

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Chessplayer,

First, the results of the season just finished. The Championship was won for the third time running by K.B. McAlpin who was unbeaten with 7/9. Equal 2nd were I.S. Campbell and G. Morrison on $5\frac{1}{2}$, followed by D. McKerracheron 5, A.T. Hislop and D.M. Jenkins on $4\frac{1}{2}$, ... For the record, Ken is the first person to achieve this feat.

In the Premier, R.W.M. Baxter ($7\frac{1}{2}/8$), D. Bryson ($6\frac{1}{2}/8$), T.J. Craig ($6\frac{1}{2}/8$), G.W.G. Livie ($7/8$) won their sections, whilst R. Kilpatrick and J.P.L. Lumsden on $4\frac{1}{2}/8$ were equal 1st in their very closely fought section.

Section winners in the Major were P.G. Basset ($6\frac{1}{2}/8$), J.A. Clayton ($6\frac{1}{2}/8$), A. McLennan ($6\frac{1}{2}/8$) and A.J. Stewart ($6/8$).

Mrs M. McGhee won the Quartet Trophy Postal Knight and R. Kilpatrick won the Postal Shield whilst J. Lewis and G.L. Sutton share the Postal Rook. Other Quartet tourneys were won by R.A. MacBrayne, W.G. Brady, D. Bryson, R. Dickson, R. Kilpatrick, J. Watson (Junior). In the remaining section I. Creelman and A. McClelland shared 1st place (with 5/6!).

Although (at the time of writing) several results are still to come, Perth and the 'Dumfries Threats' have convincingly won their sections of the League each with a clean sweep of 8/8.

Regarding prizes, prizewinners - if they have not already received their prize - should be contacted fairly soon either by myself or by the controller of their tournament.

The 1st round of the Swiss (1977-79) finished in June. On 4/4 are D. Kilgour, R. Kilpatrick and T. Milligan, followed by Miss E. Hartford and M.A. Swystun, ... The 2nd round finishes on 13th November, the 3rd round on 6th May 1979 and the 4th round on 10th December 1979.

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The Association's A.G.M. took place in May, and the new Executive Committee is :- A.P. Borwell (President), V.A. Nye (Secretary / Treasurer), A.T. Hislop (Assistant Secretary), W.S. Roach (Publicity and Membership Officer), G.W.G. Livie (Grading Officer), I.S. Campbell, R. Beecham.

This coming season we shall be using our own Playing Rules. Previously the BPCF Playing Rules dating from 1968 were in use but these were needing attention anyway - there being no Sunday Postal collection for example. We are also looking to our own scorecards but we are not sure if the design will be finalised in time for this season.

There is very strong possibility that our application to join ICCF will be successful. Alan Borwell has been very ably leading our case for us - the ICCF annual meeting is at the end of September.... Once membership is secured, we will be able to take an effective part in the International scene. Meanwhile a 50 board 'friendly' match has been confirmed to start next April against Sweden. We are still awaiting confirmation of other 'friendlies'.

Now for what many regard as the bad news! Subscriptions are to be increased. Basically income last season was not quite enough to meet expenses. To sweeten the pill (!) some of the prizes are being increased - though each event should not be subsidised. It was felt at the A.G.M. that the new rates still give good value.

We are proposing a new tournament this coming season. It is a handicap tournament - the 'handicap' element comes in at the end of a game, when points will be won according to the relative strengths of the players concerned. You will get more points if you draw with a strong player than if you draw with a player of your own strength, for example. The entry fee is 50p, and you can have as many opponents as you wish (provided enough people enter!). Our intention is to have one prize per six players - eg, 2 prizes if 12 entries or 5 prizes if 30 entries. One main reason for this tournament is to accommodate the numerous people who make enquiries during the season - all our other events are under way and they have to wait until the new season, whereas now they can enter one event (the handicap) straightaway. Since March I have had over 20 enquiries.... What really matters is that we - through the various tournaments and

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matches - can cater for everybody's needs.

Before I give some games I had better mention the position in the home internationals . We are leading England 25½- 9½ (5games to come), and Wales 27-9 (4 games to come. The finishing date of these matches is 15th November and Bernard Partridge will then be able to give a complete report on the se matches.

Game No.7 (championship 76/77) J.Kleboe v K.B.McAlpine

1 p-q4 p-kn3 ; 2p-k4 b-n2 ; 3 n-qb3 p-q3 ; 4 p-b4 p-qb3 ; 5 p-qr4 p-qr4 ; 6 n-b3 b-n5 ; 7 b-k3 q-n3 ; 8 q-q3 n-qr3 ; 9 n-ql n-n5 ; 10 q-n3 p-q4 ; 11 n-b2 bxn ; 12 pxb bxp ; 13 bxb qxb ; 14 b-n2 q-b4 ; 15 p-b3 n-q6ch ; nxn q-k6ch ; 17 k-bl qxqch ; 18 k-b2 q-q7ch ; 19 k-bl n-b3 ; 20 r-ql qxkbp ; 21 pxp nxp ; 22 r-kl o-o ; 23 p-b4 n-n5 ; 24 rpx qr-kl ; resigns (0-1)

Game No.8 (premier 56 77/78) Pror. G.H.Bird v R.W.M.Baxter

1 p-q4 n-kb3 ; 2 p-qb4 p-kn3 ; 3 n-qb3 p-q4 ; 4 ppx nxp ; 5 p-k4 nxn ; 6 pnx p-qb4 ; 7 b-qb4 b-n2 ; 8 n-k2 o-o ; 9 o-o n-b3 ; b-k3 ppx ; 11 ppx b-n5 ; 12 p-b3 n-r4 ; 13 b-q3 b-k3 ; r-bl qbxp ; 15 p-q5 b-n6 ; 16 q-q2 p-k3 ; 17 q-n4 ppx ; 18 r-b5 b-b5 ; 19 rxn bxb ; 20 rxqp bxn ; 21rxq krxx ; 22 r-kl p-qr4 ; 23qxnp b-b5 ; 24 p-k5 p-r5 ; 25 p-b4 p-r6 ; 26 b-q4 p-r7 ; 27 q-k4 b-q4 ; 28 q-q3 b-k3 ; 29 q-k4 r-r5 ; resigns (0-1)

Game No.9 (premier58 77/78) D.Bryson v J.W.Vernon

1 p-k4 p-k4 ; 2 n-kb5 n-qb3 ; p-q4 ppx ; 4 p-b3 ppx ; 5 b-qb4 ppx bxnp b-n5ch ; 7 n-b3 n-b3 ; 8 q-b2 p-q4 ; 9 o-o-o o-o ; 10 nxp nxn ; 11 rxn q-k2 ; 12r-kn5 p-kn3 ; 13p-kr4 b-kr6 ; 14 p-r5 b-k3 ; 15 ppx bxbch ; 16 qxb p-b3 ; 17 rpx q-q3 ; 18 qr-kl ; 19 r(5)-kr5 q-b5ch ; 20 k-n2 n-q5 ; 21 nxn resigns (1-0)

Game No.10 (League) G.Morrison(Shettleston) v D.McRoberts (DownreayA)

1 p-q4 n-kb3 ; 2 p-qb4 p-b4 ; p-q5 p-qn4 ; 4 ppx p-qr3 ; 5 p-b3 p-n3 6 p-k4 p-q3 ; p-qr4 ppx ; 8 bxpch b-q2 ; 9 n-qr3 b-n2; 10 n-k2 o-o ; 11 b-q2 bxb ; 12 pxb qn-q2 ; 13 n-qb4 n-n3 ; 14 rxx nxx ; 15 q-n3 n-n3 ; 16 n-r5 q-r1 ; 17 o-o r-bl ; r-rl p-b5 ; 19 q-ql r-b2 ; 20 b-k3 n(b3)-q2 ; 21 n-b6 q-kl ; 22 r-r6 r-n2 ; 23 q-rl n-b4 ; 24 bxn pxb ; q-r5 n-q2 ; 26 r-r8 n-n1 ; 27 q-r6 resigns (1-0)

On the matter of 'best games' it would help if players sent in results and the score at the time rather than at the adjudication time , when all the Controllors are too busy marking up results and arranging for adjudication to play over a pile of games! Anyway, if you feel you any games in our events worth publishing send them in and space can always be found . Certainly we feel there should be a Best game prize. The judging could be by members voting a la Informator

Finally, if you have any ideas which could help the Association and / or you would like to help the Association in any waylet us know. At present our membership is 100-200 but there is no reason why , in 2 or 3 years time, it need not be 500 or more, in which case we want more assistance. At present all the work (or 'labour of love') is done by the executive committee together with Bernard Partridge, Kenny Gordon who help run tournaments.

We hope you will have a successful new season .

Val Nye