



Grading List

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The SCCA grading list has been published during the first quarter of each calendar year, then supplemented by updates from the ICCF rating system every March and September. The 2008 list was the last to calculate SCCA grades. From 2009, all grades are calculated on the ICCF system, and SCCA domestic events are administered on the ICCF webserver to allow results to be automatically fed into the ICCF system. From 2009, the ICCF grading list has been published quarterly.



Grading List 2020

October 2020 Notes

The fourth ICCF grading list of 2020 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 June 2020 and 31 August 2020. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 October and 31 December 2020.

There were no new additions in this list. Two players gained titles in the last grading period – Michael Blake and Iain Sneddon (CCM). Iain has also secured an IM norm and qualified for the SM title as well!

The most significant rating moves were Allan Buchan (+132), Martin Hardwick (+70) and John Dunn (+47) with Andrew McMillen, Alan Sedstrem and Iain Sneddon also gaining more than 20 rating points in the quarter.

More new games centurions featured – David Cumming has hit the 1800 mark and Martin Hardwick who is now just 2 away from 1600 games and completed a massive 109 in the quarter! Ian Marshall now has 800+, Clive Murden 600+ and John Dunn more than 400. Alan Sedstrem has sneaked over the 100 mark as well. Highest recorded games during this quarter were Martin Hardwick (109); Allan Buchan (38); David Cumming (35); Iain Sneddon (33).

July 2020 Notes

The third ICCF grading list of 2020 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 March 2020 and 31 May 2020. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 July and 31 September 2020.

We had one new addition (Allan Buchan), and one deletion (Mike Dyer deceased) in this list. Three players gained norms in the last grading period – Iain Sneddon (CCM), Raymond Burrige (2xCCCE) and David Cumming (IM) – congratulations to them!

There were four upwards movements in grading bands – Geoff Lloyd is now 2300+; Allan Buchan entered the list at 2000+; and John Dunn progressed to 1500+. Well done to all!

More new games centurions featured – Raymond Burrige surpassed 1500+; Martin Hardwick reached 1400+; and Iain Sneddon is now 300+. Highest recorded games during this quarter were Martin Hardwick (101!), Raymond Burrige (56); David Cumming (55); Carlos Almarza Mato (47); Allan Buchan (41); and Iain Sneddon (37).

April 2020 Notes

The second ICCF grading list of 2020 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 December 2019 and 29 February 2020. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April and 30 June 2020.

We had one addition (Stuart Graham re-activated), and one deletion (sadly, Derek Coope deceased) in this list. No titles or norms were gained by members in the last grading period.

There were four upwards movements in grading bands – Iain Sneddon is now 2300+; Raymond Burrige is 2200+; while both Mark Smith and Ian Whittaker are up to 2100+. Well done to all of them!

More new games centurions featured – Carlos Almarza Mato got to 1800+; David Cumming reached 1700+, Colin Beveridge surpassed 500, Pat Moir hit 200; and Ian Whittaker is now 100+. Highest recorded games during this quarter were Carlos Almarza Mato (57), David Cumming (47), Martin Hardwick (37), and Iain Sneddon (28).

January 2020 Notes

The first ICCF grading list of 2020 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 September and 30 November 2019. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2020.

We had no additions, but three deletions due to inactivity (Stephen Hilton, A G Stewart and IM Joe Watson) in this list. No titles or norms were gained by members in the last grading period.

Just the one upwards movement in grading bands this time – well done Charles O'Neill-McAleenan who is now 2000+!

More new games centurions were recorded – David Cumming reached 1600+, Martin Hardwick surpassed 1300, while Robert Montgomery vaulted 300. Highest recorded games during this quarter were David Cumming (67), Martin Hardwick (57), Michael Blake (42) and Iain Sneddon (37).

General Notes

You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a provisional rating (* below). Provisional ratings apply until 30 games have been processed. Note that correspondence grades are often substantially higher than over-the-board grades. Please get in touch with me at: [grader](#) if you have any queries.

Titled Players

Grandmaster 3xGM

Bryson, D M (1986); Kilgour, D A (1996); Muir, A J (1995).

Senior International Master 6xSIM

Beecham, C R (2009); Craig, T J (2001); Finnie, D S (2002); Giuliani, P M (1999); Mackintosh, I (2018); McNab, Dr C A (1999).

International Master 9xIM

Borwell, A P (1993); Livie, G W G (2003); McAlpine, K B (1990); Matheis, T (2010); Pyrich, G D (1995); Sprott, G R (2001); Thomson, T (1999); Watson J (1999); Wickens, T S (1988).

SCCA Master 35xSM

Aird, I (2002); Anderson, G M (2012); Baxter, R W M (1998); Bell, A D (2012); Bennett, P G (2014); Brown, Dr A C (2003); Cumming, D R (2013); Gillam, S R (1997); Graham, S (2011); Lennox, C J (2001); Lloyd, G (2011); Milligan, B (2002); Morrison, G (1987); Neil, D (2002); Norris, A J (1986); Paine, Dr K A (2019); Stewart, D J (1998).

[Note that GM, SIM and IM title holders are also included as SCCA Masters]

Correspondence Chess Master 7xCCM

Anderson, G M (2019); Bell, A D (2017); Bennett, P G (2017); Blake, M J (2020); Cumming, D R (2017); Lloyd, G (2019); Sneddon, I (2020).

Correspondence Chess Expert 2xCCE

Beveridge, C (2019); Dawson, Prof A G (2018).

Scottish Master Title

GM, SIM and IM titles are awarded by ICCF, and their qualifying conditions are explained on the [ICCF website](#) - follow the ICCF Titles links. The Scottish Master (SM) title is awarded by the SCCA, and its qualifying conditions are:

1. Attaining the ICCF GM, SIM or IM title.
2. Attaining 3 norms, without limit of time; one norm for each of the following:
 - o (SCCA or) ICCF grade of 2300 or above, provided this grade is based on at least 30 results in total, and on at least 20 new results since any previous norm has been awarded for grade.
 - o Outright winner of the SCCA Championship Final, or joint winner with at least 75% of total points. (Note that the SCCA Championship should be organised so that players play a minimum of 8 games for this condition to operate.)
 - o IM norm.
 - o 50% or more of the points in an ICCF World Semi-Final, or 60% or more of the points in an ICCF World Preliminary.
 - o Winner of an ICCF World or European Master Class.
3. Players must be members of the SCCA and have indicated that the SCCA is their primary CC body when norms are achieved, and the award of the title is subject to ratification by the SCCA Executive Committee.

Highest Scottish ICCF Grades

2500+

2400+

2478 Beecham, C R (SIM); 2453 Matheis, T (IM); 2450 Murden, C (IM); 2422 Bell, A D (CCM, SM); 2421 Mackintosh, I (SIM).

2300+

2377 Bennett, P G (CCM, SM); 2373 Blake, M J (CCM); 2363 Cumming, D R (CCM, SM); 2363 Sneddon, I (CCM); 2357 Paine, Dr K A (SM); 2349 Anderson, G M (CCM, SM); 2323 Lloyd, G (CCM, SM).

2200+

2294 Beveridge, C (CCE); 2256 Montgomery, R S; 2238 Kilgour, D A (GM); 2207 Borwell, A P (IM).

2100+

2198 Buchan, A W; 2192 Dawson Prof A G (CCE); 2183 Burrige, R J; 2163 Almarza Mato, C; 2135 Whittaker, I P; 2124 Smith, M J.

Main Grading List

A

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
317	Almarza Mato, C				1859	2163	
518	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)				341	2349	
121	Anderson, J				302	1941	
049	Armstrong, A				209	1876	
313	Armstrong, J McK				451	1536	

B

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)				478	2478	
599	Bell, A D (CCM, SM)				255	2422	
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)				482	2377	
481	Beveridge, C (CCE)				555	2294	
472	Blake, M J (CCM)				871	2373	
509	Borwell, A P (IM)				1096	2207	
486	Buchan, A W				79	2198	
602	Burridge, R J				1562	2183	

C

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	Clark, S L				280	1853	
247	Cormack, W H				115	1894	
166	Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)				1800	2363	

D

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
422	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)				170	2192	
572	Dempster, D				807	1759	
478	Dunn, J				405	1553	

E

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
371	Edney, D				291	1940	

F

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462	Gilbert, R				241	1667	
124	Goodwin, B J				389	1719	
445	Graham, S W				86	1656	
399	Grant, J				74	1650	

H

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
596	Hardwick, M E				1598	1304	

J

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475	Kearns, A				112	1400	
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)				351	2238	
260	Knox, A				398	1404	

L

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
264	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)				988	2323	

Mac-Mc

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
	MacDonald, M				56	1389	
867	McEwan, N R				39	1896	
584	MacGregor, C A				448td>	1867	
532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)				785	2421	
216	MacMillen, A N				1397	1582	

M

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566	Marshall, I H				803	2002	
434	Matheis, T (IM)				258	2453	
	Miles, A				64	1454	
401	Moir, P J				203	1524	
598	Montgomery, R S				314	2256	
474	Murden, C (IM)				603	2450	
564	Murray, J S				86	2013	

N

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440	Neil, C				342	1338	
453	Newton, A				30	1774	

O

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603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C				184	1874	

P

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
604	Paine, Prof K A (SM)				226	2357	
	Pettigrew, S				159	1380	
432	Price, D				459	1878	

R

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477	Sedstrem, A				101	1413	
439	Smith, M J				95	2124	
057	Sneddon, I (CCM)				340	2363	

T

<i>Member</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>SCCA Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>	<i>Results</i>	<i>ICCF Grade</i>	<i>Prov</i>
605	Taylor, W				131	2059	

V

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W

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	Warren, J				36	2067	
480	Whittaker, I P				133	2135	

Y

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