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Welcome to the second edition of the 2016 magazine set.

For once, the main story isn't the weather, but rather the unexpected decision of the UK to leave the EU, followed by the sudden disappearance of most of the main 'out' proponents. As restaurants welcome the tourists with 'Full English Brexit' signs, it looks as though Scotland might again be trying to revert to its pre-Union European status.

Our April-May weather was very pleasant, but June reverted to type, so we turned to the indoor pursuits of voting and the holding of AGMs.

Shortly before our own AGM, we sadly lost George Livie, one of our stalwart founding members. We observed a minute's silence in respect at our meeting and I'm pleased to include an appreciation by L R (Mac) McKenzie plus some reminiscences of mine in this edition.

Gordon Anderson and auditor Alan Hind did their usual professional job on our accounts and their final figures are presented here.

George Pyrich has analysed the third ICCF rating list of 2016 for us; another relatively stable period with more games milestones for our more active members.

John Hawkes returns to bring us a fine collection of games by Adrian Hollis, whose Memorial tournament has recently concluded. John also provides the second in his series of great CC miniatures.

A short games column features contributions from Peter Bennett and Richard Beecham. George Pyrich once again publishes an extensive international report with x-tables aplenty and a well-annotated game played by member Derek Coope.

Alan Borwell provides a further update from the Veterans' World Cups. Having recently published the final result from VWC3, we are now enjoying an exciting finish to VWC4, the last of the cycle sponsored by the SCCA.

This year's ICCF Congress takes place in Bremen during August, and we've been reviewing the Congress Proposals on which George Pyrich will vote in due course.

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

2016	1st	2nd
June	A P Borwell	G D Pyrich
May	D Carswell	J Anderson
April	Mrs D Livie	J S Murray

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NB Secretarial duties will be undertaken by Kevin Paine (enquiries and domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) pro tem.



British Correspondence Chess Championship



During the ICCF Congress in Cardiff last year, representatives of the English Federation for Correspondence Chess ('EFCC'), the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation ('WCCF') and the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association ('SCCA') met to discuss the running of the British Correspondence

Chess Championship. The discussion arose due to the change of name from the British Federation for Correspondence Chess to the English Federation for Correspondence Chess and the perceived need to organise a truly British Championship.

The three bodies agreed that a BCCC should be organised by a committee with representation from each of the Federations/Association. It was also agreed that the SCCA could nominate up to 3 participants who met the entry criteria, part of which is holding a minimum ICCF grading 2300.

The next tournament is due to commence in September 2016 and anyone interested in entering should contact either, George Pyrich or Gordon Anderson for further information. Entries should be sent by 15th August 2016 together with the entry fee of £10 to our Treasurer, Gordon Anderson. (Ref: www.bfcc-online.org.uk)

ICCF Europa Individual Championships 2016



Gian-Maria Tani, ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner, writes to announce the candidates stage of the 36th World Championship which will start on 20th September. The following players are eligible for the 36th candidates:

- the participants of one of the previous or running finals who scored at least 50% of the possible points.
- the participants in one of the previous or running candidates stage who finished in 2nd place (in the

exceptional event of only one qualifying place for the final being available), 3rd or 4th place, or scored at least 60% of the possible points but did not qualify for the final.

- the first and second placed players in every semi-final group.
- the first and second placed players in a final of the ICCF World Cup tournament.
- the first and second placed players from the acknowledged Zonal Championships of Category IX or higher.
- all previous World Correspondence Chess champions.
- the holders of the Grandmaster Title with at least 5 Grandmaster norms
- those players who have a fixed rating of 2600 and above, as at July 1, 2016, or from the current FIDE list.

Candidates sections normally have 13 players with the possibility for the TTC to extend them to 15 or 17 players (or reduce to 11 players) if appropriate in special situations. Normally, only four Candidates sections are started each year with 1st & 2nd qualifying for a final.

Registration completes on 5th August, so please email George Pyrich before 29th July, for further details and to register your interest..

ICCF Olympiad 21 Team



The selection committee led by George Pyrich has selected the following line-up to represent Scotland:

1. SIM Richard Beecham (2470)
2. IM Clive Murden (2436)
3. SM Alan Bell (2391)
4. IM Iain Mackintosh (2410)
5. SM Peter Bennett (2342)
6. SM Gordon Anderson (2328):

This prestigious event starts on September 1st.

ICCF Game Archive



The May update to the Archive has now been added, and all files may be downloaded by logging into: <https://www.iccf.com/> then selecting Games Archive from the menu.

SCCA 100 Club



Treasurer Gordon Anderson writes:

A number of members have actively subscribed to the Association's 100 club for a number of years and these contributions are very much appreciated. Recently, 3 long standing subscribers have retired and decided that they will no longer contribute to the 100 club. We urgently need some new subscribers.

If you have not been a subscriber or have previously subscribed but allowed your subscription to lapse, why not take up a unit or two or indeed three units (always happy to accept subscriptions for more units)?

If you are interested please contact Gordon on treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk for more information. The usual method of subscribing is monthly standing order which spreads the annual cost.

Esko Nuutilainen



Heikki Arppi, President of the Finnish Correspondence Chess Federation, reports the sad loss of Esko Nuutilainen, after a long illness.

Esko was secretary and magazine editor for several decades and performed many other official functions. He was awarded the IA title in 1975, and the Bertl-von-Massow –medal in 1984(silver) and 1987 (gold). He was elected as an honorary member of ICCF in 2011.

Fernschach 2016 CC Database



Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Total 900,000 games (from 1991)
- Approximately 7,700 annotated
- Around 700 new annotated games in 2016
- Games from BdF Chess Server and ICCF webserver
- Games from Lechenicher chess server
- Games from many national and international correspondence chess servers
- German Correspondence Chess Federation (BDF) mail, e-mail and fax games

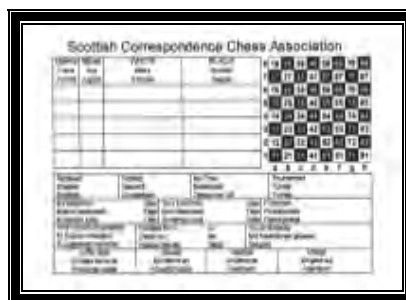
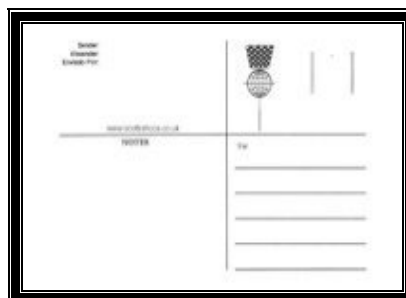
The price is €12 (shipping within Germany) and €15 (shipping elsewhere).

For further details, contact Herbert at:

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CC Postcards



The SCCA has a stock of cc postcards showing the SCCA logo and website address. They are suitable for domestic and international use (English, German and Spanish used).

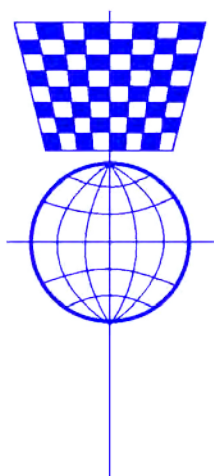
Orders in units of 100 please. The cards are supplied at their production cost (£2.50/100) and p&p is also required.

Orders and payments to Iain Mackintosh at chess@iainmack.co.uk please. Royal Mail prices rose in April 2015, so check current p&p prices with Iain first.



AGM 2016

By Iain Mackintosh



- Meeting:** The 39th AGM of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association.
- Venue:** Sunday 12th June, 2015, 2pm by Skype.
- Present:** Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine, (all Skype).
- Apologies:** Jim Anderson, Alastair Dawson, George Pyrich.

Minutes of the 38th AGM

On the proposal of Alan Borwell, seconded by Gordon Anderson, the minute of the meeting held on 21st June 2015 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 37th AGM

The ICCF Congress in Cardiff was attended by George Pyrich, Gordon Anderson and Kevin Paine.

President's Remarks

The meeting was overshadowed by the recent death of George Livie, a founder member of SCCA and long-time committee member. A minute's silence was held as a mark of respect.

Iain Mackintosh summarised another active and rewarding year for the SCCA. All domestic events, with the exception of the Postal League, ran to schedule and results are summarised below. Internationally, we continued to participate actively in both team and individual events (refer separate report below).

Our website hosting was very reliable with content regularly updated. Our Facebook page continues to attract a worldwide following. The online magazine was produced on schedule all year, while subscribers to the printed version held steady.

Once again, the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve great praise for their efforts and commitment.

Secretary's Report

Kevin Paine reported that membership currently stands at 30 Annual; 3 Patron (active) and 15 Life (active). A further 100 Patron and Life members are on our list. Renewals were initially slightly down, but recovered after reminders were issued.

Iain Mackintosh reported that the 2014-15 Championship was won by Robert Montgomery after application of the Baumbach tie-break rule. The 2015-16 Championship was won outright by Iain Mackintosh. Raymond Burrige won the 2015 Premier with a 100% score of 5/5. Robert Gilbert won Open section A, also with a 100% score of 8/8, while Jim Anderson won Open B with 7/8. Raymond Burrige again collected the Challengers' medal, with David Cumming scoring a 100% 8/8 in his games.

The Postal League wasn't contested due to insufficient entries, but the Webserver League featured 3 divisions this year: In 1, BCCA Diamonds triumphed with 16½/24; in 2, Hounds of the Scheming Mind C won with 20/24; and in 3, Civil Service B finished on top with 16/20. The 3rd Webserver Open completed, with Final A being won by Peter Bennett with 4/6, and Final B by Eoin Campbell with 9/10. The 3rd Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by David Kilgour and won by Peter Bennett.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson presented a full set of accounts and once again expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for an efficient audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2016 showing a deficit of £420 (2015-£272 surplus) and net assets of £10,333 (2013-£10,754).

Income in the 12 month period amounted to £2,135 (2015-£2,384). There were a number of reasons for the reduction with the main contributors being a reduction in membership fees, reduced donations, reduced Magazine income and a further reduction in 100 club income. These reductions were in part, offset by fees generated in respect of an increase in entries to ICCF competitions.

Expenditure in the year increased to £2,556 (2015-£2,120). The increase in expenditure results from costs incurred in attending the ICCF Congress in Cardiff and increased fees payable in respect of entries to ICCF tournaments. Small increases in expenditure were seen in other areas, however savings were achieved through not making donations as we had done in the previous financial year.

Our overall financial position remains very acceptable. Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon and Alan Hind which was unanimously agreed. Gordon moved adoption of the accounts, seconded by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported that the newly-formed SCCA Selection Committee (George Pyrich, Tom Matheis and Iain Mackintosh (substituting for the unavailable Richard Beecham) recently selected team for the 21st ICCF Olympiad with the following board order: 1. Richard Beecham 2. Clive Murden 3. Alan Bell 4. Iain Mackintosh 5. Peter Bennett 6. Gordon Anderson, with George Pyrich as Team Captain. (Tom Matheis, presently playing in a GM level event organised by the German Federation declared himself unavailable for selection.)

Play is presently continuing in the recently commenced NATT 7 event and news is still awaited of the 3rd North Sea Team Tournament originally planned to start in September. Play is continuing in the 2015/16 British Team Championship where our team has made a promising start (7.5 from 10 games). Presently news is awaited with regard to the next British Championship scheduled to begin towards the end of the year.

New friendly matches were started against Australia and USA. Our form shows metronomic consistency, with no wins in the last year! We continue to supply individual entries to a broad range of ICCF events, with the DE 10th Anniversary Open tournament and the 9th Veterans World Cup being the most recent.

We continue our support of cycles 2-4 of the ICCF Veterans' World Cup. VWC2 is now fully complete. VWC3 has concluded, being won by IM Frits Bleker of Greece, ahead of Viktor Ibragimov of Russia and SIM Tor-Arne Klausen of Norway. First and third places have received engraved quaihs presented by the Scottish CCA; second place is still at the engraving stage due to communication and linguistic delays. VWC4 has 12 games outstanding, some of which will affect final placings. At present, IM Reinhard Sikorsky of Germany looks the likely winner.

The 2016 ICCF Congress will be held in Bremen from 14th to 20th August, with George attending as delegate. Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to George which was unanimously agreed. Alan Borwell moved adoption of George's report, seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously agreed.

Election of Office Bearers

The following office-bearers were elected to office for 2016-17, proposed en bloc by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Kevin Paine:

Office	Name
President	Iain Mackintosh
Vice President	George Pyrich
International Secretary	George Pyrich
Secretary ¹	
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine
Committee Members ²	Alan Borwell, Alastair Dawson

¹ No nomination received. Kevin Paine (enquiries and domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) will provide interim cover.

² Jim Anderson is not currently an SCCA member.

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Alan Borwell, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions and Fees for 2016-17

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to current fees. This was seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed.

AOB

Our policy statement regarding membership eligibility and international selection needs to be revisited and clarified if necessary. (Action: Executive Committee)

We need to encourage more members to stand for committee. A draft of committee roles and skills requirements is to be produced for circulation. (Action: Iain Mackintosh)

A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.



George Livie – An Appreciation

By L R (Mac) McKenzie
and Iain Mackintosh

On Wednesday 1st June 2016 the Scottish chess scene lost one of the most enthusiastic supporters of the game in the sudden death of George Livie.

George was born in 1937 and lived the early years of his life in Cardonald, Glasgow and had one older brother, David. School was not the happiest time of his life and he left at the earliest opportunity. After a short spell in work he gained entry to the police and served as a cadet in the Metropolitan police force. Just before his eighteenth birthday he was called up for national service, where with his police background, he was able to join the Military Police and went on to serve his time in Kenya. He would recount the tale of his brief encounter with royalty when Princess Margaret visited Kenya. On duty he stood to attention and saluted only to be covered in dust as the car speedily drove past!

Finishing national service he re-joined the Metropolitan police and after a short spell there he decided to return to his home city and join the Glasgow police force. At this time he met Margaret who was to become his wife in early 1959. He continued serving as a constable on the south side of Glasgow and later joined the CID. Now with a wife and a young family the decision was made that George would go to university to study law while continuing to work shifts in the police. This was a difficult time but George, with Margaret's help, persevered and in 1972 he graduated with his law degree.

By this time the family had grown and there were now four children, Douglas, Valerie, Alan and Elizabeth. George entered private practice and worked with a number of Glasgow law firms ending with the firm Paterson, Robertson and Graham (now PRG) before serving as a judge on employment tribunals.

From his early days George had shown an interest in chess and used to play for the police before joining Cathcart Chess Club where he served as president from 1973-75 and again from 2003-10. He was also a past club champion and frequently won the best game prize in the Club Championship, the last time being in the 2013-14 season. In 2013 he was made an honorary member for all his support and commitment to the club.

Not only did he enjoy over the board games he was a keen correspondence player and was a founder member of the

Scottish Correspondence Chess Association. Initially he served as Grading Officer and then as Vice-President. In 2003 he gained his International Master title and in 2011 there was a presentation in recognition of his outstanding service for the Scottish Association.

George also ventured into the commercial side of chess being one of the original directors of Chess Suppliers (Scotland) Ltd. His home was often used to store equipment and books before the business acquired its own premises. He was a frequent competitor at congresses throughout Britain ranging from Oban in the North to the Channel Islands in the South. You could be sure of a tough game if he was sitting opposite you. He bought many a chess book but he often admitted that he didn't get round to reading them all.

Due to his legal background his advice and guidance was sought by many both inside and outside chess circles. George could always be relied on to do his best to help others. His family which has grown to include nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren was a very important part of his life. Many times he would wind up one of the junior members of the family with his stories so that they were never sure if he was kidding or not but in the end it would usually be "grandpa" that ended up being caught out. Another big part of his life was the church where he served as an elder for nearly 40 years.

My memories are of a valued friend who had a big personality, happy to be "mine host". You were always assured of a warm welcome at the Livie house. He enjoyed his red wine and had his own food preferences (steaks being high on the list). He also had his own style and was enthusiastic in everything he did. Underneath it all George was a proud family man who was generous with his time and talent when it came to helping others. I will miss that man as I'm sure many others will.

Our thoughts go out to Margaret and all the family as they love and support each other in the great loss at the centre of their lives.

Mac McKenzie



George Wilson Guthrie Livie was an immense contributor to correspondence chess in Scotland.

One of the founding members of the SCCA in 1977, he supported Alan Borwell at the London ICCF Congress in 1981 and Paris in 1982 at which agreement was gained to allow Scotland to enter its own teams to ICCF Olympiads and European Team tournaments. Full membership of ICCF was gained in 1991 and George continued to represent Scotland at further ICCF Congresses, including the two he hosted in 1985 (Peebles) and 1994 (Perth).

George played an active role on SCCA committees, serving as Grading Officer from 1979-82 (succeeded in that role by his son, Douglas); Bulletin Games Editor 1979-82; and Vice-President from 1982-92. He returned to committee work in 2002, and demitted office in 2011, receiving an engraved quach in token of his outstanding service. I had cause to be grateful to him during this latter stint – in the early stages of my presidency he provided sage advice on many things, not least the arbitration of ticklish playing disputes! He and Margaret were always willing hosts for committee meetings.

George was always happy to organise and control events for other players. He ran the SCCA Majors for many years; became an international Tournament Director (TD) in 1993; and progressed to the International Arbiter (IA) title in 1997.

George's contribution to CC worldwide was recognised by the prestigious ICCF awards of Bertl von Massow Medals in 1991 (Silver) and 1996 (gold).

George was a Championship-strength player throughout his SCCA membership and played in Olympiad, European Team Championship, Champions League and other representative teams for his country. His son Douglas was equally strong and held two IM norms at the time of his tragic early death in 2002. George acted as TD for the Douglas Livie Memorial event held 2004-08. Fittingly, George achieved his own International Master (IM) title in 2003, with a playing norm in the BFCC-40 Anniversary Email tournament. I couldn't find game scores from that event, but here is George in another event of that time where he was just a half point short of an IM norm.

White: Livie, George (2243)
Black: Lüers, Jan-Christoffer (2413)
 Reg Gillman Memorial, 1999-2002
 Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack [B78]
[Notes by John Hawkes]

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 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 | Ne5 |
| 11.Bb3 | Rc8 |
| 12.h4 | h5 |
| 13.Bg5 | Rc5 |

Hermann Heemsoth wrote an article on all this in Fernschach some time back - 'No Drag on the Dragon' was his cute title.

- 14.Kb1**
 14.f4 Nc4 15.Qd3 is another important branch of analysis.
14... b5
15.g4 a5
16.gxh5 Nxb5
 16...a4 17.h6 Bh8 18.Bd5 Kh7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.f4 Ng4
 21.h5 b4 22.Bxf7 gxh5 23.Bg6+! Kxg6 24.e5 bxc3 25.Qd3+
 Kf7 26.Qh7+ Ke8 27.Qg6+ Rf7 28.e6 Bxe6 29.Nxe6 Qb6
 30.Qg8+ Kd7 31.Nxc5+ Qxc5 32.Qxf7 Qb4 33.b3 Qa3
 34.Rxd6+ Qxd6 35.Qxh5 Nf2 36.Qb5+ Kc7 37.Qa5+ Kb7
 38.Re1 Qd2 39.Qb5+ Kc7 40.Qe2 Qxf4 41.h7 1-0 Popov-
 Müller, 1990-91, an important reference game for the line.
 41...Qd2 (41...Qh4 42.Qc4+) 42.h8Q!
17.Nd5 Re8
18.a3 Nc4
19.Qg2
 19.Qd3
19... a4
 19...Be6 20.Ne3!? Kir. Georgiev. (20.c3 Bxd5 21.exd5 Qc8
 22.Nc6 Nxa3+! Short-Kir. Georgiev, Novi Sad, 1990.)
20.Ba2 Kf8
21.Nf5 Bxf5
22.exf5 Nxb2
23.fxg6 fxg6



- 24.Bh6! Bxh6**
25.Qxg6 Bg7
26.Qf5+ Nf6
27.Nf4 e6
28.Bxe6 Bh8
29.Qg6
1-0

So, farewell dear friend. You were generous, talented, industrious and honourable – a true gentleman in all your dealings. I'm sad that you're gone, but I'm happy that I had the pleasure of knowing and working with you.

I'm sure that everyone with SCCA connections will join me in sending condolences to Margaret and the Livie family where George's spirit lives on.

Iain Mackintosh



SCCA Accounts 2015-16

By Gordon Anderson

2014-15			Profit & Loss	2015-16		
Income	Expenses	Net		Income	Expenses	Net
			General			
168.00			Annual Members (@£7)	189.00		
100.00			Life Members (@£100)	0.00		
0.00			Patron Members (@£125)	0.00		
272.00			Donations	164.18		
0.00	250.00		Chess Scotland Grant/Donation	0.00	0.00	
	500.00		Welsh CCF Donation		0.00	
114.52			Bank Interest	108.85		
	0.00		Committee Expenses		16.55	
	45.00		Chess Scotland Affiliation Fee		45.00	
	56.06		ICCF Affiliation Fee		57.96	
	70.00	<u>-266.54</u>	Auditor's Fee		70.00	<u>272.52</u>
			Domestic Competitions			
36.00			Individual Entry Fees	33.00		
126.00			Team League Fees	128.00		
	0.00		ICCF Webserver Fees		127.90	
	118.35		Prizes & Trophies		144.00	
	0.00	<u>43.65</u>	Controllers' Expenses		0.00	<u>-110.90</u>
			International Competitions			
0.00		<u>0.00</u>	International Match Fees	0.00		<u>0.00</u>
			ICCF Competitions			
439.50	381.97		Individual & Team Fees	511.50	395.30	
	0.00	<u>57.53</u>	Bank Transfer Fees		0.00	<u>116.20</u>
			Magazine			
72.00			New Magazine Email (@£3)	81.00		
100.00			New Magazine Printed (@£5)	65.00		
	150.30	<u>21.70</u>	Printing & Postage		140.84	<u>5.16</u>
			Website			
0.00	0.00		ISP Connection Fees (Donation)	0.00	0.00	
8.38	8.38	<u>0.00</u>	Domain Registration (Donation)	0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>
			100 Club			
956.00			Units Bought	855.00		
	540.00		Prizes		540.00	
	0.00	<u>416.00</u>	Repayment of Units		0.00	<u>315.00</u>
			Other			
0.00	0.00		Miscellaneous	0.00	53.50	
	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	ICCF Delegate Travel		965.06	<u>-1018.56</u>
<u>2392.40</u>	<u>2120.06</u>	<u>272.34</u>	Surplus/Deficit	<u>2392.40</u>	<u>2120.06</u>	<u>-420.58</u>

Balance Sheet 2015-16

Bank Summary	Opening	Payins	Withdrawn	Written Off	Transfers	Closing	2014-15
BoS Current	1382.70	2965.68	3126.11	0.00	0.00	1222.27	
Barclays	10831.32	108.85	1000.00	0.00	0.00	9940.17	
	12214.02	3074.53	4126.11	0.00	0.00	<u>11162.44</u>	<u>12214.02</u>
Net Opening/Closing	<u>-1051.58</u>						

Liabilities	Creditor	Debtor		
Accrued Prizes – ICCF VWC3	250.00			
Accrued Prizes – ICCF VWC4	250.00			
100 Club Prizes Unpresented	135.00			
Cheque 10521 Unpresented	30.00			
Cheque 10535 Unpresented	15.00			
Cheque 10544 Unpresented	30.00			
Cheque 10545 Unpresented	15.00			
Cheque 10549 Unpresented	95.00			
100 Club Received For 2016-17	9.00			
Subtotals/Net	<u>829.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
Net Assets at March 31, 2015			<u>10333.44</u>	<u>10754.02</u>

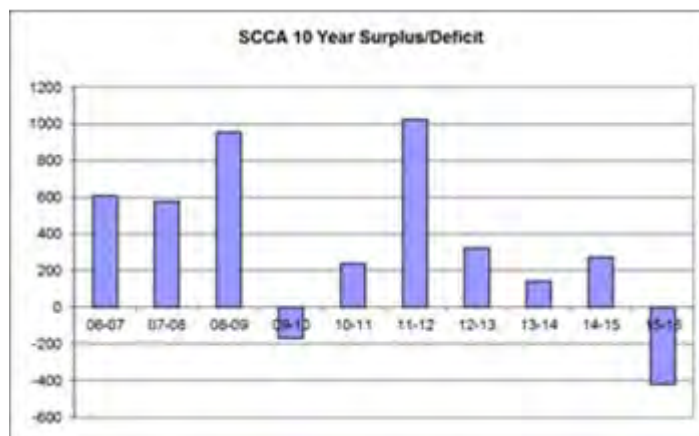
Capital Account				
Balances b/f			9754.02	9481.68
Surplus/Deficit			-420.58	272.34
Subtotal			<u>9333.44</u>	<u>9754.02</u>
Less Allocation to Development Account			0.00	0.00
Balances c/f			<u>9333.44</u>	<u>9754.02</u>

Development Account				
Balance b/f			1000.00	1000.00
Allocation from Capital Account			0.00	0.00
			<u>1000.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>

Account Totals			<u>10333.44</u>	<u>10754.02</u>
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Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained such explanations as I considered necessary. In my opinion these accounts have been properly prepared from the accounting records of the Association and are in agreement therewith.
Alan Hind, CA, May 2016.





2016/3 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The third ICCF grading list of 2016 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 March and 31 May 2016. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 July and 30 September 2016.

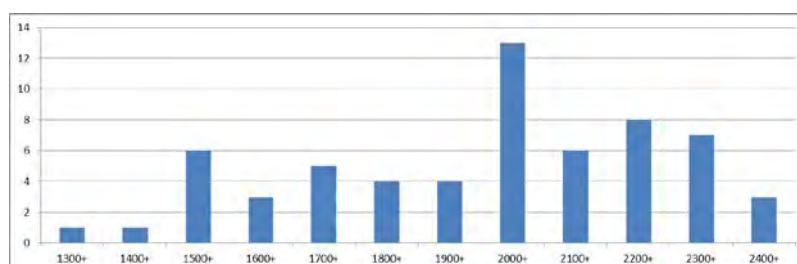
There was one addition to this list – IM Clive Murden completed his transfer from Australia. Relatively little movement occurred across the grading bands this time, though Derek Price crossed the 2000 mark. Our summary profile chart of grading bands is below.

Five new games centurions were recorded – Raymond Burrige passed the 1000 games mark; Eoin Campbell is now a 400+ player; Arthur Knox and Charles Neil are both now 200+; and Robert Gilbert is now 100+.

Our resident games addicts behave as ever – during this quarter, Andrew Macmillen totalled 54; Raymond Burrige 50; Martin Hardwick 45; Carlos Almarza Mato and Eoin Campbell 44; and David Cumming 40 games.

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	1119	2136 ↓	063	Harvey, D	102	2053 ↔
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	284	2320 ↓	1013	Hilton, S H	168	1609 ↓
121	Anderson, J	263	1771 ↑	447	Jamieson, I M	82	1918 ↔
049	Armstrong, A	188	1888 ↑	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	326	2292 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	328	1575 ↓	260	Knox, A	216	1542 ↑
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	404	2470 ↔	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	751	2251 ↑
599	Bell, A D (SM)	190	2389 ↓	471	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	52	2095 ↔
501	Bennett, P G (SM)	325	2350 ↓	584	MacGregor, C A	386	1945 ↑
	Beveridge, C	233	2171 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	653	2397 ↓
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	1020	2298 ↓	216	MacMillen, A N	890	1713 ↓
602	Burrige, R J	1007	2048 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	555	2117 ↑
435	Cairney, J	62	2076 ↔	434	Matheis, T (IM)	206	2458 ↑
601	Campbell, E S	429	2098 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	91	1509 ↔
038	Campbell, I S	291	1873 ↓	401	Moir, P J	183	1594 ↓
	Clark, S L	145	2057 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	269	2262 ↓
364	Coope, D W	719	1935 ↑	474	Murden, C (IM)	441	2434 ↑
247	Cormack, W H	97	1891 ↔	564	Murray, J S	52	2020 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	372	2323 ↔	440	Neil, C	221	1475 ↓
166	Cumming, D R (SM)	1089	2280 ↑	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	136	2068 ↑
422	Dawson, Prof A G	93	2052 ↑	604	Paine, Dr K A	171	2301 ↔
572	Dempster, D	779	1751 ↓	315	Petrie, A	105	1511 ↔
	Dunn, J	217	1618 ↑	432	Price, D	329	2005 ↑
	Dyer, M	105	2063 ↓	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	964	2112 ↑
371	Edney, D	213	1991 ↑	439	Smith, M J	53	2027 ↔
462	Gilbert, R	102	1779 ↓		Stewart, A G	34	2159 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	145	2241 ↔	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	171	2124 ↑
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	473	2398 ↔	1120	Taylor, W	65	2013 ↑
124	Goodwin, B J	308	1864 ↓		Thornton, J	35	1611 ↔
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	452	Toye, D T	77	1582 ↔
399	Grant, J	50	1730 ↓	530	Watson, J (IM)	151	2297 ↓
596	Hardwick, M E	772	1343 ↓				



Statistical Analysis

Total listed	61
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	61
Provisional grades (<30 games)	0
Grading increases (↑)	22
Grading decreases (↓)	22
Grading static (↔)	17

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2470	Lloyd, G (SM)	2251
Matheis, T (IM)	2458	Gillam, S R (SM)	2241
Murden, C (IM)	2434	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2398	Beveridge, C	2171
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2397	Stewart, A G	2159
Bell, A D (SM)	2389	Almarza Mato, C	2136
Bennett, P G (SM)	2350	Stewart, Dr K W C	2124
Craig, T J (SM)	2323	Marshall, I H	2117
Anderson, G M (SM)	2320	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2112
Paine, Dr K A	2301	Campbell, E S	2098
Borwell, A P (IM)	2298	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	2095
Watson, J (IM)	2297	Cairney, J	2076
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2292	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	2068
Cumming, D R (SM)	2280	Dyer, M	2063
Montgomery, R S	2262	Clark, S L	2057

Top 30 Rated Games

Almarza-Mato, C	1119	MacGregor, C A	386
Cumming, D R (SM)	1089	Craig, T J (SM)	372
Borwell, A P (IM)	1020	Graham, S (SM)	354
Burridge, R J	1007	Price, D	329
Pyrich, G D (IM)	964	Armstrong, J McK	328
MacMillen, A N	890	Kilgour, D A (GM)	326
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Giulian, P M (SIM)	473	Dunn, J	217
Campbell, E S	429	Edney, D	213
Beecham, C R (SIM)	404	Matheis, T (IM)	206

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



The Hawkes Files

By John E. Hawkes

Adrian Swayne Hollis (1940–2013)

Adrian was in Scotland from 1964 to 1967 as Assistant Lecturer in the St Andrews University Department of Humanity. He then moved south to Oxford, Classics Tutor and Fellow of Keble College specialising in Hellenistic and Roman poetry.

His CC record is most impressive: British Champion three times, Potter Memorial winner and GM title in 1976, 1st then 2nd board for GB in the string of Olympiads from 1972 – 1999, winning 2 bronze medals, then gold in the 9th, and silver in the 10th.

This selection of his games showcases one he kindly sent me following our encounter in the British Championship.

White: Haygarth, M.J. (Yorkshire)

Black: Hollis, A.S. (Somerset)

Ward-Higgs, Bd.1, 1964

Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack [B78]

[Notes by Adrian Hollis]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cx d4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	g6
6.Be3	Bg7
7.f3	0-0
8.Bc4	Nc6
9.Qd2	Bd7
10.h4	Rc8
11.Bb3	Ne5

This move-order later fell under a cloud because of the p-sacrifice 12.h5. A quick search in chessgames.com gave me Didkovsky - Golubev, M (Corr 1981), an interesting comparison with our text game; 12.h5 Nxh5 13.0-0 Qa5 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Rxc3 16.bxc3 (16.Rxh5 gxh5 17. Qg5+ Kh8 18. Qxe7 Rc8 19. Qf6+ draws) Rc8 17.g4 Nf6 18.g5 Qxc3 19.Kb1 Nh5 20.Rh2 a5 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Rxc4 24.a3 Qxa3 25.Rd3 Rb4+ 26.Rb3 Rxb3+ 27.cxb3 Qxb3+ winning, but Black lost on time! - JEH]

12.Bh6

A poor move, but popular then.

12...	Nc4
13.Bxc4	Bxh6
14.Qxh6	
14.Bxf7+	Kg7 Resigns actually once occurred in an international (over-the-board!) tournament.
14...	Rxc4
15.0-0-0	Rxc3
16.bxc3	Qa5
17.Kb2	Rc8
18.Rd3	

Two years later in the British CC Championship, Slade Milan played 18.Qd2 against me. Black once more got a good position, though the result was a 50-move draw.

18...	Bb5
19.Nxb5	Qxb5+
20.Ka1	Rc5
21.Rb1	Qa6
22.Qc1	Ra5
23.Rb2	b6
24.Qb1	Nd7
25.Rb4	Ne5
26.Re3	Nc4



Black has splendid position with no weaknesses. His Q, R and very active N are more than a match for White's Q and two Rs. The following moves give the psychological satisfaction of proving that White can only dance to Black's tune.

27.Rd3	Rc5
28.Qe1	Ra5
29.Qb1	Ne5
30.Re3	
Not 30.Rd5	Rxd5 31.exd5 Qe2
30...	Rc5
31.Rb3	b5
32.Qd1	Qc6
33.Qd4	Nc4
34.Rd3	a5

35.g4

The first semblance of an aggressive gesture by White. Unfortunately it creates an extra point of entry into his position.

35...	a4
36.Rb4	
36.Rb1 Na3	37.Rb2 Rc4 38.Qe3 b4
36...	Ne5
37.Re3	



37...	Qc8!
38.Kb1	h5!
39.gxh5	Nc6
40.Qd3	Nxb4
41.cxb4	Rxh5
42.e5	
The best chance.	
42...	Rxe5
43.Rxe5	dx e5
44.Qxb5	Qc3
Threatening a3.	
45.Qxa4	Qxf3



46.b5	e4
47.b6	e3
48.Qb3	
48.Qb4 e2	49.b7 Qxb7 and White is still in trouble because of his inferior pawns and exposed king.

48... Qf1+
 49.Kb2 e2
 50.b7 e1Q
 51.b8Q+ Kh7
 52.Q8b6 Qc1+
 53.Kc3 Qcf4

The final position with 4 queens on the board neatly summarises Black's positional superiority. Material is now level but because of his ruined pawn-structure White will be unable to avoid mate or the loss of a queen. I spent more time and effort on this than on previous postal games and it really won me over to CC play.

0-1



White: Hoad, P.C.

Black: Hollis, A.S.

Corr GB, 1967

Anglo-Gruenfeld Variation [A16]

[Notes by John Hawkes]

1.c4 Nf6
 2.Nc3 d5
 3.cxd5 Nxd5
 4.g3 g6
 5.Bg2 Nxc3
 6.bxc3 Bg7
 7.Qb3 Nd7
 8.d4 0-0
 9.Nf3 c5
 10.0-0 cxd4
 11.cxd4 Nb6
 12.Qd3 Be6
 13.Rd1 Rc8
 14.e4 Na4
 15.Re1 Bg4
 16.Be3 Nc5
 17.Qa3 Bxf3
 18.Bxf3 Bxd4
 19.Rad1 e5
 20.Bxd4 exd4
 21.Qxa7 d3
 22.e5 Qd4
 23.Qb6 Rfd8
 24.h4



24.Rd2 followed by Qb2 was a tougher defence by White.

24... d2
 25.Re2 Ne6
 26.Qb1 Qc3
 27.Kg2 Nd4
 28.Re3 Qc1!

29.Qxb7

29.Bg4 Qxb1 30.Rxb1 Rc1 31.Rxb7 h5+

29... Rc7
 30.Qe4 Nxf3
 31.Qxf3 Qxd1!

0-1



White: Nyman, S

Black: Hollis, A.S [C19]

Reg Potter Memorial, 1974

[French, Winawer [C19]

[Comments by AH in the Potter Memorial book.]

1.e4 e6
 2.d4 d5
 3.Nc3 Bb4
 4.e5 c5
 5.a3 Bxc3+
 6.bxc3 Ne7
 7.Nf3 Qa5
 8.Bd2

8.Qd2 is recommended by theory as best, but Qd2 seems to me more natural (particularly when , as in this game, White plays a4).

8... Nbc6
 9.a4 Bd7
 10.Be2 c4
 11.0-0 f6
 12.Qe1

Nyman has a different square in mind for his queen's B.

12... 0-0-0

13.Bf4 Ng6

13...f5 14.Bc1 h6 15.Ba3 g5 16.Kh1

Rdg8 17.Qd2 Ng6 18.Rfb1 g4

19.Ng1 Rh7! and Black won in

Nyman - Dijkstra in the same tournament. JEH

14.Bg3 h5
 15.h3 Rdf8
 16.Qd2 fxe5

17.dxe5 I rather expected 17.Nxe5

17... Rf5

18.Qe3 Rhf8

19.Nd4 Nxd4

20.cxd4 Be8!

The ! is mine. Black's play deserves at least one. JEH

21.f4 Qc7

22.Bh2 Qf7

23.g4 hxg4

24.Bxg4

24.hxg4 Rxf4 with a P and an excellent position for the exchange.

24... Ne7

25.Qa3 Nc6

26.c3 Qe7



Adrian explains that he offered a draw here to ensure his GM norm, later realising that Nyman's acceptance could have cost him the undisputed first prize!

27.Bxf5 Rxf5

28.Qb2 Bg6

29.Qg2 Qe8

30.Qg4 Rh5

31.Rf3 Be4

32.Re3 Rh6

33.Rg3

33.Rxe4 dxe4 34.f5 Ne7 35.Qxe4

Nxf5

33... Rh7

34.Kf2 Bf5

35.Qf3 Ne7

36.Rg5 Rxb3

37.Bg3 Qh8

38.Re1 Bd3

39.Qg4 Nf5

40.Rxf5 Bxf5

41.Qf3

41.Qg5 Kd7! I wonder whether white intended 41. Qg5 to gain counterplay with Qe7, and only later realised that after 41... Kd7! he must surrender his B to avoid his Q being trapped by Rh5. Now Black is only a P up, but, comparing the scope of the respective Bs, one sees that their opposite colour in fact increases his advantage.

41... Qe8+

42.Ra1 Qg6

43.Rg1 Bg4

44.Qe3 Qc2+

45.Ke1 Qxa4

46.Qd2 Rh1

47.Kf2 Rxb1

48.Kxg1 Qa1+

49.Qe1 Qxe1+

50.Bxe1 Kd7

51.Kf2 Kc6
 Winning the tournament and getting
 the GM title.
0-1



White: Hollis, A S
Black: - Ekebjærg, O
 IX Olympiad Final, Bd2 1982-87
 King's Indian Classical [E91]
[Notes by John Hawkes]

1.d4	g6
2.c4	Bg7
3.Nf3	c5
4.d5	d6
5.Nc3	Nf6
6.e4	0-0
7.Be2	e6
8.0-0	Re8
9.h3	Na6
10.dxe6	Bxe6
11.Bg5	h6
12.Bf4	Qb6
13.Qd2	g5
14.Bxd6	Red8
15.e5	Ne8
16.Rad1	Bxe5
17.Nxe5	Rxd6
18.Nd5	Rad8
19.Qe3	Bxd5
20.cxd5	Qc7



21.f4!	g4
22.Nxg4	f5
23.Ne5	Nb4
24.Qb3	Kf8
25.Bf3+-	Nf6
26.Nc4	Ra6
27.d6	Qf7
28.Rfe1	Ne4
28...b5 29.Qe3	
29.Bxe4	b5
30.Qc3	

AH returned the fine score of 6/8 on board 2 for the GB team that won the IX Olympiad ahead of West Germany and Soviet Union.

1-0



White: Franzen, J (CZ)
Black: Hollis, A.S.
 10th Olympiad Final, Bd2, 1987-95
 Sicilian - Keres Attack [B81]
[Notes by John Hawkes]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	e6
6.g4	a6
7.g5	Nfd7
8.Be3	b5
9.a3	Bb7
10.h4	Be7
11.Qd2	Nc6
12.f4	h6
13.Bg2	hxxg5
14.hxxg5	Rxxh1+
15.Bxxh1	Nxd4
16.Qxd4	e5
17.Qd2	exf4
18.Bxf4	Ne5
19.0-0-0	Nc4
20.Qg2	Qa5
21.Nd5	b4
22.Nxb4	Nxa3
23.c3	Nc4
24.Kb1	Qa4
25.Rd4	a5!
26.Nc2	Qb3
27.Ne3	Na3+
28.Kc1	



28 ...Rc8!
 This required a long and meticulous calculation.
 29.Nf5 g6
 30.Nxd6+ Bxd6
 31.Rxd6
 31.Bxd6 Rxc3+! and Black wins.

31...	Rxc3+
32.bxc3	Qb1+

33.Kd2	Nc4+
34.Ke2	Nxd6
35.Bxd6	Ba6+

And Black picks up the d6-bishop.

36.Ke3	Qd3+
37.Kf4	Qxd6+
38.e5	Qd3
39.Qc6+	Kf8
40.Qd6+	Qxd6
41.exd6	a4
42.Ke5	Be8
43.Kf6	Be6
44.Bd5	Ke8

½-½



White: Gipslis, A
Black: Hollis, A.S
 Alekhine Memorial 1991-96 corr
 Scheveningen Sicilian, Keres Attack
 [B81]
[Notes by John Hawkes]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	e6
6.g4	a6
7.g5	Nfd7
8.Bg2	

Sørensen (DK) - Hollis VIII Final, Bd2, had gone; 8.Be3 b5 9.a3 Bb7 10.f4 Nc6 11.Qg4 b4 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.axb4 Qb8 14. Bd3 Qxb4 15.0-0 g6 16.Qe2 Bg7 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Qxb2 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Rab1 Qc3 21.Bc4 Bd4 22.Rf3 d5 23.Bxd5 Ne5 24.fxe5 exd5 25.e6 Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3 Qc5 27. e7 d4 28.Qg2 Rc8 29.Rd3 Rg8 30.Rf1 Rg7 31.Rdf3 d3+ 32.Kh1 Qc6 33.Rf8+ Kxe7 34. Rxc8 Qxc8 35.Qf2 Qf5 36.Qe3+ Qe6 37.Qa7+ Ke8 38.Qb8+ Kd7 39.Qb7+ Ke8 40.Qa8+ Kd7 41.Qa7+ ½-½ An exciting draw.

8...	b5
9.f4	b4
10.Nce2	Bb7
11.h4	Nc5
12.Ng3	g6
13.	b3
13.a3!?	
13...	Bg7
14.Bb2	0-0
15.Qd2	Qb6
16.0-0-0	a5



17.Nde2 Bxb2+
 18.Kxb2 a4
 19.Nc1 axb3
 20.cxb3 Nc6
 21.h5 Qa5



22.Kb1
 22.Nge2 combined with Qe3 was to be considered.

22... Na7!
 A perfectly-timed and decisive manoeuvre, continuing the attacking build-up and also neutralising ideas of a K-side attack by the Latvian otb GM and Alekhine Memorial winner.

23.Qb2 Nb5
 24.Ka1
 Now Black plugs the long diagonal.
 24... Nc3
 25.Rd2
 25.Rxd6 Qc7! 26.e5 Nxb3+ 27.Nxb3 Nxa2 and White is destroyed.
 25... Ra7

26.Rh2 Rfa8
 27.Bf3 Qc7
 28.Rc2 Nxa2
 29.Nxa2 Rxa2+
 30.Qxa2 Rxa2+
 31.Kxa2 Qa5+
 32.Kb1 Qa3

0-1



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Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 2

By John E. Hawkes

White: Meleghegyi, Czaba
Black: Tison, ?
 Eberhardt Wilhelm Cup, 1966
 [Nimzoindian, Saemisch Variation [E24]
 [Notes by John Hawkes]

1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 e6
 3.Nc3 Bb4
 4.a3 Bxc3+
 5.bxc3 Ne4
 6.Qc2 f5
 7.f3 Qh4+
 8.g3 Nxc3
 9.hxc3 Qxh1

13...h5 14.Bd2 h4 15.gxh4 Rxh4
 16.Rh1 Qxh1 17.Bxh1 Rxh3 18.Bg2
 Rh8 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Qa4+ c6
 21.Qa5, - Meleghegyi.
14.dxe5
 14.Nxc5 e4 15.Be3 lets the Q drop back to defend.
14... g4
15.Ng5 h6
16.Ne6!
 16.Ne4 fxe4 17.Qxe4 0-0!
16... Bxc6
17.Be3 dxe5
18.Rh1 Qxh1
19.Bxh1

21.Qd6 Kf7
 21...Bxc4 22.fxe5 0-0-0 23.Bxa7 Rde8 24.Bxc6+
22.Bd5 Nf8
 22...cxd5 23.cxd5 Nf8 24.Qxe5 Rg8
 25.dxe6+ Nxe6 26.Qxf5+-
23.Bxe6+ Nxe6
24.Qd7+ Kf6
25.fxe5+ Kxe5



10.Nh3 d6
 11.Kf2 e5
 12.Bg2 Qh2
 13.f4 g5



19... c6
 19...Nc6 20.fxe5 Nd8 21.Bxb7 Nxb7
 22.Qa4+ Kf7 23.Qc6±
20.Qd3! Nd7



26.Qe7!
 And Black resigned faced with the forced mate e.g.
 26.Qe7 Rhe8 27.Bd4+ Ke4 28.Qd6 Nxd4 29.Qf4#
 1-0



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Once again our main featured game is a jointly-annotated affair. This time, Peter Bennett and Richard Beecham join forces to describe how their analysis after the 3rd SCCA Webserver Open Final A was put to good use by Peter in the Veterans' World Cup 8 Preliminaries.

White: Bennett, Peter (2362)
Black: Varlamov, Fedor (2254)
VWC8pr26, 2016
Sicilian Pelikan/Sveshnikov [B33]
[Peter Bennett & Richard Beecham]

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|---------|-------|
| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | Nf6 |
| 5.Nc3 | e5 |
| 6.Ndb5 | d6 |
| 7.Bg5 | a6 |
| 8.Na3 | b5 |
| 9.Nd5 | Be7 |
| 10.Bxf6 | Bxf6 |
| 11.c3 | 0-0 |
| 12.Nc2 | Bg5 |
| 13.a4 | bx a4 |
| 14.Rxa4 | a5 |
| 15.Bc4 | Rb8 |
| 16.b3 | Kh8 |
| 17.Nce3 | g6?! |



18.h4!
RB: During my game with Peter in the 3rd. SCCA Webserver Open Final A, I had planned to follow the game between Tadeusz Wilczek (2597) and David Lafarga Santorroman (2643) from the fantastic Witold Bielecki Memorial Tournament. That game continued 18.0-0 f5 19.Qd3 Be6 20.Rd1 Qd7 21.f3 Qg7 22.Kh1 Bd7 23.Ra2 f4

24.Nc2 Bd8 25.Na3 g5 26.Nb5 Qh6 27.Rad2 g4 28.Qf1 g3 29.h3 Rb7 30.Ra2 Bc8 31.Kg1 Rg7 32.Rc2 Bd7 33.Ra2 Rfg8 34.Qe2 Bxh3!! and Black went onto win.; I studied the position after White's 17.Nce3 g6?! (theory gives this position as equal, it's anything but...) and found the following main line: 18.h4 Bxh4 19.g3 Bg5 20.f4 exf4 21.gxf4 Bh4+ 22.Kf1 f5 23.Ra2 fxe4 24.Rah2 g5 25.Qh5 Ne5 (25...Rb7 26.Ke2 Be6 27.Qh6 Bxd5 28.Nxd5 Rff7 29.Qe6+-) 26.Ke2 Nxc4 27.fxc5 Rxb3 28.Rxh4+- and wins. So I played 17...Nce7! and offered Peter a draw, which he accepted. After our game I showed him the above lines and said: "Don't waste this on a World Master Norm. Keep it for a win in an Olympiad or E.T.C. event". He ignored me and played it!!

PB: Actually, I didn't ignore Richard's advice (would I ever do that?!); rather, the situation had changed in the intervening months since our own game had concluded. By the time I played 18.h4! against Varlamov my database information suggested that this was already the new main line and 20...exf4! (which Varlamov did not play) in Richard's analysis had already been scrutinised over 5000 times. Even after 28.Rxh4+, at the end of Richard's line given above, the position had been "visited" over 400 times, worldwide. So there was no longer an innovation to be protected. Furthermore, I agreed with Richard's analysis that 18.0-0?! can now be regarded as the inferior continuation which can easily cede advantage to Black; so I felt more or less obliged to play 18.h4. In any case, this was a "must win" game if I was to stand any chance at all of qualifying for a VWC8 Semi-final; and my opponent had recently drawn against a 2560 GM; so I had to go in with "all guns blazing"!

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| 18... | Bxh4 |
| 19.g3 | Bg5 |
| 20.f4 | Bf6?! |

PB: Engines see this move as plausible, but it actually offers less

resistance than the main line 20...exf4

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| 21.Ra2 | |
| RB: Also winning was 21.f5 Bg5 | |
| 22.Ra2 Kg7 23.Rah2 h5 24.g4 | |
| 21.. | .exf4 |
| 22.Rah2 | fxe3 |
| 23.Rxh7+ | Kg8 |
| 24.Qf3 | Bg7 |



25.Qf4
RB: Another way was 25.Qxe3 g5 26.Qe2 and it's mate in 59 moves according to Komodo 9.3 at depth 30.

PB: My original plan was indeed to play 25.Qxe3; but after many hours of analysis I decided that it was better to leave the e-pawn, which was no threat and which indirectly protected the White king, by blockading the e-file. So 25.Qf4 was my final choice; and, in any case, I don't have Komodo 9.

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| 25... | g5 |
| 26.Qf3 | Bg4 |
| 27.Qxg4 | Bxc3+ |
| 28.Ke2 | Rxb3 |
| 29.Bxb3 | Nd4+ |
| 30.Kd3 | Nxb3 |
| 31.Qf5 | |

PB: White again ignores the proffered material, this time the bishop/c3. White's 31st sets up the mating threat, Rh8+ followed by Qh7#. It is interesting here that White's knight/d5 is effectively trapping Black's queen in an "open prison". The board is fairly open but, even so, the queen has no useful squares on which to develop.

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| 31... | Nc1+ |
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32.Kc2

White now has a mate in three, although there are many different variations. The pawn/f7 is restricted to the defence of g6, so (1) 32...f6 33.Qg6#; the rook/f8 cannot create an escape square for the K, as it must defend f7, so(2) 32...Re8 33.Qxf7#; the queen cannot move to c8 or b8 because it must defend e7: (3) 32...Qc8 33.Ne7#. So after (4) 32...Qc7 33.Nxc7 Bg7 34.Qxg5 Rc8 35.Qxg7# is the longest version of the mate. Black's counterplay is always one tempo too slow. This is no doubt the first and last time I shall get to mate a Russian opponent in 35 moves.

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Now, another game involving Richard Beecham from the aforementioned 3rd SCCA Webserver Open Final A. George Pyrich provides the notes.

White: Beecham, Richard (2472)
Black: Lloyd, Geoffrey (2279)
 SCO/Open/3A/f (SCO) ICCF, 2015
 Exchange Grunfeld [D85]
 [Notes by George Pyrich]

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| 1.d4 | Nf6 |
| 2.c4 | g6 |
| 3.Nc3 | d5 |
| 4.cxd5 | Nxd5 |
| 5.e4 | Nxc3 |
| 6.bxc3 | Bg7 |
| 7.Nf3 | c5 |
| 8.Rb1 | 0-0 |
| 9.Be2 | b6 |
| 10.0-0 | Bb7 |
| 11.d5!? | |

Only 10 games with this in the ICCF Database but it scores 70%. 11.Qd3 Ba6 12.Qe3 Qd7 is the common choice.

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| 11... | Bxc3 |
| 12.Bc4 | Nd7 |
- Maybe instead 12...Bg7 hoping to play either Qc8 and Ba6 or Ba6 immediately.
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| 13.Bf4 | Bg7 |
| 14.Re1 | Qc8 |
| 15.Qd3 | Rd8 |
| 16.a4 | Nf6 |
| 17.a5 | |



Already White has good compensation for the pawn.

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| 17... | e6 |
| 18.d6 | Nd7 |
| 19.h4! | |

Opening a new front on the kingside. Black can't do much and White looks for more concessions elsewhere.

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| 19... | Bc6 |
| 20.h5 | gxh5?! |
- 20...Rb8 looks better when 21.Ng5 with Qh3 to come looks menacing. (21.e5 b5 looks OK (21...Bxf3 22.Qxf3))
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| 21.e5 | Nf8 |
| 22.Ng5 | Qd7 |
| 23.Qe2 | h6 |
| 24.Ne4 | |



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| 24... | Bxe4? |
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- Just losing although 24...Ng6 25.Qf3 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.Qxh5 Bg7 28.Rbd1 looks good for White.

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| 25.Qxe4 | Rab8 |
| 26.axb6 | axb6 |
| 27.Bb5 | Qc8 |
| 28.Be3 | Ng6 |
| 29.f4 | Rf8 |
| 30.Re2 | Qd8 |
| 31.Bf2 | Kh7 |
| 32.Bd3 | Kg8 |
| 33.f5 | |

Black has 2 extra pawns but White wins much as he pleases.

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| 33... | exf5 |
| 34.Qxf5 | Bxe5 |

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| 35.Rxe5 | Qxd6 |
| 36.Rd5 | Qe6 |
| 37.Bg3 | Qxf5 |
| 38.Rxf5 | Rbd8 |
| 39.Bf1 | h4 |
| 40.Bc7 | Rd2 |
| 41.Rxb6 | Rd1 |
| 42.Rxc5 | |



The rest is fairly straightforward as White picks off the Black pawns whilst carefully preserving his own.

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| 42... | Rc8 |
| 43.Rbc6 | Re8 |
| 44.Rd6 | Rxd6 |
| 45.Bxd6 | Re6 |
| 46.Bc7 | Kg7 |
| 47.Rc4 | Kf6 |
| 48.Bd8+ | Kg7 |
| 49.Ba5 | Re7 |
| 50.Bb4 | Rb7 |
| 51.Be2 | f6 |
| 52.Kf2 | Rd7 |
| 53.Bc3 | Ra7 |
| 54.Bh5 | Ne5 |
| 55.Rxh4 | Rc7 |
| 56.Bd2 | Rb7 |
| 57.Bxh6+ | Kxh6 |
| 58.Bf3+ | Kg5 |
| 59.Rh5+ | Kg6 |
| 60.Rxe5 | Rb2+ |
| 61.Re2 | Rb4 |
| 62.Rd2 | Ra4 |
| 63.Ke3 | Kf5 |
| 64.g4+ | Ke5 |
| 65.Rd5+ | |

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ICCF Olympiad 21 Preliminaries

Our Selection Committee recently approved the following team to carry the flag in this event: 1. Richard Beecham 2. Clive Murden 3. Alan Bell 4. Iain Mackintosh 5. Peter Bennett 6. Gordon Anderson.
The event, the most prestigious of ICCF team events, is scheduled to start on 1st September.

10th European Team Championship

EU/TC10/sf2, 10th European Team Championship - Semifinal 2

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1		Estonia	2427		4.5	5	4	4	4.5	5	4	5.5	5.5	5	47	58	14	17	80	0	1
2		Romania	2455	3.5		4.5	3.5	4	4	4.5	5	4.5	5.5	5	44	55	9	14	79	1	2
3		Portugal	2372	3	3.5		5	5.5	4	4.5	4	5	4	5	43.5	54	7	13	80	0	3
4		Ukraine	2415	4	4.5	3		3.5	4	4.5	5	4.5	4.5	5	42.5	53	6	14	79	1	4
5		Netherlands	2389	4	4	2.5	4.5		4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	41	51	2	14	80	0	5
6		Bulgaria	2420	3.5	4	4	4	4		4	5	3.5	3.5	5	40.5	50	1	9	80	0	6
7		Denmark	2340	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	4	4		3.5	3.5	5.5	5	39	48	-2	6	80	0	7
8		Turkey	2383	4	3	4	2	3.5	3	4.5		4	5	4.5	37.5	47	-4	9	79	1	8
9		Lithuania	2361	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	4		5.5	3.5	37	47	-4	7	78	2	9
10		Belgium	2360	2.5	2.5	4	3.5	3.5	4.5	2.5	3	2.5		4.5	33	41	-14	5	80	0	10
11		Scotland	2327	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	3.5		32	40	-15	0	79	1	11

With the event all but other we may yet avoid the ignominy of last place. Whilst this is disappointing it should be noted that in terms of average ratings we were the bottom seeded team.

Current Friendly Internationals

GB/TriNat/2015, British Tri-Nations 2015

TD Ylönen, Olli

					1	2	3	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1		Wales	2015			9.5	11.5	21	58	6	2	36	4	1
2		England	2145	8.5		12.5	21	60	7	2	35	5	2	
3		Scotland	2018	6.5	4.5		11	31	-13	0	35	5	3	

Our team has struggled in the 2nd cycle of this event and was consigned to third and last place some time ago. A 3rd cycle started on 30th June with our team of David Cumming, Colin Beveridge, Eoin Campbell, Raymond Burrige, David Edney, Derek Price, Derek Coope, Brian Goodwin, Alan Armstrong and Dave Dempster hoping to improve on last year's showing!

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Jan 2016	25	USA	Server	10	10		
Oct 2015	25	Australia	Server	14½	14½		
May 2015	25	Netherlands	Server	17	29		loss
Apr 2015	9	Natcor	Server	8½	9½		loss
Jan 2015	20	Wales	Server	19½r	20½		loss

No new matches have commenced during the last quarter but one or two new matches are planned during autumn. The matches against Wales and the National Correspondence Chess Club recently ended with our team losing narrowly by 19½–20½ and 8½–9½ respectively. Our other current matches continue as before.

6th ICCF Champions League

As reported last time, both our teams completed all their games in this event some months ago. The Scottish Claymores finished 4th of 5 in Group 19 whilst the Lewis Chessmen finished 3rd in Group 17.

A motion is to be presented to the 2016 ICCF Congress that this event revert to its old format of 4 divisions with either 11 or 13 teams each of 4 players.

CL/2015/PL17, Promotional League 2015 Gr17

		TD Jansen, Joop (IA)					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5							
1	The Black Knights	2209	6	5.5	4	5	20.5	64	9	7	32	0	1
2	64for4	2302	2	4.5	5	4.5	16	50	0	6	32	0	2
3	Lewis Chessmen	2320	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	15	46	-2	4	32	0	3
4	Rochade 5171 Chessfriends	2134	4	3	3.5	4.5	15	46	-2	3	32	0	4
5	LOS IMPERTERRITOS	2148	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	13.5	42	-5	0	32	0	5

CL/2015/PL19, Promotional League 2015 Gr19

		TD Martín Sánchez, Carlos					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5							
1	WE BREAK FOR GAMBITS!	2314	4.5	4.5	5	7.5	21.5	67	11	8	32	0	1
2	Volga - Moscow	2285	3.5	4	4.5	7	19	59	6	5	32	0	2
3	Memento Gambit	2192	3.5	4	4	7	18.5	57	5	4	32	0	3
4	Scottish Claymores	2211	3	3.5	4	6.5	17	53	2	3	32	0	4
5	CCI II	2069	0.5	1	1	1.5	4	12	-24	0	32	0	5

International Invitational Events

MT-Hollis, Adrian Hollis Memorial

		TD Limbert, Neil (IA)											Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Rated		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
1	ENG 211305 GM Robson, Nigel	2602	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	8	6	37.5	0	1
2	SCO 620184 SIM Beecham, C. Richard	2459	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	1	5.5	2	26.25	0	2
3	ENG 210773 GM Hall, Richard V. M.	2640	½	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	5.5	2	26.25	0	2
4	ENG 211500 SIM Burne, Nigel G.	2489	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	5.5	2	24.25	0	4
5	ENG 211655 SIM Williamson, Harvey D.	2508	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	5	2	22.25	0	5
6	ENG 211431 GM Pugh, John	2472	½	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	1	25	0	6
7	ENG 210300 SIM Pegg, Russell M.	2471	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	1	23.75	0	7
8	ENG 210405 SIM Donnelly, Dr. Mike J.	2468	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	0	21.25	0	8
9	ENG 210701 SIM Rhodes, John D.	2413	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	4	1	17.75	0	9
10	ENG 210425 GM Brookes, John G.	2511	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	4	0	19	0	10
11	ENG 210217 SIM Timson, Paul F.	2506	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	3	0	15.75	0	11

This event is now fully complete and, as expected, Richard Beecham has shared second place with GM Richard Hall.

More recently Tom Matheis and George Pyrich have started out in new events, Tom in a very strong event, the Germany Advanced Masters 02-B and George in the considerably less formidable Glenn Shields Memorial event organised by the USA Federation and dedicated to the memory of a long serving member and official. Meantime Geoff Lloyd is carrying the flag in the WCCF Congress Invitational event organised by the Welsh Federation to mark its hosting of the ICCF Congress.

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Our team is presently being assembled with the selection process under way in this event scheduled to start 1st September.

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NATT/7, North Atlantic Team Tournament VII

		TD Martello, Juan Alberto (JA)												Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
1	Wales	2296	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	1.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	4.5	64	2	0	7	81	1
2	U.S.A.-II	2386	0	0	1	1.5	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	4.5	56	1	0	8	80	2
3	Norway	2390	0.5	1	0	1	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	3.5	58	1	0	6	82	3
4	Scotland	2184	0	0.5	0	0	1	0	1	0.5	0	0.5	0	3.5	29	-5	0	12	76	4
5	U.S.A.	2395	0.5	0.5	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	50	0	0	6	82	5
6	England	2396	0	0.5	0.5	1	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	3	60	1	0	5	83	6
7	España - Desafío	2348	0.5	0	0	1	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	3	42	-1	0	7	81	7
8	Portugal	2356	0.5	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	66	1	0	3	85	8
9	Canada	2320	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	2	50	0	0	4	84	9
10	Iceland	2330	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	1.5	50	0	0	3	85	10
11	France	2360	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	2	86	11
12	España-Fortuna	2360	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	87	12

This event started on 1st May with our team as listed in our last issue. Our team, by some margin the lowest rated in the event, has made a rather inauspicious start thus far losing 4 games and drawing 6.

British CC Team Championship 2015/16

GB/TC2015/6, British CC Team Championship 2015/6

		TD Lockwood, Austin											Total	FG	RG	Wins				
		Bd 1	Bd 2	Bd 3	Bd 4	Bd 5	Bd 6	Bd 7	Bd 8											
1	Trophy Hunters	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	.	.	1	1	1	.	½	½	9	13	3	5
2	Welsh Dragons	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	.	½	½	1	½	½	1	8.5	15	1	4
3	Scottish CCA	1	1	1	½	.	.	1 ^E	½	1	½	.	½	.	½	½	8	11	5	5
4	BCCA	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	.	.	.	½	½	½	.	5.5	11	5	1
5	White Rose	½	½	½	½	½	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	5.5	16	0	1
6	CS Administrators	.	.	½	½	½	½	½	0	.	.	½	.	1	1	.	5	9	7	2
7	Square Bashers	.	.	½	½	½	½	½	0	.	.	.	.	.	1	½	4	8	8	1
8	SchemingMind	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	0 ^E	½	.	½	.	.	0	0	4	12	4	0
9	HSBC	½	½	.	½	.	.	1	½	.	.	0	0	0	½	0	3.5	11	5	1

Our team continues to do well in this event where, with about three quarters of the games completed, we presently are neck and neck with “Trophy Hunters” in the race for first. Thus far we have 8/11 with our rivals on 9/13.

General

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

Derek Coope scored a nice win in our Friendly International match against Australia – unusually for us, the match is currently delicately poised!

White: Press, Shaun (1900)
Black: Coope, Derek (1876)
 AUS-SCO, 2015 ICCF
 Pirc Defence [B07]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4 **Nf6**
2.Nc3 **d6**
3.d4 **g6**

4.Be3
 By transposition we have arrived at the Pirc Defence where White has played the currently most popular move.

4... **Bg7**
 4...a6 is the line recommended by Moskalenko in his book "The Perfect Pirc-Modern" and something of a speciality of the Czech GM Zdenek Nyvlt.

A] 5.f3 with a Saemisch style setup is also popular (5.h3 Bg7 6.f4 like the Austrian Attack is surprisingly

difficult to meet 6...0-0 7.Nf3 e6 Nyvlt has 8 games with this in the ICCF Database but doesn't score too well (1W, 5D & 2L) (maybe 7...b5) 8.e5 Nd5 9.Nxd5 exd5 10.Qd2 when he's tried both 10...Bf5 (and 10...c5);

B] 5.f3 with a Saemisch-style set-up is also popular: 5...b5 6.Qd2 Nbd7 7.0-0-0 Bb7 8.g4 when Nyvlt has played both 8...Nb6 (and 8...c5);

4...c6 is the other plan 5.Qd2 b5 6.Bd3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Bh6 0-0 10.Ne2 c5 11.c3 Bb7

12.Ng3 a6 13.Rae1 (13.Bxg7 Kxg7
14.Rfe1 e5) 13...e5 14.Bb1 c4 (better
14...Bxh6 15.Qxh6 exd4) 15.h3 Qb6
16.Kh2 a5 (16...Bxh6 17.Qxh6 b4
and White has nothing) 17.Bxg7
Kxg7 18.Qg5 Rfe8 19.Rd1 Re6?!
20.Rd2 Rc8 21.Rfd1 Rc7?! 22.dxe5
dxe5 23.Nh4 Bc6 24.Nhf5+ Kh8
25.Nh6 Kg7 26.Rd6!+- Rxd6
27.Rxd6 Ra7 28.Nhf5+ Kf8 29.Nh5!
1-0 (29) Coleman,P-Pyrrich,G SCCA
League 1999

5.Qd2

5.Nf3 is the quiet option 5...a6 6.Bd3
0-0 7.0-0 b5 8.a4 b4 9.Ne2 Bb7
10.Ng3 Nbd7 11.Qd2 c5!
Moskalenko

5... 0-0

6.0-0-0 a6

7.Bh6

Maybe a bit committal at this stage.
Instead, 7.f3 retaining options is
better - earlier Derek faced this in
Kurgansky - Coope, ICCF Webserver
Open 5 coming unstuck after 7...b5
8.Bh6 b4 9.Nce2 a5 10.h4 Nc6 11.g4
(1-0, 42) it would be interesting to
know what improvement Derek had
in mind.

7... b5

8.f3 Bb7



9.h4

9.g4!?

9... Nc6! [

Central counter attack, the prescribed
remedy against a flank attack. - but
maybe 9...b4 first is more accurate.

10.h5 e5

11.hxg6 fxg6

12.Bxg7 Kxg7

13.Qh6+ Kg8

14.Nd5

He wouldn't have this if Black had
played b4 at move 9.

14... Rf7



15.dxe5

15.Nxf6+ is stronger when Black has
to be careful after 15...Qxf6 16.d5
Nd8 17.Nh3 Rg7

15... Nxe5

Now Black is fine.

16.Ne3 Qf8

17.Qg5



17... Bxe4!

A nice shot - Black will have a N
fork at f2.

18.fxe4 Nxe4

19.Qh4 Nf2

20.Be2 Nxh1

21.Qxh1

Things have clearly gone wrong
when White's only option is
something like this!

21... Re8

22.Nd5

Rather pointless - better is 22.Qh3
Qe7 23.Kb1 c6 24.Ng4 when White
may yet stem the coming tide.

22... c6

23.Nc3 d5!

24.Nf3 b4

25.Na4 Ng4

Black is now winning.

26.Re1?

Better was 26.Rd2 although it's
hopeless after 26...Qd6 27.Kb1 Rfe7

26... Rfe7

27.Bd3 Rxe1+

28.Nxe1 Qf4+

29.Kb1 Qh2

30.Qf1

31.Nf3

It's all over after 32.Qc1 Nxf3

33.gxf3 Re1, so...

Qg3

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Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

Veterans World Cups 2 and 3 (now concluded), & 4 are all sponsored by the Scottish CCA.

Veterans World Cups 5, 6 & 7 are being organised by German Federation BdF.

Veterans World Cup 8 is being organised by the English Federation ECCF.

VWC3/Final, ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 Final

				TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place		
Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15							
1	GRE	220159	IM	Bleker, Frits	2407	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	8.5	3	57.5	0	1
2	RUS	141799		Ibragimov, Viktor Aroslanovich	2416	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	8	3	54	0	2	
3	NOR	360220	SIM	Klausen, Tor-Arne	2456	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	8	2	54.75	0	3	
4	NED	370601	IM	Tienhoven, Richard M. van	2417	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	8	2	54	0	4	
5	RUS	141943		Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2391	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7.5	1	52.25	0	5	
6	USA	514137		Coplin, Lawrence	2387	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7.5	1	51.5	0	6	
7	GER	85698		Gunkel, Wolfgang	2377	0	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7	2	47.5	0	7	
8	SWE	450858	SIM	Andéer, Stefan	2474	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7	1	48	0	8	
9	SVK	950110		Hudák, Dušan	2311	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7	1	47.75	0	9	
10	EST	930112	GM	Siigur, Jüri	2411	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	49	0	10	
11	GER	80915	IM	Zapf, Herbert	2442	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	49	0	10	
12	CZE	130306	SIM	Teichmann, Čeněk	2386	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	6	0	42.5	0	12	
13	ESP	160828		Aupí Royo, Juan Ignacio	2371	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	½	½	5.5	2	36.75	0	13		
14	ITA	240971	IM	Alderisio, Piero	2428	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	5.5	0	39.5	0	14	
15	RUS	141920		Butov, Yury Alekseevich	2311	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	37.5	0	15		

Veterans World Cup 3 Final (TD George Pyrich) started on 15/2/2014 with 15 players and is now complete. The outright winner is Frits Bleker (GRE). Viktor Ibragimov (RUS) took second place on the Baumbach tie-breaking rule (most wins). Tor-Arne Klausen (NOR) finished third via the Sonneborn-Berger tie breaking rule. Engraved quaichs (sponsored by SCCA) have now been sent to all winners.

VWC4/f, Final - 4th ICCF Veterans World Cup

				TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						
1	GER	82320	IM	Sikorsky, Reinhard	2405	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	8.5	4	54	0	1
2	ITA	241016		De Filippis, Francesco	2415	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	1 ^E	½	½	1	8	3	51.25	1	2
3	USA	511655	IM	Rodríguez, Keith A.	2327	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	7.5	2	52	0	3
4	CZE	130234		Leiner, Raimund	2357	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	½	½	7.5	1	49.75	0	4	
5	CRO	900009	SIM	Ljubičić, Ante	2484	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	½	½	1	7	2	47	2	5	
6	GER	85849	SIM	Kraft, Dieter	2466	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	7	1	47.75	1	6	
7	RUS	141402	IM	Kopeikin, Valentin Vasilievich	2436	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	7	1	45.5	0	7	
8	GER	85722		Felkel, Siegfried	2417	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	47	0	8	
9	USA	510993		Dessaules, Peter	2352	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	47	0	8	
10	RUS	140583	IM	Shulman, Boris Yakovlevich	2418	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	0	45.25	1	10	
11	RUS	141926		Evgrafov, Boris Nikolaevich	2341	½	0 ^E	½	½	0 ^E	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	6.5	1	41.75	0	11
12	GER	85028	IM	Stieger, Dr. Helmut	2413	0	0 ^E	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	6	1	37.5	0	12		
13	NED	370283		Thierry, Rein D. J.	2326	0	½	½	0 ^E	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6	0	39.5	0	13		
14	BEL	40429	IM	Van tricht, Marcel	2385	½	½	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	37.25	0	14	
15	RUS	141943	IM	Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2435	0	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	0 ^E	0 ^E	½	½	4	1	27.5	3	15	

Veterans World Cup 4 Final (TD Gordon Anderson). The Final of 15 players started on 15/1/2015 with no closing date. Both SIM and IM title norms are available. So far 101 games are finished with 4 ongoing. Leader in the clubhouse remains Reinhard Sikorsky (GER), but the outstanding games can still affect the podium places.

Veterans World Cup 5 There are 9 Semifinal Groups of 13 players. Alan Borwell played in Group 02, finishing with 7.5/12pts, winning 3 and drawing 9 games. However, he was unable to win his last game and will not qualify for the Final. Peter Bennett finished third in Group 07 also with a final score of 7.5/12 pts. Alas, only the winner in this group qualifies for the VWC5 Final.

VWC6/sf08, ICCF Veterans World Cup 6 - Semifinale Group 08

Category 3 IM=10						TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe																			
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	ITA	240680	SIM	Boccia, Prof. Matbia Mario	2428	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1/2	8	3	51	1	1
2	SVK	950496		Brudnak, Jozef	2177	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	7.5	1	47.25	0	2
3	RUS	141768		Ananskikh, Evgeny Nikolaevich	2371	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	7	2	45	2	3
4	FIN	460876		Teeriaho, Tuomo	2342	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	7	2	44	2	4
5	AUS	30513		Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2350	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	7	2	43.5	1	5
6	GER	80433	IM	Koch, Hans-Georg	2257	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	7	1	44.75	1	6
7	USA	514934		Cintins, Ivars	2337	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	7	0	45	0	7
8	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2279	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	6.5	0	41.75	1	8
9	SLO	480032		Potrata, Janko	2296	1/2	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1	1/2	1/2	6.5	2	41	0	9
10	GER	81312	IM	Dorer, Manfred	2339	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	6.5	0	41.25	0	10
11	RUS	141762		Mishin, Anatoly Valentinovich	2328	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	6	1	39	3	11
12	GER	80616		Oppermann, Peter	2294	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	6	0	38.25	0	12
13	ESP	160254		Gómez-Galán Areense, Joaquín	2277	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	5.5	1	34.25	1	13
14	LTU	920078		Voveris, Gediminas	2237	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	5	0	32.5	3	14
15	RUS	141423		Gromov, Sergey Vasilievich	2257	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	4.5	0	30.5	1	15

Veterans World Cup 6 with 42 groups started 1/9/2013 –Closing Date 28/2/15.

Alan Borwell is the only Scottish representative in the Semi-final stage. He currently sits 8th in VWC6/sf08, with 6.5/13. The winners of each group and the 7 best runners-up qualify to the final of the Veterans World Cup 6.

Veterans World Cup 7 started on 1st September 2014 with 33 Preliminary Groups.

Only Peter Bennett has qualified for the VWC7 Semi-finals, finishing second with 8/12pts in his section. Play has yet to commence in the Semi-finals. In other preliminaries, Alan Borwell with 7.5/12 (5th) and 8/14 (6th) missed the cut as did Eoin Campbell with 7/12 (5th). Derek Price, Derek Coope and Brian Goodwin also took part.

VWC8 /pr 26, ICCF Veterans World Cup 8 pr 26

Rated					TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe																			
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place			
1	GER	83145		Glatzel, Hans-Joachim	2182	1	1	1	1/2	1/2	1	1 ^E	1	1	1	1	8	7	28.75	1	1			
2	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2362	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	5	23	1	2			
3	ENG	211454		Cade, Steven	2287	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	7	5	23.5	0	3			
4	RUS	141075		Kucherov, Dmitry Alekseevich	2220	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	6.5	4	22.5	1	4			
5	CZE	131197		Valák, Alois	2323	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	0 ^E	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	6	4	20.25	1	5			
6	LAT	910310		Plume, Gunars	2084	0	1/2	0	1/2	1 ^E	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	4.5	2	16.5	1	6			
7	RUS	140925		Varlamov, Fedor Sergeevich	2254	0 ^E	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.5	2	11.25	3	7			
8	ESP	160575		Soto Palomo, Cecilio	1870	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	5.25	1	8			
9	LTU	920304		Lukaševičius, Petras	2146	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	1	1	1	1 ^E	1	3	2	5.25	1	8			
10	AUS	30013	IM	Hamilton, Douglas Gibson	2019	0	0	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	0 ^E	1	1.5	1	2.25	0	10				
11	GER	80878		Wilshusen, Horst	1656	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11

Veterans World Cup 8 is being organised by the English CCF and it started on 1st September 2015. There are 55 preliminary groups of 11 players, with the top two from each guaranteed qualification to the semi-finals. The 7 Scottish CCA players participating are currently placed as follows:

- PR44 Geoff Lloyd 5.5/10 (3rd)
- PR37 Eoin Campbell 6.5/10 (3rd)
- PR32 Derek Coope 2.5/10 (10th)
- PR16 Iain Campbell 2/9 (10th)
- PR40 Brian Goodwin 1.5/8 (10th)
- PR35 Alan Borwell 5.5/8 (4th)
- PR26 Peter Bennett 7/9 (2nd)

The winner and runner-up of each Preliminary Group will qualify for the Semi-final stage of VWC 8. The best ten of the third placed players will also qualify for the Semi-final stage.



General Information

ICCF is the International Correspondence Chess Federation. ICCF was founded in 1951 as a reincarnation of the ICCA (International Correspondence Chess Association), itself founded in 1945 as successor to the IFSB (Internationaler Fernschachbund), founded in 1928.

ICCF organises a huge variety of tournaments for individual and team play; operates a worldwide rating system and awards GM, SIM and IM titles to male and female players to recognise strength and performance. Most play is based now on the ICCF webserver, with a residue of postal and email events. Principal tournaments are:

World Individual (www.iccf-webchess.com)

- World Championship. Annual cycles progress through preliminary, semi-final, candidate and final stages.
- World Cups. These include Adult, Junior and the highly popular Veterans events.
- Norm Tournaments. For aspiring IM, SIM and GM players, categorised by rating strength.
- Promotion Tournaments. For middle-strong players, spanning Open, Higher and Master classes.
- Aspirer Tournaments. For beginners and lower-graded players.
- Thematic Tournaments. Organised by opening variations (see opposite).

World Team (www.iccf-webchess.com)

- Olympiads. National team event, 6-player teams, played to a very high standard.
- Champions League. National, cross-national and scratch 4-player teams, several divisions.

European Zone (www.iccf-europa.com)

- European Individual Championship.
- European National Team Championship.

Other

- Friendly Internationals. ICCF member organisations play team events, usually 2 games per player.
- Invitation/Memorial Events. To commemorate anniversaries and deceased officials and players.
- Chess 960. New events featuring Fischer/Random chess opening positions.

SCCA members are eligible to enter all ICCF events, though Scottish nationality is required for national representation.

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.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2016

Theme 3/16: Philidor Defence, C41

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Theme 4/16: French, Winckelmann-Reimer, C15

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.f3

Entries by 15 November; play starts 1 December

Webserver Events 2016

Theme 5/16 - Shara-Henning Gambit, D32

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4

Entries by 1 September; play starts 15 September

Theme 6/16 - Cozio Defence, C40

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5

Entries by 15 October; play starts 1 November

Note there are no Email Events in 2016.

News

- ❑ The 2016 ICCF Congress is being organised by the German CC Federation (BdF) in Bremen from August 14-20. Proposals to Congress can be viewed at: <https://www.iccf.com/Proposals.aspx?id=69>
- ❑ ICCF has announced the 2016 World Championship Candidates cycle which starts on September 20th. See Notices page for details.
- ❑ ICCF has announced that the delayed 21st Olympiad will now start on September 1st. The Scottish team is listed on the Notices page.
- ❑ ICCF has announced that software company HIARCS will sponsor Open Class promotion tournaments, offering prizes such as 50% discount on the Chess Explorer system and Opening Book subscriptions.
- ❑ The ICCF Games Archive is now available up to May 2016 and can be downloaded from: <https://www.iccf.com/message?message=454>

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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