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Dear Chess Player

First, here is notice of the AGM. It is to be on Saturday 16th June, 11a.m., at Rhullan House, Giffnock. Besides having what may termed the 'usual items of Reports from the President, Secretary and Treasurer, Election of Office Bearers; Constitution, AOCB', I am proposing a short discussion of the Playing Rules. This is their first year of operation. There may be points of principle which we, the Committee, had overlooked - in which case amendments are needed. If parts need clarification, then a modification of the 'Basic Points' sheet is called for. If you have strong feelings on the Playing Rules, please let me know. Now, I am looking for a few 'volunteers' to increase the present number who are on the Executive Committee and/or are Controllers. Quite simply I am finding myself in the position that Bernard Partridge was in a few years ago. Besides being secretary/treasurer, I am also controlling the League and the Handicap, and all this is a little too much! If you would to help please let me know - I would add that it is not necessary to have to come to the AGM but please let me know by letter or telephone if you are able to help. Finally, since money is being spent on the hire of a room for the AGM, the presence of members who don't live too far away would be appreciated !!

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A round-up, now, of results so far. The Championship Final, at the end of April, was very close. R W M Baxter had 5/6, D Bryson had 4½/6, I S Campbell had 5/7, T J Craig and D M Jenkins both had 5½/7,..... (11 competitors) A later report, in the middle of May, puts Bryson on 7/9 and favourite.....

In the Premier only 38 results (out of 150) have been reported, and several players who may be contenders for the next Final have not yet reported any results. In P61 G R Sprott has 6/6, in P63 C J Morrison has 4/4 and G M Anderson has 3/3, in P65 J Seyfried has 6½/7.

Results have been slow to come in for the Major except in M28. Here, I Creelman has 6/7 and R A MacBrayne has 4/5.

There are, similarly, very few results to hand for the Quartet Trophy Finals, and also for the Quartets.

In the Swiss 77-79, with 3 rounds almost completed, A Glass has 10/12; D Kilgour has 7/8, E Hartford has 6/8 as have also A G Kirkland, M A Swystun, L Lane. The last round is starting in early June and should finish about Xmas.

There is nothing to report, so far, on the League's progress.

The number of competitors in the Handicap is now 24 25, so that there will be 4 prizes :- £4, £3, £2, £1. Of the few results that have come in, possible prizewinners are A Brend on 32 points (4 wins out of 4 and has a promotion to Class 5 into the bargain), and J C McKillop with 28 points (3 wins and a draw out of 4 games).

On behalf of the Controllers I would remind you of what to do with the arrival of the Adjudication date. (In the Premier, Major, Quartet Trophy Finals and Quartets it is Tuesday 11th July.) If you cannot agree a result with your opponent by 12 days later, then send to the particular tournament controller all the relevant information - a copy of the full score of the moves played, a clear diagram of the position reached, a claim for a win or a draw, analysis or statements supporting your claim - together with an Adjudication Fee of 50p (but no fee if the game is in the League or the Handicap - perhaps this should be changed next season!) If you don't do this the Controller would be well within his rights and award the game to your opponent. Don't send money but rather a cheque or postal orders which are made payable to the Association. Don't leave these blank - it is not unknown for letters to go astray....

The details are slightly different for the League and also for the Handicap. In the League, the Adjudication date is July 31st, and you are asked to agree or disagree with your opponent by then. You then send all relevant adjudication details to your captain. The captains are reminded that they are entitled to agree on results (and this is one reason why they received each others' addresses and telephone numbers!). I would also remind the captains that any game for which I have not received a result or adjudication information from either side will be scored as a loss for the teams concerned, by August 14th.

In the Handicap the season ends on each July 1st, and games can be

EITHER adjudicated (but only if 30 moves or ^{more} have been played) OR carried forward. Do write and let me know by July 14th which games are being continued.

If you have any queries regarding adjudication write to your tournament controller, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. The main reason why I have said so much about adjudication is to ensure that there is a smooth end to all games. Finally, I should add:- do send adjudication claims before you @ go abroad in July.... Also, If you do not like the decision made, there is an appeals procedure (see Playing Rules 30, 31 32).

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Members will be sorry to learn of the deaths of Claud Marshall (before Christmas) and Reverend Cameron Dinwoodie (earlier this year). Claud had been a West of Scotland Champion and also a Scottish CC Champion. Both will be remembered for their courteous and friendly manner, and they were familiar figures in Scottish Chess. I am sure we all have fond memories of them. We extend our condolences to their families.

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Some games now - the reason for the curious numbering is that I missed 15 on the last newsletter.....

Game No. 15 (Premier P63 78/79) A J McClelland v C J Morrison
 1 e4 e4 ; 2 nf3 nc6 ; 3 bb5 a6 ; 4 ba4 nf6 ; 5 o-o bk7 ; 6 rkl b5 ; 7 bb3 o-o ; 8 c3 d5 ; 9 ed npx ; 10 npx nxn ; 11 rxn c6 ; 12 d4 bd6 ; 13 rel qh4 ; 14 g3 qh3 ; 15 be3 bg4 ; 16 qd3 qre8 ; 17 nd2 re6 ; 18 a4 f5 ; 19 qf1 qh5 ; 20 f4 ba ; 21 bxn exb ; 22 qg2 re4 ; 23 rpx bh3 ; 24 qf2 g5 ; nrx fxn ; 26 rpx gf ; 27 bpx bxb ; 28 gxb kh8 ; 29 khl rg8 ; 30 kral bg4 ; 31 h4 bf3 ; 32kh2 e3 ; 33 rh6 qxr ; 34 qxb qxp ; 35 qh3 qf2 ; khl e2. 36 resigns (0-1)

Game No. 17 (Premier P33 72/73) A Scrimgeour v E A Ellison
 1 p-k4 p-k4 ; 2 n-kb3 p-q3 ; 3 p-q4 ppx ; 4 npx n-kb3 ; 5 n-qb3 p-kn3 ; 6 b-k2 b-n2 ; 7 b-k3n-b3 ; 8 n-n3 b-k3 ; 9 p-b4 o-o ; 10 p-n4 p-q4 ; 11p-b5 b-bl ; 12 kpxp n-qn5 ; 13 b-b3 ppx ; 14 p-qr3 ppx ; 15b-n2 n-r3 ; 16 q-q3 n-b2 ; 17 o-o-o qn-kl ; 18 p-r3 p-n6 ; 19 kr-nl n-q3 ; 20 n-q4 b-q2 ; 21b-k4 qnxb ; 22 nxn nxn ; 23 qxn p-qr4 ; 24 rpx r-r3 ; 25 n-k6 bxn ; 26 pxb r-q3 ; 27 qr-nl resigns. (1-0)

Game No. 18 (League 77/78) A P Borwell(Perth) v A Glass (P W Walsh Appreciation Society)
 1 p-k4 p-k4 ; 2 n-kb3 p-kb4 ; 3 b-b4 ppx ; 4 npx q-n4 ; 5 p-q4 qxp ; 6 q-r5+p-n3 ; 7 b-b7+ k-ql ; 8 bpx qxr+ ; 9k-k2 qxb ; 10n-b7+ k-kl ; 11nxrdis + pxb ; 12 qxp+ k-ql ; 13n-b7+ k-k2 ; 14 n-b3 qxp+ ; 15 k-kl n-kb3 ; 16 n-k5 p-b3 ; 17 q-b7+ k-ql ; 18 qxb+ k-b2 ; 19 n-b7 p-n4 ; 20 q-q8+ resigns. (1-0)

Game No. 19 (Premier P26 71/72) J H Atherton v P Jamieson
 1p-k4 p-q3 ; 2 p-kb4 p-kn3 ; 3 n-kb3 b-n2 ; 4 b-b4 p-qb3 ; 5 n-b3 p-q4 ; 6 ppx p-qn4 ; 7 b-n3 p-n5 ; 8 n-k4 ppx ; 9 n-b5 n-kb3 ; 10 b-r4+ qn-q2 ; 11 p-q4 o-o ; 12 nxn bxn ; 13 bxb qxb ; 14 o-o n-k5 ; 15 p-qr3 q-n2 ; 16 ppx qxp ; 17 p-qn3 kr-bl ; 18 b-n2 r-b2 ; 19 q-q3 qr-bl ; 20 kr-bl n-b4 ; 21 q-ql q-n4 ; 22 r-r2 n-k5 ; n-kl q-n3 ; 24 kr-r1 q-q3 ; 25 p-n3 q-q2 ; 26 q-k2 r-b6 ; 27 bxr nxb ; 28 q-k3 bxp. (0-1)

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A few words about International matches. As a result of five National CC organizatio^s being approached by Alan Borwell before Christmas, two matches were scheduled to take place. These were against Iceland and Sweden, and the starting date was to be April 1st. Richard Beecham drew up team lists - and he had two teams left over (since a lot of our members had expressed a wish to play in one or more of any International matches). Despite numerous attempts to contact the Swedish match captain, it seems that the proposed Swedish match is off. This is something outside our control. A curious situation developed in the Iceland match - the starting date was put back to May 1st, but many of our team received the first move at least two weeks before that date and also before Richard had a chance to send out all the paperwork! Richard tells me that the postal travelling time is about 7 days, so our players should allow 15 or 16 days per move. Other matches have been arranged- a 20 board match is due to start against Austria on 1st September, and a 25 board against Norway next April 1st.