 18.Qc4 Qxc4 19.Bxc4 Nd5 20.Bxd5 cxd5 21.Rxd5±]

- 14... Qc7
- 15.Ne5

A straightforward and natural move adding more pressure on f7. Black's next move is more or less forced.

- 15... Nd5
- 16.Bxd5!

I had to remove Black's strong central Knight as otherwise Black would have been able to get back into the game. I was also hoping that my pawn majority on the queenside would prove to be decisive in the distant future.

- 16... cxd5

Fritz 11: 1) 17.Rfe1 [17.Qxd5 Be6 18.Qe4 Rfd8±]

- 17... Be6



Much better than e6 or f6. After e6 it's difficult to see how Black would develop his Bishop and after 17..f6 18.Nd3 Black not only has problems with his e-pawn, but also takes the life out of his active Bishop on g7.

- 18.Rac1

Bf4 leads to the same position

- 18... Ra6
- 19.Bf4 Qc8
- 20.Qb5



My pieces couldn't really be better placed. All of them play an active part and it's difficult to see how Black can get some counterplay. However, the position is far from won and it's now a matter of patiently consolidating the advantage, making as much use of the space as possible and preventing Black from getting back into the game.

- 20... Ra7

Fritz 11: 1)

21.h4!

In line with my previous statement. h4 is virtually a free move at this stage as Black didn't have any threats. It gives me even more space and also prevents any potential counterplay with g5 in the future. Also tempting is 21. c6 and after 21...Bxe5 22.Rxe5 bxc5 23.Rxc6 Qa8 24. Rb6 Bd7 25.Qb3 e6 26.Re1 Ra6 27.Bh6 Rxb6 28.Qxb6 White is clearly better, however, I didn't see a straightforward way to convert the advantage, especially given the opposite bishops. I knew that I could always play c6 at a later, more effective stage.

- 21... f6
- 22.Nd3 Ra6
- 23.Re3

[Much stronger than Rc2. The initial plan is to double the rook on the e-file, however, with the rook being on e3 I'm also keeping an open mind to a potential Rc3 or Rb3. 23.Rc2 Re8 24.Rce2 Kf8 25.Qb3 Bf7 26.f3 Be6 27.Nf2 Qd7 28.Qb5 Qc8]

- 23... Re8

Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit : 1)

- 24.Rce1 Kf8

[24...Bd7 25.Qb3 e6 26.Bd6 Qc6 27.h5 g5 28.f4+-]

- 25.Bg3

With the idea Nf4 in mind.

- 25... Bf5

Fritz 11: 1)

- 26.f3

Nf4 would be answered with Bh6 and White has very little.

- 26... Bh6

Fritz 11: 1) [After f3, Black had a chance to get some promising counterplay. White will still have the upperhand, but things aren't quite as clear and Black has plenty of options. I'm not quite sure why Weisskohl didn't go down this route.

26...e5 27.dxe5 d4 28.R3e2 Rae6 29.Nf2 Qc6 30.Qxa5 Bh6 31.Rd1 fxe5 32.Ne4 Be3+ 33.Bf2 Bxe4 34.Bxe3 dxe3 35.fxe4 Qxe4]

- 27.Bf4

Of course not R3e2 - see my statement after 23.Re3. And Nf4 is not of great significance as Black can take it if he wishes with improved drawing chances due to the opposite bishops.

27... **Bg7**
28.Qb3 **Qd7**

Fritz 11: 1)

29.Nf2



Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit : 1) [Bd6 looks very tempting, but Black can sacrifice the exchange for active counterplay and good drawing chances: 29.Bd6 Rxd6 30.cxd6 Qxd6 31.Qxb7 Bh6 32.f4 Bxd3 33.Rxd3 Rb8 34.Qa7 Bxf4 35.b3]

29... **Be6**
30.Qb5 **Kf7**
31.Rb3!

The time has come to increase the pressure and get the rook into play as planned and anticipated 8 moves earlier! Not only that, but I'm forcing Black to exchange Queens after which I will generate an extremely powerful passed pawn.

31... **Qxb5**
32.axb5 **Raa8**
33.c6



Compare this position to the one after move 21 when I also could've played c6.

33... **Bc8**
34.b6 **a4**
35.Rb5 **a3**
36.bxa3 **Rxa3**

37.c7

[Stronger than 37.Rc1 which gives Black some practical chances again: 37.Rc1 g5 38.hxg5 fxg5 39.Be5 Bxe5 40.dxe5 Ke6 41.c7 Kxe5 42.Rd1 e6 43.Rbx5+ exd5 44.Re1+ Kd4 45.Rxe8 Ra8 46.Rf8 After 37.c7 it's time to take a step back and assess the position. A protected passed pawn on the 7th rank should prove decisive, but it's quintessential that White comes up with a coherent, well thought-out strategy in order to convert his advantage. Black will be looking to push e5 at some point to generate some counterplay, but at the same time I have to be prepared for Black just sitting back for a while to see if I can produce the goods. So there was still plenty of food for thought and I had to put in a lot of hours of deep analysis to come up with the correct plan that would give me the full point and my second IM and first SIM norm.]

37... **e6**
38.Bd6 **Rc3**



Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit : 1)

39.Rbb1

[39.Rd1 is another possibility and maintains the advantage. 39.Rd1 f5 40.Rb4 Bf6 41.Nd3 Bxh4 42.Rb2 Bf6 43.Ne5+ Bxe5 44.Bxe5 Ra3 45.Kf2 Ke7 46.Kg3+-]

39... **Bd7**



Fritz 11: 1) [It's hard to criticise Black's moves here as his position is not very

desirable and difficult to play. However, 39...h5 or f5 would have probably been the more precise reply, i.e. moves that would have caused me the most problems. 39...h5 40.Rbd1 Rc4 41.Re2 Bh6 42.g3 Bd7 43.Bc5 e5 44.Kg2 Bb5 45.Rde1+-; 39...f5 40.Be5 Bxe5 41.dxe5 h6 42.Nh3 Rc4 43.g3 Rg8 44.Rec1 Ra4 45.Ra1 Rb4 46.Rcb1 Rc4 47.Nf2+-]

40.Kh2



After analysing the game for many hours I concluded that I would need to bring my King into play at some stage. I wanted to keep my options open at the same time. Alternatives would have been 40.Ra1 or Rec1.

40... **Bf8?**

This came as a big surprise. I had expected my opponent to keep on playing fairly innocuous moves. I wonder if he started to finally crack under the constant pressure he was under. To be honest, if I were Black I would find it very difficult to motivate myself after each move and spend several hours analysing a game that was a lost cause in most variations! Obviously I was delighted that I could exchange another piece off the board!

41.Bxf8 **Rxf8**

Kxf8 leads to the same position.

42.Rec1



Black rightly declines my invitation to exchange another piece at this point.

42... **Ra3**

Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit : 1)

43.Nd1!!



The beginning of the end! I more or less anticipated most variations after this strong 'silent' move. Black's hands are completely tied, but White needs the Knight's assistance in the long-term in order to eventually break through. I found this move myself and was pleased when Rybka agreed with me. Interestingly, Fritz 11 who is supposed to be stronger in endings suggested the much weaker 43.Ra1 as its first option. [43.Ra1 Rb3 44.Rcb1 Rxb1 45.Rxb1 Ke7 46.Nd3 Kd6 47.f4 Ra8 48.Rb3 Bc8± and it's difficult to see how White can proceed.]

43... **Ke7**

44.Nc3 **Rc8**

45.Kg3

As anticipated 5 moves ago the White King also has to slowly start joining in the fun! [45.Nb5 Bxb5 46.Rxb5 Kd7 47.Rb4 Rca8 48.Kg3 Ra2 49.Kf4±]

45... **Kd6**

Fritz 11: 1)

46.f4 **h5**

Fritz 11: 2)

47.Kf3 **Bc6**

Rybka 3 Dynamic 32-bit : 1)

48.Ke3 **Ra6**

Fritz 11: 1)

49.Rg1 **Be8**

Rybka 3 32-bit : 1)

50.Rb3!?

[g4 would probably have been more forceful. After all, that was the idea after

49.Rg1. 50.g4 hxg4 51.Rxg4 Kc6 52.Nb5 Kxb6 53.Nd6+ Kxc7 54.Nxc8 Kxc8 55.h5+-]

50... **Rca8**

Fritz 11: 1)

51.Re1 **Bc6**

Fritz 11: 2)

52.Kf2 **Ra5**

Rybka 3 32-bit : 1)

53.Rc1 **Kd7**

Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit : 1)

54.Ne2 **Rg8**



Fritz 11: 1) [54...Rb5 55.Rxb5 Bxb5 56.f5!! gxf5 57.Nf4 Bc4 58.Nxh5 Kc6 59.Rb1+-]

55.Rcc3 **Kd6**

56.Ra3 **Rxa3**

57.Rxa3 **Bd7**

Fritz 12: 1)

58.Rg3 Bc8

[58...Kc6 59.f5!! exf5 60.Nf4 g5 61.Rc3+ Kd6 62.Nxh5+-]

59.Rc3 **Bd7**

Fritz 12: 1)

60.Rc5 **Rc8**

Fritz 12: 2)

61.Ke3!!

The King start his decisive journey!

61... **Bc6**

Fritz 12: 1)

62.Kd2 **Ba4**

Rybka 3 1-cpu 32-bit: 1)

63.Kc3

Bd1

64.Nc1

Ba4

Fritz 12: 1)

65.Kb4

Bd7

66.Ne2

Neither Rybka's or Fritz' first choice move, but I had the winning manoeuvre already worked out.

66...

Ke7

Black has no sensible moves left and can only wait for the Damocles sword to fall.

67.Nc3

Kd6

68.Ra5

Kc6

69.Na4

Rg8

70.Rc5+

Kd6

71.Rc3

Rh8

72.Nc5

Kc6

73.g3

Rc8

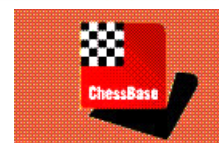
74.Ra3

Be8

75.Nxb7!



75...Kxb7 loses immediately after 76.Kc5 and 75...Kxb6 is not much better after 76.Nd6 Rxc7 77.Nxe8. So did Black do the honourable thing and resign? Did he heck. My opponent decided to let his clock run down and vanished without another word. I was obviously delighted with this hard-fought victory and the achieved norms, however, I am very disappointed that Weisskohl didn't show me any courtesy at the end. I have to say that many folk nowadays are incapable of losing in a gracious manner. I find it downright rude when folk simply disappear off the radar as in this case or simply resign and close the game window. It's like losing and not shaking hands afterwards. 1-0





ICCF Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

In the Spring 2010 edition of the Magazine (no. 109), I provided information about the first two ICCF Veterans World Cups and this article is a progress report on these events, which are being started every year with each stage completed in 18 months.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 1 is being organised by our Czech friends in memoriam of Stanislav Volgar, a famous Czech CC player, and it has now reached its Final stage. Details can be found on <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=20207>.

The Scottish CCA is organising the 2nd, 3rd and 4th ICCF Veterans World Cups and will provide Cups and prizes for the top 3 medallists in each of these tournaments. VWC2 and VWC3 are in progress and the VWC4 will start in 2011.

The 2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup started in September 2009 and attracted a massive 273 entries, who are playing in 21 groups with the top three from each group being guaranteed places in the Semifinals stage – some 98% of games are already finished! The closing date is fixed at 28th February 2011 and Semifinals will start in June 2011.

The Third ICCF Veteran's World Cup started on 1st September 2010 with another record entry of 364 players in 28 groups of 13 players and we had several reserves. As in VWC2, the top placed 3 players in each group will progress to the Semifinals.

We have six SCCA tournament directors for VWC3 (Alastair Dawson, Alistair Maxwell, Jim Anderson, Colin Macgregor, Kevin Paine and Gordon Anderson). George Pyrich will be TD for VWC2 Semifinals. George Livie is the Appeals Judge. I am grateful to all these SCCA friends for agreeing to help with these tournaments.

Entries for the 4th ICCF Veterans World Cup will be announced in the Spring of 2011.

I participated in 2 groups in VWC2, finishing in both with 7/12 points and equal 5ths. In each group, I lost 2 games, in one to outright winner and to a joint winner in other. Here are 3 games from each of my groups in the event, which I thoroughly enjoyed.

Borwell, Alan (2206) – Coleby, Richard A (2099) (ENG) [B00]

ICCF Veterans WC2 – Gp P13, 17.08.2009

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.e4	e6
2.d4	d5
3.Nc3	Bb4
4.e5	c5
5.a3	Bxc3+
6.bxc3	Ne7
7.Qg4	0-0

8.Bd3	Nbc6
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[8...Nbc6 9.Qh5 Ng6 10.Nf3 Qc7 11.h4 Cheparinov–Fernandez Romero = 2005 (Psakhis)]

9.Qh5	Ng6
10.Nf3	Nce7
11.dxc5	Qa5
12.Bd2	Qxc5
13.0-0	Bd7
14.Rab1	Qc7
15.Rb4	f5



16.exf6	gxf6
17.Rfb1	Bc8

After this retreat I considered [17...Bc8 18.Nh4 (18.Bh6 Rf7 19.c4 Qd6 20.h3 dxc4 21.Rxc4 Qd5 22.Qg4 e5 23.Qe4) 18...f5 19.Nf3 Nc6 20.Ra4 e5 21.Ng5 Qg7 22.c4 e4 23.cxd5 exd3 24.dxc6 dxc2 25.Rc1 Rd8 26.Rxc2 bxc6 27.Rac4 Ne7 28.h3 Rb8 29.Rh4±; 17...Bc8 18.c4 e5 19.cxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxg6 hxg6 21.Qxg6+ Qg7 22.Qxg7+ Kxg7 23.Rh4 Rf7 24.Rb3 Rc7 25.Ne1]

18.Bh6	Rf7
19.c4	a5
20.R4b3	dxg6
21.Rc3	Bd7
22.Rxc4	Bc6
23.Re1	

[After 23.Re1 Qd7 24.Nd4 Bd5 25.Rc3 e5 26.Nb5 I analysed 26...e4 27.Be2 Rd8 28.Rd1 Qf5 29.Nc7 Qxh5 30.Bxh5 Kh8 31.Bxg6 hxg6 32.Rh3 Rh7 33.c4 Nf5 34.Bc1 Rxh3 35.gxh3 Kg7 36.Bb2 Kf7 37.Nxd5]

23...	Qd7
24.Nd4	Bd5
25.Rc3	e5
26.Nb5	

[26.Nb5 needed to find better than 26...Bc6 27.a4 Rd8 but he could not resist the mate threat 28.Bc4 Nd5 29.Rg3 Kh8 30.Rd1 Qe8 31.h3 Rfd7 32.Qf5 Qe7 33.Re1]

26...	Bc6
27.a4	Qd5
28.Qh3	

[28.Qh3 Bd7 29.Qg3 Bxb5 30.axb5 Qd4]

28...	Bd7
29.Qg3	Bxb5
30.axb5	e4

Not so good after his white squared bishop has gone

31.Bc4 Qh5
32.Bxf7+ Kxf7
33.Qe3 Rd8



As they say, it is not just a matter of technique to convert extra material

34.Rc5 Ne5
35.Bf4 b6
36.Rc7 Rd1
37.h3 Rxe1+
38.Qxe1 Qf5
39.Be3 Qe6
40.Qd1 Ke8
41.Qh5+ N5g6
42.c4 Kd8
43.Ra7 Nc8
44.Rxh7 Nce7
45.c5 bxc5
46.Qxc5 Ke8
47.Qa7 Qd7
48.b6 Qd1+
49.Kh2 Qd6+
50.g3 Nf8
51.Qa8+ Qd8
52.Rxe7+ Kxe7
53.Bc5+ Ke8
54.b7

Resignation here was surely overdue but he played on until he was checkmated – only the second time I have had to do this in over 1000 CC games! I will not bore readers with the remaining moves.

54... Nd7
55.Bd6 1-0



Arditi Rocha, Luis Felix (ARG) (2150) – Borwell, Alan (2206) [A00]

ICCF Veterans WC2 – Gp P13, 17.08.2009

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 d6
6.Bc4 Qb6
7.Nb3 e6

8.Bf4 Ne5
9.Be2 Bd7
10.Qd2 Rc8
11.f3 Be7

As in Debevec–Millstone 0-1 CC 2006

12.Be3 Qc7
13.g4 0-0
14.g5 Ne8
15.0-0 a6
16.Rad1 f5

Black needs to try to exploit White's K-side exposure

17.f4 Nc4
18.Bxc4 Qxc4
19.e5 Rf7
20.Qf2 b5
21.a3 Qc7
22.Bb6 Qb8
23.exd6 Nxd6
24.Bc5 Rc6
25.Rfe1 Bd8
26.Qf3 Bb6
27.Be3 Rc8

The rook must make way for the white squared bishop.

28.Nd2 Bc6
29.Qf2

Although this forces the bishop exchange, it is the white squares which are now more important. I analysed [29.Qf2 Bxc3 30.Qxc3 (30.Rxe3 Ne4 31.Ndxe4 fxe4 32.Ne2 Bd5 33.c3 Rcf8 34.Qg3 Qb6 35.Qf2 Rf5 36.Rg3 Qb7 37.Qe3 e5 38.fxe5 Qf7 39.Kh1 Rf3 40.e6 Qxe6 41.Rxf3 exf3 42.Qxe6+ Bxe6 43.Ng3 Bh3) 30...Ba8 31.Re2 Rc7 32.Qf2 Qb7 33.Kf1 Rd8 34.Rde1 a5 35.Rxe6 Rxc6 36.Rxc6 b4 37.Ncb1 Qb5+ 38.Re2 Nc4 39.Ke1 Qc6-+]

29... Bxe3
30.Qxe3 Ba8
31.Rf1

Holding the e-pawn but also enabling Black to block if White tries g6 or h6

31... Re7
32.Rde1 b4
33.axb4 Qxb4



34.Rb1

Rather sad for White, but he cannot give up his b-pawn easily as everything will collapse, but it does!

34... Nc4
35.Nxc4 Rxc4
36.Rbd1 Re8
37.Rd2 Qxb2
38.Ne2 Qb7

39.Ng3 Qc6

Nice quiet move, but with multiple threats.

40.h3 Rc3

41.Qf2

Here my analysis was [41.Qf2 a5 (41...e5 42.Kh2 e4 43.Qe1 e3 44.Re2 Rxc2 45.Rxc2 Qxc2+ 46.Qe2 Rc8 47.Kg1 Qxe2 48.Nxe2 Rc2 49.Re1 Kf7 50.Nd4 Rg2+ 51.Kf1 Rf2+ 52.Kg1 Rxf4 53.Nc2 Ra4 54.Nxe3 Kg6 55.Rd1 f4 56.Ng4 Ra3 57.Rd8 Be4 58.Rf8 Rxh3 59.Rxf4 Kxg5 60.Rxe4 Rg3+ 61.Kf2 Rxxg4 62.Re7 Kf6 63.Rb7 a5 64.Rb6+ Kf7 65.Rb7+ Kg6 66.Rb6+ Kh5 67.Ra6 a4 68.Ra7 h6 69.Ke3 Kh4) 42.Kh2 a4 43.Qd4 g6 44.h4 e5 45.fxe5 Rc4 46.Qe3 Rxh4+ 47.Kg1 a3 48.Qxa3 Rh1+ 49.Nxh1 Qxh1+ 50.Kf2 Qg2+ 51.Ke3 Qg3+ 52.Ke2 Qxa3]

41... e5

42.Re2

[42.Re2 h6 43.Kh2 cxf4 44.Rxe8+ Qxe8 45.Qxf4 Rxc2+ 46.Rf2 Qc6 47.h4 Rxf2+ 48.Qxf2 f4 49.gxh6 fxg3+ 50.Kxg3 Qg6+ 51.Kh3 gxh6]

42... h6

43.Kh2 cxf4

44.Rxe8+ Qxe8

45.Qxf4 Rxc2+

46.Rf2 Qc6

Leading to multiple piece exchange and won pawn ending so White resigned.

0-1



Borwell, Alan (2206) – Coope, Derek W (SCO) (1925)

[B00]

ICCF Veterans WC2 – Gp P13, 17.08.2009

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

This was a battle between two SCCA players, after I joined the group as a replacement for a withdrawing player.

1.e4 b6

2.d4 Bb7

3.Nc3 g6

4.Be3 Bg7

5.Qd2 Nf6

6.f3 0-0

7.0-0-0

I like this "Adams" set up against the Pirc – probably even better against a double fianchetto

7... d6

8.Bh6 c5

9.d5 Bxh6

10.Qxh6 b5

11.h4 b4

12.Nce2 Qa5



13.Kb1 c4

14.Nd4 c3

15.h5 cxb2

16.Nh3 Nxd5

I analysed [16...Nxd5 17.Rd3 Nc3+ 18.Rxc3 Qxh5 19.Qxh5 gxh5 20.Rc7 e5 21.Nf5 Ba6 22.Ng5 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Na6 24.Rc6 Nc5 25.Nxd6 Ne6 26.Nxe6 fxe6 27.Rh1 Rf6 28.Rxh5 Rg6 29.Rh2 Rd8 30.Kxb2]

17.Rd3 Nf6

Again I had [17...Nf6 18.Ng5 (18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Ng5 Rf7 20.Nde6 Bc8 21.Nxh7 Qxa2+ 22.Kxa2 Bxe6+ 23.Kxb2 Rxh7 24.Qxg6+ Rg7 25.Qh6 Rh7 26.Qg5+ Rg7 27.Qf4 Nbd7 28.g4) 18...Qe5 (18...b3 19.Rxb3 Qe1+ 20.Kxb2 Qd2 21.Nde6 fxe6 22.hxg6 (22.hxg6 Na6 23.Bxa6 Bxa6 24.gxh7+ Kh8 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.Qxd2 Rxh7 27.Rxh7+ Kxh7 28.Qa5 Bf1 29.Qe1 Ba6 30.e5 dxe5 31.Qxe5 Rd8 32.Qxe6 Rg8 33.Qxa6) 22...Nbd7 23.gxh7+ Kh8 24.Nf7+ Rxf7 25.Qxd2 Nc5 26.Ra3 Rxh7 27.Rxh7+ Kxh7 28.Qg5 Rb8 29.Kc1 Rg8 30.Qh4+ Kg7 31.e5 dxe5 32.Rxa7 Rc8 33.Qg5+ Kf7 34.Qxe5 Ncd7 35.Qh2 Nc5 36.Bc4 Rc6 37.a4) 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Nde6 Rf7 21.f4 Qxe6 22.Nxe6 Bxe4 23.Rg3 Nbd7 24.Bd3 Bxd3 25.cxd3 Nf8 26.Nxf8 Raxf8 27.f5 g5 28.Rxg5+ Kh8 29.Kxb2 a6 30.Rc1 a5 31.Rc7]

18.Ng5 b3

19.Rxb3 Qe1+

20.Kxb2 Qf2

21.Nde6 fxe6

22.hxg6

[22.hxg6 Qd4+ 23.Rc3 Qb4+ 24.Kc1 Qxc3 25.gxh7+ Kh8 26.Qxf8+ Ng8 27.hxg8Q#]

22... Nbd7

23.Nxh7 Qd4+

24.c3 Qf2+

25.Be2 Qxe2+

26.Ka1 1-0

Black is totally lost here so Derek resigned



Borwell, Alan (2206) – Gierth, Karlheinz (GER) (2213)

[B00]

ICCF Veterans WC2 – Gp P06, 01.09.2009

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.e4 c6

2.d4 d5

3.exd5 cxd5

4.c4 Nf6

5.Nc3 Nc6
6.Bg5 e6
7.Nf3

As in Morozevich–Minasian 1-0 2000

7... Be7
8.c5 0-0
9.Bb5 Ne4
10.Bxe7 Nxe7
11.Rc1 Bd7
12.Bd3 f5
13.0-0

Following Easy Guide to Panov–Botvinnik book, page 60.

13... Nc6
14.Bb5 Nb8
15.Bxd7 Nxd7
16.b4 a6
17.Ne2

[After 17.Ne2 I was expecting 17...Rf6 planning something like 18.Nf4 Rh6 19.h4 Qe7 20.g3 Ndf6 21.Ne5 Nd7 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.Kg2 Qc7 24.Qe1 Re8 25.f3 Nf6 26.Nd3 Nh5 27.f4 Nf6 28.Ne5 Ne4 29.Qe3 Rf6 30.Qd3 Qe7 31.Rc2 Rc8 32.Rfc1 Rff8 33.a4 Ra8 34.Qb3 Rfc8 35.c6]

17... Re8!?
18.Qd3 Qc7
19.Rc2 Nef6
20.a4 Nf8
21.Ne5 N8d7
22.Nxd7

Helping to keep my q-side advance moving [after 22.Nxd7 Qxd7 23.b5 axb5 24.axb5 I expected 24...Ra4 25.Rb1 Qe7 26.f3 e5 27.dxe5 Qxe5 28.c6 bxc6 29.bxc6 Rc8 30.g3 g6 31.Kg2 g5 32.f4 gxf4 33.Nxf4 Rd4 34.Qa6 Qe4+ 35.Kh3 Re8 36.Qe2 unclear]

22... Qxd7
23.b5 axb5
24.axb5 Ra7
25.f3 Rea8
26.Rb1 Ra3
27.Rc3 Ra1
28.Rcc1 R1a3
29.Qd2 Ne8



[After 29...Ne8 30.Nf4 I analysed 30...Nc7 31.c6 bxc6 32.bxc6 Qd8 33.Rb7 R3a4 34.Qe3 Ra1 35.Qe1 Qf6 36.Ne2 Rxc1 37.Qxc1 Rc8 38.Qc3 Ne8 39.Rd7 e5 40.dxe5 Qe6 41.Nf4 Rxc6 42.Nxe6 Rxc3 43.Nd4 g6 44.Rxd5 Rc1+ 45.Kf2 Rc7 46.e6 Nf6 47.Rd8+ Kg7 48.Kg3 Nh5+ 49.Kh4 Kf6 50.Rd7 Rxd7 51.exd7 Ke7 52.Nxf5+ Kxd7 53.Kg5 Ke6 54.g4 Nf6 55.Nh4 Ne8 56.Nxg6 hxg6 57.Kxg6 Nf6 58.h4 Nd7 59.h5 Ne5+ 60.Kg7 Nxf3 61.h6 Ng5 62.h7]

30.Nf4 g5
31.c6 bxc6
32.bxc6 Qd6
33.Nd3 h6
34.Ne5 Ra2
35.Qe1

Black is now unable to prevent White entering his stronghold, using his advanced pawn as an axis

35... Nc7
36.Rb7 R8a4
37.Qc3 R4a3
38.Rb3 Qe7
39.Rcb1 Rxb3
40.Rxb3 Ra8
41.Rb7 Rc8
42.h3 Qd6
43.Qc1 Qe7
44.h4 Qf6
45.h5 Qe7
46.Qb2 Kg7
47.g4 Qf8
48.Qb6 Qe7
49.Ra7 Qd6
50.Kg2 Qe7
51.Qb7 Qd8
52.Qb1 Qf8
53.Ng6 Qd8
54.gxf5 Qe8
55.Qe1 Kh7
56.fxe6 1-0

After 56.....Qxc6.57. Qb1 is rather neat threatening discovered check but also a lethal fork on e7, so Black resigned.



Borwell, Alan (2206) – Wark, Peter (AUS) (1799) [B00]

ICCF Veterans WC2 – Gp P06, 01.09.2009

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 d6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6
6.Be3 Bg7
7.f3 0-0
8.Qd2 Nc6
9.Bc4 Bd7
10.0-0-0 Rc8
11.Bb3 Ne5
12.Kb1

There are many games in databases, including Vachier–Kazimdzhanov 1-0 2009

12... Nc4
13.Bxc4 Rxc4
14.g4 Qa5

[Not recommended 14...Qa5 15.Nd5 Qxd2 16.Nxe7+ Kh8 17.Rxd2 Re8 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Rxe3; other options are 14...Qa5 15.g5 Nh5 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Ne2 Be6 18.Ng3 (18.Bxa7 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qc7 20.c3 as in De Blasio–Satici CC 1-0 CC 2002) 18...Bxd5 19.Qxd5 Qc7 20.Nxh5 gxh5 21.c3 b5 22.a3 as in Korneev–Migens Romero 1-0 2004;

Or 14...Qa5 15.Nb3 Qa6 (Or 15...Qc7) 16.e5 Nxg4 17.fxg4 Bxg4 18.Rdf1 (better than 18.exd6) 18...dxe5 19.Rhg1 (or 19.Bh6) see notes Kaumior–Solarov 1-0 2002]

15.g5 Nh5
16.Nd5

Standard manoeuvre where queen exchange loses Black's e pawn first

16... Qd8
17.Ne2 Be6
18.Bxa7

Yes, this pawn can be taken, providing White is careful not to allow Black to build threats against his King

18... Bxd5
19.Qxd5 Qc7
20.c3 Rc8



21.Qb5

Vacating the d5 square for a rook to enter the fray.

21... Rc6
22.Be3 Ra6
23.Qb3 Rca8
24.a3 Bf8

Not a bad idea, but too slow.

25.Rd5 Ng7
26.Rb5 Ne6
27.Rxb7 Nc5
28.Qxf7+ 1-0

Wins a third pawn, gets rid of the Queens so Black resigns.



Uifelaan, Andrei (2217) – Borwell, Alan (2206) [B30]

ICCF Veterans WC2 – Gp P06, 01.09.2009

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Nc3 e5

I was interested in this line as played in Petrosian–Moisenko 0-1 2006

4.Bc4 Be7
5.0-0 d6
6.d3 Nf6
7.Bd2 0-0
8.a4 Bg4
9.h3 Bh5
10.Nd5 h6
11.Ne3 Nh7
12.g4 Bg6

13.Kg2 Re8
14.a5 Rb8
15.Bb5 a6
16.Ba4

[16.Ba4 Nf8 17.Nd5 Ne6 18.Rh1 Bg5 19.Bxg5 Nxg5 20.h4 Nxf3 21.Qxf3 Re6 22.Bxc6 bxc6 23.Nb6 d5 24.h5 Bh7 25.exd5 e4]

16... Nf8
17.Nd5 Ne6
18.Rh1 Bh7
19.h4 c4

[I had in mind 19...c4 20.Kg3 Rf8 21.h5 Ncd4 22.Nxd4 Nxd4 23.Be3 Bg5 24.Bxd4 exd4]

20.g5 f5

From a rather slow start, the position has become very double-edged

21.exf5

[21.exf5 Bxf5 22.gxh6 Bg4 23.Kg3 Bh5 24.Qf1 Rf8 25.Ng5 Ncd4 26.hxg7 Kxg7 27.Nxe6+ Nxe6]

21... Bxf5
22.gxh6 Bg4
23.Kg3 Bh5

My analysis here was [23...Bh5 24.Bg5 Rf8 (24...Bxg5 25.hxg5 Bxf3 26.Qxf3 Qxg5+ 27.Qg4 Qxg4+ 28.Kxg4 cxd3 29.h7+ Kh8 30.cxd3 Rf8) 25.Bxc6 Rxf3+ 26.Qxf3 Bxf3 27.Nxe7+ Kh7 28.hxg7 Bxh1 29.g8Q+ Qxg8 30.Nxg8 Bxc6 31.Ne7 cxd3 32.cxd3 Rf8 33.Nxc6 bxc6 34.Be7 Rg8+ 35.Kh2 Nf4]

24.Bg5 Bxg5
25.hxg5 Bxf3
26.Qxf3 Qxg5+
27.Qg4

[27.Qg4 Qxg4+ 28.Kxg4 cxd3 29.cxd3 but is there better for Black than (29.cxd3 Nc5 30.Kf3 Rf8+ 31.Ke3 Rf7 32.Bd1 gxh6 33.Rxh6 Nd4 34.Rg6+ Rg7 35.Rxg7+ Kxg7 36.b4 Nce6 37.f4 Rh8 38.fxe5 Rh3+ 39.Kf2 dxe5) 29...Ned4 30.Rh5 Re6 31.Rah1 Rf8 32.Rg5 Rxf2 33.Rxg7+ Kh8 34.Bxc6 Rg2+ 35.Kh3 Rd2 36.Kg4 bxc6 37.Nc7 Rg2+ 38.Kh3]

27... Qxg4+
28.Kxg4 cxd3
29.cxd3 Ned4

[29...Ned4 30.f4 Re6 31.h7+ Kh8 32.f5 Rh6 33.Rxh6 gxh6 34.Kh5 Kxh7 35.Rf1 Rf8 36.f6 Ne6 37.Rg1]

30.Rh5 Re6
31.Rah1 g6

A neat idea.

32.h7+ Kh8
33.R5h3 Rf8
34.Kg3



A very interesting position with Black now having 8 possible good moves (Rf7, Ne7, e4, g5, Rf3, Rf5, Rd8 or Ree8) – which is the best!?

[34.Kg3 Ne7 (34...Rf7 35.Bd1 Nxa5 36.Kg2 Re8 37.Rh6 Rg7 38.Nf6 Rf8 39.Ne4 Nf5 40.R6h3 Nc6 41.Ng5 Ncd4 42.Bf3 Rc7 43.Be4 Ng7 44.Rh6 Nh5 45.Nh3 Rf6 46.Re1 b5 47.Kh2 a5 48.Ra1 a4 49.Rxg6 Rxg6 50.Bxg6 Nf3+ 51.Kh1 Nf6 52.d4 e4 53.b3 a3 54.Rxa3 Rc1+ 55.Kg2 Nh4+ 56.Kh2 Nxg6 57.Ng5 Rc2 58.Kg1 d5 59.Ra5 b4 60.Rb5 Kg7 61.Rb7+ Kh6 62.Nf7+ Kxh7 63.Ne5+ Kh6 64.Rb6 Kg5 65.Nf7+ Kf5 66.Nh6+ Kf4 67.Rxf6+ Kg5 68.Ng8 Rc1+ 69.Kh2 Rf1 70.Kg2 Rb1 71.Kh2 Rxb3 72.Rd6 Nf4 73.Ne7 Rh3+ 74.Kg1 b3 75.Rb6 e3 76.fxe3 Rxe3 77.Nc6 Re6 78.Kf2 b2 79.Rxb2 Nd3+ 80.Kf3 Nxb2; 34...e4 35.Bd1 exd3 36.Nf4 Ref6 37.Nxd3 Nxa5) 35.Nxe7 Ne2+ 36.Kg4 Rf4+ 37.Kg5 Rxe7 38.Bd1 Rf5+ 39.Kg4 Nd4 40.Kg3 Ref7 41.R3h2 Rg5+ 42.Kh4 Rff5 43.Bg4 Kxh7 44.Bxf5 Nf3+ 45.Kh3 gxf5 46.Rg2 Rh5+ 47.Kg3 Rxh1 48.Kxf3 Ra1 49.b4 Rd1 50.Ke3 Rb1 51.Rg5 f4+ 52.Ke4 Rxb4+ 53.Kf5 Rb2 54.Rg6 Rxf2 55.Rxd6 Ra2]

34... Ne7

Looking to simplify, but also to keep a bind on K-side before converting to winning rook and pawn ending – hopefully!

35.Nxe7

[35.Nxe7 Ne2+ 36.Kg4 Rf4+ 37.Kg5 Rxe7 38.Bd1 Rf5+ 39.Kg4 Nd4 40.Kg3 Ref7 41.R3h2 Rg5+ 42.Kh4 Rff5 43.Bg4 Kxh7 44.Bxf5 Nf3+ 45.Kh3 gxf5 46.Rg2 Rh5+ 47.Kg3 Rxh1 48.Kxf3 Ra1 49.b4 Rd1 50.Ke3 Rb1 51.Rg5 f4+ 52.Ke4 Rxb4+ 53.Kf5 Rb2 54.Rg6 Rxf2 55.Rxd6 Ra2]

35... Ne2+

36.Kg4 Rf4+

37.Kg5 Rxe7

[37...Rxe7 38.Bd1 Rf5+ 39.Kg4 Nd4 40.Kg3 Ref7 41.R3h2 Rg5+ 42.Kh4 Rff5 43.Bg4 Kxh7 44.f3 Kh6 45.Kg3+ Kg7 46.Rh7+ Kf6 47.Kh3 Rf4 48.Rxb7 Nxf3 49.Rf1 Rfxg4 50.Rxf3+ Ke6 51.Rb6 Rg1 52.Kh2 R5g2+ 53.Kh3 g5 54.Rf8 Rg3+ 55.Kh2 R1g2+ 56.Kh1 Rc2 57.Rf1 Rxd3 58.Re1 g4 59.b3 Rh3+ 60.Kg1 Rg3+ 61.Kh1 Rgc3 62.Rxa6]

38.Bd1 Rf5+

39.Kg4 Nd4

40.Kg3 Ref7

41.R3h2 Rg5+

42.Kh4

[42.Kh4 Rg2 43.Rxg2 Rxh7+ 44.Kg3 Rxh1 45.Bf3 Nxf3 46.Kxf3 Kg7 47.Rg4 Ra1 48.Rb4 Rxa5 49.Rxb7+ Kf6 50.Rd7 Ke6 51.Rg7 Kf5 52.Rf7+ Kg5; 42.Kh4 Ne6 43.Bg4 Rxh7+ 44.Kg3 Rxh2 45.Rxh2+ Kg7 46.Kh4 Kf6 47.Rh1]



42...Rff5

This works the sacrifice of the exchange, but retaining firm grip on the position. The key is to restrict White's rooks to defensive mode and keep his King on edge of board [42...Ne6 43.Bg4 Rxh7+ 44.Kg3 Rxh2 45.Rxh2+ Kg7 46.Kh4 Kf6 47.Rh1 Nf4]

43.Bg4 Kxh7

44.f3 Kh6

45.Kh3 Nxf3

46.Bxf5 gxf5

47.Rf2 Nd4

48.Rc1 f4

49.Rg2 Rh5+

50.Kg4 f3

51.Rf2 Rg5+

52.Kh3 Rf5

53.Rg1 Rh5+

54.Kg3 Rg5+

55.Kh2 d5

56.Re1 Kg6

57.Re3 Kf5

58.Rexf3+ Nxf3+

59.Rxf3+ Ke6

60.Rh3 e4

61.Re3 Ke5

62.dxe4 d4



The passed d-pawn is decisive.

63.Rb3 Kxe4

64.Rxb7 d3

65.Rd7 Rd5

66.Re7+ Kd4

67.Re1 d2

68.Rd1 Kd3

69.Ra1 Ke2

Here my opponent resigned – an enjoyable endgame!

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International Update

By George Pyrich

Thor Løvholt Memorial

MT-Løvholt /sf1		Thor Løvholt Memorial U-2300 Team Tournament SF1										TD Pheby, Ian M.													
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	Place
1	Austria	2235	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	1.5	50	0	0	3	51	1	0	0.5	0	0	0	1
2	Poland	2216	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	2	52	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	2
3	Scotland	2124	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	Spain	2239	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	Czech Republic	2203	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	5
6	Bulgaria	2184	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	6
7	France	2183	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	6
8	Cape Verde	1935	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
9	Latvia	2211	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
10	Belarus	2166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

The Scotland team is 1. David Cumming, 2. Geoff Lloyd, 3. Prof Alastair Dawson, 4. Dr Kevin Paine, 5. Andrew Macmillen, 6. Alan Armstrong.

Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Jan 2011	10	Hong Kong	Server				
Nov 2010	15	Cape Verde	Server	4½	½		
Nov 2010	30	Finland	Server/Post				
Sep 2010n	32	Sweden	Server/Post	4	9		
Apr 2010	10	Lithuania	Server	4	9		
Mar 2010	20	Scheming Mind	Server	11	21		loss
Feb 2010	20	Ecuador	Server	21½	9½		win
May 2009	25	Australia	Server/Post	13½	32½	2	loss
Oct 2008	21	USA	Server/Post	19	21		
Oct 2008	28	England	Server/Post	17	39		loss
May 2008	50	Rest of World	Server/Post	37	56	1	loss

ICCF World Championship 2011 Cycle

Marco Caressa, ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner, writes to advise that preliminary world championship sections will start on 10 March 2011. Sections are normally 13-player. Scotland has received 3 member federation nominations. Entries close on 31 January, so please contact George Pyrich before that date if you are interested in taking part.

ICCF Postal Olympiad 19

Marco Caressa, ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner writes to advise that this event will start in March 2011 providing at least 18 teams enter. The Olympiad will be postal (optionally email if players agree), and played over preliminary and final stages by 4-player teams. Entries close on 21 January 2011. The SCCA will cover all entry fees. For further information, please contact George Pyrich.

ICCF Direct Entry 5th Webserver Anniversary Tournament

Jean-Christophe Chazalatte, DE Commissioner and DE5A Tournament Organiser, writes to invite entries for this event, which will use direct entry for payment of fees and prizes. Registration begins on 15 Dec 10 and closes on 01 Mar 11, with the preliminary round starting on 05 Apr 11. Sections are expected to contain 7-11 players, and semi-finals and a final will follow. The event is webserver based, 10moves/30 days, conditional moves possible, and rating norms are expected. Entry fee is 8,10€ Prizes for preliminary and semi-final rounds are free entry to DE events, and in the final 15% of fees received plus 450,00€ guaranteed by ICCF. For further information, please contact George Pyrich.



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 2011

Theme 2/11: King's Gambit Hanstein, C38

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.0-0 h6 6.d4 d6 7.c3

Entries by 1 March; play starts 15 March

Theme 3/11: Colle System, A46

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3

Entries by 15 April; play starts 1 May

Webserver Events 2011

Theme 2/11: Albin Counter-Gambit, D08-9

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5

Entries by 15 February; play starts 1 March

Theme 3/11: Scandinavian Defence, B01

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4

Entries by 1 April; play starts 15 April

Note there are no Email Events in 2011.

News

- ❑ The 2011 ICCF Congress will be held in Järvenpää, Finland, from 31 July – 5 August.
- ❑ Ulrich Stephan (GER) is the 23rd ICCF world champion, winning with 11½ points from Thomas Winckelmann (GER), 11, and David v d Hoeven (NED) / Jon Ostriker (USA), both 10.
- ❑ Mikhail Umansky died on December 18, aged 58. He was the 13th ICCF world champion, and won the Jubilee champions event in 2001, in which all living world champions participated.
- ❑ Michael Millstone reports brisk registration for the 5th Anniversary Direct Entry tournament. Entries close on 1 March – contact George Pyrich to find out more.
- ❑ ICCF has changed currency from Swiss francs to euros with effect from 1 January, and has also implemented fee reductions for many tournaments – see the SCCA website for the new tariff.
- ❑ Minutes of the 2010 ICCF Congress can now be downloaded from the ICCF website in pdf format.

Further details of all ICCF activities and events; entries to events, and orders for ICCF publications may be obtained via George Pyrich at: international@scottishcca.co.uk

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