

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Chessplayer,

First, the results of the season just finished. There was a spectacular finish in the Championship. Three players shared first place!! D.Bryson, D.M.Jenkins and D.McKerracher scored 8/10 to achieve this remarkable feat. Perhaps we should have a method of resolving an outright winner? Very close on their heels were R.W.M.Baxter with $7\frac{1}{2}$, and T.J.Craig with 7. Despite some very hard-fought games the remaining players did not get a look-in!

In the Premier, C.J.Morrison ($9\frac{1}{2}$ /10), D.Kilgour (9/10), J.Seyfried(8/10) and W.P.Watson (7/10) won their sections, whilst R.Beecham and W.G.Brady on $8\frac{1}{2}$ /10 were equal 1st in their section.

In the Major, I.Thompson ($8\frac{1}{2}$ /10) and R.Jackson(7/10) won their sections. The two remaining sections were shared, respectively, by I.Creelman and R.A.MacBrayne (both on $6\frac{1}{2}$ /8), A.H.Kerr and M.McGhee (both on 6/8).

I.Thompson won the Quartet Trophy Postal Knight, R.Dickson won the Postal Shird and J.Lewis succeeded in wresting the Postal Rook from G.L.Sutton. Other Quartet Tournays were won by S.R.Capsey, L.J.Lane, A.H.Kerr, D.J.Savage, and D.M.Livie (is he going to be a better player than his father George, our Grader?)

The last round of the 1977/79 Swiss is in progress and is scheduled to finish at the end of this year.

In the League there are a couple of adjudication decisions still awaited, and also the Captains dont seem to know (!) what has happened in the games between R.H.Walker (Dumfries Threats) and G.L.Sutton (South of the Border). Shettleston have won Division I - they have 5/6 and are claiming wins in the other two games (where their opponents are claiming draws) and nobody else can get 6/8. Perth B have won Division II with $6\frac{1}{2}$ /8, and so gain promotion to Division I - unless there are a numbers of protests against any one club having more than one team in the same division!

The Handicap, which was introduced this season, has been reasonably successful. There were 25 contestants on July 1st - the critical date as far as prizes are concerned - so that 4 prizes are to be awarded for the season just finished. Based upon results received (results of other games will count for the next prizes in 1980) my calculations show that A.Brend takes 1st prize (with an Average of 8.6), J.P.E.Jack is 2nd (8.275), L.J.Lane is 3rd (7.1), and R.Dickson is 4th (4.6). The following competitors deserve mention by having gained promotion: A.Brend (Class 6 to Class 5), J.P.E.Jack (6 to 5), L.J.Lane (5 to 4), D.Quinn (3 to 2), and R.Wilson (5 to 4).

Regarding prizes, prizewinners should be receiving prizes with this newsletter.

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

This was the first season in which our own Playing Rules had been used, and they have been quite successful. Because of points raised, there are a few minor alterations. A major change is to be in the assessment of playing time. Ever since the GPO stopped Sunday collections the 'weekend effect' has caused a lot of people bother in calculating playing time. The Playing Rule concerned (which had stated the previous philosophy) is to be altered to the effect that all days (Sundays and Bank Holidays included) count in the determination of playing time. Since we are introducing our own scorecards this coming season, and they have a space for recording playing time (besides the usual spaces for 'date received', 'date sent' and the move played, there should be very few queries about playing time.

Our Grading Officer, George Livie, put forward Guidelines for the award of the title of Scottish Master. These have been discussed and their principles

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approved. The standard of play required by the guidelines is certainly no lower than that required by other national bodies. Because we have these Guidelines, we have been able to make the award and the first holder of the Master title is Kenneth B. McAlpine.

As some of you are already aware an International Match against Iceland is well under way, and (belatedly) another one against Sweden has recently begun. A third match is scheduled to start against Finland in early January 1980, and there is a match starting against Austria this Autumn. In case people feel aggrieved at a low board number whereas somebody they know has a high board, I should point out that Richard Beecham had made up the team lists on the basis of CC and OTB gradings known at the start of last season and also players' commitments in our tournaments. Richard has also asked me to mention that he has had to pick a very strong team against Sweden - this will be a tough match since there are well known internationalists facing us. Another point concerns the use of postcards or letters in these matches. It seems to be the case that sending postcards is much cheaper for foreign opponents than sending letters (in general - other parts of the British mainland being excluded....). Because of this Richard is designing an International postcard for us, and you should be able to buy some at a very reasonable price soon. (See the Entry Form.)

One last thing before some games is the question of help. I have been able to enlist the services Mr D.G. McRoberts and Mr R. Mitchell to join our group of Tournament Controllers. Now we are about to introduce a Magazine this Autumn. Its price should be reasonable - but we will be needing some extra help, besides what the Executive Committee and the Controllers are committed to anyway. If you have any games (annotated preferably!) for publication, or any articles etc., or if you can give a hand, your help will be very welcome. We are planning, initially, to bring out three issues of the magazine each season - November, March/April, August.

Game No. 20 (Championship 72/73) C.W. Marshall v R. Beecham

1 p-q4 n-kb3; 2 n-qb3 p-kn3; 3 p-k4 p-q3; 4 p-kr4 n-b3; 5 b-k2 p-k4; 6 ppx npx; 7 p-r5 b-k3; 8 n-r3 q-q2; 9 n-b4 o-o-o; 10 b-k3 p-b4; 11 b-n5 q-b2; 12 nxb pxn; 13 ppx nxnp; 14 q-q2 p-q4; 15 ppx ppx; 16 o-o-o p-q5; 17 b-n5 b-q3; 18 n-k2 qr-bl; 19 b-q3 n-n5; 20 bxn pxb; 21 rxr rxr; 22 npx b-k4; 23 n-n5 q-n3; 24 q-q7ch. k-nl; 25 p-kb4 b-b2; 26 nxb resigns (1-0)

I am sure Richard won't mind seeing this loss in print. An interesting point is that Claud, in a letter, gave the alternative move for black 25 ..n-b3 as a loss also. He was going to play 25 q-n7! A typical line, then, would be ..r-nl, pxb rxq; pxn r-q2 (if r-b2 or nl then b-b4ch, k moves and a n ch. wins q); rxr qxn r-q3 etc., thereby being an of the power of r+b+passed p v q.

Game No. 21 (Championship 75/76) J.R. Gracie v H.D. Holmes

1 p-k4 p-qb4; 2 p-q4 ppx; 3 p-qb3 ppx; 4 npx n-qb3; 5 n-b3 p-q3; 6 b-qb4 p-k3; 7 o-o n-b3; 8 q-k2 p-qr3; 9 r-ql q-b2; 10 b-b4 n-q2; 11 qr-bl q-nl; 12 p-qr3 b-k2; 13 p-kr3 o-o; 14 b-kn3 n-r4; 15 b-qr2 r-qb3; 16 n-r2 n-b3; 17 p-b4 r-ql; 18 n-q5 pxn; 19 ppx q-b2; 20 n-b3 b-bl; 21 pxn ppx; 22 b-r4 r-nl; 23 bxn pxb; 24 p-qn4 p-qr4; 25 n-q4 p-qb4; 26 q-r5 r-kl; 27 r-q3 ppx; 28 r-n3ch. b-n2; 29 q-r6 resigns (1-0)

I can remember having many interesting OTB games against Hugh more years ago than I like to think! Despite this loss he must have many fine wins somewhere!!

Game No. 22 (Championship 71/72) E.A. Ellison v B.B. Partridge

1 p-q4 p-q4; 2 p-qb4 p-k3; 3 n-qb3 n-kb3; 4 b-n5 b-k2; 5 n-b3 o-o; 6 p-k3 p-kr3; 7 b-r4 p-qn3; 8 ppx npx; 9 bxb qxb; 10 nxn pxn; 11 q-q2 b-k3; 12 r-bl p-qb4; 13 ppx ppx; 14 b-n5 p-r3; 15 b-r4 r-bl; 16 o-o n-q2; 17 kr-ql n-b3; 18 q-r1 qr-nl; 19 r-q2 n-k5; 20 kr-q2 q-b3; 21 p-n3 b-b4; 22 n-kl p-q5; 23 ppx ppx; 24 rxrch. rxr; 25 rxrch. bxr; 26 p-b3 n-b6; 27 q-b7 b-b4; 28 q-qb4 q-k4; 29 q-bl n-k7ch.; 30 k-r1 p-q6; 31 resigns (0-1)

We hope you will have a successful new season.

Val Nye