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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 2021

January 2021 Notes

The first ICCF grading list of 2021 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 September 2020 and 30 November 2020. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2021.

There were 3 new additions in this list – Benjamin Major, Theo van Stratum and Dietmar Wicht. Two players gained titles in the last grading period – Allan Buchan and Robert Montgomery, both CCE.

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

More new games centurions featured – Carlos Almarza Mato has crashed through the 1900 barrier, Martin Hardwick and Raymond Burrige are now over 1600. Andrew MacMillen (1400+), John Dunn (400+) and David Edney (300+) also reached new centuries. Highest recorded games during this quarter were Carlos Almarza Mato (100), Martin Hardwick (65), Raymond Burrige (43), Allan Buchan (35), Theo van Stratum (31), Benjamin Major and Dietmar Wicht (both 30).

April 2021 Notes

The second ICCF grading list of 2021 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 December 2020 and 28 February 2021. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April and 30 June 2021.

If any eagle-eyed readers spotted accidental omissions from the last grading report they kept it to themselves. I noticed some omissions when preparing this report and so apologies for the errors (not all are mine). I'm not going to tell you who I missed out and you can use it as a test (although see next paragraph, the rest all had surnames that began with G!).

There were 3 new additions in this list – Kieran Rafferty, Rob Taylor (Rob should have been listed with a provisional rating previously) and yours truly after some years of inactivity. Norms were achieved by Alan Bell (IM), Gordon Anderson (IM) and Ian Whittaker (CCE) – congratulations to them with a hope for future norms. The most significant rating moves were Rob Taylor (+73 and now obtaining a full rating), David Edney (+29) and Robert Montgomery (+20). The only other double figure moves up were Andrew MacMillen (+18) and Carlos Almarza Mato (+12).

More new games centurions featured – Carlos Almarza Mato (2000+), Geoff Lloyd (1000+), Colin Beveridge (600+) and Stephen Clark (300+). Highest recorded games during this quarter were Kieran Rafferty (51), David Cumming (44), Carlos Almarza Mato (43), Raymond Burrige (33), Allan Buchan (29), Iain Sneddon (28) and Martin Hardwick (23).

July 2021 Notes

The third ICCF grading list of 2021 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 Mar 2021 and 31 May 2021. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 Jul and 30 Sep 2021.

There were no additions or deletions in this list. Allan Buchan achieved the CCM title and with his rating going over 2300 also a Scottish Master norm. CCM norms were achieved by Colin Beveridge and Robert Montgomery (2), and Wilf Taylor gained a CCE norm. Clive Murden was awarded the IA title. Congratulations to all!

The most significant rating moves were Andrew MacMillen (+74), Allan Buchan (+53), Benjamin Major (+38), Carlos Almarza Mato (+28) and Ian Whittaker (+20).

New games centurions were David Cumming (1900+), Martin Hardwick (1700+) and Iain Sneddon (400+). Highest recorded games this quarter were Carlos Almarza Mato (63), David Cumming (46), Allan Buchan (44), and Raymond BurrIDGE (36).

General Notes

If you are ungraded, the ICCF webserver will calculate a provisional rating for your first 12 games. Provisional ratings are no longer published. After you complete 30 games, you are eligible for a published ICCF grade. 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); Giulian, 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 36xSM

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); Sneddon, I (2021); 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); Buchan, A W (2021); Cumming, D R (2017); Lloyd, G (2019); Sneddon, I (2020).

Correspondence Chess Expert 3xCCE

Beveridge, C (2019); Buchan, A W (2020); Dawson, Prof A G (2018); Montgomery, R S (2020).

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.
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+

2472 Beecham, C R (SIM); 2453 Matheis, T (IM); 2453 Murden, C (IM); 2426 Bell, A D (CCM, SM); 2423 Mackintosh, I (SIM).

2300+

2377 2382 Blake, M J (CCM); 2370 Bennett, P G (CCM, SM); 2360 Sneddon, I (CCM, SM); 2357 Anderson, G M (CCM, SM); 2350 Paine, Prof K A (SM); 2321 Buchan, A W (CCM); 2307 Lloyd, G (CCM, SM).

2200+

2284 Montgomery, R S (CCE); 2273 Beveridge, C (CCE); 2267 Cumming, D R (CCM, SM); 2238 Kilgour, D A (GM); 2207 Borwell, A P (IM).

2100+

2192 Dawson Prof A G (CCE); 2180 Maxwell, A; 2155 Smith, M J; 2155 Whittaker, I P; 2143 Almarza Mato, C (CCE).

Main Grading List

A							
Member	Name	Results	SCCA Grade	Prov	Results	ICCF Grade	Prov
317	Almarza Mato, C (CCE)				2065	2143	
518	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)				345	2357	
121	Anderson, J				302	1941	
313	Armstrong, J McK				474	1524	

<i>B</i>							
<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)				495	2472	
599	Bell, A D (CCM, SM)				260	2426	
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)				492	2370	
481	Beveridge, C (CCE)				625	2321	
472	Blake, M J (CCM)				886	2382	
509	Borwell, A P (IM)				1096	2207	
486	Buchan, A W (CCM)				143	2321	
602	Burridge, R J				1674	2018	

<i>C</i>							
<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>
	Clark, S L				306	1830	
247	Cormack, W H				117	1898	
166	Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)				1917	2267	

<i>D</i>							
<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	
478	Dunn, J				439	1528	

<i>E</i>							
<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				316	1947	

<i>F</i>							
<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>

<i>G</i>							
<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>
462	Gilbert, R				266	1726	
124	Goodwin, B J				389	1719	
445	Graham, S W				86	1656	
399	Grant, J				77	1646	

<i>H</i>							
<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				1705	1104	

<i>J</i>							
<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>

<i>K</i>							
<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>
475	Kearns, A				115	1380	
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)				351	2238	

260	Knox, A				398	1404	
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264	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)				1026	2307	

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	
584	MacGregor, C A				465	1817	
532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)				791	2423	
216	MacMillen, A N				1417	1676	

M

<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>
485	Major, B				46	1280	
566	Marshall, I H				840	1861	
434	Matheis, T (IM)				267	2453	
	Miles, A				73	1436	
401	Moir, P J				205	1507	
598	Montgomery, R S (CCE)				339	2284	
474	Murden, C (IM)				626	2453	
564	Murray, J S				90	2005	

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

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<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>
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)				232	2350	
	Pettigrew, S				174	1375	
432	Price, D				467	1871	

R

<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>
609	Rafferty, K				68	1396	

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<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>
477	Sedstrom, A				112	1381	
439	Smith, M J				107	2155	
057	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)				415	2360	

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>
	Taylor, R				41	1388	
605	Taylor, W				147	2075	

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<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>
484	van Stratum, T				34	1355	

W

<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>
	Warren, J				36	2067	
480	Whittaker, I P				182	2155	
487	Wicht, D				39	1861	

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