

SCCA Executive Committee Minutes

Sunday 9 February, 2pm, 2003 at 63 Orchard Brae Avenue, Edinburgh.

Present

Iain Mackintosh (chair), George Pyrich, Raymond Baxter, Alan Borwell, Jim Anderson, Stuart Mackenzie and George Livie.

Apologies

None.

Minutes of Last Meeting

Accepted.

Matters Arising

Still need to contact Chess Suppliers re prizes for SCCA events (**action Iain**).

Still need to obtain badges for the Silver Jubilee (**action Jim**).

The Silver Jubilee magazine and quiz were completed on schedule.

The Silver Jubilee dinner was well attended and much enjoyed.

The Silver Jubilee challenge match v ICCF was now under way.

The Lottery licence had been paid in Perth.

Payment through a bank looks the best option for Bernard Partridge overseas prize money.

Membership and 2003 Events

Jim reported that the annual membership was about the same as last year.

The Championship was up this year to 11 entries, and other tournaments were about the same.

One player was still needed in order to start the Openings tournament (**action Jim**).

League entries were down, with only 3 teams in Division 2, and pairings still to do (**action Jim**).

The Bulletin 21st Magazine tournament is nearing completion, and a magazine article and games download file are planned in conclusion (**action Alan**).

The E-mail tournament still needs a controller. If one can't be found by end-February then the situation will be reviewed and an announcement made (**action Iain and Jim**).

The membership database needs to be reviewed and cleaned up, and a timetable for membership renewals and event administration set up (**action Jim, Raymond and Iain**).

Finance

Stuart and Raymond reported that raffle income allowed the Silver Jubilee dinner to make a small surplus. Other Silver Jubilee expenses are within budget, and last year's ICCF Congress expenses are lower than budget. Overall, finances looked ok for this year.

The meeting agreed that, unless anything changed substantially, we would be able to support our delegates' expenses to the 2003 ICCF Congress in the Czech Republic.

Grading

Raymond's most recent updates had been posted to the website on 7 February. A number of inactive players had been dropped from the list.

International

The ICCF GOLD book was now on sale. Of the 27 copies received, 4 had been donated (2 to contributors and 2 to Mrs Walter Munn), and 7 sold. An advert would appear in the magazine until stock was cleared (**action Iain**).

Play has started over 129 boards in our 25th anniversary match against ICCF. Play has also started recently in 15th (E-mail) Olympiad Preliminaries and the 2nd North Sea Team Tournament.

The 7th European Team Championships Preliminaries are scheduled to start around end-2003 with teams reduced from 12 to either 8 or 10 players.

All our games have been completed in the 13th Olympiad Preliminaries (we didn't qualify for the Final).

We have a few games left in both the 14th Olympiad and 6th European Preliminaries.

Approximately 50% of games have now been completed in NATT5 event.

Friendly matches are still in progress against Catalonia, Norway, England, IECC and Brazil.

Entries for ICCF individual events are still very low (5 during 2002).

Phil Giulian has started play in a World Championship Candidates (formerly $\frac{3}{4}$ Final).

Iain Mackintosh has started play in a European Semi-Final.

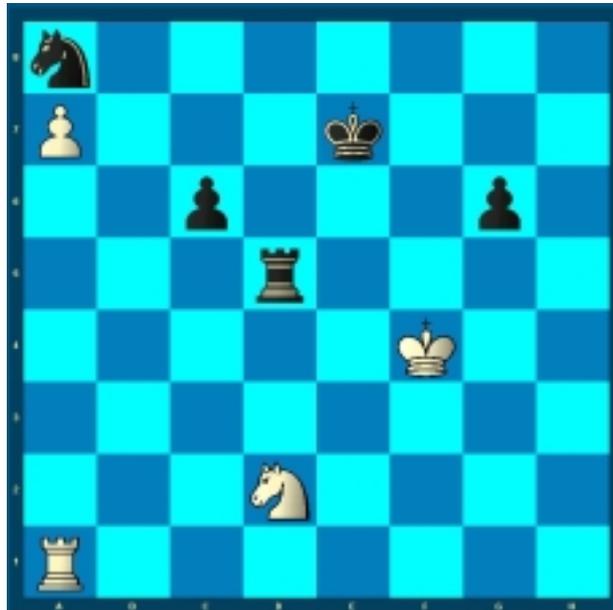
ICCF have a new scheme for World Championship Semi-Finals - full details now on the SCCA website.

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Bernard Partridge Final

Below is the current position in Summers v. Williams after Black's 72nd move. If Summers wins, he takes the event outright; a draw gives him a share of 1st place with Boger; a loss means undisputed 2nd place. Play commenced 1 July 2000. This is the last game - all the others finished over a year ago.



A draw looks the most likely outcome, but there is no adjudication date for the event. We are to write to both players to see if an outcome can be agreed by 1st July 2003 (**action George P**).

Website

The web hosting supplier had recently changed from Globalnet to Webfusion. Disk space has increased from 50Mb to 600Mb as a result, at an extra cost of £10 per year. Webmasters who carry links to our site would be notified of the change, and a redirection page would be created on the old website (**action Iain**).

The domain names www.scottishcca.com and www.scottishcca.org have now been dropped, leaving us with only the **www.scottishcca.co.uk** name, and a saving of £40 in registration fees every 2 years.

A.O.C.B

A new international event is needed during the second half of 2003, and we also wish to run a Memorial tournament for Douglas Livie. First thoughts on the international event were to use the "Friends of Scotland" label, stars-barred (per Bernard Partridge, with grading cut-off to be decided), open to all players from all countries, probably email, with entry fees and prizes. Further thoughts on event formats are to be circulated (**action George L**).

Paul Motwani had gone into hospital for an operation on 3 February, and everybody wished him well.

Next Meeting

There was no requirement for a committee meeting before the AGM, and the provisional date for this was set as 15th June. The committee would meet at 2:00pm and the AGM would start at 4:00pm as usual. Chess Suppliers at 15 Hope Street, Glasgow was the preferred venue - we need to check with them if this date is ok (**action Jim**).