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Editorial and News

by Iain Mackintosh

The feedback we got after the first e-mag was generally positive, and, where people had problems, they tended to be centred round unfamiliarity with the software required to receive and read the magazine.

As a result, our website now carries links to the download pages of both WinZip (the compress/decompress software), and Adobe Acrobat Reader (the software which allows you to read and print the magazine, and to follow any of the internet links inside it). If you haven't got much experience of these products, it's worth persevering with them. Both are industry standards, and can be used in many instances inside and outside the world of chess.

We have also tried to make the e-mag file size smaller as we gain more experience in making efficient use of web-publishing software. This should shorten your download times without reducing the amount of material you get.

Most internet service providers are able to receive the e-mag without problems, but Hotmail is something of an exception. If you have a Hotmail account, you might consider opening a second free account with another provider to ensure safe delivery of any sizeable email attachments.

For those of you receiving printed copies, there seem to have been no problems to report. Edition 74 should provide better page layouts, which offer a slight increase in the amount of material carried per page.

This edition features the recent AGM, with coverage of minutes, President's and Treasurer's reports and the 2000-01 Accounts. We look at the forthcoming merger between the SCA and SJCA, and continue with the newly-launched Website Review pages. The indefatigable Bernard Milligan makes his usual weighty contribution with further ChessBase analysis and the Games Column.

The AGM saw a new committee voted in, and we welcome Stuart Mackenzie as Treasurer, in something of a gamekeeper turned poacher switch! A number of our previous committee stood down on this occasion, and we have good cause to thank Iain Sneddon, Bernard Milligan, Tom Thomson and Pat Moir for their substantial contributions to the Association during their various periods in office.

The new committee has some vacancies which we will try to fill during the year. We would also be interested in any offers of help from our members, without them having to occupy a formal post - controlling a tournament, submitting a magazine article, and annotating some games for the Games Column are examples of areas where people can make a contribution without having to give up huge amounts of spare time.

News highlights this quarter have been many and varied - despite its relatively small size, the Association continues to operate a diverse programme of events, and is fortunate to have so many talented and energetic members.

Alan Borwell was awarded the title of Honorary Life President at the AGM in recognition of his truly outstanding contribution to both SCCA and ICCF over more than 20 years. The title is non-executive (ie it isn't part of the SCCA Executive Committee), but Alan has signed up for another committee stint in any case, and is acting as TD for our Bulletin 21st Anniversary tournament which started in June.

On the playing side, George Sprott has recently been confirmed as our 8th International Master (IM) after his performance in the 63rd European Championship Semi-Finals. At the pre-AGM Executive meeting, we formally confirmed Jonathan Lennox as our 21st Scottish Master (SM). Our warm congratulations go to both players for their fine achievements!

Three of our senior players are competing in the next cycle of ICCF World Championship semi-finals - Phil Giulian, Doug Finnie and Tom Craig. Play starts round about now, and we wish them all well.

Our friendly international against IECC started on schedule, though the first few results have seen us get a creaming! George Pyrich reports that we should start a 10-board friendly match against the BFCC during August.

The website has been getting something of a makeover recently - nothing hugely dramatic, though it looks a bit more colourful than previously. There have been lots of less obvious internal changes to establish some technical standards after the rapid growth in the amount of material published over the last year. Our immediate plans include the establishment of a members' area where e-magazines, games and other material can be downloaded by SCCA members only. This will require the issue of a simple identification and password, which will be sent to members with email addresses in due course.

Remember that you can now access the website using easy-to-remember names:

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

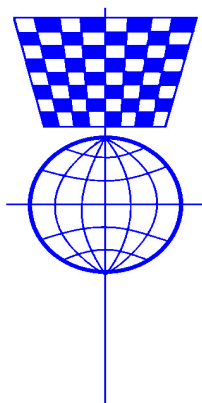
<http://www.scottishcca.com>

<http://www.scottishcca.org>

A useful feature is that office bearers can prefix their titles to form email addresses, eg. treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk. Mail sent to these addresses is redirected to the office-bearer's own personal email account, and can be easily switched if an official changes, or is away on holiday.

SCCA Page

Titles and Norms Awarded


















IM Title	George Sprott
SM Title	Jonathan Lennox
SM Norms	Douglas Neil, Bernard Milligan (2nd norms)
SM Norms	Iain Mackintosh, Iain Sneddon (1st norms)

Team v BFCC

Bd 1	Iain Mackintosh	Bd 2	Ken Stewart
Bd 3	David Brown	Bd 4	David Cumming
Bd 5	Iain Campbell	Bd 6	Ross Angus
Bd 7	Dave Savage	Bd 8	Ian Mitchell
Bd 9	Andrew Macmillan	Bd 10	Peter Mackenzie

Bulletin 21st Anniversary Line-Up

	Alan Rawlings		Jonathan Lennox		Christopher Fordham-Hall
	Bernard Milligan		Ralph Marconi		Richard Beecham
	David Blair		Nickolai Gurtovoi		Stephen Tatlow
	George Pyrich		John Mackie		Iain Mackintosh
	Franklin Campbell		George Sprott		Ted Greiner

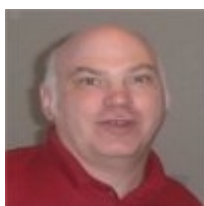
Membership

£8 is all it takes to get started! For £8, you become an annual member, you receive four copies of the SCCA magazine by email, and you can play email chess in our introductory tournaments.

After that, you pay as you go, depending on which types of event you want to play in. For example, a further £2 lets you play in friendly international matches; £3 per event gets you a place in the Challengers, Minors, Majors, Premiers or Quartets.

Higher graded players may wish to play in the Candidates and Championship events, which cost £5 per entry. All SCCA members are eligible to play in ICCF events, covering a wide range of playing strengths, and including thematic tournaments. Entry fees for ICCF events are shown on the SCCA website.

Interested? Email the SCCA secretary at: secretary@scottishcca.co.uk



New secretary Jim Anderson is looking for some volunteers to help with administration, membership and tournament control. If you can help, email Jim on: secretary@scottishcca.co.uk

100 Club

The 100 Club is an important source of revenue for the SCCA, and we are trying to increase the numbers of units sold - currently 70, but we'd like to hit three figures! Subscription is only £1 per unit per month, and there are two prizes to be won at each monthly draw. Recent winners have included the following, most of whom, despite reclusive urgings, have decided to keep their numbers in their local telephone directories:

July	1st	I Mackintosh
	2nd	W Cormack
June	1st	P M Giulian
	2nd	G S Livie
May	1st	J S Murray
	2nd	S Gillam

Interested? Email the SCCA treasurer at: treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk



ChessBase 7 Review Part 9

by Bernard Milligan

These CDs are suitable for any Pentium PC running Windows 95,98,2000 or ME, and come with their own reader so you don't even have to have a copy of ChessBase.



The Meran Variation comes about from the lines arising after 1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5. It has been part of the repertoire of players such as Kasparov, Kramnik, Anand and Shirov.

The "Meran Variation" by Alexey Dreev is an exceptionally well made chess CD. The author's introductory texts are highly instructive with all the important sub lines given full coverage. 116 of the games on the CD are annotated by Dreev, including a number of his own games, and a further 41 are annotated by Christopher Lutz. The annotations are top class and would be of great assistance to any Correspondence player either playing this variation or playing against it.

The Instruction database contains 935 games covering the period 1924 to 2000 whilst the Main database contains 5471 games. Over 800 of the games in the main database are Correspondence games. The CD also has a CTG tree and a training database of 18 games which I found very interesting. Somehow the sight of the clock ticking down as you search for the solution seems to sharpen the instincts. As usual, the easy access to games from the training text makes the use of the CD a pleasure.



The "Reti Opening" by Don Maddox has a Training database of 79 annotated games where once again you are pitted against the clock to find the best move. The Main database has a massive 31,918 games, over 1000 of which are annotated, and 6 Openings Reports generated by ChessBase. Transpositional games such as the King's Indian Attack can also be found in the main database. The openings CTG key is built from more than 14,00 games.

The author has set the CD out as he would a book, and the training texts cover a Foreword, an Introduction to the Reti, Basic Principles of the Reti, Advanced Reti Principles, The Art of Transposition, a short biography of Richard Reti and an introduction to the Training database.

Don Maddox has many years of experience as a chess trainer and this leaves its mark on the CD. Those players who like variety in their openings will enjoy this CD, as the Reti can develop in a number of different ways. After 1.Nf3 d5 anything is possible.



The "Dragon for Experts" by Attila Schneider covers all variations of the Dragon System of the Sicilian Defense after the starting moves 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6. The author is a renowned expert on this opening and has already published many books on it.

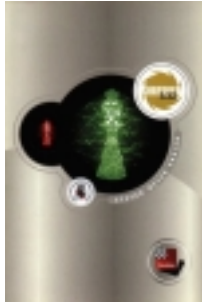
The Main database consists of 9316 games, over 600 of which are annotated. The Instructional database consists of 70 texts, 34 of which are the author's surveys with clear evaluations of each line in words and variations. The texts individually list lines or link directly to annotated games. Some of these games are, for example, headed chapter 3 or chapter 5 as would be the case if the material were being presented in a book. Indeed, working through the texts you almost get the feeling that you are reading a book. Of course the CD contains much more material than it would be possible to print in a single volume, but I would say that to get the best out of this CD, it helps to have at least a basic grounding in the Dragon System. Once again, the CD contains an openings CTG tree.



ChessBase 7 Review Part 9

by Bernard Milligan

ChessBase have just released three now playing programs, Shredder 5.32, Junior 7 and Deep Junior 7. All use ChessBase's GUI (Graphic User Interface) and their analysis modes could be useful to any Correspondence player wanting to analyse games they are looking at in researching their own play.



Shredder 5.32

Shredder is the reigning world champion in all sections (micro, open). The program proved its superb playing strength by winning the world championship titles in 1996 (Jakarta), 1999 (Paderborn) and 2000 (London). It has also won a number of other international computer tournaments. Shredder's playing strength is the result of extensive chess knowledge. This leads to a positionally intelligent playing style. In addition, its endgame abilities are legendary. In this phase of the game it is superior to all other chess programs.

The program comes complete with a gigantic new openings book and a 320,000 games database.



Junior 7

Both versions of this program were written by Amir Ban and Shay Bushinsky, and it has remained at the top of all international computer rating lists for many years now. At the Brain Games qualifier (April 2001), Deep Junior had the popular chess program Fritz on the ropes by going into a 5:0 lead in the 24- game match. Fritz had to work very hard to equalize in the very last game, and then win the playoff. Experts all over the world were deeply impressed by the ruthless attacking style that Junior displayed in this match. IM Hannu Wegner wrote: "The latest version of Junior has clearly made tremendous progress in tactics and especially in the execution of brilliant kingside attacks."



Deep Junior 7

Deep Junior is a multi-processor capable chess program that will run on computers with one, two or more processors. The program divides the task efficiently, and its speed increases with the number of processors. Junior profits from the experience and knowledge of leading grandmasters, like Boris Alterman, who was Garry Kasparov's second in the famed Internet game against the rest of the world. During this game, he was assisted by Deep Junior running on a four-processor system. GM Alterman has also contributed a giant openings book, optimized for Junior's playing style. This is included on the CD.

Junior won the Microcomputer World Championship in 1997, as well as the mammoth Cadaqués 2000 tournament of the world's leading programs. Both programs come complete with a gigantic new openings book and a 320,000 games database.



For full details of the ChessBase product range, visit their website on: www.chessbase.com



AGM Minutes 2001

by Iain Mackintosh

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh reported on a very eventful 12 months. A full text is attached.

Minutes of Last AGM

Accepted by all present.

Secretary's Report

Iain Sneddon reported verbally that, despite a membership drop, all domestic tournaments with the sole exception of the Openings event, were running this year. As well as encouraging new members via email modes of play, the Association needs to recruit extra controllers - Iain was TD for 4 events last year.

Treasurer's Report

Iain Mackintosh distributed a short report, plus the audited accounts. These were accepted by all present. Full texts are attached.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported verbally that the Association still "punches heavier than its weight" internationally, citing the current ICCF President and the success of the Scottish ICCF Email TT team members in gaining 2nd place in a strong event (certificates would be distributed at the September Congress). Individual entries to ICCF events were down this year, though we had three entrants in the next cycle of World Championship Semi-Finals.

Appointment of Auditor

Iain Mackintosh had written to David Jenkins and was awaiting his response. The new Committee would finalise the appointment at the earliest opportunity.

Election of Office Bearers

The following individuals were elected to office:

Position	Individual	Proposer	Seconder
President	Iain Mackintosh	George Pyrich	Bernard Milligan
Vice President	George Pyrich	Iain Mackintosh	Iain Sneddon
Secretary	Jim Anderson	Iain Sneddon	George Pyrich
Treasurer	Stuart Mackenzie	Iain Mackintosh	George Pyrich
Grading Officer	Raymond Baxter	Iain Sneddon	George Pyrich
General Member	Alan Borwell	George Pyrich	Bernard Milligan

The positions of International Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Assistant International Secretary and Membership & Publicity Officer were held vacant, and the new Committee will co-opt assistants. George Pyrich will act as ICCF Delegate, and as International Secretary pro tem.

Subscriptions

No changes were proposed by the outgoing Committee, and this was accepted by all present.

Constitution Changes

The proposals distributed with the order of business were accepted by all present.

AOB

1. All present agreed that Alan Borwell should have conferred on him the non-executive title of Honorary Life President of the Association, in recognition of his outstanding contribution over more than 21 years.
2. Minutes and reports of the new Committee should be made available to members on the forthcoming secure area of the Association website.

Solutions to Puzzle Page

Puzzle 1: 1.Rxh6! Kxh6 2.Rh1+ Kg7 3.Rh7+ Kg8 4.Ng4 [Threat Nh6#. Black decides to return the rook, but to little avail.] 4... Rxf4 5.gxf4 Kf8 6.Nf6 Nd8 [Mate on f7 was the threat.] 7.Nxd7+ Ke8 8.Nf6+ Kf8 9.Rf7+! Nxf7 10.Nxe6# Josselin-Kumur (1965)

Puzzle 2: 1.h6! [A complicated, but necessary way to create a passed pawn.] 1... Qc4+ [If 1... Qxh6 2.Qc8+ and 3.Qxc6 winning.] 2.Kf3 Qxa6 3.e5! Qa3+ 4.Kg2 Qxb4 5.exf6 gxh6 6.Qc8+ Kh7 7.Qd7+ Kg6 8.Qg7+ Kh5 9.f7 Qe4+ 10.Kh2 Qf4+ 11.Kg1 Qc1+ 12.Kg2! [And with this last little syncopated dance step by the White king, Black runs out of checks and resigns.] Mikhailchishin-Cvetkovic (1988)

Puzzle 3: 1.Qa4+! [Black resigns. 1... Qxa4 (or Qb5 or Rb5) 2.Rc8#.] Tal-Petrosian (1975)

Puzzle 4: 1.h7! Rxh7+ 2.Kg6 Rh4 3.f5+ Kd6 4.Nh6 Rh1 5.Nf7+! Kc7 6.Ng5 Kd6 7.f7 Rh8 8.Kg7 Ra8 9.f6! [If 9.f8=Q+? Rxf8 10.Kxf8 Ke5=] 9... Ke5 10.Nh7 Ra7 11.Kg6 1-0 Krumpachnik-Maksimenko (1998)

Puzzle 5: 1... f3! 2.gxf3 Bxh3 3.Rg1 Qh5 4.Rg5 Qh4 5.Kg1 [So far, all White's moves are forced. Now Black embarks on a further series of splendid forcing moves.] 5... Bh2+! 6.Kh1 [If 6.Kxh2 Bf1+!] 6... Bf1! 7.Qd1 [If 7.Qxf1 Bg3+! and mate on h2. Now, if 7... Bg3+ 8.Kg1 and White gains respite, but...] 7... Be2! [Closing the king's last escape route. If the bishop is captured, then 8... Bg3+ and mate in two, so White resigns.] Herman-Charousek (1896)

Puzzle 6: 1... Ne5! 2.Nxd4 Rxc2+! 3.Kh1 Rh2+! [And White resigned without waiting for 4.Kxh2 Ng4++ 5.Kg1 Bh2#.] Corody-Benko (1951)



President's Report 2000-01

by Iain Mackintosh

General

A very eventful first 12 months from my perspective, and, at the risk of duplicating parts of other reports, the highlights for me were:

Membership

A 12% drop in annual members was recorded, in line with the general downturn in chess numbers across Scotland, and moving us close to critical mass for our established domestic tournaments. However, we saw a considerable interest in our email quartets and need to tap this source in the coming year. Last year saw the sad, sudden death of David Ellis, then playing in the Championship. We dealt with one disciplinary case (Stephen Hilton).

Committee

Lots of movement this year - for various reasons we've had 4 treasurers, 2 secretaries, 2 international secretaries and 2 magazine editors! Four members are now stepping down, and all (particularly our long-serving members) are due a considerable vote of thanks for their contributions to the Association.

Policies

A full review of our major operating policies was undertaken and published in Magazine 73. We expect to introduce membership and playing changes next year, and to thoroughly review our constitution during the coming 12 months.

Finances

Deficits this year (and next) to report, but our underlying position remains healthy as long as we retain a solid core of annual members. Full details are in the Treasurer's report.

Playing

Our range of domestic and international events is still amazingly wide for a small Association. Full details of individual and team performances are contained in the secretary's, international secretary's and grader's reports. My top selections are Richard Beecham's perfect score in the 2000-01 Championship, Tom Craig's IM title and the Scottish team claiming 2nd place in the ICCF Email TT Final - congratulations to them and all other prize, title and norm winners!

Website

Our 3rd anniversary was recorded in March, and we have had a big increase in both published content and visitor hit rates this year. The site has been well received by the chess world at home and overseas. Sections of the site are currently undergoing makeovers (style sheets and some extra colour), and we will shortly introduce a secure area for magazine and annotated games browsing and downloading. A big thanks to contributors (especially Bernard) - would controllers please remember to advise results as they are received this year.

Magazine

21 years of Alan & Moira concluded this year and were warmly applauded by everybody (and are now commemorated by a special anniversary tournament). One edition of the new web-based magazine has been successfully published and distributed via email and printed copies. We expect to progressively expand our use of technology to produce future editions.

Honorary Life President

In recognition of Alan Borwell's outstanding contribution to the Association, I will be proposing to the AGM that we confer on him the non-executive title of Honorary Life President.



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This CD contains a huge selection of CC, email and fax games, with about 30,000 fully annotated. PGN, ChessBase and Chess Assistant formats are supported, and all Chess Mail magazines up to 8/2000 are on the CD in PDF format. Excellent value at £27 (33% discount if upgrading from MegaCorr1).



Accounts 2000-01

by Iain Mackintosh

	1999-2000		SCCA Profit and Loss Account		2000-2001	
Income	Expenses	Net		Income	Expenses	Net
			General			
436.50			Annual Members (75@£5)	375.00		
120.00			Life Members (1@£80)	80.00		
480.00			Donations	159.00		
39.30			SCA Grant	480.00		
			Bank Interest	73.81		
	28.28		Bank Charges		18.07	
	200.00		Stationery and Printing			
	22.80		Committee Expenses		110.00	
	25.00		SCA Affiliation Fee		25.00	
	23.17		ICCF Affiliation Fee		25.00	
	70.00	<u>706.55</u>	Auditor Fee		70.00	<u>919.74</u>
			Domestic Competitions			
373.00			Individual Entry Fees	214.00		
62.00			Team League Fees	58.00		
12.00			Adjudication Fees			
	189.00		Prizes and Trophies		203.90	
	259.64	<u>-1.64</u>	Controllers' Expenses		127.02	<u>-58.92</u>
			International Competitions			
34.00			International Match Fees	24.00		
			Entry Fees			
			Adjudication Fees			
			Prizes and Trophies			
		<u>34.00</u>	Controllers' Expenses			<u>24.00</u>
			ICCF Competitions			
51.48			Individual Entry Fees	172.00		
		<u>51.48</u>	Individual and Team Fees		153.76	<u>18.24</u>
			Magazine			
			New Magazine Email (75@£3)	225.00		
			New Magazine Printed (28@£5)	140.00		
409.00			Old Magazine Advertising Revenue	400.00		
1365.00			Old Magazine Sales	48.00		
	1710.95		Old Magazine Print Costs		1875.00	
		<u>63.05</u>	Old Magazine Postage Costs		623.78	<u>-1685.78</u>
			Website			
			ISP Connection Fees (Donation)	105.74	105.74	
	47.80	<u>-47.80</u>	Domain Registration Fees (Donation)	49.05	49.05	<u>0.00</u>
			100 Club			
278.00			Units Bought	754.00		
			Prizes		385.00	
	35.00	<u>243.00</u>	Lottery Licence		17.50	<u>351.50</u>
			Other			
	780.00	<u>-780.00</u>	ICCF Delegate Travel		1400.00	<u>-1400.00</u>
3660.28	3391.64	<u>268.64</u>	Surplus/Deficit	3357.60	5188.82	<u>-1831.22</u>



Balance Sheet 2000-01

by Iain Mackintosh

Bank Summary

	Opening	Payins	Withdrawals	Transfers	Closing
Clydesdale Current	3657.18	55.71	-1882.45	-1830.44	0.00
Clydesdale Deposit	2305.85	475.60	0.00	-2715.69	65.76
Bank of Scotland Current	0.00	2260.61	-2600.74	4546.13	4206.00
Nationwide	1610.96	45.60	0.00	0.00	1656.56
National Giro	19.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.00
Totals	<u>7592.99</u>	<u>2837.52</u>	<u>-4483.19</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>5947.32</u>

Liabilities

	Creditor	Debtor	
Uncashed Controllers' Expenses	3.65		
Old Magazine Printing	375.00		
Competition Prizes and Trophies	198.90		
Uncashed 100 Club Prizes	35.00		
Audit Fee	70.00		
Bernard Partridge Competition Prizes	1350.00		
Prepaid 100 Club Units	48.00		
Old Magazine Advertising Revenue		400.00	
Sub-Totals/Net	<u>2080.55</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>-1680.55</u>

Net Assets at 31 March 2001

4266.77

Capital Account

Balances B/F	7259.99
Prior Year Adjustment (BPM Prize Fund)	-1162.00
Surplus/Deficit	-1831.22
Balances C/F	<u>4266.77</u>

Treasurer's Report 2000-01

General

This is something of a stand-in report, as we went through a few office bearers during the year. David Kilgour was President & Treasurer as last year ended, and we then had a short gap with no treasurer. Iain Sneddon did a stint as Secretary & Treasurer, then handed over to Pat Moir around November. Pat resigned in early April, and I've looked after things since then.

Bank Accounts

We decided to close Clydesdale accounts this year, as they were charging us on a business account basis, and paying very little interest. Pat Moir set up a Bank of Scotland account in Perth, and there are a number of transfer payments in the accounts as a result. The Clydesdale deposit account book has gone missing (though we have all the statement records). We can also find no trace of the National Giro account reported in previous years - we have assumed we still have a £19 deposit there.

Accounts Presentation

We are now showing a number of mini-accounts, in line with new SCCA Financial Policy, to show whether things like competitions and magazine production are individually breaking even (or not). The allocation of income and expenses to these mini-accounts is fairly accurate given the constraints of the numerous changes in personnel and banking arrangements listed above.

Deficits

We will run a deficit this year and next. This year can be explained by the change in magazine subscriptions (we lowered the magazine fees last June, so we have high old magazine expenses, and low new magazine income). Next year we will have to pay the prize fund for the Bernard Partridge Memorial event, which had previously been listed as a liability, but only to the extent of £188. The income for this event was received back in 1996!

Other Notes

1. Membership and competition fee income declined in line with the drop in annual members.
2. 100 Club income improved sharply as a result of Pat Moir's promotional efforts.
3. ICCF delegate travel increased as a result of the Florida venue.
4. Budgeted costs for new magazine production look accurate at this point in time.

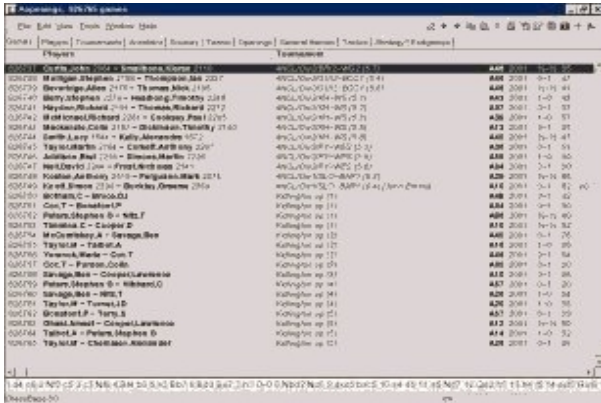
Forward Budget

The Executive committee has received a budget forecast spreadsheet, which attempts to look at an "average" year from now on (ie the magazine fees and Bernard Partridge deficits are excluded). Our underlying position looks reasonably healthy, providing that a core annual membership is maintained.



Database Window

In this article I will look at the search features which can be used from the database window. Simply double click your left mouse button on a DataBase symbol to open it.



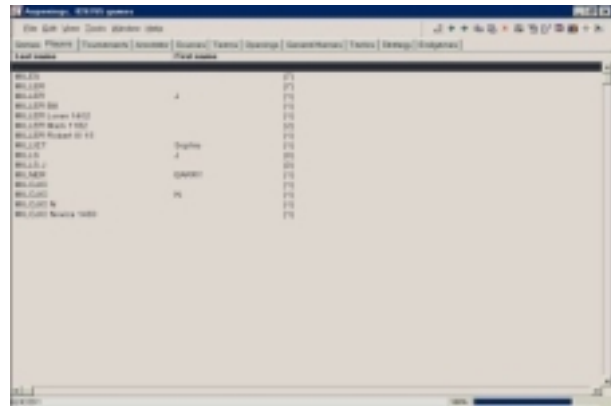
The database opens with the standard games list but at the top there are a number of other tabs which can be selected. These are Players, Tournaments, Annotator, Sources, Teams, Openings, General themes, Tactics, Strategy and Endgames. The database may or may not have all or any theme keys installed depending on whether you have created the database yourself, by collecting games from the web or other sources, or have purchased a high quality ChessBase database with them already installed. If a key isn't installed, then you will be presented with an option to install that key when you click on that tab.

If you are working with a very large database it can take perhaps 30 minutes or several hours for ChessBase to install a key, but as this is a one off job the results can be worth it. The size of your dataBase and the speed of your PC obviously affect how long it will take to install a key.

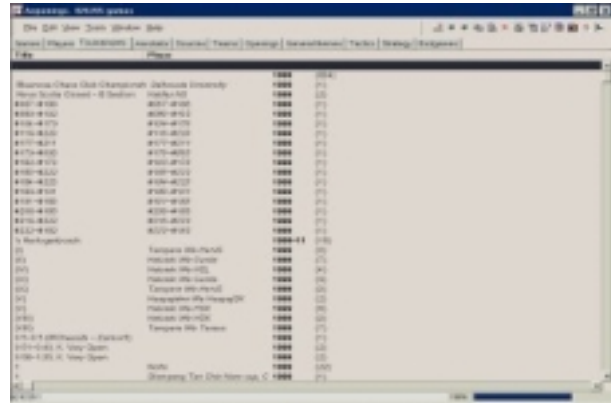
A common feature of all the following windows is that after you have started progressing through the list, you will see two dots at the top of any list displayed. Double clicking on these two dots will take you back to the previous list displayed for that window.

Players Tab

Selecting this tab displays an alphabetical list (A-Z). Double clicking on a letter will further refine the list displayed until you eventually reach a list of players beginning with a particular surname. You can then double click on that player's name to see a list of their games and double click on any of those games to play through them. With a small database you may get a full list of surnames displayed on the first screen.

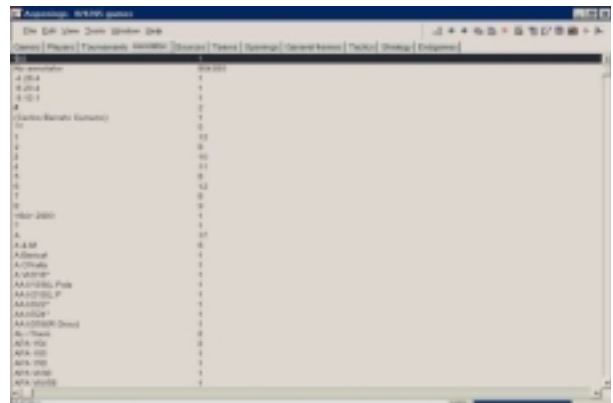


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Selecting this tab displays a list of years. Double clicking on a year will give a list of tournaments for that year. Double clicking on a tournament will then give a list of the games for that tournament and you can double click on a game to play through it. Small databases may skip the year list and give a list of all tournaments in the database.

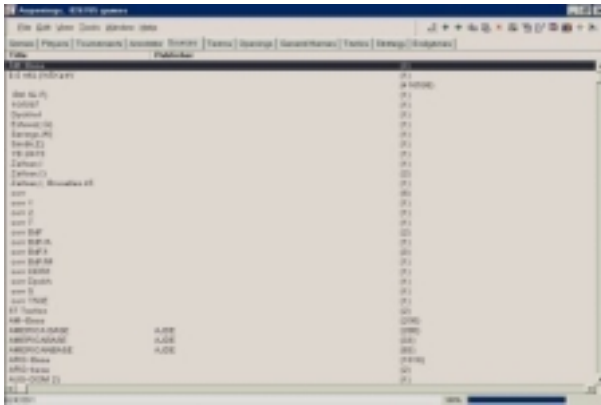
Annotator Tab





Many games are annotated either by one of the players involved or by someone else. So, if your database contains such games this will allow you to see a list of the annotators. If you have a favourite, then double clicking on their name will give a list of games they have annotated, and you can then double click on a game to play through it.

Sources Tab

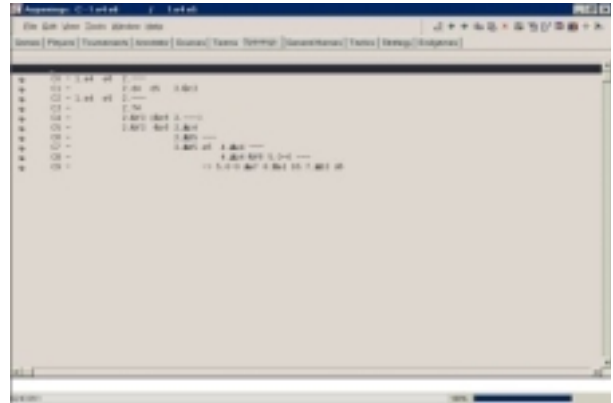


Many DataBases will have been built up from other sources. This is particularly true if you have been building up your own large collection of games. In my own case, I have organized my collection into 5 large databases by ECO code (A00-A99, B00-B99, C00-C99, D00-D99 and E00-E99.) These have been collected from various sources, including other CDs I have purchased. The Sources Tab therefore displays a list of sources such as CBM 74 (ChessBase Magazine 74 CD). Double clicking on a source will list the games in the database from that source.

Teams Tab

I haven't included a picture of this screen as my databases don't have games listed by team. If yours does, you will get a list of teams and you can select those to play through games. As with all chess databases, the quality of the information contained depends much on the person who has input the game in the first place. If that person hasn't included information that a particular game was played in a team event, then ChessBase can't add it to the team list. I am just as guilty of this omission. I enter a number of games played in the Borders' League, which is a team event, but never include the team information.

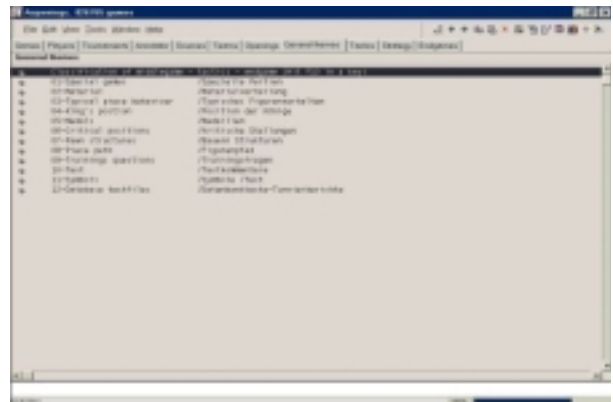
Openings Tab



This is perhaps the most familiar tab list to ChessBase users. By double clicking on the options you can move through a list of selections by move order. You will reach a list of games which have used the opening move order that you have been selecting. Double clicking on a game then allows you to play through it.

The last four tabs available are probably underused by most players, but if you want to seriously study the game of chess they are well worth a look at.

General Themes Tab

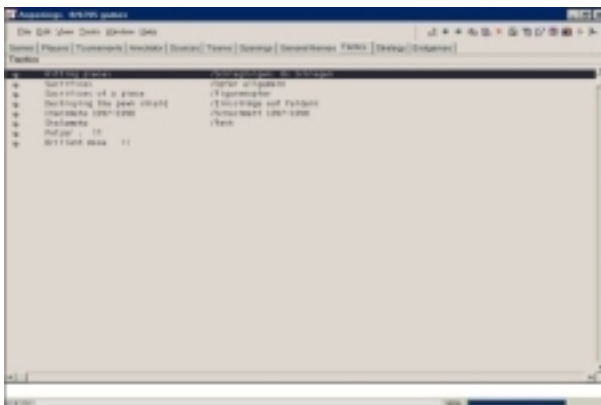


The first screen list things such as Special Games, Material, Typical Piece Behavior, Critical Positions, Pawn Structures, Piece Path, Training Questions and several others. For example, many annotators may include a training question in a game. The game appears to end at a specific point but when you select that move, you are presented with a training question where you may have to find the best move.



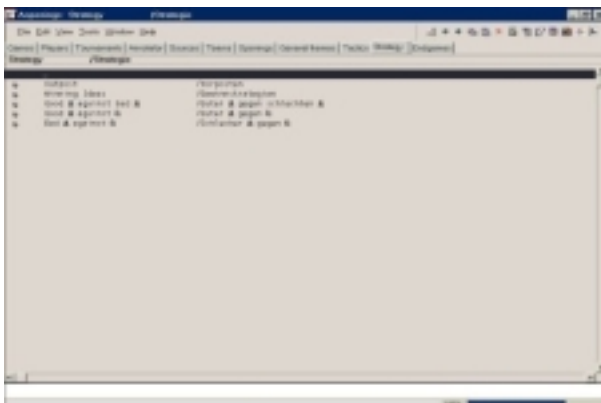
Playing that move on the board allows you to progress further through the games, and there may be further questions as you progress. A very useful tool to help you develop your chess skills. Double clicking on King's position will help you find games, for example, where White has castled Queenside. Double clicking on Material will help you find, for example, games where two Bishops are pitted against two Knights.

Tactics Tab



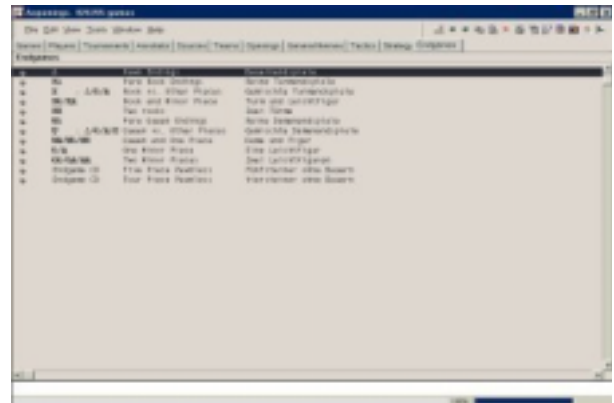
The opening screen list things such as Hitting Pieces, Sacrifices of a Piece, Destroying the Pawn Shield, Checkmate, Stalemate, Patzer (Blunder) and Brilliant move (which incidentally never seems to be the case for any of my moves). The titles are all pretty self-explanatory, and selecting them allows you to play through games on that theme.

Strategy Tab



This includes Strategy, Pawn Structures and Motiv Openings. Selecting Strategy will allow you to investigate, for example, good bishop versus bad bishop, and play through the relevant games.

Endgames Tab



The opening list gives Pawn Endings, Pure Rook Endings, Rook and Minor Piece, two Rooks, Pure Queen Endings, Queen versus Other Pieces, Queen and Other Piece, One Minor Piece, Two Minor Pieces, Five Piece Pawnless, and Four Piece Pawnless. Selecting any refines the options available, and you can get down to whatever specific type of ending you wish to study, particularly if you also own ChessBase's excellent endgame CDs. Once you get down to the games list, selecting a game allows you to play through it, and the game is opened up at the point where that particular ending theme begins. For those of you who feel you are weak at endings, this could be a great help.

SCCA Magazine Back Numbers



A limited number of copies of Magazine 72 are available at the reduced price of £2 per copy. This edition is the last of the series produced by Alan and Moira Borwell, and is thus something of a collector's item! Please make cheques and postal orders payable to the SCCA, and send them to: Iain Mackintosh, 7 Tullylumb Terrace, Perth PH1 1BA



SCA/SJCA Merger



Out there in the great beyond, where the herd instinct and family values are still operating much as ever, our OTB cousins have drawn inspiration from the financial pages and are awash with merger fever.

Even if you're the most hardline, anorak-enveloped, keyboard-battering manifestation of the correspondence species, you have to agree that the OTB community have reason on their side. This article brings you up to date with the thinking behind the merger, and previews the inaugural meeting of the new organisation, scheduled for mid-August.

What's In A Name?

The SCA Board and SJCA Executive have recommended adopting a new name for the merged organisation, and prefer the modern *Chess Scotland* to the more traditional alternative of *Scottish Chess Federation*. *Chess Scotland* will represent the continuation of the Scottish Chess Association (founded 1884) and the Scottish Junior Chess Association (founded 1967).

Advantages Of Merger

better focus on grass roots youth development

New opportunities are emerging as the climate for schools chess development improves, with the recognition that competitive sport in schools is fundamental to world class performance re-emerging. There are no greater priorities to delivering future success than to build on the strong foundations created during the 30 years or so which the SJCA has existed. Youth chess in Scotland is certainly down in activity, if not in the strength at the top. That feeds through to lower numbers of young people in congresses and clubs, and to a general weakening of the infrastructure of Scottish chess.

better alignment of key priorities

The proposed Strategy Group will consult widely in reaching a view on *Chess Scotland's* approach and the key strategies to be adopted in developing chess throughout Scotland.

more efficiency by combining similar functions eg membership processing

A merger will bring administrative improvements such as treating all membership together, with one membership database administered by one individual rather than the duplication of work and systems we have now.

better benefits eg family membership

Merging will allow packages to be offered for families e.g. father and son able to join as a group and enjoy a financial saving.

allows focus on shared issues and interests

Removal of discussion about who promotes any particular activity and whether there should be a financial transfer between the two organisations will help encourage better concentration on what we are trying to achieve within chess in Scotland.

Shared Objectives

The basic objective is to increase the number of strong players at each age from the current low levels. This can to some extent only be achieved when grass roots activity is greater.

There must be better information available to parents at an early stage. Feedback from top players and youth organisers will help in its construction and feedback has been instigated. The material must set guidance on aspirations, giving examples of the wider chess events available. It should include the usual international events (eg. tri-nation, world youth, European youth, Glorney cup, and an international match against the Welsh or an alternative country). There should also be wider scope for young players to go to weekend congresses in England, and in particular the BCF Youth Squad weekend [subject to BCF agreement] to help achieve a better balance and widen perspectives beyond simply junior events.

How Are Existing Members Affected?

Very straightforwardly. Membership will carry over to the new organisation with exactly the same benefits as previously available from the SCA or SJCA respectively. When that membership expires, an invitation to renew would be issued by *Chess Scotland*.

New Organisation Structure

The structure is designed to give greater emphasis to development than at present by the separation of development and mainstream *Chess Scotland* work. It achieves this by having a separate Strategic Group to set and monitor key developments, whilst an Executive group monitors mainstream activity. The key aspects of the different meetings or groups are:

AGM

The AGM would exist to approve the annual report and elect some of the Directors [and specific further posts such as FIDE Delegate]. It and an SGM would be the only forums with scope to change the constitution or remove office-bearers appointed by the AGM. Members may serve in more than one office-bearing capacity.



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New Organisation Structure

Council

The Council would comprise key stakeholders eg leagues/regional associations, congresses, clubs, individuals and the elected office-bearers. Selection of representatives for the membership categories above would be by ballot separately from the AGM or Council meetings. The Council will normally meet twice per annum. The Council will appoint the Membership, Grading and Publications Directors, which may or may not be remunerated posts.

Proposed Office-Bearers

President: to chair general meetings and meetings of Council.

Executive Director: to run the Executive Group. The Executive Group acts as the secretariat of the organisation delivering central support services and comprises the Executive, Membership, Grading and Publications Directors.

Strategic Director: to run the Strategic Group.

Finance Director: to control the finances of the organisation.

Director of Schools Project: to promote all schools activity.

Director of home chess: to run all normal *Chess Scotland* tournaments (all ages).

Promotions Director: to run marketing and sponsorship activity.

Technical Director: to run Arbiters Group and input to FIDE on rules.

International Director: to run the International Group covering all ages, and including targeted training.

Regional Director: to liaise with regional associations and leagues.

Junior Auditor: to ensure junior issues were adequately represented across the new organisation during a transitional period of at least two years after the merger.

Membership and Fees

Proposed membership fees for *Chess Scotland* would be age based, with the basic membership fee for players aged 17 or below set at approximately 60% of the adult rate, and for players aged 14 or below set at approximately 40% of the adult rate. The additional cost for the magazine *Scottish Chess* would also be scaled down, subject to the additional cost being not less than the marginal cost of production and issue of the magazine. No reduction would apply to Patron or Life membership.

Annual family membership would be available with or without *Scottish Chess*. The fees would be set on the principle of a 25% reduction on the fees otherwise chargeable, though a pragmatic approach to simplify charges is also being considered.

Membership Processing

One of the benefits of merger would be the ability to use a central database of members, facilitating family membership.

The SCA is developing a membership processing facility based on Microsoft Access databases. The system is being developed by George Anderson and is intended to be a single user system (though access to the database may be made available either by email update or through a controlled part of the SCA website) scottishchess.com. The database will also be used to allow a section of the website to be made available for members only. Software for this has already been developed by Donald Holmes, with the intention of making added value services [e.g. annotated games] available in the protected area of the site.

Work is being done in parallel with the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association who are also pursuing holding e-mail addresses which can be used for a future e-version of the bi-monthly magazine *Scottish Chess*.

International Aspirations

International chess would be run by a group of about 6 people led by the International Director. The group - mixing strong players, organisers, and age groups - would be appointed by Council and be accountable to them. A key objective will be to encourage younger members of the group to take greater control over its running.

The International Liaison group would be a wider group of top players and organisers who should be informed and, where appropriate, consulted on proposed activity. In particular this group should be consulted on the plans for the forthcoming year (though decisions remain with the International Group). The FIDE/ECU delegate feeds into the international group with relevant information about future youth events for selection etc.

The international group will appoint groups to make selections for adult and junior events, and to run the youth squad. Once appointed they will be responsible for decision making within agreed plans and budgets. The plans put forward by each group would be put to the International Group for agreement, and would include broad details of the intended plans and events to be entered.

Selection groups would comprise either strong players [adult] or coaches [junior], with a chairman whose key objective is to ensure proper process is applied.



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Inaugural Meeting of Chess Scotland

The AGMs of the Scottish Chess Association and Scottish Junior Chess Association both voted in favour of the merger and the inaugural meeting of *Chess Scotland* will be held on Sunday 19th August 2001 starting at 1.45 pm, in Glasgow University College Club, University Avenue, Glasgow. Formal notice has been issued to all members of both organisations.

The new structure will allow adult and junior organisers to continue with the work they each do, but will remove duplication in, for example, membership services, and will enable *Chess Scotland* to offer parent/child family membership. The organisers are also keen to bring in new people to the new structure, to spread the load and provide new energy to move chess in Scotland forward.

The order of business for the meeting on 19th August, and the draft constitution are now published on the SCA website. This is to allow any proposals to amend the draft constitution, or to appoint office-bearers, to be made. These proposals should be made in writing or by e-mail to SCA Membership Director Sam Collins before 4th August 2001.

No proposals to amend the constitution or appoint office-bearers received after this date (including verbally at the meeting) will be considered. You can contact Sam at 15 Hope Street, Glasgow, G2 3AP (tel/fax 0141 221 6464 or by e-mail office@scottishchess.com).

The final order of business will be published on scottishchess.com on 5th August. If you wish a copy posted to you, please ask Sam to arrange it for you. SCA/SJCA members who are unable to attend may appoint a proxy to vote on the specific proposals published. A proxy form will also be available on the website.

A Council Meeting will be held immediately following the inaugural meeting, and the agenda will also be posted on the website around 5th August.

The last round of the Scottish Boys and Girls Championship will coincide with the inaugural meeting, and members are invited to wait for the prize-giving and congratulate the first champions of *Chess Scotland*. Depending on available time, a 5-minute tournament or chess talk will be arranged after the meeting and before the prize-giving. Please attend and be part of a piece of Scottish chess history!



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Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

One of the benefits of ICCF Membership is the opportunity to play against foreign opposition, so it's always a pleasure to include such games in this column.

The last issue kicked off with a Saemisch King's Indian from Michael Jessing, so it is a pleasure to begin this time out with one provided by Jonathan Lennox.

ICCF World Championship 24
White: A Hanauer
Black: C J Lennox
Saemisch King's Indian [E81]
[Annotator C J Lennox]

1.c4	g6
2.Nc3	Bg7
3.d4	d6
4.e4	Nf6
5.f3	0-0
6.Be3	c5
7.dxc5	dx5
8.Qxd8	Rxd8
9.Bxc5	Nc6
10.Nd5	Nd7
11.Bxe7	Nxe7
12.Nxe7+	Kf8
13.Nd5	Bxb2
14.Rb1	Bg7
15.Ne2	Nc5
16.Nec3	Bd7



All theory so far.

17.Kd2
 NCO gives 17.Be2 Rac8 18.0-0 Rc6! with the tactical point 19.Rb5 Ra6 20.Rxc5 Bd4+. Hanauer's audacious Kaiser avoids that trap and aims to defend his weaknesses, but this involves marching into a minefield.

17... **Rac8**
18.Be2 **Be8!**
 A satisfying move after a gambit! The point is that 18...Rc6 could now be well met by 19.Rb5, so a route is opened for the other Rook to reach a6.

19.Kc2 **Rd6**
20.Rhd1 **Ra6**
21.Rb4 **Ra3**
 Clearly inviting the reply. Afterwards however I preferred 22.Rc1.

22.Kb2 **Rxc3**
 This only leads to a draw, but Black's position can hardly be improved so there's no sense in giving White time to consolidate.

23.Nxc3 **a5**



24.Rb3 **Na4+**
25.Kc2 **Nxc3**
26.Rxc3 **Ba4+**

Bishops can sometimes make Rooks look very clumsy!

27.Rb3 **b5**
 The sting in the tail, with a faint hope of 28.Kb1 bxc4 29.Rc1 c3 30.Rb2 c2+ 31.Rxc2 Bxc2+ 32.Rxc2 Rb8+ 33.Kc1 Bh6+! but in fact :

28.c5 **Rxc5+**
 1/2-1/2



One of my ICCF tournaments this season sees me playing in the 5th North Atlantic Team Tournament. There is some very tough opposition but I couldn't wish for a nicer bunch of opponents. Júlio Flores is one of my opponents and he has kindly sent in the following game for the games column.

Júlio did say his English wasn't too good, and I could make alterations as I felt fit. To be honest, I found his annotations perfectly acceptable so I have left them alone. His English is certainly better than my Portuguese, which is non-existent.

EU/M/GT/266, 1990
White: P Elagin
Black: J Flores
Sicilian Dragon [B70]
[Annotator Julio Flores]

This game was played 12 years ago. At the end of the game I was pleased by drawing it. But late analyzes shows that I miss a better end game and a possible win. So, in the tie-break I was second in the Tournament and my opponent was qualified to the European Championship...

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cx5
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	g6
6.Be2	Bg7
7.0-0	0-0
8.Bg5	Nc6
9.Nb3	Bd7
10.Kh1	Rb8
11.f4	b5
12.Bxb5	



Elagin played a move that I don't found anywhere. I beginning to think...by my self.

12...	Nxe4
13.Nxe4	Rxb5
14.Nxd6	Rxg5
15.Nb7	



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At this moment I was suspicious that my opponent was playing in a knowing line because he was playing rapidly (his only mistake), then I run to the Informators and I found that analyzes of the game Szell - Liptay, Hungary, 1986 shows that 15...Qc7 16.fxc5 Qb7 17.Nc5 Qb5 18.Nd7 Rd8 19.Qf3! Qc4 20.b3 Qe6 21.Nc5 Qd5 22.Rad1 Qc5 23.Qf7 Kh8 24.Rd8 +/- . Oh my God! I was losing the game! I committed a basic error suposing that we was in a new line, in a new way in the Sicilian Dragon. We was not! Note: I found also that 14...Rb8!? (instead of my 14...Rg5) 15.Nc4 Be6 and black has compensation. In a brainstorm I found...

15... **Qc8!** ♣
16.fxc5 **Bg4**
 and now the queen lose the square f3. Worse was 16...Qxb7 17.Nc5 Qxb2 18.Rb1± (18.Qxd7?! Qb5 19.Nb3 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Qc4 ♣)



17.Nd6 **exd6**
18.Qxd6 **Bxb2**
19.Rae1 **Bc3**
 19...BF5! 20.Re2 ♣ Rd8 21.Qc5 Qa6 22.Rfe1 Be6 23.Re4
20.Re4

20.Re3 Nb4 21.Re4 Nxc2 22.Ra4 ♣

20... **Rd8?**
 The key move. With this I lost the possibility to win the tournament. Better was 20...Be6! ♣

21.Qc5= **Be5**
22.Rxe5 **Nxe5**
23.Qxe5 **Qxc2**
24.Qe7 **Rd7**
25.Qe8+ **Kg7**
26.Qe5+ **Kg8**
27.Qe8+ **Kg7**
28.Qe5+ **Kg8**
29.Qe8+ 1/2-1/2



I continue now with another game from the Bernard Partridge Memorial. Liban van Damme, from Belgium, has had an excellent tournament and has progressed to the final round where he is doing well (6/9 with no losses so far) and is currently placed third with three games still in progress. As I mentioned, when I included another of Liban's games in the last magazine, Liban has sent a few games, so you may see more in future editions of the magazine.

Bernard Partridge Memorial Semi Finals, 1998.

White: L van Damme

Black: H Starke

English Opening [A29]

[Annotator L van Damme]

1.c4 **Nf6**
2.Nc3 **e5**
3.Nf3 **Nc6**
4.g3 **Bb4**
5.Nd5 **Bc5**
6.d3

Prevents intrusion on e4. 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 0-0 8.e3 Bb6!? 9.d4 Re8 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.d5 Ne7 12.Nd2 b5! Lautier, J- Epishin, V/Tarrasa 1991.

6... **Nxd5**

6...h6 7.a3
 (7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.e3
 (9.Nc3! ♣ Stean-Lein/Vrsac/1979.)
 9.Bd2 Nxd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.b4 Bb6
 12.a4 a6 13.Qb3 Bd7 14.Bc3 Nf5 15.e4
 Ne7 16.d4 f6 17.Nd2 exd4 18.Bb2 Ng6
 19.Nf3 d3 20.Qxd3 Ne5 21.Qb3 Nxf3+
 22.Qxf3 Qe7 23.Rfe1 Rae8 24.a5 Ba7
 25.Rac1 c6 26.Qd1 1/2-1/2 Gheorghiu, F-
 Portisch, L/Petropolia izt 1973.)
 9...Bg4!?



(a) 9...Nxd5 10.cxd5 Ne7 11.d4±
 (b) 9...a5 10.Nc3

(10.b3 Nxd5 11.cxd5 Ne7 12.d4 exd4 13.Nxd4 Qd7 14.Bb2 c6 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.Qc2 Bb7 17.Rfd1 Rfd8 18.Rac1 Qe8 19.a3 Qf8 20.Qc3 Bb6 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Rab8 23.Nb3 Ba6 24.Ra1 Be2 25.Rd2 1/2-1/2, Hueber, R- Karpov, An/Bad Kissingen/1980.)

(10...Ba7 11.a3 Nh7 12.Kh1 Bg4 13.Qc2 f5 14.Nb5 Qd7 15.Nxa7 Rxa7 16.b3 Raa8 17.Ng1 Rae8 18.Bd2 Nf6 19.f3 Bh5 20.b4 b6 21.Bh3 Bf7 22.Ne2 axb4 23.axb4 Ne7 24.b5 Rd8 25.d4 c6 26.bxc6 Qxc6 27.Rac1 Rc8 28.dxe5 dxe5 29.Bb4 Ned5 30.Bxf8 Nxe3 31.Qc3 Nxf1 32.Bb4 Bh5 33.Rxf1 e4 34.Bg2 Qxc4 35.Qxc4+ Rxc4 36.Be7 Nd5 37.Nf4 Nxf4 38.gxf4 e3 39.Re1 e2 40.Kg1 Rxf4 41.Kf2 g5 42.Bd6 Rd4 43.Bc7 b5 44.Rxe2 Bf7 45.Rb2 Bc4 46.Be5 Rd1 47.f4 Kf7 48.Bf3 Rd8 49.h4 g4 50.Bc6 Kg6 51.Bxb5 Bxb5 52.Rxb5 Rd2+ 53.Ke3 Rh2 54.Rb6+ Kh5 55.Rf6 Rh3+ 56.Kf2 Rh2+ 57.Ke3 Rh3+ 58.Kd4 Rh1 59.Rxf5+ Kxh4 60.Rf6 h5 61.Rg6 Rf1 62.Ke4 Re1+ 63.Kd5 Kh3 64.f5 h4 65.f6 Rf1 66.Ke6 g3 67.f7 g2 68.Bf6 Re1+ 69.Kd5 Rd1+ 70.Ke4 Re1+ 71.Kd3 1-0 Kortschnoj, V- Petrosian, T/Ciocco cqf 1977/CAND.)



(10.h3 Bh5 11.b3 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Ne7 13.g4 Bg6 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Bb2 (18.Bxc6 Qf6 19.Bd2 Rac8 20.Bg2 Ba3 ♣)
 18... Rc8 19.Rc1 a5 20.Bd4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4 c5 22.Qd5 Qc7 23.Rfd1± Rfd8 24.Rc4 (24.f4 Kh8!?) 24...Rb8 25.g5 Kh7 26.h4
 (26.gxh6 gxh6 27.h4 h5÷)
 26...hxg5 27.hxg5
 (27.Qxg5 f6 28.Qg3 Rb4÷) 27...Rb4 28.f4 Rxc4 29.Qxc4
 (29.bxc4!?) Qe7 30.Kf2 Re8 31.Re1±)



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29...Qe7 30.Kf2 Re8 31.Re1 Kg8
 32.Qd5 Bh5 33.Qd2 f6 34.Bd5+ Bf7
 35.g6! Bxd5 36.Qxd5+ Qe6 37.Rd1 f5!
 38.Kf3 Qxd5+ 39.Rxd5 Re6 40.Rxf5
 Rxc6 41.e4 Rh6 42.e5 d5 43.e6 Rxe6
 44.Rxd5 a4 45.Rxc5 axb3 46.axb3 Rb6
 47.Rc3 Kf7 48.Ke4 Ke6 49.f5+ Kf6
 1/2-1/2 Hansen,C-Nikolic,P/Biel izt
 1993.)



7...a5 8.Bg2 d6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nxf6+
 Qxf6 11.Nd2 Intending Ne4. 11...Qd8
 12.e3 Ne7 13.Ne4 Ba7 14.b4
 (a) 14.b3!? Intending Bb2 controlling
 a1-h8.
 (b) 14.Nc3 c6 15.d4 Be6 16.d5
 (16.b3 f5 17.a4 Qc7 18.Ba3 Rad8
 19.f4!? Bf7 20.Kh1 exd4 21.exd4 Kh8
 22.Ra2!? Ng8!? Intending Nf6-e4.
 23.Bh3 Bg6 24.Rd2 Nf6 25.Qc2 Rde8
 26.d5
 [26.Bxf5!? Bxf5 27.Qxf5 Ne4 28.Qxe4
 Rxe4 29.Nxe4 With compensation.
 Weak point Ba7.]
 26...Ne4 27.Nxe4 fxe4 28.Rdd1 Rf6!?
 (28...c5? Weak point Ba7.)
 29.Bd2 e3 30.Qe2 Be4+ 31.Bg2 Rf7
 (31...Bxc2+ 32.Kxc2 Rf5)
 32.Bxe4 Rxe4 33.f5 Qe7 34.Rf3 Bc5
 35.Bc3
 (35.Rdf1!?)
 35...Kg8 36.Rdf1
 (36.Bxa5 Qe5÷)
 36...cxd5 37.f6! gxf6 38.cxd5 b6
 (38...Re5 39.Bxe5 Qxe5 40.Rf5 Qe4+
 41.Kg1 Kg7 42.h4 Bb6 43.Kh2 Rc7
 (43...Qb4 44.R5f4 Qxb3 45.Qg4±)
 44.Rxf6 Bd4
 (44...Rc2 45.Rf7+ Kh8 46.Rf8+ Kg7
 47.R1f7+ Kg6 48.h5+ Kg5 49.Rg7+)
 45.R6f4 Qc2 46.Rg4+ Kh7 47.Rf7+
 Kh8 48.Rf2 Qxe2 49.Rxe2 Bc5 50.Re4
 b5 51.Kh3 bxa4 52.bxa4 Kh7 53.Rb2
 Kg6 54.Re6+ Kg7 55.Rb5 Bd4 56.Re4
 Rc4 57.Rxa5 Kf6 58.Ra8 Kf5

59.Rae8 Rxa4 60.R8e6 Be5
 (Intending 60...h5 61.Rf4#)
 61.g4+ 1-0 Topalov,V-Epishin,V/Dos
 Hermanas 1994.)
 39.Rxf6



(39.Bxf6 With greater board room and
 intending Rf5, Qh5.)
 39...Rxf6 40.Rxf6 Bd4! 41.Bxd4 Rxd4
 42.Re6 Qf7 43.Rxe3 Qxd5+ 44.Qf3=)
 16...cxd5 17.cxd5 Bd7= 18.Ne4 f5
 (18...Bb5 Intending f5.)
 19.Nxd6 Qc7 20.Nc4!±
 (20.Ne4)
 20...Qxc4 21.d6; 14...d5!?
 (14...axb4 15.axb4 d5 16.Nc3 Be6
 (16...d4? 17.Nb5) 17.Nb5=)
 15.cxd5 axb4 16.d6 (16.axb4 Nxd5)
 16...cxd6 17.axb4 d5≠

7.cxd5 Nd4



7...Ne7 8.Nxe5
 (8.e4 d6 9.d4 exd4 10.Nxd4 c6 11.dxc6
 Qb6 12.cxb7 Bxb7 13.Qa4+ Kf8 14.Nf3
 f5 15.Ng5 Bb4+ 16.Kd1 fxe4 17.Be3
 Qa5 18.Qxa5 Bxa5 19.Bc4 d5 20.Be2
 Bb6 21.Ne6+ Kf7 22.Nc5 Bc6 23.Bh5+
 g6 24.Bg4 d4 25.Be6+ Ke8 26.Bxd4
 Rd8 27.Nb3 e3 28.fxe3 Bxh1 29.Ke2
 Bxd4 30.Nxd4 Bb7 31.Rc1 Rf8 32.b4
 Rf6 33.Bc4 Rc8 34.Bb5+ Kf7

35.Rxc8 Nxc8 36.g4 Rb6 37.a3 Nd6
 38.Bd3 Ba6 39.Nc2 Bxd3+ 40.Kxd3
 Ra6 41.h4 Nb5 42.g5 Nxa3 43.Nd4 Rb6
 44.Kc3 Nb5+ 45.Nxb5 Rxb5 46.e4 Ke6
 47.Kc4 a6 48.Kd4 Rxb4+ 49.Kc5 0-1
 Dallas 68000,M-Rebell 5.0 Datormote
 1987.)

8...Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Nxd5
 11.Bg2 Nf6 12.0-0 d6 13.Nf3 0-0
 14.Rac1 c6 15.a3 Re8 16.Rfe1 Nd7
 17.b4 a5 18.Nd4 Qf6 19.e3 axb4
 20.axb4 Nb6 21.b5!± Gavrikov,V-
 Stefansson,H/Moscow GMA-op (3)
 1989.

(21.b5 c5 22.Ne2 Bd7 23.Nc3 Na4
 24.Nd5 Qd8 25.Rb1 Nb6 26.Nc3 Qc7
 27.d4 Bf5 28.Rbc1 Bg6 29.h4 h6
 30.Qd1 Rac8 31.h5 Bh7 32.Qf3 cxd4
 33.exd4 Rxe1+ 34.Rxe1 Bc2 35.Re3
 Rb8 36.Qe2 Bf5 37.Nd5 Nxd5 38.Re8+
 Rxe8 39.Qxe8+ Kh7 40.Bxd5 Be6
 41.Bxe6 fxe6 42.Qxe6 Kh8 43.Kg2 Qd8
 44.Qd5 Qc7 45.g4 Qc8 46.f3 Qc2+
 47.Kg3 Qc1 48.Qe4 Qc7 49.Qe8+ Kh7
 50.Qe6 Qc1 51.Qe4+ Kh8 52.b6 Qc8
 53.Kf4 Qf8+ 54.Ke3 Qf7 55.Kf2 Qa2+
 56.Kg3 Qf7 57.Kg2 Qa2+ 58.Kg3 Qf7
 59.Qc2 Qe6 60.Kf2 Kg8 61.Qa4 Kf7
 62.Qc2 Kf8 63.Kg3 Kg8 64.Qe4 Qd7
 65.Qd5+ Kh8 66.Kf4 Qe7 67.Kf5 Kh7
 68.Kf4 Kh8 69.Qe4 Qg5+ 70.Kg3 Qc1
 71.Qe8+ Kh7 72.Qg6+ Kh8 73.Qe4
 Kg8 74.Qd5+ Kh8 75.Qe4 Kg8
 76.Qe6+ Kh7 77.Qe2 Kh8 78.Kf2 Qc6
 79.Qb2 Qc4 80.Ke3 Qe6+ 81.Kd3 Qd5
 82.Qc3 Kg8 83.Ke3 Kf7 84.Kf4 Kf6
 85.Qd3 Qg5+ 86.Kg3 Kf7 87.Qe4 Qa5
 88.Qxb7+ Kf8 89.Qb8+ Kf7 90.Qa7+
 1/2-1/2 Gavrikov V N-Stofansson H,
 Moscow 1989.)

8.Bg2

Inferior is 8.Nxe5 Qe7 9.f4 d6;
 8.Nxd4 Bxd4 9.e3 Bb6 10.Bd2 d6
 11.Bg2 0-0 12.Qh5 Qd7 13.Bc3 Qg4
 14.Qxg4 Bxg4 15.h3 Bh5 16.g4 Bg6
 17.Ke2 a6 18.h4 h6 19.h5 Bh7 20.a4
 Rae8 21.a5 Ba7 22.Rac1 Re7 23.b3 Bc5
 24.b4 Ba7 25.e4 Ra8 26.Bb2 b6 27.Rc6
 bxa5 28.Rxa6 axb4 29.Rha1 c6 30.dxc6
 Kf8 31.Bc1 b3 32.Be3 b2 33.Rb1 Rc7
 34.Rxb2 Rb8 35.Rxb8+ Bxb8 36.Ra8
 g5 37.Rxb8+ Kg7 38.Rb6 Kf8 39.Bd2
 Rc8 40.Bb4 Ke7 41.c7 f6 42.Ke3 Bg8
 43.Bxd6+ Ke8 44.Bf3 Ba2 45.Bd1 Be6
 46.Bxe5 fxe5 47.Rxe6+ Kd7



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48.Rxh6 Kxc7 49.Re6 Kb7 50.Rxe5 Rg8 51.Rc5 Rc8 1-0 Hiars 2-Fritz2/6/93 Faas 1993.

8... Nxf3+
9.Bxf3 d6



9...0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.Bg2 Bb6 12.Bd2 Qf6 13.Bc3 Bg4 14.h3=

10.Bg2 0-0

11.0-0

11.e3 Bb6 12.0-0 Bf5 13.Qc2 Re8 14.e4 Bg6=

11... Bg4

11...f5 12.e3 Qf6 13.Bd2 a5 14.Bc3 Bb6

15.Qd2 Bd7 16.Kh1 h5 17.f4 h4

18.gxh4 a4 19.e4 fxe4 20.fxe5 Qxh4

21.dxe4 Bb5 22.Rf5 Rxf5 23.exf5 Rf8

24.f6 dxe5 25.Bxe5 gxf6 26.Bg3 Qg5

27.Bf4 Qg4 28.d6 c6 29.Re1 Kh8

30.Be3 Bd8 31.Bd4 Qh5 32.Re3 Qf5

33.Qe1 Bc4 34.Rf3 Qa5 35.Bc3 Qc5

36.d7 Bd5 37.Bb4 1-0 Uhlmann, W-

Fuhrmann, D/it op VII Dresd 1995.

12.Qc2 f5

13.e3

Controls d4.

13... Bb6

13...Qd7 14.b4 Bb6 15.a4 a5 16.b5

Rae8 17.h3 Bh5 18.Re1=

14.Bd2

14.a4 a5 15.Bd2 Qg5 16.Rac1 Rae8

17.Rfe1 Bh5 18.Bc3 f4

14... Be2

14...Qg5 15.a4 a5 16.Rac1 Rae8

17.Rfe1=

15.Rfc1

15.Rfe1 Bh5 16.a4 a6 17.Rac1 Rc8

18.b4 Qg5=

15... Bh5

16.b4



16.a3 f4 17.exf4 g5 18.Be3 gxf4

19.Bxb6 cxb6 20.Bh3 Qg5=

16... f4

This push gains space.

17.exf4 g5

18.Be3 gxf4

18...Bxe3 19.fxe3 exf4 20.exf4 gxf4

21.Qxc7 f3 22.Bh3 f2+ 23.Kf1=

19.gxf4



19.Bxb6 cxb6 20.Qc3 f3 21.Bh1 Rf5

22.Rc2 Bf7 23.Rac1 Bxd5=

19... exf4

20.Bxb6 cxb6

21.Kh1 Qf6

22.Rg1 Kh8

23.Rae1 Rg8

23...Rac8 24.Qd2 Qc3 25.Qxc3+ Rxc3

26.Re7 f3 27.Bh3 Rc2 28.Rxb7=

24.Be4

24.Re6 Qg7 25.Qb1 f3 26.Bh3 Qxg1+

27.Qxg1 Rxg1+ 28.Kxg1 Rg8+=

24... Rge8

25.h3

Secures g4.

25... Re7

26.Rc1 Rae8

27.Qc3

Threatening mate.

27... Re5

28.Qd4 Qe7

28...Qd8 29.Kh2 Qe7 30.a3 f3 31.Qe3

Qf6 32.Rc7 R5e7 33.Rxe7=; 28...Qh4

29.Kh2 Qe7=

29.Kh2 f3

30.Rg3

30.a3 Qf7 31.Qe3 Qf8 32.Rc7 R8e7

33.Rxe7 Rxe7 34.Rg5 Re5±

30... Qf7

31.Qe3



31.Rcg1 Qf6 32.Qc3 Qf4 33.Kh1 Qf6

34.Rg5 Bf7 35.R1g3 Bxd5=; 31.Qc3

Qf6 32.Rcg1=

31... Rg8

32.Rxg8+

32.Qh6 Rxg3 33.fxg3 Re8 34.Rf1 Qg7

35.Qxg7+ Kxg7 36.a3 Rf8±

32... Qxg8

33.Rg1 Qf8

34.Rg3 1-0

34.Qc1 Re7 35.Rg5 Re5 36.Qc7 Bg6

37.Rxe5 Qf4+ 38.Kh1 dxe5±



Now for a couple of games from our Team League. I am currently playing Alan Rawlings in what should be a very interesting game. I have played Allan Hislop several times and have never managed to get the better of him. Both players produce some very interesting games.



Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

SCCA League Div 1, 1998

White: A Hislop

Black: A Rawlings

Sicilian Kalashnikov [B32]

[Annotator A Rawlings]

- | | |
|---------|------|
| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | e5 |
| 5.Nb5 | d6 |
| 6.N1c3 | a6 |
| 7.Na3 | b5 |
| 8.Nd5 | Nce7 |
| 9.c4 | Nxd5 |
| 10.exd5 | bxc4 |
| 11.Nxc4 | Be7 |
| 12.Be3 | Rb8 |
| 13.Be2 | |



- ♞13.Qa4+
- | | |
|--------|-----|
| 13... | Nf6 |
| 14.0-0 | 0-0 |
- 14...Rb5!? 15.a4! Rxd5 16.Qc2 Qc7
17.Rfc1±
- | | |
|--------|-----|
| 15.a4 | Bb7 |
| 16.Nb6 | Nd7 |
- Alternatively 16...Ne8 17.b4 f5
17.Nxd7N



17.a5 f5 18.f3 (18.b4 f4 1-0 Loskutov, O-Sherbakov, V/Arkhangelsk 1996/EXT 2000.)

18...Nxb6 19.Bxb6 Qd7 20.Bc4 Bd8
21.Bxd8 Rfxd8 22.b4 Bc8 23.Qd2 Qa7+
24.Kh1 Bd7 25.Rfc1 Re8 26.Rab1 e4
27.Qf4 Re5 28.fxe4 fxe4 29.Re1 e3
30.Bd3 Bb5 31.Bf5 g6 32.Bg4 Kg7
33.Be2 Rf8 34.Qg3 Qd4 35.Bxb5 axb5
36.h3 e2 37.Qg4 Qd3 38.Qd7+ Kh6
39.Qxd6 Rf1+ 40.Kh2 Rg5 0-1
Furlan, M- Sveshnikov, E/Bled SLO
2001.

- | | |
|----------|------|
| 17... | Qxd7 |
| 18.b4 | f5 |
| 19.b5 | Ra8 |
| 20.Rc1 | Rfc8 |
| 21.Rc6?! | Bxc6 |
- 21...axb5 22.Rxc8+ Qxc8 23.Bxb5 f4
24.Bb6♯
- 22.dxc6
22.bxc6 Qc7 (22...Qe8) 23.Qb1 g6
24.Qb7
- | | |
|---------|------|
| 22... | Qe6 |
| 23.Qc2 | axb5 |
| 24.axb5 | f4 |



24...d5 25.Rd1 Kh8 (25...Rab8 26.Bc5♯
26.Qb3 f4 27.Bb6 e4 28.Qxd5 Qxd5
29.Rxd5 Ra2 30.Bf1±; 24...Kh8? 25.b6
Ra2 26.Qc4 Qxc4 27.Bxc4 Rb2 28.b7+-
25.Bd2

- ♞25.Rd1 ♞
- | | |
|--------|-----|
| 25... | d5 |
| 26.h3 | Qf6 |
| 27.Qb3 | Qd6 |
- 27...Qf7 28.Bg4 Rcb8 29.c7 Re8
30.b6±; 27...Kh8 28.Bg4 Rc7 29.Qxd5
28.Bf3 Rd8
- | | |
|--------|------|
| 29.c7 | |
| 29.Rc1 | |
| 29... | Qxc7 |

- | | |
|-----------------|------|
| 30.Bxd5+ | Kh8 |
| 30...Kf8 31.b6± | |
| 31.Bxa8 | Rxa8 |
| 32.b6 | Qb7 |
| 33.Qe6 | Rd8 |
| 34.Rc1 | |



34.Bc3 Rd6 35.Qxe5 Rg6 36.f3 Qxb6+
37.Kh1 Qd6 38.Re1

- | | |
|-------|-----|
| 34... | Bd6 |
|-------|-----|
- 34...Bf8 35.Ba5 Bb8
- | | |
|--------|-----|
| 35.Ba5 | Bb8 |
| 36.Qc6 | |
| 36.Rc6 | |
| 36... | Qa6 |
- 36...Qxc6 37.Rxc6+-
37.Rc5 h6
37...Qd3 38.b7
38.b7 1-0
38.b7 Rd1+ (38...Qxc6 39.Rxc6+-)
39.Kh2 Qd3 40.Rc1 Rxc1 41.Qxc1 Qd6
42.Qc8+ Kh7 43.Bb4+-



The second of the games sees Alan Rawlings getting his revenge and leaving the honours even.

SCCA League Div 1, 1998

White: A Rawlings

Black: A Hislop

Queens Indian Defence [E15]

[Annotator A Rawlings]

- | | |
|-------|------|
| 1.d4 | Nf6 |
| 2.c4 | e6 |
| 3.Nf3 | b6 |
| 4.g3 | Ba6 |
| 5.b3 | Bb7 |
| 6.Bg2 | Bb4+ |
| 7.Bd2 | a5 |



Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

8.0-0 0-0
 9.Qc2 c5
 10.dxc5 Bxc5
 11.Nc3 Na6
 12.Rad1 d5
 13.Bg5N



13.cxd5 Nb4 (13...exd5 14.Qb1) 14.Qb1
 (14.Qb2 Nbx5 15.Ne5 ½-½ Eingorn
 Vereslav-Balashov Yuri/Reykjavik
 1989.)
 14...Nbx5 15.Nxd5 exd5 16.Bc3 Ne4=
 ECO

13... Qe7?
 ♖13... h6
 14.Ne5 Rad8
 14...Nb4 15.Qd2±
 15.Ng4 h6?
 ♗15...Nb4
 16.Nxf6+- gxf6
 17.Bxh6 Rfe8
 18.cxd5 Nb4
 19.Qe4 f5



20.Qe5 f6
 21.Qxe6+ Qxe6

22.dxe6 Rxd1
 23.Rxd1 Bxg2
 24.Kxg2 Rxe6
 25.Rd7
 25.h4
 25... Rc6
 25...Re7 26.Rxe7 Bxe7
 26.a3 Nc2
 27.Nd5 Nxa3??
 27...Rd6 28.Rg7+ Kf8 29.b4 (29.Nxb6
 Rxb6 30.Rc7+ Ke8 31.Rxc5 Nxa3
 32.Rxf5 Rxb3 33.Rxa5+-) 29...axb4
 30.axb4 Rxd5 31.Rd7+ Ke8 32.Rxd5+-
28.Rg7+ 1-0
 28.Rg7+ Kf8 (28...Kh8 29.Nf4 and
 mates on g6.) 29.Rc7+±



And that completes another games column. We continue to be extremely short of games, so I would appreciate it if as many readers as possible could take the time to annotate some games and send them in.



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Bernard Partridge Memorial

by George Pyrich

Bernard Bowers Partridge (1914-1993)

Bernard studied at Glasgow University before becoming a teacher at Glasgow High School. He began organising postal chess events in Scotland almost 50 years ago and developed them under the auspices of the Scottish Chess Association in the 1960s and 1970s. He was the prime mover in the establishment of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association in 1977 and became its first Honorary Life Member, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to CC in Scotland.

Final (IM Norm 7½)				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
	1	E C Sowden	ENG	■		½		½				½		1	1	½	4
	2	G Voss	GER		■			1		½	0		0			½	2
	3	J M Poulsen	DEN	½		■			½		½	½				0	2
	4	M J Summers	BEL				■				1	½		1	1		3½
	5	Dr S M Williams	ENG	½	0			■		½		0	½			0	1½
	6	T Lang	GER			½			■		½	½	0		½	½	2½
	7	R Boger	NOR		½			½		■		1		½	½	½	3½
	8	Dr G Grothe	GER		1	½	0		½		■		½		½	½	3½
	9	L van Damme	BEL	½		½	½	1	½	0		■			1	½	4½
	10	H Kunz	GER		1			½	1		½		■	1	½	½	5
	11	T Hartogh	GER	0			0			½			0	■		0	½
	12	R Woelk	GER	0			0		½	½	½	0	½		■	0	2
	13	H Starke	GER	½	½	1		1	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	■	7½

Latest Updates

Congratulations to Heiko Starke of Germany, who becomes the first player to reach the 7½ IM norm mark in the Bernard Partridge Final. About half the results are now posted, and we have included a batch of results sent by Raymond Boger of Norway just before he departed on his summer holiday with NATO! This batch included a first defeat for Liban van Damme of Belgium, who is featured in our Games Column along with Heiko Starke.



Website Reviews

by Iain Mackintosh



<http://www.chess.com>

My main reason for going to this site was that www.chess.com is the URL name which most non-chessplayers might guess was the place to start looking for chess on the web.

There's nothing wrong with this site, but there's a feeling of anticlimax when you get there - it isn't operated by any of the world bodies like FIDE or ICCF, nor does it host any of the mainstream commercial chess organisations.

Chess Mentor is a teaching tool which is commercially produced by the Californian company Aficionado. The product will be your "private chess coach", taking you through from beginner to advanced stages, and all using interactive Windows-based software.

The "learning engine" which underpins Chess Mentor is (I think) a more general purpose interactive teaching device, and a number of disciplines outside chess are available from the supplier. The chess modules are written by US-based IMs (I didn't recognise too many names on their list), and cost \$20-80 each.



<http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/>

This site starts off innocently enough, with a list of its office-bearers, details of current and recent tournaments held in Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio, then moves sedately along to describe the workings of PSCF (Pennsylvania State Chess Federation, affiliated to USCF), listing its various scholastic links, clubs directory, player ratings, championship results and newsletters.

All good virtuous stuff, you might think, and the staple diet of any well-run chess organisation. But then something resonates oddly - aren't university chess clubs supposed to be terminally chaotic, regrouping only briefly to purge the worst excesses of their last bout of maladministration, before quickly descending into deep malaise once more?

Maybe this one is different, so let's browse on.... *All* the USCF ratings, neatly stacked state by state with sections for the armed forces.

All the FIDE ratings, stacked country by country (Scotland included) and up to date as at November 2000.

Then, with no mention of student loans in sight, you get to choose from 10 free computer servers which connect you with internet chess players around the world - 2 for the US, 1 each for Europe, Middle East and Australia, and dedicated machines for Netherlands, England, Germany, Sweden and Chile.

The chess links page is comprehensive, with an understandable bias towards US sites, though with a good spread of international pages amongst them. Then you hit the last button from the main navigation bar - Chess Archives - and enter a great warehouse where the shelf stackers have been *seriously* busy. There are two big halls: Games Collections and Chess Materials.

Games Collections are organised by notation, with all the main proprietary brands recognised - Chess Assistant (CA), ChessBase (CB), Portable Game Notation (PGN), New In Chess (NIC), and Bookup. There are a number of conversion utilities available, albeit slightly dated, to move games collections between notation formats (The CB to PGN to CB set is available directly from the SCCA website).

The games themselves are further indexed by opening classification, tournaments, players, irregular collections - any way you might imagine, and must have been at least part of the basis for the mega-games collections now available from commercial suppliers. I counted roughly 480,000 games available for free download in the ChessBase openings section alone!

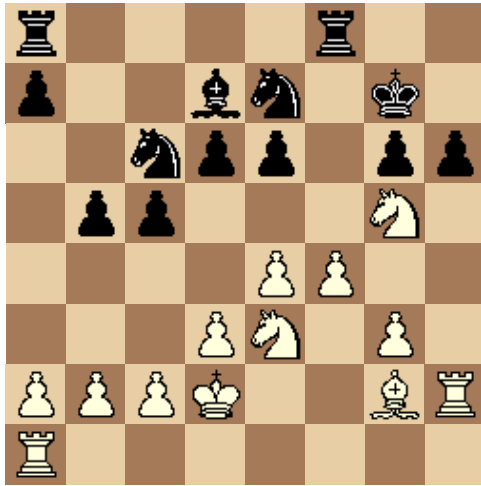
Chess Materials is an eclectic collection of download files, covering playing programs, graphics, desktop publishing, organisational pamphlets, software reviews, news and chess utility programs. Well over 1000 titles in total, though many are somewhat dated now.

So, has this been the work of a few student enthusiasts, inspired by an excess of wood-pushing and root beer imbement of an evening? Highly unlikely. This site seems to have been shaped by a larger vision, with its foundations systematically assembled over a halcyon period during the mid-90s, and enjoying its period of fame before the current glut of commercially-produced offerings.

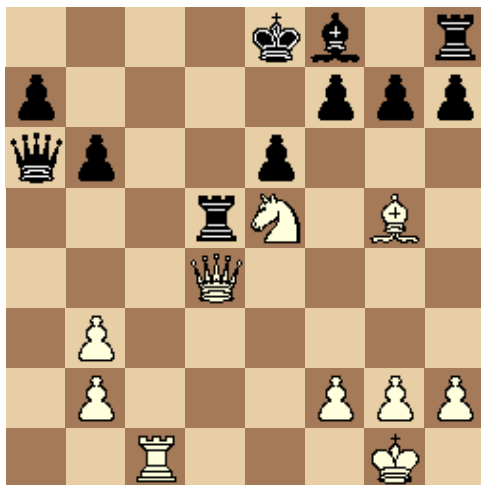
The founders seem to have moved on, though the site is still maintained. Maybe they all finished their degrees or doctorates on the strength of compiling this archive. Maybe the architect of the vision is at another college now. Maybe they've all gone commercial. (If anyone knows the actual history, I'd be interested to hear from you). The site represents great value both historically and currently, and is well worth visiting.



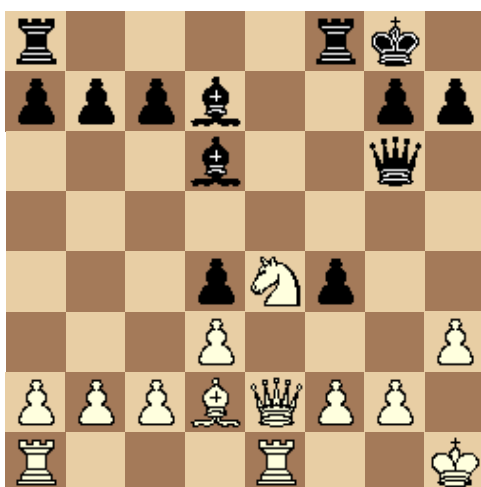
Puzzle 1 - White to play and win



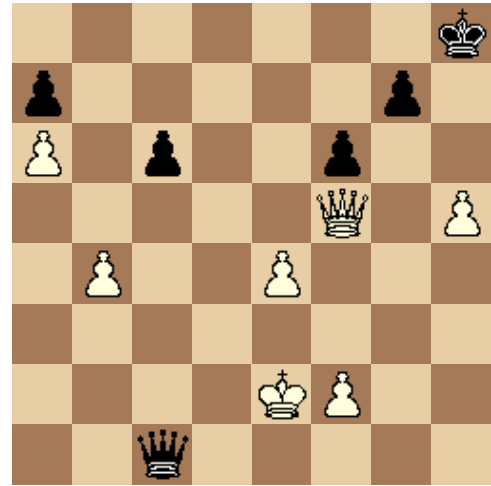
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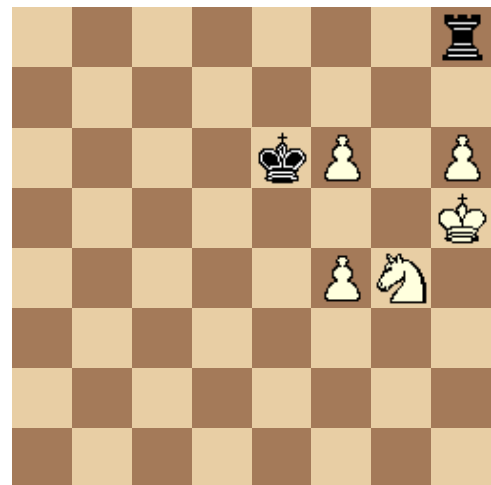
Puzzle 5 - Black to play and win



Puzzle 2 - White to play and win



Puzzle 4 - White to play and win



Puzzle 6 - Black to play and win



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ICCF Page



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

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

Master Norm tournaments with 11-player sections are available for strong players, using airmail or email. Entry level is fixed ICCF rating of 2300+, (2000 ladies); non-fixed ICCF 2350+ (2050 ladies); or FIDE 2350+ (2050 ladies); while medal winners (outright winners ladies) in national championships are also eligible. A player can enter only one postal section and one email section per year. Section winners who do not achieve norms receive entry to a World Championship Semi-Final.

International numeric notation is the standard for postal events, while PGN is recommended for email play. Playing rules and time limits are provided for each event, and the usual postal limit is 30 days per 10 moves, with up to 30 days leave per calendar year. To speed progress, air mail stickers should be used to Europe as well as international destinations, as the postal rates are not increased as a result. Please be aware that some patience is required, as games may take up to 3 years against opponents in countries with poor mail services. Silent withdrawal is bad etiquette! International CC postcards are recommended, and can be obtained from Chess Suppliers (Scotland). The introduction of email is now speeding up many events, and making it cheaper to play in most cases. Generally, you should play less email games simultaneously than postal because of the faster play.

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

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

international@scottishcca.co.uk

Recent Scottish Entries

World Championship 25 Semi-Final Section 6: Philip Giulian; Section 8: Tom Craig; Section 12: Doug Finnie
Email Master EM/M/159: Iain Swan; Email Higher EM/H/47: Ian Marshall; European Higher EU/H/1336: Arthur Knox

ICCF Thematics

Forthcoming thematic tournaments:

Entries by 1 August 2001; play starts 1 October 2001

10. Sicilian Sveshnikov, B32

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5

Entries by 1 August 2001; play starts 1 October 2001

11. Dada Opening, A00

1.g3 e5 2.Bg2 d5 3.b4

Entries by 15 September 2001; play starts 15 November 2001

12. French Defence, Chatard-Alekhine Attack, C13

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4

Entries by 15 September 2001; play starts 15 November 2001

13. Grünfeld Defence, Seville Gambit, D87

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Bg4 11.f3 Na5 12.Bxf7+

Interested? Email the SCCA international secretary at:

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ICCF Jubilee Events

Open Email Tournament

Open to all chessplayers! Sponsored by ChessBase GmbH. Games will be graded and norms will be available. Entries have now closed with 2,200 players from 77 countries registering!! Any late entries will be placed on a reserve list, so if you are still interested, visit: <http://www.iccf.com>

Open Postal Tournament

Open to all chessplayers! Sponsored by ChessBase GmbH. Pairing using the Silli system. The entry deadline has been extended by 1 month, so if you are still interested, then write to Dr G-M Tani, Via Tripoli 20, 10136 Torino, Italy, or email him at: giantani@katamail.com before 15 August.

World Champions Tournament

Open to 8 living world champions plus top-rated ICCF players. Sponsored by the Max Euwe Organisation, Monaco.

Officials & Delegates Tournament

Open to all ICCF honorary members, medallists, officials, TDs, delegates and email contacts. Sponsored by Dr W Bayer of Germany. Interested? Email Alan Borwell at: alanp@borwelliccf.freemove.co.uk before 23 September.