

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Chess Player,

First, the results of the season just finished. The Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship was retained by K.B. McAlpine who was unbeaten with 9/10. R. Beecham was again runner-up, scoring 7, and D.M. Jenkins came 3rd with 6. The section winners of the Premier were I.S. Campbell (6½/8), G. Morrison (7/8), D. McKerracher (7½/8), and D. Canning (6½/8). This season's Championship entry consists of the seven players just mentioned and also A.T. Hislop, A. McFadyen (who were runners-up in Premier sections) because of their S.B. Score.

The section winners of the Major were M.E. McGhee (7/8), D. Bryson (8/8!) W. Roach (6/8) and M.A. Swystun (6/8) all of whom are promoted to the Premier.

The Quartets Trophy winners were I. Mackintosh (Postal Knight), G.L. Sutton (Postal Rook) and I. Thomson (Postal Shield). Other Quartet tournaments were won by I. Marshall, Mrs. M. McGhee, R. Kilpatrick, R. McKenzie, J. Lewis and A. Moore. All these qualify for a Trophy Final.

The Triangular International Match is still in progress: the present state of play is that Scotland is leading both Wales (8½-3½) and England (6½-2½) whilst Wales is leading England.

The Swiss Tournament ends in December. After 3 rounds J. Clayton is the leader with 10, followed by A.J. Lait, F. Drain, P.G. Bennet, I. Marshall all on 9½,.....

This season all the above events are being run by the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association. An intended consequence of this is that there is a different controller for each tournament - rather than Bernard Partridge having the extremely onerous task of running everything. Unfortunately, for a variety of reasons, there has been a delay in getting things started. Also, a complete table of results and the up-to-date grading list are being held over until the next newsletter.

A new event that is being started this season is a championship for teams of four. So far we have received entries from twelve teams. There are still a few days left before the closing date for entries. Our intention is to have parallel divisions of roughly equal strength this year (which is why we need to know playing strength) - and next year to set up a 1st division, 2nd division, etc...

Our president, Alan Borwell, is negotiating for our affiliation to the International Correspondence Chess Association (I.C.C.F.). Hopefully, this will materialize in the near future and we can then enlarge our match programme.

Finally, we ourselves do not yet stock chess books, equipment, etc.,. However, Chess Supplies (Scotland), 27 Robslee Road, Thornliebank, Glasgow should be able to supply most of your chess requirements.

We hope you will enjoy your new season.

Val Nye and Bernard Partridge.