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*Artwork by Christine Dodd of Lewis*



Welcome to the Summer edition of the 2018 magazine set! After our cathartic Spring, the Weather Gods have provided an uncharacteristic May and June featuring extended sunshine hours. Our euphoria is tempered only by the sight of overweight torsos bulging over skimpy tops and Bermuda shorts...

Entries have now closed for the George Pyrich Memorial Tournaments, and details have been posted on the ICCF website. There are some late requests still to be resolved, and Alan Borwell will attend to these once he returns from the World Senior Team Championship in Dresden. Alan's done a great TO job so far, and we'll have large numbers playing in memory of George come September.

Kevin Paine has analysed the third ICCF rating list of 2018 for us, and stars in his own production by claiming his final Scottish Master (SM) norm! Also worthy of praise are the CCE titles recently obtained by Gordon Anderson and Alastair Dawson – well done both!

Alastair Dawson has also provided his first Games Column for this edition. A good number of you have provided games, so please keep them coming – just use the games@ email address below for your submissions.

John Hawkes has compiled yet another superb selection of games, this time featuring Dr Volf Bergraser, the French GM who specialised in the Scandinavian Defence. All of John's subjects are pre-computer age, so you can enjoy their natural inventiveness in his articles.

Peter Bennett does double duty again, firstly by going back to basics in one of his VWC games, and secondly by analysing our International activity, particularly our continued exploits in the European Team Championship.

It's been a while since we've featured Chess Art, so there are two selections here – firstly the Armenian artists Martiros Sarian and Minas Avetissian, then a longer spread featuring the German Siegfried Zademack (no relation!).

The ICCF Congress takes place in Llandudno during August 18-23 and we send good wishes for a productive and enjoyable occasion.

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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

2018	1st	2nd
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May	Mrs D Livie	A P Borwell
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NB Secretarial duties will be undertaken by Kevin Paine (enquiries and domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) pro tem.



## SCCA George Pyrich Memorial Tournaments



Tournament Organiser Alan Borwell has released the following announcement to ICCF Member Federations:

The SCCA is delighted with the response, with nominations (135) and reserves (44) received from 37 different countries. The tournaments will be activated on the webserver after the end of the ICCF Congress in Llandudno

(official start date to be 9th September 2018, George's birthday).

The largest numbers of entries are from the over 2300 and over 2200 groups, with many of the reserves also in these ranges. After due consideration, we have decided to organise 12 sections, each of 13 players, which will reflect the spread of nominees, but also allow for the inclusion of almost half of the reserves who have shown interest in playing. Reserves to whom we are not able to allocate places will be invited to take up vacancies, if they arise. Each section winner will receive a specially engraved traditional Scottish quaich to commemorate our dear friend George.

The strongest section will include players with ratings over 2450 and the second group over 2400. There will be 4 sections for the 2300-2399 group and 3 sections for those rated in 2200-2299 range. There will be one section in the 2100-2199 group and two sections for those under 2100.

## ICCF 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans' World Cup



Peter Bennett writes: Are you over 60? Do you like winning chess games? And do you enjoy meeting new people from all over the world through the medium of CC?

If your answer to all three questions is "yes!", then please consider entering

VWC11. Entries should be submitted forthwith, before the closing date of end-July.

I have played in 9 VWC preliminary rounds, in 7 consecutive seasons (from VWC4 to VWC10, inclusive) and have had a very rewarding experience. In that time I have encountered VWC opponents from 32 different countries, in 5 different continents. I have corresponded with many of

them and have an open invitation to visit at least six different countries (if the opportunity ever arises....!).

Unfortunately, I may not be able to play in VWC11; so I hope others will. Geoff Lloyd, Colin Beveridge and Eoin Campbell have already signed up. Who else is willing to carry the Scottish flag?

## ICCF New Events Entry System



Gordon Anderson writes: On 19th April 2018, ICCF introduced new arrangements when players wish to enter new tournaments. Details were published on the ICCF Home page and a notice appeared on the SCCA website on 17th April drawing players'

attention to the new arrangements. Some Scottish players continue to make contact with myself to enter them in a new tournament. Under the new arrangements this is **not** possible; players need to go online and enter themselves.

The process is quite straightforward, even for those who profess to lack computer skills! To repeat the advice from ICCF, players wanting to enter ICCF organised events should log onto the ICCF site and click on the New Events list. Once the tournament is selected and the player clicks on the 'enter' button, she or he will be given a choice between entering via Direct Entry or entering via their National Federation. If the player selects "Enter Via National Federation", National Delegates will be sent an e-mail asking them to confirm that they have received payment for the tournament. Once payment has been received the National Delegate confirms to ICCF and the entry is made on the player's behalf.

Please note that details of entry fees are always contained in the notice which is placed on the SCCA website but can also be found by clicking on the SCCA Entry Fees webpage.

## ICCF CCE and CCM Titles

Congratulations to new CCEs Gordon Anderson and Alastair Dawson who have now joined the latest SCCA titleholders list:

**CCM Titles:** Bell, A D; Bennett, P G; Cumming, D R.

**CCE Titles:** Anderson, G M, Bell, A D; Bennett, P G; Cumming, D R; Dawson, Prof A G.

(See Grading List for CCE and CCM norm holders.)

## Romanian Invitational Tournament



Miron Sferle, the Romanian National Delegate to ICCF, has written to announce the official launch of the invitational tournament "Romania 100 years."

The invitational tournament will consist of 3 sections. Section A has a minimum ranking of 2426, section B a minimum ranking of 2351 and section C a minimum ranking of 2301.

Each section will contain a maximum of 13 players with play commencing on 1 December 2018. Each Federation is invited to put forward the name of one player for this event.

For further information and to register an interest, please contact Gordon Anderson before 30th September 2018 at: [international@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:international@scottishcca.co.uk)

## Fernschach 2018 CC Database



Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach 2018 offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Database available since 2000
- Total 1,160,000 games (from 1991)
- Approximately 8,500 annotated
- Games from all main chess servers + post + email
- All tournaments marked correspondence so that CC games can be recognised in a larger database
- Editing improved and refined
- German letters ä, ö, ü and ß are not counted in names

The price is €13 (shipping within Germany) and €15 (shipping elsewhere).

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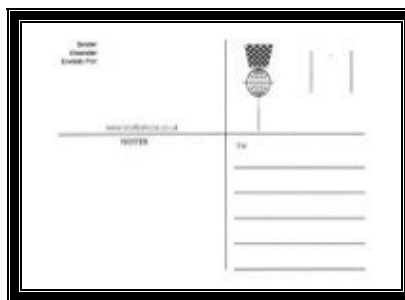
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## CC Postcards



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. In June 2018, Royal Mail charged £2.95 for a 200-card parcel.

Orders and payments to Iain Mackintosh at [chess@iainmack.co.uk](mailto:chess@iainmack.co.uk) please.

## ICCF Game Archive



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



## 2018/3 Grading List

By Kevin Paine

The third ICCF grading list of 2018 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 March and 31 May 2018. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 July and 30 September 2018.

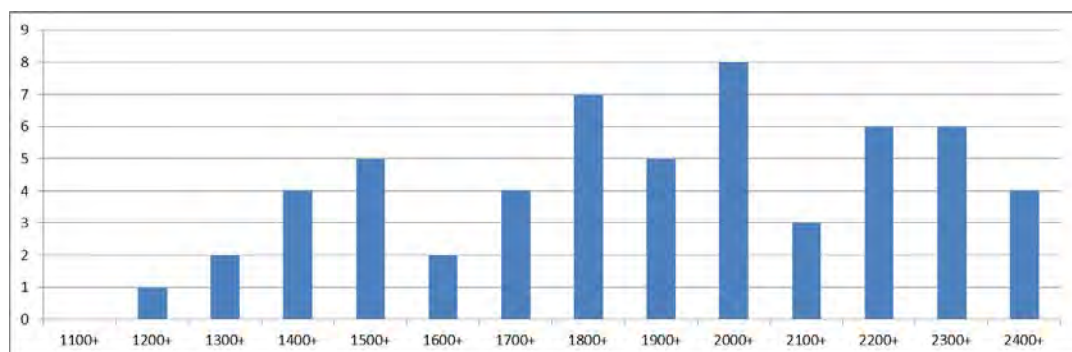
One player (Steve Pettigrew) was added to the list and there were no deletions. Upwards movements in grading bands were recorded by Martin Hardwick (1200+) and Arthur Kox (1300+) – well done to both of them!

Two new games centurions were recorded – Martin Hardwick reached 1000+ and Kevin Paine passed 200. Highest recorded games during this quarter were Martin Hardwick (57), Andrew Macmillen (52), Carlos Almarza Mato (49), and David Cumming (39).

[Ed: Kevin Paine secured his third and final Scottish Master (SM) norm and will receive his title and certificate at next year's AGM. Kevin achieved 3 grading norms of 2300+, separated by at least 20 new games, between 2015-18 – many congratulations!]

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](mailto:grader@scottishcca.co.uk) if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	1468	2087 ↓	1013	Hilton, S H	179	1594 ↔
518	Anderson, G M (CCE, SM)	309	2339 ↑	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	341	2255 ↓
121	Anderson, J	291	1895 ↑	260	Knox, A	327	1314 ↑
049	Armstrong, A	207	1893 ↑	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	842	2242 ↑
313	Armstrong, J McK	385	1496 ↓	584	MacGregor, C A	417	1935 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)	439	2476 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	719	2394 ↑
599	Bell, A D (CCM, SM)	231	2409 ↔	216	MacMillen, A N	1263	1669 ↑
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	408	2374 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	674	1823 ↓
	Beveridge, C	369	2178 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	234	2452 ↓
472	Blake, M J	774	2325 ↑		McEwan, N R	35	1925 ↔
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	1053	2261 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	94	1481 ↔
602	Burridge, R J	1261	1867 ↓	401	Moir, P J	199	1543 ↓
601	Campbell, E S	768	2092 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	288	2255 ↓
038	Campbell, I S	293	1862 ↔	474	Murden, C (IM)	533	2434 ↓
467	Carswell, D	32	1581 ↔	564	Murray, J S	65	2020 ↑
	Clark, S L	213	1962 ↓	440	Neil, C	299	1377 ↑
364	Coope, D W	871	1796 ↓	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	162	1981 ↔
247	Cormack, W H	107	1894 ↔	604	Paine, Dr K A	202	2351 ↓
166	Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	1357	2385 ↑	315	Petrie, A	105	1511 ↔
422	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	132	2183 ↑		Pettigrew, S	110	1472 ↑
572	Dempster, D	807	1759 ↔	432	Price, D	370	2015 ↓
	Dunn, J	292	1558 ↓		Ross, D W	38	1886 ↔
	Dyer, M	107	2073 ↔	477	Sedstrem, A	67	1441 ↓
371	Edney, D	242	1991 ↓	439	Smith, M J	71	2070 ↑
462	Gilbert, R	166	1788 ↑		Stewart, A G	36	2170 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	145	2241 ↔	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	179	2093 ↓
124	Goodwin, B J	359	1784 ↓	1120	Taylor, W	92	2044 ↑
399	Grant, J	62	1699 ↑	530	Watson, J (IM)	153	2297 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	1041	1256 ↑				



## Statistical Analysis

Total listed	57
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	57
Provisional grades (<30 games)	0
Grading increases (↑)	23
Grading decreases (↓)	18
Grading static (↔)	15

## Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2476	Gillam, S R (SM)	2241
Matheis, T (IM)	2452	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	2183
Murden, C (IM)	2434	Beveridge, C	2178
Bell, A D (CCM, SM)	2409	Stewart, A G	2170
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2394	Stewart, Dr K W C	2093
Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	2385	Campbell, E S	2092
Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	2374	Almarza Mato, C	2087
Paine, Dr K A	2351	Dyer, M	2073
Anderson, G M (CCE, SM)	2339	Smith, M J	2070
Blake, M J	2325	Taylor, W	2044
Watson, J (IM)	2297	Murray, J S	2020
Borwell, A P (IM)	2261	Price, D	2015
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2255	Edney, D	1991
Montgomery, R S	2255	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	1981
Lloyd, G (SM)	2242	Clark, S L	1962

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## Other Notes

**Scottish Master (SM)** title norms are currently held by:

Paine, K A (3)  
Montgomery, R S (2).

**Correspondence Chess Master (CCM)** title norms:

Anderson, G M (1)

**Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE)** title norms:

Beveridge, C (1)  
Campbell, E S (1)  
Lloyd, G (2)  
Montgomery, R S (1)  
Paine, K A (1).

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries, and may include members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site ([www.iccf.com](http://www.iccf.com)), click on the ICCF Ratings link then complete the search boxes.

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available, including a personal forecasted rating as your results come in.



I was honoured to be asked by Iain to help out with the games page. As a debt of gratitude to George and all that he did for Scottish CC (and OTB chess also), the plan in the months ahead will be to fill some pages with interesting games of all standards.

For this first piece, we start with two games from Alan Bell. Alan has been one of Scotland's strongest chess players for many years now (as I know to my cost when facing him 2 seasons ago in the Richardson Cup!) and we can all learn a lot from his play.

The second pair of games are both draws from SCCA Division 1. They were both picked by Clive Murden who is the TD for the event. The first is a Leningrad Dutch with a clever yet simple trap from White that Black does well to avoid. The second is a Bg5 Sicilian where Black's counterplay on the Q-side is so fast and effective that it completely draws the sting out of a White K-side pawn storm.'

**White: Beveridge, Colin (2149)**

**Black: Bell, Alan D (2395)**

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Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation [C68]

[Notes by Alan Bell]

This is an interesting game, played before the Alpha Zero - Stockfish match but showing similar issues in assessing the balance between material and initiative. Generally I have found that evaluations tend to favour the material side given a sufficiently in-depth analysis.

Accordingly in this game I put a lot of work in to assure myself that I really did have sufficient compensation. Of course that would have been so much easier if I just had access to Alpha Zero. I am speculating on Colin's perspective but I suspect it is similar to mine; be sceptical of the engine evaluation of equality where there is a material disparity. In this game Colin had numerous opportunities to take a draw by repetition but always chose

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to play on whilst he was material up. Unfortunately for him once it was absolutely clear that Black really did have full compensation the opportunity to force a draw was gone and Black steadily increased his advantage.

- 1.e4 e5
- 2.Nf3 Nc6
- 3.Bb5 a6
- 4.Bxc6 dxc6
- 5.0-0 Ne7

I like this for OTB play. It is easy to learn and at least equalises quickly unless White plays the main line.

- 6.Nxe5
- 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 c5 8.Ne2 (8.Nb3 Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Ng6 10.Nc3 Bd7=)
- 8...Qxd1 9.Rxd1 Bd7 10.Nbc3 f6
- 11.Be3 Ng6 12.Nd5 0-0-0=

- 6... Qd4

### 7.Qh5

This is the only way for White to play for an advantage.

- 7.Nf3 Qxe4 8.Re1 Qf5 9.d4 Be6
- 10.Ng5 0-0-0 11.Nxe6 fxe6 12.c3 c5+

- 7... g6
- 8.Qg5 Bg7
- 9.Nd3 f5

- 10.e5
- 10.exf5?! Bxf5 11.Ne1 Qd7+

- 10...c5
- 11.b3 Qg4

The alternative which has been played by Carlsen amongst others is:

- 11...b6 12.Bb2 Qg4 13.Qe3
- (13.Qxg4 fxe4 14.Nc3 Bf5=)

13...Nd5 but I think White might have a pull in a correspondence game.

- 12.Qxg4 fxe4
- 13.Nxc5 b6

- 14.Na4
- 14.Ne4 Bxe5 15.Nbc3 Bf5 16.Re1 Nc6 17.d3 0-0-0 18.Bd2 h5 19.Rac1 Rhf8 20.a4 Bd4 21.Be3 Bg7 and Black should have adequate compensation.

- 14... Nf5
- 15.c3 Bb7
- 16.d4 Nh4
- 17.f3 gxf3
- 18.g3 f2+

- 19.Kxf2
- 19.Rxf2 Nf3+ 20.Rxf3 (20.Kf1 0-0=) 20...Bxf3 21.Be3 Bc6 gives an

interesting imbalance with 2 pawns for the exchange. I'll cop out and say 'dynamically equal'.

- 19... Nf3

### 20.Ke2

First opportunity for a repetition:

- 20.h3 Nh2 21.Rg1 Nf3 22.Rf1=

- 20... Nxe2

- 21.Rf4 g5

- 22.Rf5



The position is very complicated; White has other options but I think Black has full compensation in all lines:

- 22.Rf2 Ng4 23.Rf5 Bc8 24.Rxg5 Bh6 25.Bf4 (25.Na3 Rf8 26.Rh5 Rf2+ 27.Ke1 Bf8=) 25...Rf8 26.Rh5 Bxf4 27.gxf4 Rxf4 28.Rxh7 Rf2+ 29.Ke1 Rg2 30.Nd2 Ne3 31.Ne4 Bf5 32.Nf6+ Kf8 33.Rh8+ Kf7 34.Rxa8 Bd3 35.e6+ Ke7 36.Re8+ Kd6 37.Ne4+ Bxe4 38.Rd1 Nxd1 39.Kxd1 Bg6 40.Rc8 Rxa2=

- 22... Bc8

### 23.Rf2

- 23.Rxg5 was likely to lead to a repetition: 23...Bh6 24.Bf4 Bxg5 25.Bxg5 Bg4+ 26.Ke3 (26.Kf2 Nf3) 26...Bh5 27.Nd2 (27.Bf4 Ng4+ 28.Kd3 Nf2+ 29.Ke3 Ng4+=) 27...Ng4+ 28.Ke4 0-0 29.Bf4 Nf2+ 30.Ke3 Ng4+ 31.Kd3 Nf2+ 32.Ke3=

- 23... Ng4

- 24.Rf1 Nh2

### 25.Rh1

Another repetition was available through 25.Rf2 Ng4 26.Rf3 Nh2=

- 25... Bg4+

### 26.Ke3

And again a repetition was available with 26.Kd3 Bf5+ 27.Ke2 Bg4+=

- 26... Nf3

27.Nd2 Nxe5  
 28.dxe5 Bxe5  
 29.Nf3  
 29.Ne4 0-0  
 29... Bd6  
 30.Nh2 Bh5  
 31.g4

Two alternatives would both have led to a repetition:

31.Nf1 Bg4 32.Nh2 Bh5 33.Nf1=;  
 31.Nf3 Bg4 32.Nh2 Bh5=

31... Bg6  
 32.Ke2 0-0  
 33.Bxg5 Rae8+  
 34.Be3 Bg3  
 35.Nf1?!

The turning point. White is still a piece up but it is now possible to evaluate (with engine assistance of course) with considerable certainty that Black has full compensation and indeed chances of more. A safer option probably leading to a draw was:

35.Raf1 Be4 36.Rxf8+ Rxf8 37.Nf1 Bxh1 38.Nxg3 Bf3+ 39.Kd2 Bxg4 40.Nb2 h5 41.Ne4 Bf5 42.Nf2 h4=

35... Rf2+  
 36.Kd1 Rd8+  
 37.Nd2

Colin offered a draw here but Black has every reason for optimism now.



37... Rg2!  
 Rejecting the forced draw available by 37...Rfxd2+ 38.Bxd2 Bf4 39.c4 Rxd2+ 40.Ke1 Bd3 41.Rd1 Re2+ 42.Kf1 Rd2+ 43.Ke1=

38.Bh6 Be4  
 39.Rh3 Be5  
 40.Ke1

White is still a piece up but his difficulties are apparent in all variations.

40.a3 Rd6 41.Rc1 Bd5 42.Kc2 Rxh6 43.Rxh6 Bf4 44.Rh5 (44.Rh3 Bxd2 45.Rf1 Be4+ 46.Kd1 Bg5 47.Ke1 Rxg4) 44...Rxd2+ 45.Kb1 Bxb3 46.Nb2 Re2 47.Rf1 Bd6 48.Rg5+ Kh8 49.a4 Re3 50.c4 Re2 51.Rd5

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Bc2+ 52.Kc1 Be7 53.c5 Bxc5 54.Rxc5 bxc5 55.Rf8+ Kg7 56.Rc8 Be4 57.Rxc7+ Kf6 58.Rxc5 Rg2 59.Nc4 Rxg4 60.Ra5 Kg7 61.Kd2 Rg6; 40.Kc1 Bg6 41.a3 Bg7 42.Bf4 Rxg4 43.Rf3 Rg2 44.Rh3 Be5 45.Bh6 Rd6 46.Rf3 Bg7 47.Bf4+ 40... Rd3

41.Rh5  
 41.Rxd3 Bxd3 42.Nf1 Re2+ 43.Kd1 Rf2 44.Ne3 Rh2 45.Bg5 Kf7 46.Rc1 Kg6 47.Bd8 Bf4 48.Bxc7 Bxc7 49.c4 Be4+ 41... Bg3+

42.Kd1  
 42.Kf1 Rgxd2 43.Bxd2 Rxd2 44.Kg1 Bg6 45.Rh3 Bf2+ 46.Kf1 b5 47.Rf3 Ba7 48.Ke1 Rc2 49.Rd1 bxa4+ 42... Rd6

43.Be3 Bg6  
 44.Rh1 Re6  
 45.Nf1 Bd6  
 46.Bd2 Be4  
 47.Nb2

47.c4 Rxd2+ 48.Nxd2 Bxh1 similar to the game with a big advantage to Black.

47... Bf4  
 48.Nc4 Rxd2+  
 49.Nfxd2 Bxh1



Black has won back the material and the two bishops plus the more active rook gives a decisive advantage.

50.Kc2 Bg2  
 51.Rg1 Bh3  
 52.Nf3 b5  
 53.Ncd2 c5  
 54.a3 Re2  
 55.Kd1 Re3  
 56.Kc2 Kg7  
 57.a4 b4  
 58.cxb4 cxb4  
 59.Kd1 Rc3  
 60.Ke2 Kf8  
 61.Kd1 a5  
 62.Ke2 Kg8  
 63.Kd1 Be3  
 64.Rg3 Bxd2  
 65.Rxh3 Bf4

66.Ke2 Re3+  
 67.Kf2 Rxb3  
 68.Rh5 Rb2+  
 69.Kf1 b3

70.Rxa5  
 70.Rb5 Bg3 71.Kg1 Bd6 72.Rxa5 Rc2 73.Rb5 b2 74.Ne1 Rd2 75.Kf1 Be7 76.a5 Bf6 77.a6 Bd4 78.Rb4 b1Q 79.Rxb1 Rf2+ 80.Kg1 Rb2+ 81.Kf1 Rxb1+ 70... Ra2

71.Ra8+  
 71.Rb5 b2 72.Ne1 Bh6 73.a5 Bg7 followed by Ra1 and promote the pawn. 71... Kf7

72.Ra7+ Kf6  
 73.Ra6+  
 73.Rxh7 b2 74.Rb7 Ra1+ 75.Ke2 b1Q+ 73... Ke7

74.Ra7+ Kd6  
 75.Rb7 b2  
 76.Ne1 Be5  
 77.Rb6+ Kc5  
 78.Rb7 Ra1

0-1



White: Dixon, Danny (2321)  
 Black: Bell, Alan D (2390)  
 GB/Team Championship 2016  
 French, Classical [C11]  
 [Notes by Alan Bell]

This is a game that I lost almost before I got started. I put too much trust in my theoretical source and suspended my human sense of danger that usually accompanies my engine analysis. The result was a most unwelcome crush almost straight out of the opening. Having said that, I have to give due credit to my opponent who seemed to know just exactly what he was doing!

1.d4 e6  
 2.e4 d5  
 3.Nc3 Nf6

I have gotten a bit fed up playing the Winawer. I still think the poisoned pawn variation holds up but the published analysis is now so extensive that it isn't much fun anymore.

4.e5 Nfd7  
 5.f4 c5  
 6.Nf3 Nc6  
 7.Be3 Be7

This has been all the rage at the top level but this game has put me off it!

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8.Qd2 0-0  
 9.dxc5 Nxc5  
 10.0-0-0 a6  
 11.h4 b6  
 12.Kb1

I didn't appreciate it at the time but this is a nice waiting move keeping open the option of the Greek Gift sacrifice.

My main theoretical source was:

12.h5 Qc7 13.Qf2 f6 14.h6 g6  
 15.exf6 Bxf6 16.Qe1 Rd8 17.Ne2  
 Bb7 18.Kb1 Rd7 19.Nfd4 Re8  
 20.Nxc6 Bxc6 21.Bd4 Rf7 22.Bxf6  
 Rxf6 23.g4 e5 24.f5 d4 25.Rg1 g5  
 26.Qd2 1/2-1/2 (26) Boehme,S  
 (2514)-Coche,W (2502)  
 www.remoteschach.de 2013; 12.Bd3  
 is ok but encourages Black to play  
 actively thus avoiding the sacrifice  
 on h7. 12...f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Ne2  
 e5 15.fxg5 Nxd3+ 16.Qxd3 Nxe5  
 17.Nxe5 Bxe5 Compare with the  
 main line where the queen is on c7;  
 taking on d5 would be simply  
 winning whereas here it is nothing  
 special. 18.Qxd5+ Qxd5 19.Rxd5  
 Bc7=



12... Qc7?!  
 12...Bb7 is better though I still prefer  
 White.  
 13.Bd3 Nb4?  
 This turns out to be disastrous  
 though I think White is now much  
 better:  
 13...Rb8 14.h5± (I don't think the sac  
 works this time: 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7  
 15.Ng5+ Kg8 16.Qe2 g6 17.Rh3 d4  
 18.Rdh1 Rb7 19.h5 Bxg5 20.hxg6  
 fxg6 21.Rh8+ Kf7 22.R8h7+ Ke8  
 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.fxg5 dxe3 25.Qxe3  
 Rc7 26.a3 Rf1+ 27.Rxf1 Rxf1+  
 28.Ka2=); 13...Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Bb7  
 15.Ng5 g6 16.Ne2±; 13...f6 14.exf6  
 Bxf6 15.Ne2  
 14.Bxh7+ Kxh7  
 15.Ng5+ Kg8  
 16.Qe2 g6  
 17.Rh3!

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I completely overlooked this at move  
 13 (and so did my engine, at least up  
 to 40ply). The idea is actually quite  
 basic: hold off playing h5 until the  
 rooks are doubled; Black can't do  
 anything constructive meantime. I  
 did consider the sacrifice at move 13  
 and had analysed a couple of 'more  
 active' lines against which Black can  
 hold:

17.h5 Bxg5 18.fxg5 Nc6 19.g3 Qxe5  
 20.hxg6 fxg6 21.Rh6 Kf7 (21...Ne7)  
 22.Rf1+ Ke8 23.Rxf8+ Kxf8=; 17.a3  
 Nc6 18.Qg4 f5 19.Nxe6 fxg4  
 20.Nxc7 Ra7 21.N7xd5 Bf5 22.Rd2  
 Ne4 23.Nxe4 Bxe4 24.Bxb6 Rb7  
 25.Nxe7+ Nxe7 26.Bc5 Rxf4=  
 17... Ne4  
 Alternatives were no more  
 appealing:  
 17...Bd7 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.h5 Bxg5  
 20.fxg5+; 17...Bb7 18.Qg4 f5  
 (18...d4 19.Bxd4) 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.h5  
 d4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Rxd4+  
 18.Ngxe4 dxe4  
 19.h5 g5  
 20.fxg5 Qxe5  
 20...Bb7 21.g6 Nd5 22.Nxd5 Bxd5  
 23.Qg4 f5 24.Qf4 Rfd8 25.Rc1 Rd7  
 26.h6+  
 21.g6 Nc6  
 22.Bg1 Ra7  
 23.Bh2



The game is effectively over. White  
 wins back the piece and the  
 advanced pawns keep a bind until he  
 can convert to a winning position.  
 Optically it might look close but that  
 is just an illusion.  
 23... Nd4  
 24.Bxe5 Nxe2  
 25.Nxe2 Rd7  
 26.Rxd7 Bxd7  
 27.h6 f6  
 28.Bc7 e5  
 29.Nc3 Bxh3  
 30.Nd5 Re8  
 31.gxh3 Kh8  
 32.c3 b5

33.Kc2 Bf8  
 34.Nxf6 Re6  
 35.g7+ Bxg7  
 36.hxg7+ Kxg7  
 37.Ng4 Kg6  
 38.Bxe5 Re7  
 39.b3 Kf5  
 40.c4 bxc4  
 41.bxc4 Rh7  
 42.c5 Rxh3  
 43.c6 Rh7  
 44.c7 Rxc7+  
 45.Bxc7 Kxg4  
 46.Kc3 Kf5  
 47.Kb4 Ke6  
 48.Ka5 Kd7  
 49.Bg3 Kc8  
 50.Kxa6 e3  
 51.a4 e2  
 52.Ka7

1-0



White: Waller, Anthony (2294)  
 Black: Yeo, Gareth (2385)  
 SCO/L1, 2018  
 Dutch Defence, Leningrad [A88]  
 [Notes by Alastair Dawson]

1.d4 f5  
 Botvinnik always said that he  
 avoided playing the Dutch because  
 he found that the Staunton Gambit  
 (2.e4) causes lots of headaches for  
 Black. Petrosian said that he always  
 jumped for delight if anyone ever  
 played 1...f5 against his 1.d4. In  
 Scottish chess an adherent of the  
 Dutch is Duncan Campbell of Oban.  
 But he always plays 1...e6 first  
 followed by 2...f5 in order to avoid  
 the Staunton Gambit.  
 2.g3 Nf6  
 3.Bg2 g6  
 4.Nf3 Bg7  
 5.0-0



In over the board play Black has to know how to handle 5. h4 against the Leningrad variation but in CC chess it is not a problem.

5... 0-0  
6.c4 d6  
7.Nc3 c6  
8.d5 e5  
9.dxe6 Bxe6  
10.b3

A useful trap to know.

10... Na6

On the face of it, 10...Ne4 is a threat but after 11.Nxe4 Bxa1 12.Qxd6 Qxd6 13.Nxd6 and White is well ahead.

11.Ng5 Bc8  
12.Bb2 h6  
13.Nf3 Be6  
14.Qc2 Nb4

And a draw was agreed at this point.  
½-½



**White: Rózanski, Robert (2277)**  
**Black: Reyes Maldonado, César Jesús (2371)**  
SCO/L1, 2018  
Sicilian Najdorf [B94]  
[Notes by Alastair Dawson]

1.e4 c5  
2.Nf3 d6  
3.d4 cxd4  
4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 a6  
6.Bg5 Nbd7  
7.Bc4 Qb6  
8.Bb3 e6

A position reached many tens of thousands of times.

9.Qd2 Be7  
10.0-0-0 Nc5  
11.f3 Qc7  
12.g4 Bd7  
13.Kb1 b5



As in all these positions, Black has counterplay along the c-file that tends to balance the White attack on the k-side.

14.h4 b4  
15.Nce2 a5  
16.Ng3 a4  
17.Bc4 0-0  
18.Nh5 Nxe4

A nice dynamic touch that lets Black get hold of the white-squared bishop.

19.fxe4 Qxc4  
20.Bxf6 Bxf6  
21.Nxf6+ gxf6  
22.Qf2 e5  
23.Qxf6

Now if 23.Nf5 we have 23...Bxf5 24.gxf5 Qxe4 and Black is well ahead so,

23... exd4  
½-½



To finish with, here's a miniature submitted by George Pyrich in late 2017.

**White: Campbell, Eoin S (2164)**  
**Black: Pedrosa, Pedro José de Araújo (1915)**  
MT-Esko/SF1 2017  
Bogo-Indian [E11]  
[Notes by George Pyrich]

Eoin Campbell recently scored a quick win in the Esko Nuutilainen Memorial Team Tournament.

1.d4 d5  
2.c4 e6  
3.Nf3 Nf6  
4.g3 Bb4+  
5.Bd2 Bxd2+

5...Be7 is almost invariably preferred here when after 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 Black is solid.

6.Nbxd2 Nc6  
7.Bg2 0-0  
8.0-0 Ne7?

Simply ceding the e5 square. Maybe 8...Bd7; and 8...b6 were better.

9.Ne5 c6  
10.e4?!

10.Qc2 looks more circumspect.

10... Nd7  
11.f4 Nxe5



12.fxe5?!

12.dxe5 was better when 12...Qb6+ 13.Rf2 Qxb2 14.cxd5 exd5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Bxd5 cxd5 17.Ne4 is good for White.

12... Qb6  
13.Nf3 dxe4  
14.Ng5 e3?!  
14...Nf5 was surely better.  
15.Qh5 h6  
16.Nxf7!? Qxd4??

Again 16...Nf5 was better when after 17.Rxf5 exf5 18.Nxh6+ gxh6 19.Qg6+ White has no more than a draw.

17.Nxh6+ gxh6  
18.Rad1 Rxf1+  
19.Bxf1 Qb6  
19...e2+ 20.Rxd4 exf1Q+ 21.Kxf1 is also hopeless for Black.  
20.Qe8+ Kg7  
21.Qxe7+ Kg6  
22.Bd3+ Kh5  
23.Qh4#

1-0



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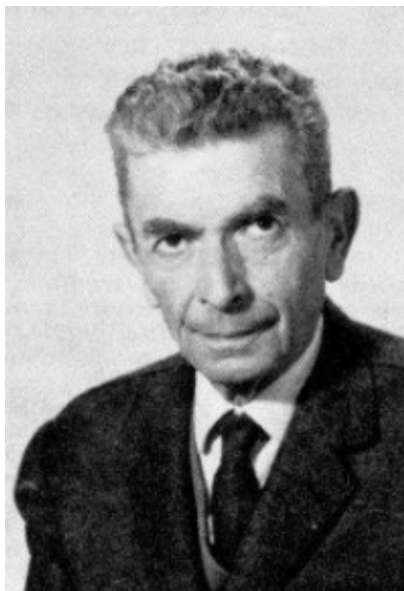




## The Hawkes Files

By John E. Hawkes

### Dr Volf Bergraser



Dr Volf Bergraser (4th February 1904 ~ 13th November 1986) was born in the then Russo-Roumanian town of Noua Sulita and obtained his French nationality in November 1932. His naturalisation papers show his surname as Bergraser Beraf, and he spent his professional life as a full-time rural medical doctor in his country of adoption (mainly around Toulouse).

For his chess activities he used only Bergraser as his surname. He was twice winner of the French over-the-board championship (1957 and 1966). This strictly amateur player was three years running French correspondence champion: 1951-52, 1952-53 and 1953-54.

He represented and captained France in 5 Olympiads: Amsterdam 1954, Munich 1958, Leipzig 1960, Varna 1962, and Tel Aviv 1964. He competed in the 2nd and 4th World Correspondence Championship Finals, gaining titles of Correspondence International Master in 1959, and eventually Correspondence Grand Master in 1981 - at the age of 77.

Loved and respected by all for his modesty, pragmatism, and the depth

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and pertinence of his chess understanding, he had no chess library, simply trusting in his own analysis and judgement. He became a great specialist in the Scandinavian, and is recognised as responsible for considerably developing the theory of that defence.

**ardarel** wrote on chessgames.com : I am very pleased to see that Dr. Volf Bergraser was chosen today, (04 Jan 2007), as the player of the day. My uncle was a truly nice person, a responsible family man, and a cultivated individual with whom you could speak about almost everything. He succeeded in escaping from a concentration camp during WW2, to join the French army as a medical officer. After it was over, he was honoured with a well-deserved decoration.

**White: Schmid, Lothar**

**Black: Bergraser, Volf**

Correspondence, 1955

Scandinavian Defence [B01]

*[Notes by John E Hawkes]*

**1.e4 d5**

**2.exd5 Nf6**

Dr Bergraser specialised in this Nf6 variation of what was once called the Centre Counter Defence. My Internet sources of this unreliably-dated top-level example provide no details of event but would seem correct in saying it was a correspondence game.

**3.Bb5+ Bd7**

**4.Bc4 Bg4**

**5.f3 Bf5**

**6.Ne2**

In the Monaco tournament of 1967 Bergraser would have an otb opportunity to test this line - against Bobby Fischer. They went; 6.g4 Bc8 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.g5 Nb6 9.Bb5+ Nfd7 10.f4 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 c6 12.Bc4 cxd5 13.Bxd5 Ne5?! 14.Be4 Bg4 15.Nf3 And the forced self-pin could not be exploited by Black, who, without any counterplay, lost in 30 moves.

*(15.Ne2? Nf3+ 16.Bxf3 Bxf3 17.Rf1 Bc6∞)*

**6... Nxd5**

**7.Ng3**

**8.0-0**

**9.f4**

**10.d4**

**11.Bb3**

**Bg6**

**e6**

**Nc6**

**Nce7**



Bergraser had the same position against Kjellander in the 2nd CC World Ch Final: 11.Nc3 Nb6 12.Bb3 h5 13.Qe1 Qxd4+ 14.Be3 Qd7 15.f5 exf5 16. Bxb6 axb6 17.Rd1 Qc6 18.Nxf5 h4 19.Rd5 Bxf5 20.Rxf5 g6 21.Rfe5 h3 22.Nb5 Rh5 23.Rd2 f6 24.Rxh5 gxh5 25.Qe6 1-0

**11... h5!**

**12.Qf3 h4**

**13.Ne4 Bxe4**

**14.Qxe4 Nf5**

**15.c3**

15.c4 Nf6 16.Qxb7 Qxd4+ 17.Rf2 Ne4!± (Or 17...Rd8 18.Ba4+ Nd7-+ because of the upcoming ...Bc5)

**15... Be7**

**16.Nd2 c5**

**17.Nf3 cxd4**

**18.Ba4+ Kf8**

**19.cxd4 Qb6**

**20.Bd2 Rd8**

**21.Bc3 Bd6**

**22.Ng5 Nf6**

**23.Qe1 Nxd4**

**24.Kh1 Nf5**

**25.Rf3 Bc7**

**26.Bb4+ Kg8**

**27.Rc1 Nd5**

**28.Bc5 Qxb2**

**29.Rb1 Qf6**

Ignoring the a-pawn and back to business on the k-side.

**30.Rxb7 Nxf4**



**31.Nh3**  
 31.Nxf7 Ng3+ 32.Rxg3 (32.hxg3 hxg3+ 33.Kg1 Rh1+ 34.Kxh1 Qh4+ 35.Kg1 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Qxg2#)  
 32...hxg3 33.Nxh8 Nd3!-+  
**31... Ng3+!**  
**32.hxg3 hxg3**  
**33.Qe4**  
 33.Rxc7 is tabou unless one wants to be mated in 10 thus; 33...Nxh3!  
 34.Qxg3 Nf2+ 35.Kg1 Qa1+  
 36.Kxf2 Rd2+ 37.Ke3 Qc3+ 38.Kf4 Qc4+ 39.Bd4 Qxd4+ 40.Kg5 f6+  
 41.Rxf6 Qxf6+ 42.Kg4 Qf5#;  
 Hopeless also is; 33.Rxf4 Qxf4  
 34.Rxc7 Qxc7-+

**33... Nxh3**  
**34.gxh3 Rxh3+**  
**35.Kg1 Rh1+**  
**36.Kxh1 Qh6+**  
**37.Kg1 Qh2+**  
**38.Kf1 g2+**  
**39.Ke1 g1Q+**  
**40.Bxg1 Qxg1+**  
**41.Rf1**  
 41.Ke2 Qg2+ 42.Ke1 Bg3+  
**41...Ba5+!**

and mate is unavoidable.  
 41...Ba5+ 42.Ke2 Rd2+ 43.Kf3 Qxf1+ 44.Kg3 Qg1+ 45.Kf4 g5+ 46.Ke5 Bc3+ being, for me, a most artistic finish to an intense and memorable game.



Lothar Schmid, winner of the Dyckhoff Memorial, 1954-56.

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**White: Ritson-Morry, William**  
**Black: Bergraser, Volf**  
 Dyckhoff Memorial, Masters Group  
 4 1954-56  
 QGD, Manhattan variation [D51]  
*[Notes by John E Hawkes]*

**1.d4 Nf6**  
**2.c4 e6**  
**3.Nc3 d5**  
**4.Bg5 Nbd7**  
**5.e3 Bb4**  
 For some reason this sequence got tagged as the "Pseudo-Manhattan" in the Dyckhoff tournament book.  
**6.cxd5 exd5**  
**7.Bd3 h6**  
**8.Bh4 c5**  
**9.Nf3**  
 9.Nge2 was stronger, as Ahues pointed out in his Dyckhoff book annotation.  
**9... c4**  
**10.Bf5?**



**10... g5**  
 The old reference game was Kmoch vs. Fine, Amsterdam 1936, continuing with mutual short castling.

**11.Bg3 Nc5!**  
**12.Bxc8 Nd3+**  
**13.Ke2 Rxc8**  
**14.Qc2 Bxc3**  
**15.bxc3 Ne4**  
**16.Nd2 Nxg3+**  
**17.hxg3 Qf6**  
**18.f3 Qd6**  
**19.Qa4+ Kf8**  
**20.Nf1 Kg7**  
**21.g4 b5!**  
**22.Qc2 a5**  
**23.Rh3 Qa3**  
**24.Ng3 b4**  
**25.Nf5+ Kf8**  
**26.Rah1 Rc6**  
**27.Rb1 Re6**  
**28.Rhh1 bxc3**

**29.Rb8+ Re8**  
**30.Rhb1 Nb4**  
**31.Rxe8+ Kxe8**  
**32.Nd6+ Ke7**



White is quite lost.

**33.Qf5 Qxa2+**  
**34.Kf1 c2!**  
**35.Qe5+ Kd7**  
**36.Re1 c1Q**  
 36...c1Q 37.Rxc1 Nd3  
**0-1**



**White: Bergraser, Volf**  
**Black: Batik, Frantisek**  
 Dyckhoff Memorial M4 1954-56  
 King's Indian Defence [E68]  
*[John E Hawkes after Rellstab]*

**1.d4 Nf6**  
**2.c4 g6**  
**3.Nf3 Bg7**  
**4.g3 d6**  
**5.Bg2 0-0**  
**6.0-0 Nbd7**  
**7.Qc2 e5**  
**8.Rd1! Qe7**  
**9.Nc3 c6**  
**10.b3 exd4**  
**11.Nxd4 Nc5**  
**12.e4 a5**  
**13.Ba3 Re8**  
 13...Rd8 was to be considered, allowing Ne8 to defend the d-pawn.  
**14.f3 Nh5**  
**15.Qd2 Bf8**  
**16.Re1 Qc7**  
**17.g4 Ng7**  
**18.Rad1 Be6**  
**19.Nxe6 Ngxe6**  
**20.Bb2 Rad8**  
**21.f4 Bg7**  
**22.Ne2 Bxb2**  
**23.Qxb2 Ng7**  
**24.Ng3!?**



24... f5?  
 24...d5! 25.Qc2 (25.e5 dxc4;  
 25.cxd5 Qxf4) 25...Qxf4 26.cxd5 Na6  
 27.dxc6 Nb4 28.Qc1 Qxc1 29.Rxc1  
 Nxc6=  
 25.gxf5 gxf5  
 26.Qc2 Qf7  
 26...fxe4 27.Nxe4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4  
 Ne6 29.Kh1 and the Black king is in  
 trouble e.g. 29...Nxf4 30.Bxh7+  
 Qxh7? 31.Rg1+ Kh8 32.Qc3+ Re5  
 33.Qxe5+  
 27.exf5 Rxe1+  
 28.Rxe1 Rf8  
 29.Bh3 Qf6  
 30.Qd2 a4  
 30...h5!?  
 31.b4 Nd7  
 32.Rd1 Ne8  
 33.Ne4 Qh6  
 34.Qe3  
 34.Ng5 was also strong.  
 34... Kh8  
 35.Kh1 Qh5  
 36.Rd2 Qh6  
 37.Rg2 Ndf6  
 38.Ng5 Qg7  
 39.Ne6 Qe7  
 40.Qa7 Rg8  
 41.Qxa4 Rxc2  
 42.Bxc2 Nh5  
 43.Qd1 Qh4  
 44.b5 Nef6  
 45.Qd2 Ng3+  
 45...Ng4 46.Bf3 Ng3+ 47.Kg1 Nxf5  
 48.bxc6 bxc6 49.Ng5+ h6 50.Qb2+  
 Ne5 51.Qb8+ Kg7 52.Qc7+ Kg6  
 53.Qh7+ Kf6 54.Ne4+ Ke6 55.Qg8+  
 46.Kg1 Nxf5  
 47.bxc6 bxc6  
 48.Qa5 Ne7  
 49.Qc3 Nf5  
 50.Bh3 Ne7  
 51.a4 Qh6  
 52.a5 Qg6+  
 53.Qg3 Qb1+  
 54.Bf1 Nh5  
 54...Ng6 55.a6 Qb6+ (55...Qa1  
 56.f5+-) 56.c5!  
 55.Qd3 Qe1

56.Qe2 Qxa5  
 57.c5! Qa3



Adjudication time.  
 57...Qa3 Good - but Black loses:  
 Adjudication in Bergraser's favour  
 with the following analysis: 58.cxd6  
 Qxd6 59.Qb2+ Kg8 60.Bc4 Qd1+  
 (60...Nd5 61.f5 Kf7 62.Qh8 Qa3  
 63.Nd8+ Ke7 64.Nxc6+ Kd7  
 65.Qd8+ Kxc6 66.Bxd5+ Kb5!  
 67.Qe8+ Kb4 68.Qxh5 Qc1+ 69.Kf2  
 Qd2+ 70.Kg3 Qxd5 71.Qxh7+- a  
 won queen ending.) 61.Kf2 Kf7  
 62.f5!! when there is a nice mate  
 after 62...Qa4 (62...Nf6 63.Ng5+ Kg7  
 64.Ne4+-; 62...Nxf5 63.Nf4+ Kf8  
 64.Qh8+ Ke7 65.Qe5+ Kd8 66.Ne6+  
 Kd7 67.Qxf5) 63.Ng5+ Ke8 64.Qb8+  
 Kd7 65.Be6#

1-0



**White: Bergraser, Volf**  
**Black: Ragozin, Vyacheslav**  
 2nd CC World Ch Final 1956-59  
 King's Indian, Yugoslav Variation  
 [E66]  
*[Notes by John E Hawkes after  
 Vyacheslav Ragozin]*

1.d4 Nf6  
 2.Nf3 g6  
 3.c4 Bg7  
 4.g3 0-0  
 5.Bg2 d6  
 6.0-0 c5  
 7.Nc3 Nc6  
 8.d5 Na5  
 9.Qd3 a6  
 10.e4 Rb8  
 10...Nd7 was later recommended by  
 Ragozin.  
 11.e5 Ng4  
 12.e6 fxe6  
 13.Ng5! exd5  
 13...Ne5 14.Qe2 Naxc4 (14...Nexc4  
 15.Nxe6 Bxe6 16.Qxe6+ with an  
 initiative) 15.f4± VR

14.cxd5  
 14.Bxd5+ Kh8 15.Nf7+ Rxf7  
 16.Bxf7 Ne5 17.Qd5 b5 and Black  
 has the attack. 18.cxb5? Bb7 19.Qe6  
 Nf3+ wins the White queen.  
 14... b5  
 15.h3  
 15.Ne2 and Nf4 quickly was better,  
 according to Taimanov in  
 Fernschach.  
 15... Nf6!  
 16.Ne2 Bf5  
 17.Qd1 Ne8  
 18.g4 Bd7  
 19.Nf4 Nc7  
 20.Qc2  
 20.h4 Be5± (Not liking 20...Bxb2  
 21.Bxb2 Rxf4 22.Qd2!)  
 20... Qe8  
 21.Be4 Rf6



**22.Re1**  
 22.f3! was an alternative attacking  
 plan suggested by somebody in the  
 editorial team of the Russian book:  
 Botvinnik, Abramov, Podtserov,  
 Flohr and Yudovich.

22... Nc4  
 23.a4 Ne5  
 24.axb5 Nxb5!  
 25.Nfe6 Bxe6  
 26.Nxe6 Nd4  
 27.Nxd4 cxd4  
 28.f4 Nd7  
 29.Rxa6 Nc5  
 30.Rc6 Qf7!  
 31.b4!  
 If 31.g5 Rxf4!+-  
 31... Rxb4  
 32.Rc8+ Bf8  
 33.g5 Rxf4  
 34.Bxf4 d3!  
 35.Qg2  
 35.Bxd3 Qxf4 36.Rf1 Qxg5+ 37.Qg2  
 Qxg2+ 38.Kxg2 Nxd3 39.Rcxf8+  
 Kg7 40.R1f7+ Kh6 and a drawn  
 ending according to Ragozin.  
 35... Qxf4  
 36.Rf1 Rxe4!

37.Kh1 Qf5  
38.Rxf5 gxf5  
39.Qf2

White errs, and misses the opportunity to get the draw his energetic play deserved; 39.Qd2 Re2 40.Qc3 Ne4 (40...d2? loses after 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qxh7+ Kf8 44.Qh8+ Kf7 45.Qh5+) 41.Rxf8+ Kxf8 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.Qxh7+ Ke8 44.Qg8+ Kd7 45.Qa8 is a draw by perpetual check (VR).

39... f4  
40.Qd2  
40...Nb3 was threatened.  
40... Re3!  
41.Qf2

Now 41.Qc3 Rxb3+ 42.Kg2 Rg3+ 43.Kf1 Rxb3 44.Rxf8+ Kxf8 45.Qh8+ Kf7 46.Qxh7+ Kf6 47.Qh6+ Kf5! 48.Qh7+ Kg4 49.Qxe7 Rxd5--

41... Nd7  
42.Rd8  
42.Qxf4 d2!  
42... Re2  
43.Qf1 Ne5  
44.Qxf4 Nf7!



Vyacheslav Ragozin,  
2nd World Correspondence Champion  
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White: Jezek, Jaroslav  
Black: Bergraser, Volf  
2nd CC World Ch Final 1956-59  
Scandinavian Defence [B01]  
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5  
2.exd5 Nf6  
3.c4 c6  
4.dxc6 Nxc6  
4...e5 5.cxb7 Bxb7 is the Marshall-Ross Gambit.  
5.d3 e5  
6.Nc3 Qb6  
7.Be2 Bf5  
8.g4 Be6  
9.g5 Nd7  
10.Nf3 Bc5  
11.Ne4 0-0-0  
12.a3 Bf5  
13.Nxc5 Nxc5  
14.Be3



14... e4  
15.Nd2

Imagine trying to sort this out in the mid-fifties, long before computer-assisted chess. 15.Nh4 Be6 16.b4 was a critical line: 16...Nxd3+ 17.Bxd3 Qc7 (17...Rxd3 18.Bxb6 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 axb6±) 18.Bxe4! Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Qe5! 20.Bxc6 Qc3+ 21.Bd2 Qxc4+ attacking 2 minor pieces.

15... exd3  
16.Bg4 Nd4  
17.Bxf5+ Nxf5  
18.Qg4 Qe6  
19.0-0 Nd4  
20.Qxe6+

20.f3!?  
20... fxe6!?  
20...Nxe6 was more natural looking, with Rhe8 to follow.

21.Bxd4 Rxd4  
22.Rae1 Kd7  
23.b4 Na4  
24.Re4  
□24.Re3 Rd8 25.f4  
24... Rxe4  
25.Nxe4

White must have felt confident, with a centralised knight.

25... Nb2  
26.Nd2



26.Rb1 Nxc4 27.Rb3 Ne5 (27...d2 28.Nxd2!) 28.f4 d2 29.Nxd2 Ng6 30.Rf3 Rf8

26... b5!  
27.c5  
27.Rc1 Rc8 28.c5 Kc6  
27... Kc6  
28.Re1 Nc4!  
29.Nb1

Now who has the centralised knight?  
29.Nxc4 bxc4 30.Rxe6+ Kb5 31.Rd6 Ka4!+ and without moving his k-rook.

29... e5  
30.Nc3 a5  
31.bxa5 Kxc5  
Or 31...Ra8  
32.f4? d2  
33.Re4 Rd8

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White: Napolitano, Mario  
Black: Bergraser, Volf  
2nd CC World Ch Final 1956-59  
Scandinavian defence [B01]  
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

Mario Napolitano played in the first three World Championship Finals; in the first scoring 10/13 pts with no draws - a mere half-point behind Cecil Purdy.]

1.e4 d5  
2.exd5 Nf6  
3.d4 Nxd5  
4.Nf3 Bg4  
5.Be2 e6  
6.0-0 Bd6  
7.c4 Nf4  
8.c5 Nxe2+  
9.Qxe2 Be7  
10.Qb5+ Qd7  
11.Qxb7 Bxf3  
12.Qxf3 Nc6  
13.Nc3 Rd8  
14.Ne2 Nxd4



15.Nxd4 Qxd4  
 16.Be3 Qd5  
 17.Qxd5  
 17.Qg3 Bf6 18.Qxc7±  
 17... Rxd5  
 18.c6



18... Bc5  
 19.b4?  
 White's slight advantage slips away.  
 ○19.Rad1 Bxe3 20.fxe3; 19.Bxc5  
 Rxc5 20.Rac1  
 19... Bxe3  
 20.fxe3 Ke7



21.e4 Rd4  
 22.Rf3 e5!  
 23.b5 Rxe4  
 24.Rd1 Rd4  
 25.Rdf1  
 ○25.Rxd4 exd4 26.Ra3 Ra8 27.Ra4  
 and the fascinating continuation;  
 27...a6!? 28.Rxa6 d3 29.Kf2  
 (29.Rxa8 d2-+) 29...d2 30.Ke2 Rd8  
 31.Kd1±  
 25... Rf8  
 26.Ra3 Ra8  
 27.Ra6 Rd5  
 28.Rb1 f5  
 29.Rb3 e4  
 30.Kf1 Kd6  
 31.Ke2 g5  
 32.Rh3 Rxb5  
 33.Rxh7 Rb2+  
 34.Ke3



34... Re8  
 35.Rh6+  
 35.g3 f4+! 36.gxf4 gxf4+ 37.Kxf4  
 e3-+ 38.Rd7+ Kc5 39.Rd1 Rf2+  
 40.Kg3 Rg8+ 41.Kh3 and White is  
 lost.  
 35... Kc5  
 36.Ra5+ Rb5  
 37.Rxb5+ Kxb5  
 38.Rf6 Re5  
 39.Ke2 Kc5  
 40.h3 Kd5  
 41.a3 a6  
 42.Rg6 f4  
 43.Rf6 Re6  
 44.Rf5+ Kd4  
 45.Rxg5 Rxc6  
 46.Kd2 Rb6  
 47.Rg7 Rb2+  
 48.Kc1 Ra2  
 49.h4 Ke3  
 50.h5 Ra1+  
 51.Kc2 Rh1

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White: Berta, Matyas  
 Black: Bergraser, Volf  
 NBC-15 Volmac Tournament 1982-  
 1987  
 Caro-Kann Panov (by transposition)  
 [B14]  
 [Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5  
 2.exd5 Nf6  
 3.c4  
 Sorri - Bergraser in the same event  
 was a traumatic experience for the  
 doctor; 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nb6 5.Nf3  
 Bg4 6.c5 N6d7 7.Bc4 e6 8.Be3 b6?!  
 9.Nc3 Be7 10.h3 Bh5? 11.d5! Bxf3  
 12.Qxf3 Ne5 13.Qe4 Nxc4 14.Qxc4  
 Bxc5 15.Bxc5 bxc5 16.dxe6 0-0  
 17.Qe4 and the game was over.  
 3... c6  
 4.Nc3 cxd5  
 5.d4 e6

If one takes up the Scandinavian  
 2...Nf6 variation one must prepare  
 for this shift from B01 to B14.  
 6.Nf3 Be7  
 7.c5 0-0  
 8.b4 Ne4  
 9.Qc2 Nc6  
 10.b5



10... Nxd4!  
 11.Nxd4 Bxc5  
 12.Nxe4 Bxd4  
 13.Nc3  
 13.Ng5 g6 14.Rb1 e5 and plenty of  
 play for Black.  
 13... Bd7  
 14.Qd2  
 Estrin was miniaturised by Bergraser  
 in the USSR - France corr. match  
 1979-81; 14.Bb2 Rc8 15.Qd2 Bb6  
 16.Kd1 a6 17.bxa6 d4 18.Nb5 bxa6  
 19.Nxd4 Ba5! 20.Qd3 e5 21.Rc1  
 exd4 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qc4 Bf5  
 24.Bd3 Bxd3 0-1  
 14... Bb6  
 15.Ba3



15... Qf6!  
 16.Bb4 Rfc8  
 17.Rc1 a5  
 18.bxa6 bxa6  
 19.Nd1?  
 19.f4 Bb5 20.Be2 was better.  
 19... Qe5+  
 20.Be2 Rxc1  
 21.Qxc1 Qe4!

22.Qa3 Bb5  
 23.Nc3 Qxg2  
 24.Rf1 Bxe2  
 25.Nxe2 Qxh2  
 26.Qg3 Qxg3  
 27.Nxg3 Rc8  
 28.Kd2 Rc4  
 29.a3 f6-+  
 30.f3 Bc7  
 31.Ne2 g5  
 32.Rh1 Kg7  
 33.Kd3 Be5  
 34.Rc1 a5!  
 35.Bxa5 Rxc1  
 36.Nxc1 Bb2  
 37.Ne2 Bxa3  
 38.Ng3 Bc5  
 39.Bd2 Kg6

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**White: Endzelins, Lucius**  
**Black: Bergraser, Volf**  
 "Europe Echecs" 20th Jubilee GM,  
 1979  
 Scandinavian Defence [B01]  
*[Notes by John E Hawkes after  
 Goldenberg's notes in ICCF Gold]*

Endzelins and Bergraser had played each other and drawn in the 2nd World Championship Final in which the Estonian born Australian finished unbeaten runner-up half-a-point only behind Ragozin. Readers will have seen Bergraser's exciting game with Ragozin in this column: I ask the question as to whether Ragozin (who lost one game!) or Endzelins would have been World Champion had the Soviet representative only drawn against Bergraser and thus finished on equal points with the undefeated Australian?



**White: Müller M / Schreiber K,**  
**(GER)**  
**Black: - Kullamaa, Igor (EST)** 5th  
 Baltic Team Tournament 1986–89  
 Tarrasch, von Hennig-Schara Gambit  
 [D32]

1.e4 d5  
 2.exd5 Nf6  
 3.d4 Nxd5  
 4.c4 Nb6  
 5.Nf3

White's best move, whereas 5.Be3 or Nc3 meet 5...e5, and Black already has the initiative - Goldenberg.

5... Bg4  
 6.c5

An attempt at refuting the Scandinavian with 2...Nf6, a variation Bergraser had played throughout his career.

6... N6d7  
 7.Qb3 Nc6  
 8.Nbd2  
 8.Be3 is the standard move.  
 8... e5!  
 9.Bc4



9... Nxd4!!  
 10.Nxd4  
 10.Bxf7+ Ke7 11.Nxd4 Nxc5+ is the point.

10... Nxc5  
 11.Qb5+  
 11.Qg3 Qxd4-+  
 11... Bd7  
 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7  
 13.Qc4+ Ke8  
 14.Qe2 Qe7

15.N4b3



15... Ne6!  
 Another surprise N-move and the Qs come off.

16.Qxe5 Nf4  
 17.Qxe7+ Bxe7  
 18.0-0 Ne2+  
 19.Kh1 Bc6  
 20.Re1  
 20... Nf4  
 21.f3? Nd3  
 22.Re3 Rd8  
 23.Nf1 Kf7

Threatening Bg5, and White is lost.  
 24.Na5?

24.Rxe7+ Kxe7 25.Bg5+ Ke6  
 26.Bxd8 Rxd8 offers no salvation.

24... Bc5  
 and White resigned.  
 24...Bc5 25.Re2 Nf2+ 26.Kg1 Nh3+  
 27.Kh1 Rd1 28.gxh3 Rxf1+ 29.Kg2  
 Rg1#

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## Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 10

By John E. Hawkes

*[John E Hawkes after notes in  
 Fernschach Int. ]*

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

5.Qa4+ Bd7  
 6.Qxd4 exd5  
 7.Qxd5 Nc6  
 Or 7...Nf6 and 8.Qxb7 gobbling up  
 another pawn is dubious.  
 8.Nf3 Nf6  
 9.Qd1 Bc5

10.e3 Qe7  
11.Bd3



11.Be2 0-0-0 12.0-0 g5 13.a3 g4  
14.Nd2 Kb8 15.Nc4 Ne5 16.Nd5  
Nxd5 17.Qxd5 Nxc4 18.Qxc4 Be6  
19.Qa4! h5 20.b4 Bd6 21.Bb2 Bd5!  
22.b5!? Qh4 23.f4 Bxg2! 24.Bd4  
b6 25.Kxg2 Qh3+ 26.Kf2 Qh4+  
Draw in Alan Borwell's game with  
"Endgame Tactics" author Ger van  
Perlo, XI Olympiad Final 92-94  
Bd.6.; 11.a3 0-0-0 12.Qc2 Kb8  
13.Be2 g5 14.b4 g4 15.bxc5 gxf3  
16.gxf3 Qxc5 17.Bd2! Demauro -  
Trapl 15th WC Final.

11... g5?!  
12.Nxg5 Rg8  
13.Nge4 0-0-0  
14.Nxf6 Qxf6  
15.Be4! Nb4!  
16.0-0 Bg4

17.Qb3 Be6  
Black turns down 17...Bf3 18.g3 Rg4  
19.Bxf3 Qxf3  
18.Qa4 Bd7  
19.Qa5 Rg5!  
20.Bxb7+?  
20.Nd5 Qc6!  
20...Kxb7 21.Ne4



21... Be6!  
Or saccing almost as spectacularly  
21...Rxc2+ 22.Kxc2 (22.Kh1 Qf3  
and mate is forced.) 22...Bh3+!  
23.Kxh3 Qf5+ 24.Kg2 Qxe4+ 25.f3  
Qc2+ 26.Kh1 Qe2 and White can  
resign.  
22.Nxf6 Rxc2+  
23.Kh1 Rxf2+  
24.Kg1

24.e4 Rxf1+ 25.Kg2 Rg1+ 26.Kf3  
Rd3+ 27.Ke2 Rg2+ and mate coming  
up.  
24... Rg2+  
25.Kh1 Rdg8! [



After 25...Rdg8! White resigned. All  
he can do is 26.Qxb4+ Bxb4 27.e4  
but then comes another surprise  
27...Re2!! and the best defence Be3  
fails after 28.Be3 Bd6 (Or according  
to taste there's 28...Bc5! 29.Bxc5  
Rxe4 and mate in 3.) 29.Bf2 Rxe4!  
and mate in 4 at most.

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## Armenian Chess Art



A portrait of Tigran Vartanovich Petrosian, by Martiros Sarian. Sarian enjoyed enormous prestige in the Soviet Union, obtaining a large number of academic distinctions.



Chess Players, by Minas Avetissian  
Avetissian attended the Academy of Fine Arts of the Soviet  
Union in Leningrad from 1960.

In 1972, his workshop in Yerevan was wiped out by a fire, no  
doubt criminal, according to his wife Gaïané. Avetissian died  
soon after, at the age of 47.



## International Update

By Peter Bennett

### ICCF Olympiad 21 Preliminaries

#### CCO21/S4, ICCF Olympiad 21 Preliminaries - Section 04

TD Millstone, Michael (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Ukraine	2434	█	3	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	4	5	4.5	3.5	32	60	11	13	53	1	1
2	Scotland	2393	3	█	3	3	3	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	4	29.5	54	5	13	54	0	2
3	Lithuania	2511	3.5	3	█	2.5	3	3.5	3	3.5	3.5	4	29.5	56	7	13	52	2	3
4	Argentina	2458	3.5	3	2.5	█	2	3.5	3	3	4	3	27.5	55	5	10	50	4	4
5	Romania	2445	2.5	3	3	2	█	3.5	3	2.5	3.5	3.5	26.5	51	2	9	51	3	5
6	Wales	2348	2.5	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	█	3.5	3.5	3.5	3	26.5	50	0	8	53	1	6
7	Brazil	2376	2	2.5	3	3	3	2.5	█	3	3.5	3	25.5	47	-3	7	54	0	7
8	Norway	2380	1	2.5	2.5	3	2.5	2.5	3	█	3.5	3.5	24	46	-4	6	52	2	8
9	Hong Kong	2301	1.5	2.5	1.5	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	█	4	21.5	40	-10	2	53	1	9
10	South Africa	2245	1.5	2	2	2	2.5	2	3	1.5	2	█	18.5	37	-13	1	50	4	10

The team has completed all its matches and stands second with 29½ points. Our 5 wins to date have been Richard Beecham (2 on Bd 1), Alan Bell (Bd 3) and Gordon Anderson (2 on Bd 6). The higher-graded Lithuania, Argentina and Romania teams can all still catch us for 2<sup>nd</sup> spot.

### 11th European Team Championship (ETC)

#### EU/TC11/sf1, 11th European Team Championship - Semifinal 1

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Iceland	2411	█	4	4	3.5	3.5	4	4	3	4	4	4.5	38.5	52	3	8	74	6	1
2	Lithuania	2498	4	█	3.5	4	4	3.5	4	2.5	3	3.5	5	37	54	6	6	68	12	2
3	Scotland	2390	4	3.5	█	3.5	3.5	3	5	3	3.5	3	5	37	54	6	5	68	12	3
4	Croatia	2349	3.5	3	3.5	█	3.5	4	4	4	3.5	3.5	4.5	37	51	2	5	72	8	4
5	Switzerland	2452	3.5	4	4.5	3.5	█	3	4	4.5	3	3	2.5	35.5	52	3	6	68	12	5
6	Bulgaria	2423	4	3.5	3	4	3	█	4.5	3.5	3	2.5	4	35	52	3	5	67	13	6
7	Denmark	2346	4	3	3	4	3	3.5	█	4.5	3.5	1	5	34.5	48	-2	6	71	9	7
8	Estonia	2372	3	2.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	█	2.5	3	4.5	32	50	0	2	64	16	8
9	Finland	2364	3	3	2.5	3.5	3	3	2.5	2.5	█	3	3	29	47	-3	0	61	19	9
10	Turkey	2400	3	3.5	2	2.5	3	2.5	2	2	3	█	4	27.5	49	-1	1	56	24	10
11	Norway	2229	3.5	1	2	3.5	2.5	2	3	2.5	3	2	█	25	37	-17	0	67	13	11

Scotland's team of 8 is competing against 10 other nations and continuing to record good results. The following tables give a flavour of the complexity of the challenge:

## Snapshot of ETC progress on 8 June (with 90 games still in progress)

Seeding (average team grading)	Points Scored (current crosstable)	Place	Score percentage (in results to date)	Peter's prediction (for final crosstable)
2498 Lithuania	36.5 Croatia	<b>1</b>	54.2% Lithuania	Lithuania
2452 Switzerland	35.5 Iceland	<b>2</b>	53.9% <b>Scotland</b>	Bulgaria
2423 Bulgaria	35.0 <b>Scotland</b>	<b>3</b>	52.3% Switzerland	Switzerland
2411 Iceland	34.5 Denmark	<b>4</b>	52.3% Bulgaria	<b>Scotland</b>
2400 Turkey	34.5 Bulgaria	<b>5</b>	51.4% Croatia	Iceland
2390 <b>Scotland</b>	34.0 Switzerland	<b>6</b>	50.7% Iceland	Croatia

.....and four weeks later.....

## Snapshot of ETC progress on 4 July (with 72 games still in progress)

Seeding (average team grading)	Points Scored (current crosstable)	Place	Score percentage (in results to date)	Peter's prediction (for final crosstable)
2498 Lithuania	38.5 Iceland	<b>1</b>	54.4% Lithuania	Lithuania
2452 Switzerland	37.0 Lithuania	<b>2</b>	54.4% <b>Scotland</b>	Bulgaria
2423 Bulgaria	37.0 <b>Scotland</b>	<b>3</b>	52.2% Switzerland	Switzerland
2411 Iceland	37.0 Croatia	<b>4</b>	52.2% Bulgaria	<b>Scotland</b>
2400 Turkey	35.5 Switzerland	<b>5</b>	52.0% Iceland	Iceland
2390 <b>Scotland</b>	35.0 Bulgaria	<b>6</b>	51.4% Croatia	Croatia

The table above only covers the first 6 countries (of 11) in each column. Apart from the countries mentioned above, we are also playing against Estonia, Finland and Norway.

At the time of writing, 368 games (83.6%) have been concluded, with 72 (16.4%) still in progress; but the continuing games will also probably include fewer draws and more decisive games – so it is still all to play for!

The first column (Seeding) is the order we might have predicted before the tournament started, because it is based on playing strength.

The second column (Points Scored – in other words the current leaderboard) gives the positions of the first six teams in the current tournament crosstable. This is probably the least useful set of information since what it mainly shows is how fast teams are playing. So the dramatic shift in fortunes in the space of four weeks doesn't mean very much in relation to the final standings. For example Lithuania, who were languishing in 7th place on 8 June, have shot up to 2nd

very quickly, whereas Denmark who were lying 4th on 8 June had apparently dropped out of the reckoning by 4 July.

The third column (Score percentage) gives the quality rather than quantity of early results. This is very encouraging for Scotland, the only team so far to have scored 7 wins (with one loss) whereas Lithuania have scored 6 wins without any losses.

The final column gives my own very rough predictions (for the placings in the final crosstable) which appear to be unchanged over the four-week period. Actually, on 16 June, I was predicting that Turkey might finish ahead of Croatia, in 6th place; but I subsequently reverted to my original prediction when one of the Turkish players (against expectations) lost a game on a time default.

The final result could be very tight and Scotland can still do very well indeed. A further update will appear in the next issue.

## Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Dec 2017	18	Scheming Mind	Server	15	15		
Jul 2017	21	Australia	Server	22½	18½		win
Apr 2017	21	Finland	Server	11½	24½		loss
Dec 2016	8	Indonesia	Server	9	6		win

We continue our tight match against Scheming Mind, and have completed the win over Australia. Some games remain in our fixtures against Finland and Indonesia. We are looking to start a match against Belgium soon.

## ICCF Congress 2018

This takes place in Llandudno, North Wales, from August 18-23. Gordon Anderson is our delegate and Alan Borwell plans to join for the last two days. The event will commemorate George Pyrich, whose wife Catherine will attend the closing dinner. A special edition of SCCA Magazine 140 will be included in all delegate packs.

## The Veterans' World Cup (VWC)

Here is a quick review of SCCA members' current participation in the VWC:

### VWC8

I believe I was the only Scottish representative in a VWC8 semi-final and, unfortunately, I made a mess of it. I made a bad mistake in one game and lost it. So I baled out with a lot of draws and will finish about 10th. You win some, you lose some!

### VWC9

The VWC9 semi-finals have just started. Geoff Lloyd and I are representing Scotland.

### VWC10

Scotland has been very well represented in the VWC10 preliminary round, although with mixed fortunes. Derek Coope has finished in 9th and 10th places in his two sections, pr6 and pr9. Brian Goodwin is also lying 9th in pr16, in which his 4 draws include one very creditable result against a 2407 player. The VWC is one of the few ICCF events where you can meet such players in the preliminary round. Meanwhile, Eoin Campbell is lying 7th in pr15, with two good wins to his credit.

Geoff Lloyd has completed his pr55 campaign with a solid score of 6/10, unbeaten and with two wins – though, on this occasion, it won't be enough for a semi-final qualification. With an element of good fortune, I have managed to qualify for two semifinals, through pr50 and pr51.

### VWC11

VWC11 will be getting under way very soon and now is the last chance to submit entries. So far, Scotland will be represented by Geoff Lloyd, Eoin Campbell, Colin Beveridge and Brian Goodwin. Is there another name? If you are over 60, it could be you. Good luck, one and all!

## NATT 7

In NATT 7, Scotland is contesting bottom place with Iceland. The respective scores are 32½ and 33, and both teams have two games remaining.

## NSTT 3

In NSTT 3, Scotland sits in second-bottom place with a score of 23/56 and 4 games still to finish. There is still some hope that we can catch Iceland, who have 24/60.

## Esko Nuutilanen Memorial Team Tournament

The team has now scored 22/46 and continues to sit in 8th place.

## General

A full list of available individual events and entry fees is available at our web site [www.scottishcca.co.uk](http://www.scottishcca.co.uk)

## Some Curious Facts and Figures

*(I've been delving into the ICCF website.....)*

When, in the last issue, I described the Scottish Team in the European Team Championship (ETC) as "punching above our weight", what exactly did I mean? One way of looking at it is that we are, on average, not as high-graded as some of our opponents. For example, even on Board 8, Kevin Paine's strongest opponent is a 2510 GM! The vast majority of the 88 players in our Semi-Final are 2300+ players, including the whole of the Scottish team.

Another way of looking at it is to review the resources at our disposal, the pool of players from which teams are drawn. There are 11 countries taking part in our ETC Semi-Final, and the number of 2300+ players each country has in its pool (in the new 2018/3 list, just released) is as follows:

### 2300+ Players

41	Switzerland
34	Bulgaria
32	Finland
30	Lithuania
19	Croatia
19	Denmark
18	Turkey
17	Norway
13	Iceland
12	Estonia
9	Scotland

So, yes, we are not just doing well, we are doing brilliantly! A note of caution: if we get to the Final we will be up against the likes of Germany, who have – wait for it! - 358 2300+ players. Still, they can only put 8 of them in the team and I think their top dogs will shy away from the ETC Final, when they hear the sound of distant bagpipes....

Scotland is a small country, in CC terms, and the latest 2018/3 rating list also allows us to see our own, personal world ranking. Scotland actually has 6 players in the world's top 1000:

### Rank:

313	Richard Beecham
456	Tom Matheis
576	Clive Murden
794	Alan Bell
924	Iain Mackintosh
1000	(exactly!) David Cumming

Put another way, 99.6% of the world's strongest CC players are not Scottish. :-(

I also noticed a strange disparity between the profiles of Scottish and Estonian players registered on the ICCF site. Whereas 16% of Scottish players are graded over 2300 (which is normal), 60% of active Estonian players were graded over 2300 (12/20, which is unusual). My first theory was that Scotland had a stronger tradition of domestic events, whereas Estonian players on the ICCF site had been

mainly brought together for international events. Plausible, but wrong. On checking the “inactive” ICCF list, I find there are 90 Estonian players altogether; and on Estonia’s own website, 200 names are listed, suggesting that there was, formerly, a rich history of domestic competitions. It seems that the vast majority of Estonian CC players have withdrawn from active play, whether through old age or disillusionment, I do not know.

When I told an OTB club colleague about the Veterans World Cup (VWC), and the advantages of having opponents all over the world, he asked “oh, that’s interesting, from which countries?” At the time I gave him a few examples; but I then went home and carried out a proper count.

Over seven seasons, I have so far played in 13 VWC tournament groups, including 9 preliminary groups and 4 semi-finals. So I checked the country of origin of all my VWC opponents, and the numbers from each. This is the result:

Germany (32 opponents); Russia (21); England (11); USA (10); Czech Republic, France (7 each); Australia, Lithuania (5 each); Bulgaria, The Netherlands, Norway, Slovakia, Poland (4 each); Belgium, Finland, Italy, Latvia, Spain, Romania (3 each); Austria, Canada, Croatia, Portugal, Slovenia (2 each); Argentina, Belarus, Israel, Denmark, Greece, Peru, Switzerland, Ukraine (1 each). So I have played opponents from 32 countries in all – just in the VWC.

In other ICCF events, I have played opponents from Brazil, Cape Verde, Columbia, Estonia, Hong Kong, Hungary,

Iceland, Japan, Luxembourg, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey, Venezuela, and Wales – another 16 countries. So that means I have played opponents from a total of 48 countries, 49 including Scotland – quite a variety of experience!

## 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](mailto:treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk) for more information. The usual method of subscribing is monthly standing order which spreads the annual cost.

## SCCA Championship 2017-18

### SCO/C2017, Scottish Championship 2017/18

		TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)															
Rated		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	✉ 620426 CCE Cumming, David R. 2306	█	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	7	4	27.5	0	1
2	✉ 620345 IM Mackintosh, Iain 2366	½	█	½	½	.	½	½	1	1	1	1	6.5	4	24.5	1	2
3	✉ 210717 Blake, Michael J. 2233	½	½	█	½	½	.	1	½	½	1	1	6	3	24	1	3
4	✉ 620586 Smith, Mark J. 2034	½	½	½	█	½	0	½ <sup>A</sup>	1	1	½	1	6	3	23.75	0	4
5	✉ 620613 Dawson, A. G. 2113	½	.	½	½	█	.	½	½	1	1	1	5.5	3	20	2	5
6	✉ 30222 IM Murden, Clive 2437	½	½	.	1	.	█	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	.	1	1	5	3	20.25	3	6
7	✉ 620204 IM Pyrich, George D. 2104	0	½	0	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	█	½	1	½	1	5	2	18.25	0	7
8	✉ 620716 Campbell, Eoin S. 2121	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	█	½	½	½	4	0	17.25	0	8
9	✉ 620635 Burridge, Raymond John 2142	0	0	½	0	0	.	0	½	█	1	1	3	2	8	1	9
10	✉ 620410 Goodwin, Brian J. 1829	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	█	1	2.5	1	8	0	10
11	✉ 620713 Gilbert, Robert 1780	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	█	0.5	0	2	0	11

There’s still no conclusion to this fascinating event, with five of the top six players still able to take an outright or shared lead in the competition. It’s a long time since we had so many top players in the field!



## Back to Chess Basics

By Peter Bennett

When, back in my youth, I first studied the game one abiding principle was drilled home by every chess writer. If you want to attack on (say) the kingside, first shore up your defence on the queenside. Put another way: defend first, then attack. Never simply abandon one wing in order to attack on the other. My opponent in this game broke that golden rule and the result is quite entertaining. Any reader who grants me the honour of playing it through should do so on a table with a real chess set, not on a screen. Yes, during the game both players were using an engine, such that all Black's moves were tactically plausible. But, in annotating the game nine months later, I have not rechecked the moves with an engine. My comments on White's 23rd move are taken from my own records and the rest are from memory.

**White: Bennett, Peter (2350)**  
**Black: Uifelean, Andrei (2139)**  
 VWC9pr48, 2017  
 Ruy Lopez, Bird's Defence [C61]  
*[Notes by Peter Bennett]*

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	Nd4
4.Nxd4	exd4
5.0-0	c6
6.Bc4	Nf6
7.Re1	d6
8.c3	Ng4
9.h3	Ne5
10.d3	Qb6
11.a4	dx3
12.Nxc3	Nxc4
13.dxc4	Be7
14.a5	

White gives due notice of a possible minority attack on the queenside.

14...	Qd8
15.Bf4	0-0
16.Qb3	Bg5
17.Bh2	Be6
18.Qxb7	Bd2
19.Red1	Qg5
20.h4	Qh6
21.Qxc6	Rfc8
22.Qb7	Rcb8



**23.a6!**

Ouch! Strategically, White is already winning.

**23...** Bg4  
 Black cannot respond 23...Rxb7??  
 24.axb7 Rb8 25.Rxa7 g6 26.Bxd6  
 Bf4 27.Bxb8 Bxb8 28.Ra8 Qf4  
 29.Rd8+ etc.

24.Rdb1	Be6
25.Bxd6	Re8
26.c5	Qxh4
27.Nb5	Rad8
28.Nc7	Rf8
29.Qxa7	

Completing the demolition of Black's abandoned queenside.

29...	xd6
30.cxd6	Bf4
31.Qd4	Qh2+



The remaining questions are these: (1) can the queen and two bishops flush out the White king from his castle? (answer, yes); and (2) can Black thereby wangle at least a draw? (answer, no). Now begins a long king march to escape the checks which, at a congress, might have

attracted a small group of onlookers...

32.Kf1	Be5
33.Qd3	Qh1+
34.Ke2	Bg4+
35.Kd2	Qh4
36.g3	Qf6
37.f4	Bxd6
38.Nd5	Bb4+
39.Nxb4	Qb6
40.Nd5	Qf2+
41.Kc3	Rc8+
42.Kb3	Rb8+
43.Ka2	



Black runs out of checks. He could resign now but tries a few more tactical skirmishes.

43...	Be2
44.Qc2	Qd4
45.Ne7+	Kf8
46.Nc6	Qc4+
47.Qxc4	Bxc4+
48.b3	Ra8
49.bxc4	Rxa6+
50.Na5	g5
51.Rb8+	Kg7
52.Kb3	

This is the kind of VWC game that puts a bit of simple fun back into CC!

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## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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 Entry 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 2018

#### Theme 3/18: King's Indian, Storm Attack, E76

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4  
Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

#### Theme 4/18: Scandinavian Defence, B01

1.e4 d5 2.exd5  
Entries by 15 November; play starts 1 December

### Webserver Events 2018

#### Theme 5/18 – Winawer Gambit, D10

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e5  
Entries by 31 August; play starts 15 September

#### Theme 6/18 – Ponziani Opening, C44

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4  
Entries by 15 October; play starts 1 November

Note there are no Email Events in 2018.

## News

- ❑ GM David Lafarga (ESP) died on June 9<sup>th</sup> after a fight against pancreatic cancer. A talented player and administrator, and another sad loss to the ICCF community.
- ❑ The new ICCF Marketing Director is Russell Sherwood (WLS), who was elected on June 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- ❑ The new ICCF Non-Title Tournament Commissioner (NTTC) is Neil Limbert (ENG), who was elected on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- ❑ The new ICCF Zone 4 Director is Everdinand Knol (RSA) who was elected on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- ❑ The new ICCF Tournament Registration system was announced by Services Director Austin Lockwood in April. All players can now enter new events online, with options for Direct Entry or registering via your National Federation. Further details can be found on the Notices page of this edition.
- ❑ The 2018 ICCF Congress will be held in the seaside resort of Llandudno, North Wales, from August 18-23.

Further details of all ICCF activities and events; entries to events, and orders for ICCF publications may be obtained via Gordon Anderson at: [international@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:international@scottishcca.co.uk)

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