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Welcome to the final edition of the 2013 magazine set! It's windy, wet and cold here, but inwardly we're happy again after all that cissy warm stuff earlier in the year. We hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2014 brings you joy in your endeavours!

Year-end is a busy issue, full of results, features and games. It starts with an extended Notices page listing ICCF rule changes for 2014 plus the ICCF 2014-16 calendar of events. Updates are provided for the SCCA 3rd Webserver Open and inaugural SCCA Annual Best Game Prize.

I've pulled together the results of our 2013 domestic events, and updated the winners' statistics.

George analyses the first ICCF rating list of 2014 which features additions, deletions, norms, full grades plus grading and games milestones.

Our main feature article of this issue is provided by Peter Bennett, fresh from qualifying for the semi-final stage of Veterans' World Cup 5. Peter's text is the less than well understood draw by repetition.

George then contributes his third book review, looking over *The Hague – Moscow 1948*, written for the most part by former World Champion and FIDE President Max Euwe.

A shorter Games Column than usual features members David Cumming, Charles Neil, Robert Gilbert and Andrew Macmillan – the last two both managed to score 8/8 in different sections of the Open event during 2013, thereby qualifying for the SCCA 100% Club.

Historian Alan McGowan contributes a feature on postal players who played in OTB matches. Glasgow readers in particular will recall the imposing YMCA building.

George then supplies another sizeable international update, which includes news of a friendly international match we actually won! Annotated games featuring members Alan Borwell and Raymond Burrige are also provided.

There's still time to dust down your favourite 2013 game(s) and enter them for the Annual Best Game Prize – closing date is January 31st.

SCCA Membership

Annual: £10/year buys you entry to all SCCA domestic events and friendly international matches, plus 4 quarterly e-magazines.

Life: £100 gets you annual membership for the rest of your days (plus a year's worth of printed magazines to try out).

Patron: £125 (+ any further donation you care to make) gets you life membership and your name on something commemorative.

SCCA 100 Club

The 100 Club is an important revenue-earner for the SCCA and it helps us to keep our fees low and/or unchanged year on year. Responsibility for the 100 Club rests with our Treasurer, Gordon Anderson.

Units cost £1 with some members taking one unit while others take as many as 10 units per month. From the Association's perspective paying by Bankers Order is most convenient.

If you don't already subscribe to the 100 club please consider if you can help the SCCA by taking out units and make contact with Gordon whose contact details are shown below.

Recent 100 Club Winners

2013	1st	2nd
December	G W G Livie	J Anderson
November	M E Hardwick	S R Mannion
October	K B McAlpine	G D Pyrich

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ICCF Rule Changes in 2014 Guide for Players, TOs and TDs



Austin Lockwood, ICCF Services Director, has circulated the following briefing for your attention.

A number of new rules and policies were introduced at ICCF Congress in Kraków earlier this year. These rules will apply to all ICCF tournaments with a start date of 1st January 2014 or later and the rules will be published on the ICCF website by the ICCF Rules Commissioner. This document gives some guidance about the technical implementation on the webserver.

The relevant congress decisions are:

1. Special Leave is no longer applicable in ICCF events.
2. Games reaching six pieces or fewer may be claimed as wins or draws according to tablebases. The 50 move rule does not apply in positions where there are six or fewer pieces on the board.
3. Chess960 games may now be rated.

Special Leave

For Players

Special Leave will not be available in any ICCF event starting on 1st January 2014 or later (national events organised by your national federation may still offer the option for Special Leave).

For ICCF events with a start date before 1st January 2014: you will still be able to apply to the Special Leave Office after this date; this will not change.

For ICCF events with a start date on or after 1st January 2014: the menu for claiming special leave will be available until early March 2014; this is because events with no special leave cannot yet be set up on the server. Any claim for special leave will be rejected by your tournament director. After March 2014 this menu will be removed from the game page.

For Tournament Organisers

When setting up ICCF events with a start date later than 1st January 2014, please use the "Standard" rule for special leave - do not use the "StandardSLO" option for these events. In March we will remove the StandardSLO option from the tournament setup page and add an option for "NoSpecialLeave" which will be mandatory for all ICCF events; we will also update events starting between January and March 2014 to use this option. Tournament Organisers

should also specify 45 days normal leave for new ICCF events with start dates in 2014.

For Tournament Directors

You should reject any claim for Special Leave in ICCF events with a start date of 1st January 2014 or later. If the events are set up correctly, these claims will not be passed to the Office of Special Leave by the server.

Tablebase Claims

For Players

For games which reach a position of six or fewer pieces, you may claim a win or draw based on tablebase evaluation. This applies only to games in events starting on or after 1st January 2014. You may not make claims based on tablebase evaluation in events starting before that date.

For events starting from 1st January 2014 the 50 move rule will be suspended for games reaching tablebase positions; you may not claim a draw by the 50 move rule in ICCF games which have six pieces or fewer.

This rule may not apply to national event organised by your federation, please refer to the published rules of your national events for details.

From 1st January 2014: You should send your claim to the Tournament Director by email, in the same way you would send any other claim.

From March 2014: There will be a new form on the server to complete for all claims (including time claims, etc.), further details will be circulated at the time.

For Tournament Organisers

From March 2014 there will be an option to specify the tablebase rule on the tournament setup page. This will be mandatory for ICCF events, this will be applied retrospectively to all ICCF events starting between 1st January 2014 and March 2014.

For Tournament Directors

Please refer to ICCF rules, which will be posted on the ICCF website, when resolving claims based on tablebase evaluation. In summary:

- The event must have started on or after 1st January 2014 for a tablebase claim to be valid
- Claims under the 50 move rule are not valid for events starting on or after 1st January 2014 if the position can be evaluated by six piece tablebase
- The official ICCF tablebase provider will be ChessOK/Convekta; tablebases may be queried from here: http://chessok.com/?page_id=361

The ICCF Services Director will evaluate any positions where the TD is not able to do so.

The server will not stop the clocks when a claim is outstanding, the TD will remain responsible for pausing the game, or adding time if appropriate.

From March 2014: The tablebase evaluation of the position will be included with all tablebase claims, further details will be announced nearer the time.

From summer 2014: Tablebase claims will be evaluated automatically by the server, clocks will be paused by the server when a claim is entered by a player

Tournament Directors are strongly encouraged to communicate the rule changes to all players when the start lists are sent out.

Chess960 Ratings

For Players

Rated Chess960 events will be labelled "Unrated" until March 2014 – these may still be rated. Please read the original tournament announcement for details of the rating conditions of all Chess960 tournaments. All tournaments will be updated to show the correct information by March 2014.

For Tournament Organisers

Although Chess960 events starting from 1st January 2014 may be rated, it will be impossible to specify this in the event setup page until the software is update in March 2014. Please communicate whether or not your Chess960 events will be rated in your tournament announcements, etc.

For Tournament Directors

Chess960 events started on or after 1st January 2014 may be rated, however it will not be possible to indicate this on the server until March 2014. Please ensure that players are kept informed about whether or not your events are rated.

Third SCCA Webserver Open

We're pleased to report that a strong entry was received for this event. Both grading groups have two preliminary sections and play started on 12th December. IM Alan Borwell is kindly acting as TD.

1. **Webserver Open A.** Aimed at Scottish OTB & CC players with ratings ≥ 2000 . Prize fund £400.

a. **Section 1**

Derek Price, SM David Cumming, SM Geoff Lloyd, Ian Jamieson, SIM Richard Beecham, GM David Kilgour, Peter Bennett.

b. **Section 2**

SM David Cumming, Robert Montgomery, IM Tom Matheis, Bruce Kover, IM George Pyrich, IM Iain Mackintosh.

2. **Webserver Open B.** Aimed at Scottish OTB & CC players with ratings < 2000 and no computer assistance. Prize fund £300.

a. **Section 1**

Raymond Burrige, Andrew Macmillen, William Cormack, David Edney, Arthur Knox, John Armstrong.

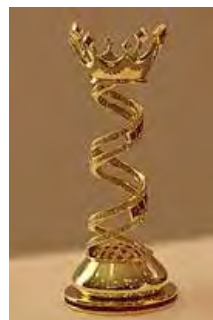
b. **Section 2**

Eoin Campbell, Dave Dempster, Iain Campbell, Derek Coope, Martin Hardwick.

In addition to **cash prizes**, we have also received a number of **chess DVDs** from a mystery donor which will be distributed as prizes to placed players.

Both events are being played entirely on the webserver with the standard time control of **10 moves in 40 days**.

SCCA Annual Best Game Prize



SIM Philip Giulian has kindly consented to be our judge for this competition. Submitted games will be rendered anonymous before they are sent to him.

To recap on the details published in edition 123:

The trophy (which won't look like the illustration!) will carry the inscription of its sponsor, Raymond Burrige, i.e.

The R.J. Burrige Trophy SCCA Best Game Prize 2013 (winner's name)

- Entries will be games which finish in a given calendar year (2013 in this case);
- Entries will be restricted to events organised by SCCA or ICCF;
- Only SCCA members can submit their games (wins or draws);
- The submission period will close at the end of January 2014;
- The Committee will appoint a judge (who cannot submit a game!);
- The winner will be announced by end-March 2014 and we'll feature the game in a subsequent magazine;
- A trophy miniature and certificate will be awarded to the winner.

Please send your games to Iain Mackintosh at president@scottishcca.co.uk by **end-January 2014**.

Remember that multiple entries are allowed and annotations are optional. No reason to abstain, so scrub up these little gems and send them in!

ICCF Tournament Schedule 2014-16

ICCF TOURNAMENTS	2014				2015				2016			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
WC Final						Jun						
WC Preliminaries	Mar				Mar				Mar			
WC Semi Finals		Jun				Jun				Jun		
WC Candidates			Sep				Sep				Sep	
Ladies' WC Final 10			X									
Ladies' WC Semi Finals 11			X									
Olympiads (postal) 21			X									
Lady Olympiads 11						X				X		
Olympiads (server) 22												
World Cup 18 Final					X							
World Cup 20 Semi-Finals								X				
World Cup 21 Preliminaries							X					
3rd Chess 960 World Cup	X											
4th Chess 960 World Cup					X							
5th Chess 960 World Cup										X		
3rd Veteran World Cup - Final												
4th Veteran World Cup - SF & Final	Feb				Feb				Feb			
7th Veteran World Cup - Prelim			X									
8th Veteran World Cup - Prelim							X					
9th Veteran World Cup - Prelim											X	
Champions League 6				X								
Champions League 8												X
6th Webchess Open		X										
7th Webchess Open										X		
2nd Inter Zonal Individual Tournament									Dec			
8th Inter Zonal Team Tournament				Dec								
9th Inter Zonal Team Tournament												Dec

ZONAL TOURNAMENTS	2014				2015				2016			
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Zone 1												
9th EU Team Championship Final												
10th EU Team Championship Semi Finals												
EU Candidates Tournament	X				X				X			
EU Semi final tournament			X				X				X	



2013 Results

By Iain Mackintosh

Championship

SCO/C2013, Scottish CCA Championship 2013/14

						TD Maxwell, Alistair														
Rated						1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2304			½	½	.	.	.	.	1	1	3	2	5	4	1
2	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2438	½	½			.	.	.	.	1	1	3	2	5	4	1
3	SCO	620529		Montgomery, Robert S.	2312	.	.	.	.			.	.	1	1	2	2	2	6	3
4	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	1946	.	.	.	.	.	.			0	1	1	1	1	6	4
5	SCO	620709		Smith, Peter R.	1760	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			1	1	1	0	5

SCO/C2012, Scottish CCA Championship 2012/13 New

						TD Maxwell, Alistair																
Rated						1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2395			½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	7	31.5	0	1
2	SCO	620529		Montgomery, Robert S.	2286	½	½			1	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	8	6	31.5	0	2
3	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2294	½	0	½	0			1	1	1	1	1	1	7	6	21.25	0	3
4	ENG	620577		Price, Derek	2047	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	1	1	1	4	4	5	0	4
5	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	2020	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			½	1	1.5	1	1.5	0	5
6	SCO	620635		Burridge, Raymond John	1797	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	½			1	0	4.75	0	6

The 2012-13 tournament is complete with Iain Mackintosh winning his sixth title by edging out Robert Montgomery. It's still early days in the 2013-14 event, where the three top-graded players are once again in contention.

Premier

SCO/Prem2013/A, SCCA Premier 2013 A

						TD Anderson, James										
Rated						1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	ENG	620577		Price, Derek	2082		½	1	1	1	1	4.5	4	8.75	0	1
2	SCO	620009		Campbell, Iain S.	1873	½		½	½	1	1	3.5	2	6.75	0	2
3	SCO	620639		Jamieson, Ian M.	2009	0	½		½	1	1	3	2	4.75	0	3
4	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1794	0	½	½		0	1	2	1	4.25	0	4
5	ENG	210951		Longden, Richard A.	1727	0	0	0	1		0	1	1	2	0	5
6	SCO	620603		Armstrong, John M.	1560	0	0	0	0	1		1	1	1	0	6

SCO/Prem2013/B, SCCA Premier 2013 B

						TD Anderson, James										
Rated						1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	620716		Campbell, Eoin S.	1800 ^P		½	1	1	1	1	4.5	4	8.25	0	1
2	ENG	620577		Price, Derek	2082	½		1	1	1	1	4.5	4	8.25	0	1
3	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1794	0	0		1	1	1	3	3	3	0	3
4	SCO	620578		Petrie, A.	1697	0	0	0		1	0	1	1	1	0	4
5	ENG	210951		Longden, Richard A.	1727	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1	0	5
6	SCO	629020		Knox, Arthur	1654	0	0	0	1	0		1	1	1	0	6

Derek Price won section A outright from Iain Campbell, and shared top spot with Eoin Campbell in section B.

Open

SCO/Open2013/A, SCCA Open 2013 Section A

				TD Anderson, James															
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	620713	Gilbert, Robert	1750 ^P			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	24	0	1
2	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1794	0	0			1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	12	0	2
3	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1560	0	0	0	0			1	1	1	1	4	4	4	0	3
4	SCO	620578	Petrie, A.	1697	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	0	1	1	1	0	4
5	SCO	620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	1345	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	1	1	0	4

SCO/Open2013/B, SCCA Open 2013 Section B

				TD Anderson, James															
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1794			1	1	1	1	1	1	1 ^D	1 ^D	8	8	24	0	1
2	SCO	211319	Neil, Charles	1679	0	0			1	1	½	1	1 ^D	1 ^D	5.5	5	11.75	0	2
3	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1560	0	0	0	0			1	1	1 ^D	1 ^D	4	4	5	0	3
4	SCO	620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	1345	0	0	0	½	0	0			1 ^D	1 ^D	2.5	2	2.75	0	4
5	SCO	620717	Robson, Alan C. W.	1750 ^P	0 ^D	0 ^D	0 ^D	0 ^D	0 ^D	0 ^D	0 ^D	0 ^D			0	0	0	0	5

Robert Gilbert joins our 100% Club by making a clean sweep in section A, winning from Andrew Macmillen. Andrew pulled the same stunt in section B (he's a previous 100% Club inductee), with Charles Neil runner-up.

Challengers

2012-13 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Armstrong, J McK	8	8	0	5½
Burridge, R J	14	14	0	7½
Cumming, D R	12	12	0	12
Hardwick, M E	8	8	0	2½
Longden, R	10	10	0	6
Moir, P J	6	6	0	0
Petrie, A R	7	7	0	1
Smith, P R	4	4	0	1½
Toye, D T	9	9	0	3

2013-14 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Armstrong, J McK	10	8	2	3½
Burridge, R J	16	16	0	9
Cumming, D R	10	10	0	9½
Gilbert, R	8	8	0	3
Hardwick, M E	8	8	0	½
Lawrence, S	4	4	0	3
Longden, R	12	12	0	4½
Macgregor, C A	2	2	0	1½
Robson, A C W	6	4	2	0
Smith, P R	4	4	0	3½

All games in the 2012-13 cycle are now complete, but the result remains the same – David Cumming takes gold. In the 2013-14 cycle, a couple of games remain outstanding, but the medal once again goes to David Cumming, though only by half a point from Raymond Burridge.



Postal League Division 1

2013		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Pts.
A	Perth Correspondents				7
1	Mackintosh, I	E1	1	1	2
2	Borwell, A P	D2	½	½	1
3	Flockhart, H S	C3	1	1	2
4	Paine, Dr K A	B4	vo	id	0
5	Harvey, D	F5	1	1	2
B	Social Stars				7
1	Doye, P	D1	1	1	2
2	Vivante-Sowter, J	C2	1	1	2
3	Baron, Ms M	F3	½	½	1
4	Sanderson, P	A4	vo	id	0
5	Ackley, P	E5	1	1	2
C	Social B				1
1	Pomeroy, R	F1	0	0	0
2	Rosser, G	B2	0	0	0
3	Grant, P	A3	0	0	0
4	Ross, G	E4	½	½	1
5	Gifford, M	D5	0	0	0
D	BCCA A				6½
1	Burton, S	B1	0	0	0
2	Sutton, A	A2	½	½	1
3	Gallimore, D	E3	1	½	1½
4	Beckett, P	F4	1	1	2
5	Tibbert, P	C5	1	1	2
E	BCCA B				3½
1	Knee, J	A1	0	0	0
2	Smyth, S	F2	1	1	2
3	Coats, J	D3	0	½	½
4	Lawrence, Ms S	C4	½	½	1
5	Riggs, J	B5	0	0	0
F	Knights of the Board A				3
1	Cumming, D R	C1	1	1	2
2	Phillips, G H	E2	0	0	0
3	Burridge, R J	B3	½	½	1
4	Moir, P J	D4	0	0	0
5	Anderson, J	A5	0	0	0

An exciting finish to the Postal League this year, with the BCCA A team just failing to make it a triple tie for first place. Previous winners Perth Correspondents and Social Stars had both reached 7/10, but BCCA with 3/6 could catch them if they won their remaining fixtures. The last games to finish saw BCCA come tantalisingly close with 3½ points, leaving the much-crowned Perth and Social teams as joint winners - congratulations once more to them!

Multiple Championship and League Winners

Championship

- 6 Mackintosh, I
- 4 Beecham, C R
- 3 Brown, Dr A C; Giulian, P M; McAlpine, K B; Norris, A J
- 2 Bryson, D M; Dawson, Prof A G; Gillam, S R; Hunter, D B A; Lennox, C J; Watson, J

League (WebsERVER and Postal)

- 17 Perth Correspondents
- 6 Five Brave Englishmen
- 6 Social Stars
- 4 Chess Suppliers; Streatham & Brixton
- 3 The Establishment; Black Knight
- 3 Kirkcaldy Kings; Knights of the Square Table

Webserver League Division 1

SCO/WLeague1/13, SCCA Web League Div 1 2013

TD Dawson, A. G.

			1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	♠	Hounds of the Scheming Mind	2264	3	2.5	3	4	12.5	78	9	8	16	0	1
2	♣	Perth Correspondants	2247	1	2.5	3	4	10.5	65	5	6	16	0	2
3	♠	Knights of the Board A	2173	1.5	1.5	2	3.5	8.5	53	1	3	16	0	3
4	♠	Social Stars	2051	1	1	2	3.5	7.5	46	-1	3	16	0	4
5	♣	Brutal Realism	1911	0	0	0.5	0.5	1	6	-14	0	16	0	5

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Hounds Scheming	Vivante-Sowter, J	Domancich, E M	Halliwell, Ms T	R Maldonado, C J
Perth Corresp	Mackintosh, I	Borwell, A P	Paine, Dr K A	Harvey, D
Knights Board A	Gillam, S R	Cumming, D R	Price, D	Jamieson, I M
Social Stars	Ewan, R	Etherington, J	Pallett, R	Ackley, P J E
Brutal Realism	Taylor, W	Macmillen, A N	Murray, J S	Grant, J

Webserver League Division 2

SCO/WLeague2/13, SCCA Web League Div 2 2013

TD Paine, Dr. Kevin

				1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	♣	Black Knights	2091	3	4	4	4	15	93	14	8	16	0	1	
2	♠	Civil Service A	1992	1	2.5	3.5	3.5	10.5	65	5	6	16	0	2	
3	♣	Renfrewshire Knights	1742	0	1.5	3	3	7.5	46	-1	4	16	0	3	
4	♠	Social B	1851	0	0.5	1	3	4.5	28	-7	2	16	0	4	
5	♠	Civil Service B	1832	0	0.5	1	1	2.5	15	-11	0	16	0	5	

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Black Knight	Bell, A D	Pyrich, G D	Marshall, I H	Dempster, D
Civil Service A	Sargent, J M	Lewyk, I	Hicks, G	Pickering, P
Renfrew Knights	Macgregor, C A	Hilton, S H	Cochrane, R	Knox, A
Social B	Rosser, G C	Ash, G	Richardson, D	Ross, G J S
Civil Service B	Bicknell, G	Twitchell, N H	Ryan, R	White, R

In Division 1, Hounds of the Scheming Mind became champions for the first time, with their 3-1 win over Perth Correspondants proving decisive. The remaining places followed average grading, with Knights of the Board A taking third spot.

In Division 2, Black Knight were resounding winners, dropping just two half points and finishing 4½ points ahead of second-placed Civil Service A. Renfrewshire Knights played above their average grading to finish third.





2014/1 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The first ICCF grading list of 2014 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 September and 30 November 2013. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2014.

There is one new entrant on this list – Robert Gilbert, but five members have been removed due to prolonged inactivity – James Binnie, Kenneth Brooksbank, Bill Cook, Peter Jack and IM George Livie. Membership numbers are retained for easy reinstatement should any of the players return to the board.

Peter Bennett continues to accumulate grading norms towards the Scottish Master (SM) title – not all 2300+ norms count, as you need to have played 20+ games between norms which do register – but he is on course to collect his title in 2014.

Eoin Campbell has now played enough games for a full grade, and also hit the 2000 mark on this list – well done to him! Also hitting 2000 for the first time was Raymond BurrIDGE, who ran up a further 39 games in this period.

More games milestones were reached, with pride of place going to IM Alan Borwell who has passed the 900 mark! Martin Hardwick has reached 300 (recording 38 games in the quarter), while Peter Bennett is now a 200+ man and Charles O'Neill-McAleenan has clocked up his first century.

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	779	2137 ↓	447	Jamieson, I M	61	2003 ↔
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	249	2298 ↑	322	Jessing, M	29	2083 ↔ *
121	Anderson, J	225	1736 ↔	1126	Kelly, J	12	1728 ↔ *
049	Armstrong, A	156	1908 ↑	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	308	2335 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	228	1588 ↓	260	Knox, A	122	1589 ↓
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	369	2459 ↓	1117	Laing, D	22	2075 ↔ *
599	Bell, A D (SM)	137	2409 ↓	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	157	2278 ↔
501	Bennett, P G	213	2302 ↓	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	611	2276 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	905	2217 ↓	337	Loughran, R J	116	1564 ↔
424	BurrIDGE, R J	439	2048 ↑	433	MacDonald, M	30	1564 ↔
435	Cairney, J	46	1965 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	343	1847 ↑
601	Campbell, E S	44	2000 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	578	2435 ↓
038	Campbell, I S	226	1829 ↓	216	MacMillen, A N	592	1829 ↓
	Clark, S L	39	2026 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	413	1982 ↓
364	Coope, D W	595	1950 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	181	2437 ↑
247	Cormack, W H	71	1921 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	73	1560 ↓
527	Craig, T J (SM)	355	2350 ↓	401	Moir, P J	160	1616 ↑
166	Cumming, D R (SM)	692	2313 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	224	2310 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	80	2086 ↓	564	Murray, J S	38	1996 ↓
572	Dempster, D	730	1735 ↑	440	Neil, C	93	1608 ↓
030	Dyer, M T	99	2089 ↔	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	100	1982 ↑
371	Edney, D	173	1952 ↓	444	Paine, Dr K A	147	2294 ↑
372	Flockhart, H	27	2133 ↔ *	1012	Paulin, A	40	2008 ↔
459	Fraser, R A	60	1853 ↔	315	Petrie, A	62	1535 ↓
462	Gilbert, R	23	1664 ↑ *	432	Price, D	234	2072 ↑
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	135	2291 ↑	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	872	2212 ↓
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	464	2402 ↑	439	Smith, M J	36	1932 ↔
124	Goodwin, B J	213	1889 ↑	463	Smith, P R	46	1737 ↑
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	154	2087 ↓
399	Grant, J	34	1764 ↔	1120	Taylor, W	38	2060 ↑
596	Hardwick, M E	330	1351 ↓	452	Toye, D T	75	1569 ↔
063	Harvey, D	88	2069 ↔	530	Watson, J (IM)	145	2302 ↔
1013	Hilton, S H	122	1626 ↔				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	65
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	5
Full grades (30+ games)	60
Provisional grades (<30 games)	5
Grading increases (↑)	22
Grading decreases (↓)	23
Grading static (↔)	20

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2459	Lloyd, G (SM)	2276
Matheis, T (IM)	2437	Borwell, A P (IM)	2217
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2435	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2212
Bell, A D (SM)	2409	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2402	Almarza Mato, C	2137
Craig, T J (SM)	2350	Dyer, M T	2089
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2335	Stewart, Dr K W C	2087
Cumming, D R (SM)	2313	Dawson, Prof A G	2086
Montgomery, R S	2310	Price, D	2072
Bennett, P G	2302	Harvey, D	2069
Watson, J (IM)	2302	Taylor, W	2060
Anderson, G M (SM)	2298	Burridge, R J	2048
Paine, Dr K A	2294	Paulin, A	2008
Gillam, S R (SM)	2291	Jamieson, I	2003
Lennox, C J (SM)	2278	Campbell, E S	2000

Top 30 Games Played

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Marshall, I H	413	Moir, P J	160
Beecham, C R (SIM)	369	Lennox, C J (SM)	157
Craig, T J (SM)	355	Armstrong, A	156
Graham, S (SM)	354	Watson, J (IM)	145

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 (www.iccf-webchess.com), click on the Rating list link then complete the search boxes.

Note that ICCF (Gerhard Binder) has now discontinued support for the Eloquary program, previously available for download from www.iccf.com

The Eloquary software is now incompatible with 64-bit versions of the Windows operating system.

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available at www.iccf-webchess.com



When is a Draw (by Repetition) Not a Draw?

By Peter Bennett

A lot of us will remember that old primary-school-playground joke: when is a door not a door? Answer: when it's a-jar! So when is a draw not a draw? Answer: when it is by repetition and it isn't claimed.

A lot of players still seem to believe that, if there has been a three-way repetition, the game is drawn. Playing engines have a way of announcing this as an actual result, which often confuses people. The fact is that there is no draw until one or other party claims it. Even then (as I once discovered to my cost) you can only claim it when it is your turn to play. I once played a fourth repetition and then wrote to the TD, after playing the move, claiming the draw. My claim was (correctly!) refused. Here are a few curious examples of the use of the "repetition" rules in practical play.

Having been privileged to receive a Scottish nomination to participate in a preliminary round of the 36th World CC Championship (still technically in progress) my intention is to write up the experience for the magazine in early 2014 with one or two annotated games. In a 15-player (category 3) group I shall conclude the tournament as one of only 4 players to be unbeaten. The (nowadays, all-too-common) problem was how to convert advantages into a win. The following game, which requires no annotations, was one of several disappointing examples of my failure to do this.

Pereira, Nuno (POR) (2019)
Bennett, Peter (SCO) (2277)
ICCF WCCC36pr10, 2013
QGD, Ragozin Defence [D38]
[Notes by Peter Bennett]

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 e6
3.Nc3 Bb4
4.Nf3 d5
5.Qa4+ Nc6
6.e3 0-0
7.Bd2 Be7
8.a3 Bd7

9.Qc2 a6
10.Be2 dxc4
11.Bxc4 Bd6
12.0-0 e5
13.d5 Ne7
14.Ng5 Bf5
15.Nge4 Kh8
16.Rad1 b5
17.Bd3 Nxe4
18.Bxe4 Bd7
19.Bd3 f5
20.f3 Rc8
21.e4 f4
22.b4 c5
23.dxc6 Nxc6
24.Be1 Bb8
25.Qb2 Nd4
26.Kh1 Rc6
27.Ne2 Be6
28.Bf2 Ba7



What may amuse some readers is the way the game ended. At around move 29 I concluded that there was no breakthrough. (Go on, some bright spark will now write to the magazine pointing out that I missed a win...!) My opponent agreed; but, since neither player wanted an "early" result and we were, in any case, enjoying an interesting conversation along the way, we elected to play out a 7-times repetition, before finally agreeing the draw on move 43.

29.Bb1 Bc4
30.Bd3 Bg8
31.Bb1 Bc4
2.Bd3 Bg8
33.Bb1 Bc4
34.Bd3 Bg8
35.Bb1 Bc4
36.Bd3 Bg8
37.Bb1 Bc4
38.Bd3 Bg8
39.Bb1 Bc4
40.Bd3 Bg8
41.Bb1 Bc4

42.Bd3 Bg8
43.Bb1

1/2-1/2



A much more competitive game from the same tournament eventually ended in a (very disappointing) draw, in spite of White's blistering attack in the middle game; but in this case, there was a rather curious start:

Bennett, Peter (SCO) (2277)
Gus'kov, Viktor (RUS) (2339)
ICCF WCCC36pr10, 2013
Slav Defence [D15]
[Notes by Peter Bennett]

1.c4 c6
2.d4 d5
3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Nc3 a6
5.c5 Nbd7
6.Bf4

White wants to establish his bishop on the fine h2-b8 diagonal, conferring a slight plus to the first player...

6... Nh5
...and Black promptly chases the bishop right back again! Standard theory.
7.Bd2 Nhf6
8.Bf4
So White tries again...! No longer standard theory.
8... Nh5
9.Bd2 Nhf6
10.Bf4



And again...! Now we have a 3-way repetition, which neither player claims.

The point is, I knew my opponent would not want a quick draw. So I was effectively forcing him to adopt another line, and to permit my bishop its nice f4 placement. Finally he relented...

10... **g6**
First blood to White. Unfortunately this ruse, while giving White an undoubted initiative, did not yield the winning advantage I was looking for in the subsequent play. The game continued,

11.h3 **Bg7**
12.e3 **0-0**
13.Bd3 **Nh5**
14.Bh2 **e5**
15.dxe5 Bh8
16.b4 **a5**
17.b5 **Re8**
18.g4 **Ng7**
19.Na4 **Ne6**
20.Rc1 **Qe7**
21.Qc2 **Ng5**
22.Nxg5 **Qxg5**
23.bxc6 bxc6
24.Nb6 **Ra7**
25.Ke2 **Qd8**
26.f4 **Qh4**
27.Nxc8 **Rxc8**
28.Bg1 **Qe7**
29.Bf2 **Bg7**
30.Kf3 **Rb8**
31.Rhd1 **Rab7**
32.Qa4 **Rc8**
33.Rc2 **Bxe5**
34.a3 **Bg7**
35.Ba6 **Nf6**
36.Bh4 **Re8**
37.Bxb7 **Qxb7**
38.Bxf6 Bxf6
39.Re2 **Re4**
40.Qxa5 **Qb3**
41.Rde1 **Qd3**
42.Qb6 Kg7
3.a4 **Rxa4**
44.Qb1

There's a pint or two of 70-shilling on offer for any reader who succeeds in finding an improvement leading to a definitive win for White in this game!

½-½



But what happens when a player doesn't understand the rules? Here is a rather unfortunate example from another tournament in which I am currently playing:

Evgrafov, Boris (RUS) (2304)
Rosso, Pier (ITA) (2277) [B92]
ICCF VWC4sf03, 2013
Sicilian Najdorf [B92]
[Notes by Peter Bennett]

1.e4 **c5**
2.Nf3 **d6**
3.d4 **cxd4**
4.Nxd4 **Nf6**
5.Nc3 **a6**
6.Be3 **Ng4**
7.Bc1 **Nf6**
8.Be3 **Ng4**
9.Bc1 **Nf6**
10.Be2



Black resigns.
1-0

Having created what he believed to be a draw by repetition, Black was upset when White decided not to take it and instead played a different 10th move. Black, believing (quite wrongly) that White's play was in some sense unethical, promptly resigned the game in a broadly level position. This was a great pity, because I have found both players to be very courteous correspondents.

Black's early resignation had, in fact, only arisen from a misunderstanding of the playing rules. It may even be the case that all Boris Evgrafov was doing was repeating moves as a way of "buying" extra analysis time. I have done such things myself.

Furthermore, Boris's "bonus" half-point could later give him the edge over me in the final standings (since I only managed to draw with Pier).

That is my excuse, anyway.... :-)



And now Peter gives us an entertaining tailpiece, taken from a recent Edinburgh League encounter.

Switching Codes; the Ups and Downs of League Chess

Bennett, Peter - Wallace, Mike
Edinburgh League, 2013
Two Knights, Max Lange [C55]
[Notes by Peter Bennett]

Back in 1965, I had taken up CC primarily to improve my OTB play, with partial success: by the late 1970s I was playing on Board 1 for my club's first team.

In 1979, however, I gave up OTB altogether for 30 years, only recently taking it up again in my retirement. So nowadays I just turn out occasionally as a grey-haired has-been on Board 5 for Bank of Scotland 2, in the lowest division of the Edinburgh League.

The following game was only my third serious OTB game in the last eight months. The background story to this match was, a few weeks earlier, we had only scraped a narrow victory, 3.5-2.5, against Sandy Bells 2, who play in the same division as their first team. So we believed we were just lambs to the slaughter in this match.

1.e4 **e5**
2.Nf3 **Nf6**
3.Nc3 **Nc6**
4.Bc4 **Be7**
5.0-0 **0-0**
6.Re1 **d6**
7.d4 **Bg4**
8.d5 **Nd4**
9.Be2 **c6**
10.Nxd4 **exd4**
11.Qxd4 **Bd7**
12.h3 **b5**
13.b4?

Defending against imaginary threats. [The perfectly straightforward 13.dxc6! (also White's preferred choice on the next two moves) is now strategically winning for White. Why don't we see these things at the board? Black now has a simple combination to win White's e-pawn.]

13... **a5**
14.Bf4 **axb4**
15.Qxb4 **c5**
16.Qb1 **b4**

17.Nd1 Nxe4
 18.c4 Nc3
 19.Nxc3 bxc3
 20.Qc2 Bf6!

Seizing control of the long diagonal, wreaking havoc in White's position and ultimately winning the exchange on a1. In fact, 18... Bf6! would have been even stronger.

21.a3 Ba4
 22.Qc1 c2
 23.Bd3 Bxa1
 24.Qxa1 Re8!?
 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8
 26.Bxd6 Qd8
 27.Bxc5 Rb8
 28.Bb4 Qg5!

The point of Black's aggressive 24... Re8, clearing off White's remaining rook and now forcing White to give up his bishop as well, to prevent the c-pawn queening.

29.Bxc2 Bxc2

Embarrassing! I was sitting there, a rook down and playing like a dummy, hoping my opponent did not know that I will shortly receive the title of Scottish Master for CC...

30.Qc3 Be4
 31.f3 Bf5
 32.Qe5 Rc8
 33.c5

At this stage, a glimmer of hope for White is that Black has used up far more time on his clock and is having to play all his moves quickly.

33... Qc1+

At this stage, a glimmer of hope for White is that Black has used up far more time on his clock and is having to play all his moves quickly. [This natural-looking check achieves nothing and misses 33...f6! which is still winning for Black.]

34.Kh2 Bg6?

Compounding the error and underestimating the mating threat.

35.Bc3! Qh6



36.g4?!

Plausible, but completely wrong in this position. White, of course, has in mind the threat of 37.g5. [In fact,

Black has no defence against 36.d6! which wins outright.]

36... Bd3!

Excellent defence under time pressure. Now White has to start all over again, trying to create a winning attack.

37.Kg3 Qf6
 38.Qxf6 gxf6
 39.Bb4 f5
 40.g5 Kf8
 41.Kf4 Ke8
 42.Ke5 Be2
 43.f4 Bd3
 44.c6 Bb5
 45.Kd6 Bc4
 46.Kc5 Bb3
 47.d6 Be6
 48.Kb6 Bd7
 49.c7 Be6
 50.a4 Bd5
 51.Kc5 Be4
 52.Kd4 Kd7
 53.Ke5 Ra8
 54.a5 Re8+

55.Kf6
 Switching White's attack to the other wing. Now both players are tiring and Black has only minutes left on his clock...

55... Rf8?

Keeping the aggressive rook position was more important than trying to save the pawn.

56.Kg7 Rc8

57.Kxf7 Re8

58.h4 Bb7

59.Bc3



59... Re4?

Ironically, this natural-looking bid for freedom, utterly forgiveable under time pressure, is the losing move.

60.Be5 Rxe5?!

Desperation! Now, with only seconds left on his clock, Black plays for a swindle by creating an unstoppable pawn.

61.fxe5 f4

62.e6+ Kxd6

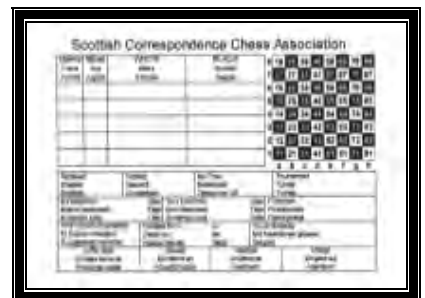
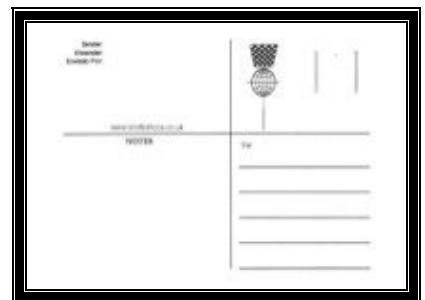
63.e7

1-0

Black's flag fell; but of course the game is lost, anyway. My opponent was not a happy bunny, nor was his team captain, as we managed to win the match by the same margin as in our earlier win against Sandy Bells 2. Such are the thrills and spills of that "other" code!



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Book Review

By George Pyrich

Hello again! This time I've chosen my favourite book subject – a tournament book! My choice this time is the recently published *The Hague – Moscow 1948*, an in-depth account of the historic “match/tournament” for the World Championship authored (in the main) by the Dutch former World Champion (and later FIDE President) Max Euwe.



Euwe's annotations to all the 50 games from the event are made available in English for the first time (I recollect vaguely being able to borrow a book on the event published by G. Bell & Sons in English during my youth in the mid-60's but can't remember either the author or the games annotator, maybe it was Golombek.)

As its title may indicate, the book is a trip back into chess history, in this instance to perhaps one of the most significant tournaments of all time. The event, prompted by Alekhine's death in 1946, marked the beginnings of an organised cyclical structure for the World Championship, later clearly defined by FIDE, and the commencement of the period of Soviet hegemony in such events which continued until 1972 and Fischer's short era.

The event itself comprised of 5 players, the Dutchman Euwe, the American Reshevsky and 3 Soviets, the Russians Botvinnik and Smyslov and the Estonian Keres, where the competitors played all of the others 5 times (20 games over 25 rounds) with the first 2 cycles played at The Hague in the Netherlands and the remaining 3 in Moscow. The original plan for the event had earlier been that 6 players should play only 4 games against everyone but the 6th player, American

Reuben Fine, chose to drop out only a few days before the scheduled start.

The 1st round was played on 2nd March 1948 and the 10th and last in The Hague on 25th March (apparently there was a very generous allocation of “free” days although some of these were doubtless used for adjourned games) – thereafter everyone folded up their tents and moved by rail to Moscow where, after a break of more than 2 weeks, Round 11 was held on 11th April. The 25th and Final Round was eventually held on 16th May, some 2½ months after the event had started – it is very difficult to imagine any event nowadays, when a player's entire career may be defined in a 2 game match in a World Cup event, having such a very lengthy duration.

The book however comprises of much more than merely the 50 annotated games provided by Euwe. It begins with a brief foreword by the Dutch GM Hans Ree which concentrates largely on “political” issues both before and during the event much of which refers to Keres's (a very reluctant Soviet citizen) performance in his games against Botvinnik (very much a Soviet citizen) where he lost the first 4, the last of which saw an acknowledged endgame virtuoso contrive to make a series of basic errors to lose what should have been a drawn Rook and pawn end-game (look for yourself and draw your own conclusion!). Keres did manage to finally beat Botvinnik for the first time in 13 attempts in the last round but by that time the event was already decided.

Thereafter there are 2 smaller sections written by 2 members of the Dutch Chess Federation at that time, the President Dr Hannak and another official, Zittersteyn, relating to not only the protracted difficulties in organising the event, establishing its final venues and composition of the field (apparently there had been suggestions to include the Argentine Najdorf and the Russian Boleslavsky but these came to nothing), but also earlier and quickly aborted plans, prior to Alekhine's death, to hold a title match between Alekhine and Botvinnik.

The Soviets refused point blank to even consider this and Western nations were happy to divest themselves of the previous champion, heavily impugned by his conduct during the war years. However it is then reported that the Soviets performed a sudden volte face expressing willingness that a match be held but Alekhine died suddenly.

Displaying the diplomatic skills for which he was later to become renowned during time as FIDE President, Euwe takes nothing to do with any of this and, in the main section of the book, provides not only in-depth annotations in figurine notation to the 50 games with Round by Round Reports but, in another section prior to this, lighter annotations to the 75 games played prior to the event amongst the 5 competitors “The Games from the Past”.

The book ends with small sections by Hannak and Zittersteyn on the Closing Ceremony which includes reference to Botvinnik's political skills which he was later to use to his considerable advantage "But a man cannot grow if he is not surrounded by good friends, and of those I have many," and summaries of the playing careers of Euwe and Botvinnik.

My only small quibble would be that the Round by Round Reports rarely provides Progressive Scores and there is no table with these although admittedly there was a bye in every round. You may not care much for tournaments books but I would recommend this one!



ChessBase CD Reviews

By Bernard Milligan

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Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

A shorter column this time due to space constraints. Thanks for all your submissions during 2013 and please keep them coming in 2014!

Our first game is from the current closely-contested friendly international against Venezuela.

Betancourt, Luis (2158)
Cumming, David. R. (2274)
Scotland vs. Venezuela, 2013
Sicilian Najdorf [B92]
[Notes by David Cumming]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	a6
6.a4	e5
7.Nb3	Be6
8.Be2	Be7
9.0-0	0-0
10.f4	exf4
11.Bxf4	Nc6
12.Kh1	d5!
13.exd5	Nxd5
14.Nxd5	Qxd5

In this line the Black queen gets harassed a lot by White's minor pieces, but White does not gain anything from it, and the loss of time for both sides essentially balances itself out, effectively White is trying to hustle Black into making a positional or tactical error. 14...Bxd5

15.Bf3 (15.c4 Be4 16.Nd2 Bg6 17.Bh5 Qd4 18.b3 Rad8 19.Qf3 Bd3 20.Rfe1 Qb2 21.Bc7 Rd7 22.Qh3 Rxc7 23.Qxd3 Bg5 24.Rad1 Ne5 25.Qd5 Bf6 26.Rb1 Qc2 27.Bd1 Qa2 28.Rxe5 Bxe5 29.Qd3 Re7

Fortunato, M-De Souza, J/Brazil CXEB 1995/Corr 2004/0-1 (35))
15...Bc4 16.Qxd8 Rfxd8 17.Rfe1 Bxb3 18.cxb3 Bf6 19.Rab1 Rd3 20.Re3 Rad8 21.Rxd3 Rxd3 22.h4 Rxb3 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Bc1 h5 25.Kh2 c5 26.g3 Kh7 27.Kg2 Kg6 28.Kf2 c4 29.Bd2 Garcia, A (1117)-Matthews, M (1763)/IECC 2005/Telechess CBM 107/0-1 (36)]

15.Bf3
15.Qxd5 Bxd5 16.Rad1 Rad8 17.Bc7 Rc8 18.Rxd5 Rxc7 19.Rfd1 Rd8 20.c3 g6 21.Kg1 Kg7 22.Kf2 Rxd5 23.Rxd5 Nd8 24.Rf5 ½-½ Van Der

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Wiel John T H (NED) (2555)-De Boer Gert-Jan (NED) (2375)/Hilversum (Netherlands) 1990/OM 2.04

15...	Qc4
16.Be2	Qb4N
17.Bd2=	Qb6
18.a5	Qc7
19.Bf4	Qc8
20.c3	Rd8
21.Nd2	Bf6
22.Qa4	Rd5
23.Nc4	Qf8
24.Rac1	Rad8
25.b4?!	

Whilst superficially adding support to the pawn on a5, it effectively shuts off a lot of the lines of communication for the White queen, stuck out on a4 for the time being at least.

25...	Qe7
26.Rfe1	Bg5
27.Bxg5	Qxg5
28.Rcd1	



28... h5!?
The main purpose of this move is to provoke a weakness in White's kingside pawn cover, but it also creates luft for the Black king for later on.

29.Qc2 h4
30.Rxd5 Bxd5!

Concentrating fire on the g2 pawn, pinned to its king on h1, which will either provoke a weakness or enhance White's passivity in the given position.

31.Bf1 h3-+
32.Nb6
Finally the knight takes up it's outpost at the hole on b6, but essentially it proves to be firmly "offside" and shooting at thin air, as all the action is now in the centre and on the kingside.

32...	Qh4
33.Qe2	hxg2+
34.Bxg2	Bxg2+
35.Kxg2	Qf6
36.Qe3	



36... Ne5!
37.Qxe5?
The knight was essentially poisoned, now Black forces White's king on a long walk into the centre and firmly into "harm's way", due to the White queen's deflection from guarding his 2nd rank from a rook infiltration.

37...	Rd2+
38.Kg3	Qg6+
39.Kf4	Qh6+
40.Kf3	Qh3+
41.Kf4	Qxh2+
42.Kg4	Rg2+
43.Kf3	Qh3+
44.Ke4	Rg4+
45.Kd5	Rg5!
46.Qxg5	Qd3+
47.Kc5	

47.Ke5 f6+ 48.Qxf6 Qxc3+ was the alternative for White, but either way he loses.

47... 0-1
Qb5+



This game comes from the open tournament celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Russian CCA.

Cumming, David. R. (2296)
Veiga Rodriguez, Pablo (2100)
RCCA 20, pr47, 2013
Sicilian Maroczy Bind [B39]
[Notes by David Cumming]

1.Nf3	Nf6
2.c4	c5

3.Nc3 Nc6
 4.d4 cxd4
 5.Nxd4 g6
 6.e4

Transposing into a Sicilian Accelerated Dragon, Maroczy Bind Variation. I'm encountering quite a few instances of these types of opening over recent times, and I used to be an advocate of the Black side of such games up until fairly recently in correspondence chess.

6... Bg7
 7.Be3 Ng4
 8.Qxg4 Nxd4
 9.Qd1 Ne6
 10.Rc1 b6
 11.Qd2 Bb7
 12.Be2 0-0
 13.0-0 Nc5

13...Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Bxe4 15.Bh6 Re8
 16.Rce1 f6 17.Bg4 Bc6 18.f4 Ng7
 19.f5 Kf7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Re3 b5
 22.c5 d6 23.Rfe1 Bd5 24.Qd2 Bf7
 25.fxg6 Bxg6 26.Rh3 Kh8 27.Bh5
 Bxh5 28.Rxh5 Trexler,E (2350)-
 Hlavac,F (2405)/Czech Republic
 2000/Corr 2002/1/2-1/2 (42)

14.f3 a5
 15.Rfd1N
 15.b3 d6 16.Rfd1 Bc6 17.Bf1 Ra7
 18.Qf2 e6 19.a3 Qb8 20.Nb5 Bxb5
 21.cxb5 Nxb3 22.Bxb6 Rd7 23.Rc6
 d5 24.Bc4 dxc4 25.Rxd7 c3 26.a4
 Qe5 27.Bc7 Qg5 28.f4 1-0
 Schmidt,W (2500)-
 Szymczak,Z/Zielona Gora POL
 1974/OM 2.04

15... Rc8=
 16.b3 Re8
 17.Bf1 d6
 18.g3

Intending a subsequent Bh3, controlling the long diagonal, now that the White central pawns are on light squares, shutting in the light squared bishop, with little prospect of pawn breaks on the queenside this repositioning was only prudent I felt.

18... Bc6
 19.Bh3 Rb8
 20.Bd4± Bxd4±
 21.Qxd4 Qc7
 22.Rd2 Na6
 23.Kg2 Bb7
 24.Qg1! Qc5
 25.Bd7 Qxg1+
 26.Rxg1 Red8
 27.Bb5! Nc7
 28.Ba4 Na6
 29.Rgd1 f6
 30.Bb5 Nc7
 31.Rc2



31... Nxb5?!
 Essentially surrendering Black's control over the dark squares in the centre and on the queenside, White has all those dark squared holes and Black has no way of really exploiting them with no dark squared bishop on the board, exchanging off the only minor piece he has with control or influence over such squares.

32.Nxb5
 My knight is superior to the Black light squared bishop (which is biting on granite), whereas there are lots of holes for my knight to exploit.

32... Kf7
 33.a4 h5
 34.Nc3 g5
 35.h3 Rdc8
 36.Rf2 Rg8
 37.Rfd2 Rg7
 38.Kf2 Rgg8
 39.Re2 Bc8
 40.Rh1 Bb7
 41.h4



41... f5?
 I sense my opponent's impatience and frustration at his computer engine with this endless manoeuvring in the middlegame, hence he hits out with this errant pawn thrust, which actually gives White the full advantage.
 42.exf5± gxh4?!
 42...g4 exploiting the pin on the long diagonal and creating a hole in White's kingside pawns, was much more consistent here I feel.
 43.Rxh4 Rxg3??
 44.Kxg3

1-0



The 2013 Open event saw two players qualify for the SCCA 100% Club with perfect scores in separate sections. Robert Gilbert won a lively tussle against the experienced Andrew Macmillan in section A on his way to 8/8.

MacMillan, Andrew N (1794)
 Gilbert, Robert (1750 prov)
 SCCA Open Section A 2013
 Slav Exchange Variation [D13]
 [Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 d5
 2.c4 c6
 3.cxd5 cxd5
 4.Nc3 Nc6
 5.Nf3 Nf6
 6.Bf4 e6
 7.e3 Bb4
 8.Bd3 a6
 9.0-0 Bd7
 10.Rc1 h6
 11.a3 Ba5
 12.b4 Bc7
 13.Bxc7 Qxc7
 14.Na4 0-0
 15.Ne5

15.Ne5 is also good here.
 15... Qd6
 16.Nxc6
 16.f4! looks a stronger try.
 16... Bxc6
 17.Nc5 b5
 18.Rc3 Nd7
 18...e5 also looks interesting for Black.
 19.Qc2 Nb6
 19...Nxc5 is another option.



20.Nxe6! Rfc8
 20...fxe6? 21.Rxc6 Qd8 22.Rxe6+-
 21.Nc5±
 White wins a pawn and has a slight positional plus. However, in the next few moves Andrew is unable to consolidate his advantage and Robert exerts strong a-file.pressure.

21... Nc4
 22.Rc1 a5
 23.Bh7+ Kh8
 24.Bf5 Rd8
 25.Nd3 Qf6
 26.Ne5 axb4
 27.axb4 Ra4
 28.Nxc4?
 Unnecessarily handing the initiative back to Black. 28.Qb1 seems more solid.
 28... dxc4
 29.Rb1
 29.Be4 looks preferable.
 29... Rda8!
 Threatening Ra2 which wins the White bishop.
 30.Bg4 g6
 30...Qe7 is a strong alternative.
 31.Be2 Ra2
 32.Rb2?
 White errs under pressure. 32.Qd1 was the only realistic hope.
 32... Ra1+



33.Rb1 R8a2!
 34.Rxa1 Rxa1+
 35.Bf1 Bxg2!
 36.Kxg2 Qg5+
 37.Kf3 Qh5+
 38.Kg3 f5?!
 38...Rxf1! looks simpler.
 39.Qe2 Qg5+
 40.Kh3 Rxf1
 41.f4
 41.Qf3 gives better survival chances.
 41... Qg1
 42.Qg2 Qxg2+
 43.Kxg2 Rb1
 44.d5 Kg8
 45.Ra3 Rxb4
 46.e4
 46.Ra7 c3 47.d6 Rb2+ 48.Kg3 Rd2
 49.Rc7 b4 50.Rc4 Rxd6 51.Rxb4
 Rc6 52.Rb1 c2 53.Rc1 Kf7 also wins for Black.
 46... Rb2+
 47.Kg1 fxe4
 And Black wins now whatever White tries.
 48.Re3 Rd2
 49.Rxe4 Rxd5
 50.Re8+ Kf7

51.Rc8 Ke7
 52.Kf2 Kd7
 53.Ra8 c3
 54.Ra1 Kc6
 55.h4 Kc5
 56.Rg1 Rd6
 57.Ke3 b4
 58.h5 gxh5
 59.f5 c2
 60.Rc1 b3
 61.Ke2 Rf6
 62.Kd3 Rxf5
 63.Kc3 Rf3+

0-1



Back in 2009, Andrew Macmillen was inducted into the 100% Club after scoring 8/8 in that year's Open. In the 2013 Open section B, Andrew again reigned supreme and repeated the feat. Here is a game against his nearest challenger.

Neil, Charles (1679)
 MacMillen, Andrew N (1794)
 SCCA Open Section B 2013
 Closed Sicilian [B25]
 [Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 c5
 2.Nc3 Nc6
 3.Nge2 g6
 4.g3 Bg7
 5.Bg2 e6
 6.d3 Nge7
 7.0-0 0-0
 8.f4 d6
 9.Bd2 Rb8
 10.Rb1 Nd4N



Departing from theory. 10...b5
 11.Qe1 Nd4 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2
 Qc7 14.c3 dxc3 15.Bxc3 Bxc3
 16.bxc3 Bd7 17.g4 f5 18.Qh4 Rf7
 19.g5 fxe4 20.dxe4 d5 21.exd5 Nxd5
 22.Bxd5 Qe5+ 23.Qf2 Qxd5 24.Ng3
 Bc6 25.Rb4 e5 26.Qe2 Qc5+ 27.Qf2
 Qxc3 28.Rb3 Qe4 29.f5 gxf5 30.Re1
 f4 31.Ne4 Bxe4 0-1 Pietras,R

(1800)-Berens,T (2032)/Differdange
 2007/EXT 2008
 11.Kh1 b5
 12.a3 Nec6
 13.Nxd4 Nxd4
 14.Ne2 Qc7
 15.Nxd4 Bxd4
 15...cxd4!? looks an interesting alternative.
 16.c3
 16.e5!? is worth investigating here.
 16... Bg7
 17.Qe2 Bd7
 18.g4 f5
 19.exf5 Bxf5
 20.gxf5 Bxf5
 21.Rfe1 Kh8
 22.Rbc1 Qd7
 23.Qe7 Rf7
 23...Qxe7 24.Rxe7 Bxd3 seems playable for Black.
 24.Qxd7 Rxd7
 25.Be4 Bg4
 26.Rg1 Bh5
 27.Rce1?! d5!
 28.Bg2 d4
 29.cxd4
 29.Be4 looks the more solid option.
 29... Bxd4



30.b3?
 30.Be3! Bxb2 31.Bxc5 Rc8 32.Re7
 Rxd3 33.Bxa7 Rxa3 34.Rb1 and
 White keeps some drawing chances.
 30... Bxg1+
 31.Kxg1 Rxd3
 32.Ba5 Rf8
 33.Bc7 Kg7
 34.Be5+ Kh6
 35.Be4 Rd1
 [35...Rxb3 wins quickly too.]
 36.Rxd1 Bxd1
 37.b4 cxb4
 [37...c4 is a little more direct.]
 38.axb4 Be2
 39.Bb8??
 A blunder in a lost position.
 39... Rxb8

0-1





For the Record Postal Players and Over-the-Board Matches

By Alan McGowan

Long before the formation of the SCCA, postal chess players had numerous ways to pursue their passion: Chess periodicals might offer special correspondence tournaments; chess clubs – for many postal players were, of course, also members of such clubs – might organize a correspondence game against another club, and the editors of chess columns in non-chess publications might vie with each other in organizing postal chess tournaments.

With the founding of the British Correspondence Chess Association (BCCA) in 1906, Scottish postal chess players had the opportunity to participate in national tournaments of varying standards. Two names that stand out in this regard are Dr R.C. Macdonald, who was British champion on several occasions, and D.M. MacIsaac, chess editor at the Glasgow Herald from 1930 to 1959. MacIsaac regularly organized large postal chess events involving readers of the Herald against teams from other newspapers or clubs.

The popularity of postal chess increased during the war of 1939-45, both with military and civilian enthusiasts. In March 1943 that B.H. Wood, editor of CHESS announced the formation of the Postal Chess Club, which became a popular “rival” to the BCCA.

The immediate post-war years saw membership of the BCCA rise to 1000, and this without having their own magazine dedicated to correspondence chess. (The BCM allowed space each month for BCCA news. Their own magazine would appear in January 1949).

However, there was always the fear that membership numbers would decline as clubs re-established themselves. Perhaps this was the reason for promoting a series of matches between Scottish members of the BCCA and various Leagues’ teams. Here, for the record, are the results of some of these popular, friendly matches.

1948 June 19. Glasgow 12½-8½ BCCA
The match was played in the basement smokeroom of Cranston’s on Renfield Street, Glasgow.



On board one P.B. Anderson (Glasgow) drew with B.B. Partridge. Both these names have an honoured place in Scottish chess in general; Anderson was Scottish champion in 1950 and 1954; Bernard Partridge was the prime mover behind the formation of the SCCA in 1977.

1949 November 5. Edinburgh League 7½-BCCA 4½

Played at Edinburgh. R.A. MacBrayne, on top board for the BCCA, missed a winning line against George Page (Scottish champion 1925) and eventually lost.

1950 April 8. BCCA 6½-3½ Lanarkshire League
Played at Motherwell.

1951 April 14. BCCA 10½-6½ Lanarkshire League
Played at Motherwell. The BCCA won on all of the first five boards.

1952 November 22. Glasgow League 10½-9½ BCCA
Played at the YMCA Restaurant, 100 Bothwell Street, Glasgow. (Many readers, I suspect, can recall playing chess somewhere within the massive Christian Institute building.)



1953 November 21. Glasgow League 11½-BCCA 6½
Played at the YMCA, Bothwell Street, Glasgow. On top board A.A. Thomson for Glasgow beat J. Cairncross.

1954 November 27. Glasgow League 10½-7½ BCCA
Again played at the YMCA on Bothwell Street, Glasgow.

1956 December 8. BCCA 13-6 Glasgow League
YMCA Restaurant. A good win for the postal players. J. Cairncross (BCCA) beat G. McGowan (no relation) on top board.

J. Cairncross – G. McGowan [C17]
BCCA v Glasgow League, Friendly Match, Glasgow, 1956
1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2 a6 6.a3 cxd4
7.axb4 dxc3 8.Bxc3 b6 9.Qg4 g6 10.Nf3 Bb7 11.Bd3 b5
12.Bd2 Qc7 13.0-0 Nc6 14.Qf4 0-0-0 15.Rfe1 h5 16.Nd4
Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Nh6 18.Ra3 Nf5 19.Bxf5 gxf5 20.Rc3 Bc6
21.Ree3 Kb7 22.Rc5 Qb6 23.Rec3 Rc8 24.Be3 Rhg8
25.Rxb5 1-0

1957 November 23. BCCA 12-8 Glasgow League,
YMCA. J. Cairncross for the BCCA drew with W. Thomson on top board.

1959 February 21. Glasgow League 12½-6½ BCCA
YMCA. On top board James Cairncross of the BCCA defeated Tom Russell.



International Update

By George Pyrich

5th ICCF Champions League

CL/2012/C1, Champions League 2012 C1

		TD Vugt, Wim H. van													Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13								
1	Fenix I	2200	█	2.5	0.5	3	1	2	3	2.5	3	3	3.5	3	3	30	75	20	19	40	8	1
2	Chess Club Travertin 2	2337	1.5	█	1.5	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	4	2.5	3	3.5	28.5	59	9	15	48	0	2
3	Black Sea	2337	0.5	2.5	█	2	2	1.5	2	2.5	3	3	3	2	3	27	71	16	16	38	10	3
4	Golden King	2157	1	2	1	█	1.5	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	3	3	3	2.5	26.5	58	8	16	45	3	4
5	Old Friends Team	2442	1	2	2	1.5	█	1	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	3	3	24.5	61	9	13	40	8	5
6	Grupo de Xadrez do Porto B	2052	2	2	0.5	1.5	2	█	2	2	1.5	2.5	2.5	3	2.5	24	55	5	13	43	5	6
7	All the King's Men	2236	0	1.5	1	2	2	2	█	3	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	22.5	50	0	12	45	3	7
8	The Lewis Chessmen	2293	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	2	1	█	1.5	3	1.5	3	2.5	21.5	47	-2	7	45	3	8
9	DEMC 2	2266	1	2.5	0	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	2.5	█	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	21	46	-3	11	45	3	9
10	Latvian Knights	2068	1	0	1	1	1.5	1.5	2	1	2	█	3.5	1	2.5	18	37	-12	6	48	0	10
11	BCCA Rooks	2198	0.5	1.5	1	1	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	█	2.5	1.5	15	34	-14	2	44	4	11
12	CCI 1	2247	0	1	0	1	1	1	1.5	1	1.5	3	1.5	█	2	14.5	32	-15	3	44	4	12
13	Czech Black & White Team	2156	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	0.5	1.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	1	█	9	23	-21	0	39	9	13	

CL/2012/C7, Champions League 2012 C7

		TD Kracht, Jörg (IA)													Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13								
1	Chess.com - Russia	2303	█	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	1.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	3	3.5	28.5	66	14	18	43	5	1
2	Vityaz 2012	2213	1.5	█	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	2	2.5	2	2	2.5	3.5	4	28	62	11	15	45	3	2
3	Zugzwang Bocholt 1	2266	2	1.5	█	2	2.5	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	27.5	62	11	17	44	4	3
4	Anunnaki IV	2193	1.5	1.5	1	█	1	2	3	3	2	2	2	3.5	4	26.5	60	9	12	44	4	4
5	CSM Cluj Napoca 1	2344	0.5	1.5	1.5	1	█	2.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	3	1.5	2	3.5	23.5	54	4	11	43	5	5
6	Torres Quevedo	2248	1.5	1.5	1	2	1.5	█	2	2.5	3	3	1	2	2.5	23.5	52	2	11	45	3	6
7	Brazilian Chessfriends	2387	1	2	2	1	1.5	2	█	1.5	2.5	2	2	2.5	3	23	51	1	11	45	3	7
8	Le Palamède	2327	1.5	1.5	2	1	2.5	1.5	1.5	█	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	3	22.5	52	2	9	43	5	8
9	DEMC 3	2138	1.5	2	1.5	2	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	█	2.5	1	2.5	2.5	21	46	-3	8	45	3	9
10	A.D.A. MÓSTOLES	2191	1.5	1	0.5	2	1	1	2	1.5	1.5	█	1.5	3	3.5	20	45	-4	6	44	4	10
11	Scottish Claymores	2315	0.5	1.5	1.5	1	1.5	2	2	1.5	2	0.5	█	2	4	20	52	2	6	38	10	11
12	Kylee	2167	1	0.5	1.5	0.5	2	2	0.5	1.5	1.5	1	1	█	3	16	34	-14	4	46	2	12
13	Rochade 5171 Chessmates	2015	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	0.5	0	1	█	5	11	-35	0	45	3	13

The Lewis Chessmen in Division C1 have improved their standing a little since last time but with only 3 games unfinished a mid-table final place is likely.

Hopes held earlier for promotion for the Scottish Claymores in Division C7 are unfortunately now receding although, with 10 games remaining, the team may yet improve its current mid-table standing.

Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Sep 2013	22	Venezuela	Server	6	8		
May 2013	22	Spain	Server	9½	18½		
Apr 2013	22	Germany	Server	7½	24½		loss
Dec 2012	20	Australia	Server	14	20		
Oct 2012	20	Peru	Server	18	16		
Oct 2012	24	Denmark	Server	25½	19½		win

Another new match is planned against France is planned to start in February 2014 and we hope to have one or two more soon thereafter. Our numerous other matches continue, including a rare win against Denmark.

A new match, Germany v. Rest of Europe, is scheduled to start on the ICCF server on 1st March 2014 and every Federation may submit 8 nominees to take part. Those wishing to take part should contact me without delay and not later than 10 January 2014 – please note that our allocation will be filled on a “first come, first served” basis.

20th Olympiad Preliminaries

CCO20/S2, ICCF Olympiad 20 Preliminaries - Section 02

TD Pheby, Ian M. (IA)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	Switzerland	2428	█	3.5	3	3.5	3	2	2	3.5	3.5	24	60	8	10	40	8	1
2	France	2432	2.5	█	1.5	2.5	3	2.5	3	3	4	22	55	4	5	40	8	2
3	Germany	2518	3	2.5	█	2	3	2	1	2.5	3.5	19.5	55	4	4	35	13	3
4	Ukraine	2465	1.5	2.5	2	█	3	2	2.5	1.5	4	19	52	2	3	36	12	4
5	Luxembourg	2272	2	3	2	2	█	1.5	2.5	2	2.5	17.5	48	-1	1	36	12	5
6	Norway	2404	3	2.5	2	2	0.5	█	1.5	3.5	2	17	51	1	3	33	15	6
7	Spain	2440	2	2	1	2.5	2.5	1.5	█	2.5	2.5	16.5	51	1	0	32	16	7
8	Scotland	2379	1.5	1	2.5	1.5	2	2.5	0.5	█	2.5	14	41	-6	0	34	14	8
9	Hong Kong	2244	0.5	1	1.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	1.5	█	11.5	31	-13	0	36	12	9

Unfortunately our team's slide has continued and it now finds itself in 8th place in the 9 team Section. It should be mentioned that a recent couple of unnecessary losses on time have not helped the team cause.

2nd Thor Løvholt Memorial Team Tournament

MT-Løvholt2/sf2, 2nd Thor Løvholt Team Tournament Semi-Final 2

TD Dearnley, Andrew (IA)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	Austria	2226	█	0.5	1	1.5	0.5	1	2.5	2.5	0.5	10.5	65	5	0	16	38	1	
2	Ukraine	2200	0.5	█	0.5	2.5	0	0	3.5	1.5	0.5	9	69	5	2	13	41	2	
3	Czech Republic	2168	1	0.5	█	1.5	0.5	3	0.5	0	0.5	8	57	2	1	14	40	3	
4	Scotland	2083	0.5	0.5	1.5	█	1.5	0.5	2.5	0.5	0.5	8	42	-3	0	19	35	4	
5	Slovenia	2216	0.5	0	0.5	1.5	█	0.5	2	1	1	7	58	2	0	12	42	5	
6	Latvia	2138	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	█	2.5	0.5	0	1.5	7	63	3	0	11	43	6
7	Belgium	2045	0.5	1.5	1	1.5	0	0.5	█	1	0	6.5	22	-16	0	29	25	7	
8	Netherlands	2226	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	2	█	0.5	6	42	-2	0	14	40	8	
9	Sweden	2213	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	1	0	2	0.5	█	5	62	2	0	8	46	9	
10	Lithuania	2187	0.5	0	0.5	1	0	0.5	2.5	0	0	█	5	62	2	0	8	46	10

Thus far our team has scored 8 points from 19 completed games and in the tournament cross-table is shown in =3rd place.

However, in terms of percentage scores, we are 9th of the teams which is perhaps not as bad as this corresponds with the team's placing in terms of rating.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 5

VWC5/pr03, ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 pr.03

					TD Bartsch, Andreas																	
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2288		1	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	9.5	7	52	0	1
2	BEL	40429	IM	Van tricht, Marcel	2338	0		½	1	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	8.5	6	43.75	0	2
3	ENG	211510		Evans, Dr. Gordon R.	2335	0	½		½	½	1 ^A	½	1	½	½	1	1	8	5	40.25	0	3
4	CZE	130711		Kýhos, Alois	2235	½	0	½		½	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	7.5	4	39	0	4
5	GER	80616		Oppermann, Peter	2273	½	½	½	½		0	½	½	½	1	1	½	7	3	36.75	0	5
6	ARG	20302	IM	Luzuriaga, Dr. Norberto Horacio	2336	½	0	0 ^A	0	1		½	½	½	1	½	1	6.5	4	31.5	0	6
7	NOR	360492		Lindhom, Eigil	2168	0	½	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	1	1	6.5	2	32.75	0	7
8	ROU	440161		Vasile, Constantin	2015	½	0	0	0	½	½	½		1	½	½	1	6	3	28.75	0	8
9	BUL	50032	SIM	Sapundjiev, Ing. Georgi	2379	½	½	½	½	½	½	0		½	1	0	1	6	2	33.25	0	9
10	FRA	180897		Epinoux, Jean-François	2066	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	½		½	½	5	1	25	0	10
11	GER	85404		Mueller, Siegfried	2003	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½		½	4	1	17.5	0	11
12	RUS	141616		Purynychov, Yury Ivanovich	2130	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	1	½	½		1	3.5	2	14	0	12
13	USA	514829		Mayes, Frederick John	1667	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	13

VWC5/pr06, ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 pr.06

					TD Bartsch, Andreas																		
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
1	GER	81738	IM	Hafner, Manfred	2492		1	½	½	0	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	8.5	6	46.5	0	1	
2	RUS	141760		Ilyasov, Anatoly Fedorovich	2318	0		½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	8	5	40	0	2	
3	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2256	½	½		½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	8	4	42.5	0	3	
4	CZE	131257		Paulík, Václav	2314	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	8	4	42.25	0	4	
5	CAN	90449		Hryniw, Michael	2241	1	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	1	1	7.5	3	41.25	0	5	
6	AUS	30119		Ramsden, Jim E.	2022	0	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	½	1	1	7	3	34.25	0	6	
7	GER	82188		Richter, Wolfgang	2224	0	0	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	1	1	6.5	3	30.5	0	7	
8	BLR	750232		Banshchikov, Valery Vasilyevich	2041	½	½	0	½	½	½	½		½	½	1	½	6.5	2	33.5	0	8	
9	LAT	910120		Mačs, Osvalds	2115	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½		½	1	1	6	3	26.75	0	9	
10	CZE	130867		Glembek, Bohumír	2209	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½		½	1	1	6	2	29.25	0	10	
11	SWE	451016		Ward, Bengt	2122	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	½		1	1	3.5	2	13.5	0	11	
12	ESP	160896		Miguel de Frutos, Víctor	1829	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	0	0		1	2.5	1	11.25	0	12
13	ENG	211643		Elwood, David	1772	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	13	

Congratulations to Peter Bennett and Alan Borwell who have both recently secured places in the Semi-Finals of Veterans World Cup 5!

38th ICCF World Championship

The new cycle of 2014 events begins on 15th March with the scheduled start of the Preliminary sections. As in previous years we may submit a total of 3 “Member Federation Nominations” and so those wishing to be considered for one of these places should submit requests to me not later than 31st January 2014.

ICCF World Cup 20 | Veterans World Cup 6

Our numerous entrants, listed in our last issue, presently continue their quests to qualify from the Preliminary stages of these events doubtless hoping to emulate the successes of Peter Bennett and Alan Borwell who have both recently secured places in the Semi-Finals of VWC5.

ICCF Individual Events

These continue to prove popular amongst our members and a full list of available events is available at our web site www.scottishcca.co.uk. The list of server events now includes a new level, “Aspirer tournaments”, designed for those new to ICCF and without any Rating and those with *SCCA Magazine 124*

ICCF Ratings less than 1600. Members should note the substantial reduced entry fees to ICCF events as listed at our web site.

10th European Team Championship

Unfortunately the official announcement of this new event has been delayed yet again and it is now likely that the event will not commence until the summer of 2014.

Adrian Hollis Memorial

One of our top players, Richard Beecham, has recently secured a place in this highly prestigious elite GM event dedicated to the memory of Adrian Hollis the late distinguished English GM and Oxford Classics don who spent some years at St Andrews in the 60's. Richard's progress may be followed at: <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=41391>

ICCF Europe Individual Events

The ICCF European Zone has recently introduced new events structures in the European Individual Championship

for both Server and Postal play. Both structures will operate on the "Promotion" basis with the Server providing Open, Preliminary, Semi-Final, Candidates and Championship Final events and Open, Semi-Final and Championship events available for postal players.

These new events represent a significant development for our few remaining international postal players following the near collapse of the World Postal events as they now

Borwell, Alan (2251)
Suess, Franz (SUI) (2264) [B97]
 Veterans World Cup 6 - Prelims Gp
 16, 2013
 Sicilian Najdorf, Poisoned Pawn
 [B97]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

Alan Borwell provides one of the games from his successful campaign in this event. Annotations are based upon Alan's comments.

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	a6
6.Bg5	e6
7.f4	Qb6
8.Qd2	Qxb2
9.Rb1	Qa3
10.e5	dx e5
11.fxe5	Nfd7
12.Ne4	h6
13.Bh4	Qxa2
14.Rd1	Qd5
15.Qe3	Qxe5
16.Be2	Bc5
17.Bg3	Qd5
18.c4	Bxd4
19.Rxd4	Qa5+
20.Rd2	0-0
21.Bd6	Rd8
22.g4	f5
23.g5	fxe4
24.gxh6	

Alan says that it's all theory up to here!



24... Ne5
 Previously Black played 24...g6 or Nc6

25.0-0 Rxd6
 If 25...Nf7 then the amazing 26.Bb4!
 Qc7 27.Rxf7 Qxf7 (27...Kxf7
 28.Qg5) 28.h7+ Kxh7 29.Qh3+ Kg6
 30.Bh5+ Kf6 31.Rf2+ and mate
 follows shortly.
26.Rxd6 g6
27.Bh5
 27.Qf2 also seems to do the job.
27... Bd7
 There is nothing else as 27...gxh5
 28.Qg5+ wins.
28.Qf4

1-0



Hoffmann, Peter (2006)-
Burrige, Raymond (1907)
 WT/H/1095 (Postal), 2013
 Sicilian Najdorf [B92]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

Regular contributor Raymond Burrige provides another of his recent postal games. Annotations are based upon Raymond's comments.

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	a6
6.Be2	e5
7.Nb3	Be7
8.0-0	0-0
9.Be3	Be6
10.Qd3	

Rather unusual here although Nakamura used it to beat Topalov not so long ago .
 10... Nc6
 10...Nbd7 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nc5
 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Bf3 was Nakamura v Topalov and 1-0 on move 74.

11.a3	Re8
11...Na5	is another idea here.
12.Nd5	Bxd5
13.exd5	e4
14.Qd2	Ne5
15.Rac1	Re8

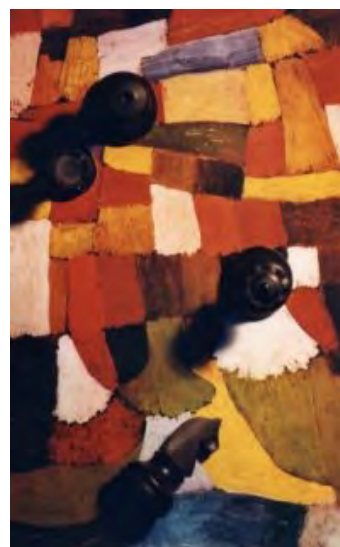
provide a new and credible structure for continuing postal play.

Entry fees for the new European server events are the same as for the corresponding ICCF World events as listed at our web site. Our fees for the new Postal events from 1st January 2014 will be: Open Class £3.50, Semi-Finals £6.00 and Finals £10.00.



16.Rfd1
 16.h3 preventing Black's next looks better.

16... Nfg4
17.Qb4?
 Immediately disastrous - he had to play 17.Bf4
17... Nxe3
18.fxe3 Bg5
19.Qxe4 Nc4
 And faced with decisive material losses, White resigned.
 0-1



l'arte degli scacchi, gli scacchi nell'arte
 (the art of chess, chess in art)



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 2014

Theme 1/14: Sokolsky, A00

1.b4

Entries by 15 January; play starts 1 February

Theme 2/14: Marshall Attack, C89

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5

Entries by 1 March; plays starts 15 March

Webserver Events 2014

Theme 1/14: Fegatello Variation, C57

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Nxd5 6.Nxf7 Kxf7 7.Qf3+ Ke6 8.Nc3

Entries by 1 January; play starts 15 January

Theme 2/14: Queen's Gambit Accepted, Wiacek Variation, D20

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4+ 6.Kf1

Entries by 15 February; plays starts 1 March

Note there are no Email Events in 2014.

News

- ❑ Special Leave will be discontinued from 2014 (see Notices page). Frank Geider (FRA) will run the SL Office for tournaments started before 2014.
- ❑ Aspirer Tournaments have started for new players without an ICCF rating or for players rated under 1600 who do not yet wish to play in an ICCF Promotion tournament. Ian Pheby (ENG) is TO.
- ❑ A new ICCF calendar for 2014-16 has been published (see Notices page).
- ❑ Entries for the 38th ICCF World Championship close on 15th February with play starting on 20th March. Contact George Pyrich for details.
- ❑ Preliminaries for the European Webserver Championship will start on a rolling basis from January. Again, contact George Pyrich for details.
- ❑ A record number of 1,001 entries have been received for World Cup 20.

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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