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SECRETARIAL NOTES (by Val Nye)

Welcome to the first issue of the Association's Magazine! This is a natural development of the Newsletter. All being well we will be able to bring out at least three issues each season which will give the latest positions in all our Tournaments. George Livie has volunteered to run Games Column, so that each issue will contain a good selection of games. From time to time, Richard Beecham will give news about International Matches. (In passing, I must remark that there is a huge demand for international play and we are hoping to arrange more matches than originally anticipated.) As Secretary, I can probably manage to string together a few words about this and that..... All the Controllers and the members of the Executive Committee will have things to write on matters of importance to the Association. Certainly we can include basic items in the magazine but anything else must come from you, our members. If you feel strongly about anything, write a letter and we will put it in the magazine. If you have any ideas for articles, tell us. We need your support to make a success of the magazine.

The Association itself was the brainchild of Bernard Partridge and he employed what he calls his 'personal touch' to get a group of us together to form a steering committee. A Constitution was drawn up and an Executive Committee was established, and within a comparatively short space of time we have produced our own Playing Rules, Scorecard and an International Postcard. Guidelines have been agreed for the award of Scottish Master titles and we have made the first award to triple Scottish Champion, Ken McAlpine. Sooner or later, we will be recognized by ICCF and Scotland will be able to participate or be represented formally in international team and individual events.

In the meantime, it would be useful to have members' views on the structure of the Championships, whether there is demand for any new Tournaments, under what circumstances should play by telephone be allowed (and under what rules). The Executive Committee feels happy to have a Championship Final of eleven players, but a curious picture appears however when we look at the Premier and the Major. There are usually more players in the (higher ranking) Premier than in the Major. Also, a typical Premier Section is far stronger than a typical Major Section. One possible way round this state of affairs is to introduce a Candidate's Tournament between the Final and the Premiers. Is there a demand for another type of tournament - an Openings tourney, for example? On telephone play, one or two may do a lot of travelling because of their work and they could find it useful - on occasion - to make use of the telephone. Should we permit this, and what rules should then apply?

I have records of over 300 players who have participated in more recent times in Scottish correspondence events. The number entering each season is gradually increasing..... Our youngest member is probably Paul Hampton who is under 12. But who is the oldest member? Hart Hamilton (at Stewarton) says he is in the seventies but that he is a mere lad compared to J.W. Vernon (from Stranraer)! This season we have welcomed some Shetlanders. (I should point out that Ken Beer, the team captain who is also in the Premier, has requested that 1st class mail be used). There does not seem to be any sign, yet, of players from the more isolated parts of the Borders, the Highlands, nor from the Hebrides! Any members with contacts who might be interested in learning about our activities are encouraged to write to me - we will send them a complimentary copy of the magazine.

I must, finally, express our thanks to Alan Borwell for taking on the production of the first few editions of the magazine. This is an added responsibility over and above those he has already as Secretary of the SCA. Any volunteers of assistance or for eventually taking over the editorship will, I am sure, be welcomed by our President.

EDITORIAL COMMENT (Alan Borwell)

This first edition of our new bulletin is slightly behind schedule but I hope that it has been worth waiting for! As we proceed with subsequent editions I am sure that it can be improved and enlarged, but this will depend very much on readers' contributions, ie. articles, games, letters, opening analysis, amusing incidents, etc. The second edition is due to be published during April and will include results to date. The third edition will be published at the end of the season.

S.C.C.A. TOURNAMENTS 1979 - 1980

Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship 1980

		M	B	C	J	W	Br	Be	Mc	S	K	N	PTS	POS
C.J.MORRISON	ABERDEEN													
W.G.BRADY	CLYDEBANK													
T.J.CRAIG	GLASGOW													
D.M.JENKINS	INVERNESS													
W.P.WATSON	GLASGOW													
D.BRYSON	GLASGOW													
R.BEECHAM	PRESTWICK													
D.McKERRACHER	BRACO													
J.SEYFRIED	KILMARNOCK													
D.A.KILGOUR	DUNDEE													
Dr.V.A.NYE	EAST KILBRIDE													

The top four players will be eligible to play in the 1981 Championship.

Premier Sections 1980

P 66

	A	D	G	M	Sp	Sw	PTS	POS
D.G.ANDERSON								
R.DICKSON								
P.M.GIULIAN								
D.G.McROBERTS								
G.R.SPROTT								
M.A.SWYSTUN								

P 68

	Bi	Bo	C	H	Md	Me	PTS	POS
Prof.G.H.BIRD								
C.F.BOYLE								
H.E.CLAPHAM								
A.T.HISLOP								
A.J.McCLELLAND								
M.E.McGHEE								

P 70

	J	Ml	Mn	O	T	W	PTS	POS
R.JACKSON								
I.MARSHALL								
B.J.MARTIN								
D.QUINN								
I.THOMPSON								
J.WILLIAMS								

Maior Sections 1980

M 29

	Br	Bu	C	G	Mc	PTS	POS
A.BREND							
J.BURNS							
J.A.CLAYTON							
D.L.GILLESPIE							
J.McLAY							

M 31

	B	K	L	P	R	PTS	POS
C.T.W.BEVERIDGE							
R.KILPATRICK							
L.J.LANE							
A.PEARCEY							
A.REID							

P 67

	A	B	C	K	M	W	PTS	POS
G.M.ANDERSON								
K.BEER								
I.CREELMAN								
A.H.KERR								
M.MELDRUM Jnr.								
G.WEEDEN								

P 69

	B	Mb	Me	M	P	R	PTS	POS
C.J.BOWN								
R.A.MacBRAYNE								
Mrs.M.McGHEE								
I.A.MARKS								
G.D.PYRICH								
W.S.ROACH								

Outright winners of each Premier Section Will qualify automatically for the 1981 Championship.

In these events each competitor plays two games against each opponent, one with the white pieces and one with black.

M 30

	Br	H	P	S	W	PTS	POS
W.F.BROWN							
G.HAMILTON							
A.PETRIE							
A.J.STEWART							
K.WARREN							

M 32

	H	Mc	M	T	V	PTS	POS
F.HALL							
T.McMORRAN							
M.MOLNAR							
I.TAYLOR							
J.W.VERNON							

Major Sections 1980 (continued)

Winners and runners-up in each Major Section will be eligible to play in a Premier Section next season. In the Major, each competitor plays two games against each opponent, one with the white pieces and one with black.

Quartet Trophies 1980 All play all events two games against each opponent.

1980 FINALS

Q 80 - Postal Knight (holder- I.Thompson)

	C	K	P	T	PTS	POS
S.R.CAPSEY						
A.H.KERR						
T.PATERSON						
I.THOMPSON						

Q 82 - Postal Rook (holder- J.Lewis)

	L	Mb	Mc	S	PTS	POS
J.LEWIS						
R.A.MacBRAYNE						
A.J.McCLELLAND						
D.J.SAVAGE						

1980 QUARTET SECTIONS

Q 83

	L	Pe	Pr	S	PTS	POS
G.W.G.LIVIE						
A.PETRIE						
V.A.PROUDLER						
Miss M.M. STEPHEN						

Q 85

	B	H	M	R	PTS	POS
R.BEACON						
G.HAMILTON						
R.MITCHELL						
A.REID						

Q 87

	D	L	M	W	PTS	POS
M.DYER						
L.J.LANE						
R.MITCHELL						
J.M.WALKER						

Scottish Correspondence Chess League -1979-80

Teams of four players compete in the league using Jamboree style pairings. Each player plays two games against the same opponent. Teams may be comprised of members from an established chess club or simply a group of individuals using an appropriate designation. Teams competing this season are as follows:

Division 1

Chess Suppliers (Scotland)
Inverness
Perth Correspondents
Perth Players
Shetland
Shettleston

PTS. FROM

Division 2

Airdrie Juniors
Airdrie Pawnbrokers
Black Knight
Crowwood
Dounreay
Falkirk RSVP

PTS. FROM

Q 81 - Postal Shield (holder- R.Dickson)

	D	La	Li	T	PTS	POS
R.DICKSON						
L.J.LANE						
D.M.LIVIE						
T.A.H.TAYLOR						

The players in each Quartet Trophy Final qualified by winning an earlier Quartet section. The holder of each Trophy is eligible to defend his title in the following season.

Q 84

	C	G	T	W	PTS	POS
J.A.CLAYTON						
K.GORDON						
A.TAYLOR						
A.WILSON						

Q 86

	H	K	L	S	PTS	POS
P.D.HAMPTON						
J.KENNEDY						
D.LOEB						
M.SUTHERLAND						

Holders : Shettleston 7pts. From 8 games.

OTHER SCCA COMPETITIONS (by Allan T. Hislop)

THE HANDICAP TOURNAMENT continues to be a popular event, with twentyfive players opening the new season in late October against new opponents. The Tournament can be entered at any time of the season but prizes are awarded on the basis of results achieved by July. Unfinished games are carried forward to the next season. Each player is put in one of six classes according to CC grading and is allowed to play against an opponent not more than two classes above or below. All games are played on level terms and additional points are won for a win against an opponent in a higher class. All games count towards grading so this event is a way of improving your grading quicker than usual because you can play more players with higher grading than is usually encountered.

Competitors are:

Handicap.- C2 I. Marshall. C3 Major W.E. Bruges, R. Dickson, R.A. MacBrayne, G.R. Sprott Mrs. E. Hartford.- C4 J.M. Herries, L.J. Lane, D. McCracken, I. Thompson, R. Wilson. C5 P.D. Hampton, J.P.E. Jack, T. Paterson, Miss M. M. Stephen, C6 H. Hamilton, C.R. James, D. Loeb, J. Merrifield, R. Mitchell, W. Monaghan, G. Mulholland. A. Paterson, J. Sharp, A. Wilson. Later entries received from: P.G. Bassett, I. Beresford, J.C. Brannan, J.H. Lawson, K. Maguire and Mrs. G. Sharp.

THE SWISS TOURNAMENT has started this year with only twelve players so it has been cut from four to three rounds. The Swiss was first introduced in 1975 but declined in popularity over the years due perhaps to the event taking two years to complete. At that time, players who did not do well in the first two rounds may have lost interest or found that circumstances had changed making it difficult for them to carry on whilst at the same time take part in current events. However, it still remains a tournament where a player may elect to play just two opponents every six months all the year round. This may be suitable for example for those players who are only playing in International events This season and in future there will be a grading prize, which we hope will attract more entrants.

Competitors are:

Swiss:- D. Crichton G. Hamilton, Mrs. E. Hartford, J.M. Herries, C.R. James, R.A. MacBrayne, M.E. McGhee, J. McLay, M. Melville, R. Mitchell, G.R. Sprott, T.A.H. Taylor.

A SELECTED OPENINGS TOURNAMENT is being considered where a player will play a game as White and a game as Black in an opening such as the Kings Gambit or the Blackmar Gambit etc. Would members please notify their Controller when sending in their results if they would be interested in this kind of event, to give us an indication whether it would be worth promoting next season.

RESULTS from the Handicap, Swiss and other Tournaments will be included in each edition of the magazine, commencing with the April 1980 edition.

MANAGEMENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The following is an extract from Section 5 of the Constitution:

- (a) Management of the Association shall be carried out by an executive committee consisting of the PRESIDENT, SECRETARY/TREASURER, ASSISTANT SECRETARY, GRADING OFFICER, PUBLICITY AND MEMBERSHIP OFFICER, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY and two other members elected at the AGM.
- (b) The executive committee shall be elected from among members of the Association consenting nomination by two members at the AGM to serve for one year and be eligible for re-election.
- (c) The organisation of the tournaments, leagues and matches will be controlled by a sub committee comprising the Secretary as Chairman, Assistant Secretary and Tournament Controllers appointed by the executive committee.

Tournament controllers for season 1979-80 are as follows:-

Championship : Mr. B.B. Partridge, 20 Seres Road, Clarkston, Glasgow G76 7QU
Premiers : Mr. I.S. Campbell, 38 Rodger Avenue, Newton Mearns, Glasgow G77 6JP
Majors : Mr. R. Mitchell, 21 Killermont Road, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 2JB
Quartets : Mr. D.G. McRoberts, 17 Heathfield Road, Thurso, Caithness, KW14 7DT
Handicap and Swiss: Mr. A.T. Hislop, 4 Ascog Street, Glasgow G42 7JN.
League : Mr. K. Gordon, 31 Roselea Drive, Milngavie, Glasgow G62 8HE

BERNARD PARTRIDGE (A profile by Val Nye)

I first came across Bernard Partridge in an over-the-board game more years ago than either of us would care to remember. Club members had previously warned me that he would be a difficult opponent - the game was a tough one, and all our other games since have been tough as well. I later found out that Bernard, in his time, has been champion of the Carlisle and Gloucester clubs. Once you met Bernard it was very difficult to keep out of his way.... He would be wanting an article for his Glasgow High School Magazine or somebody would be needed to give a simultaneous display at the school. There was, at one time, a team of the school's masters in the Glasgow League, and the school played the occasional correspondence match with other schools. All thanks to Bernard's efforts.

Bernard originally hailed from Surrey. He was a leading County player - he had won the Felce Cup and had done well in the Slater-Kennington (both of these being competitions run by the Surrey Chess Association). A war came along, however, and the RAF felt they had just the job for him! Undeterred by this change of routine, Bernard somehow found the time to arrange matches between his own camp, RAF Gloucester, and several other camps. This led to matches being played by correspondence between the various camps. If one looks through the records, the BCCA magazine shows that a certain Sergeant B.B. Partridge won a Premier Tourney in the season 1945/6 and took part in the BCCA Championship the following season.

In between times he had found himself a Scottish wife! When demob came, there was only one thing to do. Sure enough, as an ex-servicemen, he was able to come to the University of Glasgow to be one of the first students taking joint honours in Geography and Political Economics. A year at Jordanhill followed and Bernard was able to realise his wish to be a teacher. He taught at various schools in Coatbridge and Airdrie. Glasgow High School then was fortunate to get him - but only for 19 years, since the closure came a few years before retirement! On leaving the High School, Bernard was able to do a certain amount of teaching, as a teacher on supply. Interesting part-time jobs he found, included being a 'lollipop man' - he tells me he had some interesting experiences with the 'stick'. A useful idea came to him, and this should be taken up by the authorities, that the 'stick' should be on wheels.....

Bernard's strong interest in chess led him to starting the famous High School of Glasgow Magazine. It filled a gap in Scottish chess since the SCA only more recently began to put out a magazine on a regular basis. Considering that only one person looked after all the preparation, the magazine was a remarkable achievement. Arising from the readership, 'friendly' postal quartets began. As time went by, more people took up the correspondence events which Bernard was arranging. Eventually, the Scottish Championships were instituted and it is a wonder how Bernard found the time to run everything virtually single-handed for so many years. In SCA circles, Bernard was on the original committee which set up the Regional Competition (now run on Jamboree lines).

There is no doubt at all that Scottish chess is greatly indebted to Bernard.

There are many things missed out as there is only so much space available. However, this is sufficient for us all to say 'thank you' to Bernard and to wish him and his wife, Jean, a long happy and well-deserved retirement.

Here in one of Bernard's games which demonstrates that he can 'play' as well as 'organise'!

Scottish Correspondence	8	PxP	NxP	20	R(2)-B2	Q-B3		
Championship 1971/72	9	BxB	QxB	21	P-N3	B-B4		
White : E.A. Ellison	10	NxN	PxN	22	N-K1	P-Q5		
Black : B.B. Partridge	11	Q-Q2	B-K3	23	PxP	PxP		
	12	R-B1	P-QB4	24	RxRch	RxR		
1	P-Q4	P-Q4	13	PxP	PxP	25	RxRch	BxR
2	P-QB4	P-K3	14	B-N5	P-R3	26	P-B3	N-B6
3	N-QB3	N-KB3	15	B-R4	R-B1	27	Q-B7	B-B4
4	B-N5	B-K2	16	0-0	N-Q2	28	Q-QB4	Q-K4
5	N-B3	0-0	17	KR-Q1	N-B3	29	Q-B1	N-K7ch
6	P-K3	P-KR3	18	Q-R5	QR-N1	30	K-R1	P-Q6
7	B-R4	P-QN3	19	R-Q2	N-K5	31	Resigns	

GRADING MATTERS (by George Livie)

The number of competitors in Scottish Correspondence Chess Association events continues to increase and the new lists now have seventythree players in the main grading list and twentyseven players in the supplementary list. A very large number of additional players compete in various events and, when they have played sufficient games, their names will be included on the published lists.

Gradings are now calculated over the last twenty, and not the last thirty results, as in previous years. I think this will provide a more accurate grading of a player's 'current' performance. Where a player has more than twenty results in a season, all results will of course be taken into account in calculating the player's new grading. Players who did not compete over a three-year period will have their names transferred to an inactive list. The names of many players are in fact on this list and the Association would welcome their return to competitive correspondence chess - at any level.

Games other than in SCCA or ICCF events can be graded only if the competitor advises the Grading Officer of the details of the event within two months of its commencement.

The main grading list once again consists of:

- (a) Recognised players - those who have twenty or more recorded results against recognised or provisionally graded players.
- (b) Provisionally graded players (shown by an asterisk) - those who have at least eight recorded results against recognised or provisionally graded players.

MAIN GRADING LIST

G.M.	ANDERSON	165*	D.M.	JENKINS	193	T.	McCHEYNE	124*
R.W.	BAXTER	204*	A.H.	KERR	148*	A.	McLEILAND	150*
R.	BEECHAM	197	D.	KILGOUR	186*	J.S.	McCORMACK	91
G.H.	BIRD	155	R.	KILPATRICK	151	D.	McCRACKEN	110*
W.	BRACK	142*	W.G.	KINCAID	136*	M.E.	McGHEE	139*
W.G.	BRADY	180	A.G.	KIRKLAND	193*	MRS.	McGHEE	175*
W.E.	BRUGES	136	P.R.	KLEBOE	168*	A.	McFADYEN	131
D.	BRYSON	199*	A.J.	LAIT	173	D.	McKERRACHER	205
I.S.	CAMPBELL	183	L.J.	LANE	135*	I.	MACKINTOSH	163
D.	CANNING	149	R.	LAWSON	186	J.N.	McNEILL	230*
J.A.	CLAYTON	157*	J.	LEWIS	169*	A.	McLENNAN	150*
T.J.	GRAIG	193	G.W.G.	LIVIE	180*	D.G.	McROBERTS	124
I.	CREELMAN	129*	J.P.L.	LUMSDEN	139	V.A.	NYE	172
R.	DICKSON	153	J.	MAIR	62*	B.B.	PARTRIDGE	197
A.B.	DUNN	172	C.	MAKARENIEZ	120*	W.S.	ROACH	156*
G.	FERGUSON	117*	I.A.	MARKS	160*	D.J.	SAVAGE	153*
K.	GORDON	140	I.	MARSHALL	156	J.	SEYFRIED	183*
J.R.	GRACIE	171*	B.J.	MARTIN	147*	G.	SPROTT	169*
F.	HALL	98	R.	MITCHELL,	41*	GL.	SUTTON	170
J.M.	HIERRIES	140	G.	MORRISON	197*	M.A.	SWYSTUN	152*
A.T.	HISLOP	162	W.	MUNN	182*	A.	THOMPSON	154
H.D.	HOLMES	196	K.B.	McALPINE	227	I.	THOMPSON	160
R.M.	INNES	140		(master)		A.	THOMSON	179
R.	JACKSON	141*	R.A.	MACBRAYNE	141	J.W.	VERNON	147
			B.	McCAMON	155*	K.	WARREN	119*

The supplementary list comprises of players who have twenty recorded results against any grade of opponent or six results against provisionally graded or recognised players.

SUPPLEMENTARY GRADING LIST

P.O.	BASSETT	155	D.	GORMAN	135	A.J.	POLLARD	119
C.	BEVERIDGE	119	J.P.E.	JACK	98	K.	PONTING	154
A.P.	BORWELL	189	I.W.S.	MITCHELL.	104	H.C.	PORTERFIELD	176
C.J.	BOWN	141	W.	MONAGHAN	56	A.J.	STEWART	132
E.	BURNS	143	I.	MUIR	141	S.	TAYLOR	147
J.	BUTTONS	154	D.	McCLOY	120	J.M.	WALKER	93
S.R.	CAPSEY	141	R.	McCORMICK	157	J.	WATSON	115
J.	FLANAGAN	121	D.	PARISH	144	W.P.	WATSON	177
R.	GIBSON	161	T.	PATERSON	106	S.D.	YOUNG	148

The Executive Committee have now approved the criteria to be adopted when awarding the title of Scottish Correspondence Chess Master to members of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association. Briefly, it is as follows:-

The title of Master will be awarded to any individual who has three outright wins in the Scottish Championship without limit of time or alternatively achieves three norms within six years.

One norm will be achieved by recognised players in each of the following circumstances:

- (a) A Scottish Correspondence Chess Association grading of 213 or above, providing at least eight results have been recorded in the current year.
- or
- (b) An outright win in the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association Championship or joint winners scoring at least 75% of the total points available.
- or
- (c) A grading of 213 achieved in any one tournament, providing at least eight results are recorded and the tournament is approved and recognised as being of sufficient strength by the Executive Committee of the Association.

Ken McAlpine is the first recipient of the new Master Title, having won the Scottish Championship outright on three occasions. His results in correspondence chess are quite outstanding and I am sure all members would wish him continued success and higher honours for the future when competing in International events.

Finally, I thought it may be of interest to provide a list of players who have achieved the best results over ten or more games in the last season. I have shown in brackets their grading of games played but would stress that the official grading, which is taken over twenty games, is shown on the main grading list. However, as many of the members who are shown on the list are competing in the Championship, it is likely that a few at least could qualify for a norm next year. The name 'C.J. Morrison' does not appear on either the main grading list or supplementary grading list as he has played insufficient games against provisional or recognised players. The 'Doughty Bakers Dozen' based on last season's results only, are as follows:-

				<u>Season 1978/9</u>				<u>Season 1978/9</u>
				<u>results only</u>				<u>results only</u>
1	=	D.	BRYSON	(209)	8	C.J.	MORRISON	(197)
	=	D.M.	JENKINS	(209)	9	J.	SEYFRIED	(193)
	=	D.	McKERRACHER	(209)	10	V.A.	NYE	(186)
4		R.W.	BAXTER	(205)	11	G.	SPROTT	(185)
5		D.	KILGOUR	(201)	12 =	I.S.	CAMPBELL	(179)
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7		T.J.	CRAIG	(199)				

My most enjoyable postal game - - - -

Editorial note

This will be a regular feature in each edition here a member of the S.C.C.A. will provide an annotated game which in the player's opinion has been "My most enjoyable postal game". We could not start with anyone else other than our leading correspondence chess player in Scotland, Ken McAlpine SM.

Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship Qualifying 1974/5.

SCANDINAVIAN, (R 85/a)

White : K.B.McAlpine

Black : J.P.L.Lumsden

1 P-K4 P-KN3 2 P-Q4 B-N2 3 N-QB3 P-Q3
4 B-QB4 N-KB3 5 Q-K2 N-B3

So as to be able to meet 6 N-B3 with B-N5 7 B-K3 P-K4 with a reasonable position and exerting pressure on white's Q4 square. The reply however successfully thwarts this plan and must have been unexpected.

6 P-K5 !

Preparing a Q sacrifice after only 6 moves. the reply is virtually forced.

6 NxQP

Clearly better than either 6 N-Q2 7 BxP ch. KxB 8 P-K6 etc, or 6 PxP 7 PxP N-KN1 8 P-K6 etc.

7 PxN NxQ 8 PxB R-KN1 2 KNxN

White has given up Q for 3 minor pieces. In many similar positions the minor pieces in practice have proved to be too powerful for the Q. Clearly white wishes to open up the position and create attacking chances, whereas black should opt for keeping the position closed. I believe, on balance, white has the better chances.

9 RxP

10 B-KR6 R-KN1 11 0-0-0 P-K4 ?

This was the sort of move I was hoping for. White can now exploit the weakness created. Much better would be P-QB3 followed by development of the Q-side.

12 P-B4 PxP 13 N-K4!

It is easy now to see how much of a blunder black's 11th. move was - his KB3 square is so weak and the threat of B-KN5 is so strong that the game is effectively over. The rest is an enjoyable exercise in how to win in the most convincing manner.

13 P-KN4 14 P-KR4 !

There is no way to prevent the minor pieces from "pouring" in towards the black king.

14 PxP

If R-N3 then 15 BxP P-KB3 16 N2xP PxB 17 NxR PxN 18 PxP Q-K2 19 N-B6 ch. and black can resign.

15 NxBP B-B4 16 B-N5 ch K-K2

There is no hope. If B-Q2 17 KR-K1 BxB 18 N-B6 mate.

17 N-Q5 ch K-K3 18 N-B5 ch !

Giving black no time to hide anywhere.

18 PxN

19 KR-K1 ch B-K5

20 RxB ch K-B4 21 N-K7 ch KxR 22 R-K1
ch K-Q5 23 P-B3 mate

It is perhaps ironic that the black king is mated in the centre of the board and that every square in the centre is controlled by white (except black's QB4)

Notes by K.B.McAlpine.

Scottish Correspondence Chess

Championship 1978/79.

Polish Opening (R 01)

White : R.Kilpatrick

Black : D.Bryson

1 P-QN4 P-K4 2 B-N2 P-KB3 3 P-N5

The gambit 3 P-K4, played at least once by Fischer in simultaneous or exhibition games, is deemed unsound by Encyclopedia of Chess Openings Volume A : 3 BxP 4 B-B4 N-B3 5 P-KB4 P-Q3 6 P-B3 B-R4 7 N-K2 Q-K2 8 0 - 0 B-N3ch 9 K-RI B-Q2 with advantage to black as in a postal game between Sokolski v Zagaronski.

3 P-Q4 4 P-K3 B-K3 5 P-Q4 P-K5 6 N-Q2

B-Q3 7 P-QB4 P-B3 8 P-QR4 N-KR3 ?

A poor move. Played without reference to 'Encyclopedia' which recommends 8 P-KB4 (to protect the KP) 9 N-KR3 N-B3 10 Q-N3 0 - 0 11 B-R3 with an unclear position.

9 Q-N3

This move came as a complete surprise.

If now 9 P-KB4 10 NPXP NPxP 11 Q-N7.

9 0 - 0 10 PxBP

There are various ways for white to win a pawn e. g. 10 P-B5 and 11 NxP.

10 NPxP 11 PxP PxP 12 NxP PxN

13 QxBch K-R1 14 QxKP

Does black have enough for two pawns ?

14 B-N5ch 15 K-Q1 N-Q2 16 B-Q3 P-B4

17 Q-Q5

Threatening B-N5 exchanging queens.

17 Q-K2 18 N-B3

Better perhaps is 18 P-R3 restricting black's tactical threats to a P-B5 advance which is not possible immediately because of 19 Q-K4.

18 N-N5 19 K-K2

If 19 R-KB1 QxPch 20 PxQ NxPch followed by NxQ equalises the pawn count and black retains a good position.

19 QR-K1

Threatening a sacrifice on whites B2/K3.

20 B-B1 P-B5 21 P-R3 N2-B3 22 Q-KB5

The alternative was 22 Q-R2 which also forces black to sacrifice to sustain the attack as otherwise he would remain two pawns down with insufficient compensation. After 22 Q-R2 NxKBP 23 KxN PxP 24 K-N1 N-R4 25 B-K2 N-N6 and now

if a) 26 R-R2 B-Q7

or (b) 26 Q-B2 RxN 27 BxR (not PxR ;Q-N4) P-K7 wins for black. White possibly has better alternatives earlier in this line.

22 NxBP 23 KxN PxPch 24 K-K2 Q-Q3

Threatening Q-N6

25 R-B1 P-N3 26 Q-KN5 N-R4

The alternative was 26 N-Q4 which leads to wild complications in which I was unable to find a forced win, although there may be one. eg. 27 N-K5 N-B6ch 28 KxP RxR 29 BxR B-B4 ! 30 K-Q3 ! QxPch 31 K-B2 Q-Q8ch 32 K-N2 R-QN1ch 33 B-N5 or 31 RxN 32 Q-B6ch K-NI 33 B-QB4ch when I can see no more than a draw.

27 N-K5

If 27 BxKP N-B5ch 28 K-B2 NxRPch !! 29 PxN Q-R7ch 30 Q-N2 R-N4 31 KxR R-KB1 !

27 RxR 28 KxR QxP 29 NxPch PxN 30 Q-

R6ch K-N1 31 QxNPch N-N2 32 K-K2

Best. If 32 R-R2 Q-B6 wins 32 R-N1 P-K7ch!

32 Q-B6 33 Q-R7+ K-B1 34 Q-R4 N-K3 35 QxBch ?

This loses a piece. The best move was 35 BxKP N-Q5ch 36 K-B2 Q-N7ch 37 K-NI QxRch 38 K-R2 and now black's only try for a win is RxB 39 Q-N5ch K-B2 40 B-N6 K-K3 41 QxRch K-Q3 and white can play on.

35 QxQ 36 B-R3 N-B5ch 37 K-B3 NxB 38

BxQ NxB 39 K-K2 N-Q4 40 R-K1 K-K2 41 P-

N3 K-Q3 42 R-QB1 K-K4 43 R-B4 R-QN1 44

K-Q1 R-N8ch 45 Resigns

Notes by D.Bryson.

Scottish Correspondence Chess

Championship 1978/79

QP King's Indian Defence (D93c)

White : T.J.Craig

Black : G.W.G.Livie

1 P-Q4 N-KB3 2 P-QB4 P-KN3 3 N-QB3 B-N2

4 P-K4 P-Q3 5 N-B3 0 - 0 6 B-K2 P-K4 7 0 - 0

NB3 8 P-Q5 N-K2 9 N-K1 N-Q2

10 P-B3 P-KB4 11 N-Q3 P-B5 12 B-Q2 N-KB3

13 P-B5 P-KN4 11 R-B1

Whites Q-side advance has been proved to be strong enough to restrain black from the usual king's side pawn storm. eg.

Miles v Vukic, Bugojno 1978 which continued with 14 N-N3 15 PxP PxP 16 N-N5 R-B2 17 Q-B2 N-K1 18 P-QR4 P-KR4 19 N-B2 B-B1 20 NxRP! ? R-B2 21 B-R5 RxQ 22 BxQ RxB 23 NxB RxQRP 24 N-Q3 with advantage.

14 P-QR3 ?

Preventing N-QN5, but it weakens black's pawn structure. After the game, George revealed that this move had been played against him in a previous postal game which he had lost with the white pieces.

15 P-QN4 N-N3 16 N-B2 !

Essential to prevent black from breaking open white's kings-side position. in his earlier game George had played 16 P-QR4 ? and after black replied with P-KR4 he could not restrain an early P-KN5.

16 P-KR4 11 P-KR3 R-B2 18 P-QR4 B-B1 19 PxP

It would have been better to have played this on move 18 as black now has the strong option of 19 BxP ?! However...

19 PxP 20 P-QR5 B-Q2 21 N-R4 QR-B1 22 N-N6

This was the first crucial decision I had to make in the game. I failed to give sufficient consideration to 22 Q-N3 RxR 23 RxR P-N5 which is interesting, whilst 22 RxR followed by 23 N-N6 is more forcing.

22 RxR 23 QxR B-K1 24 Q-N1 !

Clearing the QB file for the rook and protecting K4, thereby making P-KN5

more difficult to achieve.

24 R-N2 25 R-B1 N-R1 ?

I expected 25 N-R5 with awkward K-side threats which occupied my mind for three evenings while I waited for Black's 25th move to arrive. George's reason for forsaking this move is a lesson to us all ! A He had found a position In Gligoric's Best Games, which we could transpose into if I played the required 26th and 27th moves. I would then have been at the mercy of the extensive analysis favouring black.

26 R-B8 Q-K2 27 Q-B2

Black is almost in zugzwang ; if 27 N-B2, N-Q2 or B-Q2 white would reply with 28 R-B7 ! Black's only real move is 27 B-N3 but he speculatively sacrifices a pawn to create play on the king's side.

27 P-N5 28 BPxP PxP 29 NxP B-N3 30 R-B7 ?!

There is time-consuming analysis required in these positions, therefore I decided to repeat the position to give myself more time to find the quickest and most forcing continuation. During long analysis sessions, the postal player can suffer from intolerable "chess blindness"

It took me 3½ hours to discover that the tempting 30 Q-Q1 31 NxNch QxN 32 N-Q7 Q-Q1 33 B-N4 BxKP 34 R-B8 fails to ... QxN

30 Q-Q1

Not (a) 30 QxR ? 31 NxNch

(b) 30 BxP ? 31 RxQ

31 R-B8 Q-K2 32 NxNch QxN 33 B-N4

Again almost zugzwang, because of the strength of N-Q7 by white, when opportune.

33 P-B6 34 B-R6 ! Q-R5 35 RxBch KxR

36 Q-B8ch B-K1 37 N-Q7ch 38 RESIGNS

If 37 K-N1 38 QxBch K-R2 39 B-B5ch N-N3 40 BxNch KxB 41 Q-R8ch. or 37 K-B2 38 NxPch PxN 39 Q-K6ch mate.

Notes by T.J.Craig.

Scottish Correspondence
Championship 1978/79.

French Defence (E 09a)

White : A.T. Hislop
Black : I.S. Campbell

1	P-K4	P-K3
2	P-Q4	P-Q4
3	N-QB3	B-N5
4	P-K5	P-QB4
5	P-QR3	BxNch
6	PxB	N-K2
7	N-B3	B-Q2
8	P-QR4	Q-R4
9	Q-Q2	QN-B3
10	B-K2	R-QB1
11	PxP	N-N3
12	0-0	N(B3)xP
13	NxN	NxN
14	Q-Q4	P-B3
15	B-K3	0-0
16	Q-QN4	Q-B2
17	KR-N1	B-B3
18	P-R5	P-QR3
19	P-KB4	N-N3
20	P-N3	P-K4
21	PxP	QxKP
22	Q-Q4	QR-K1
23	K-B2	Q-B4ch
24	B-B3	N-K4
25		Resigns

Scottish Correspondence
Championship 1976/77

QP Benoni - Benko (R 74a)

White R. Beecham
Black Prof. G.H. Bird

1	P-Q4	N-KB3
2	P-QB4	P-QB4
3	P-Q5	P-QN4
4	PxP	P-QR3
5	PxP	BxQRP
6	P-KN3	P-Q3
7	B-KN2	P-KN3
8	P-QN3	B-KN2
9	B-QN2	0-0
10	N-KR3	QN-Q2
11	0-0	Q-QN3
12	B-QB3	KR-QB1
13	R-K1	P-QB5
14	P-QN4	N-KN5
15	Q-Q2	BxB
16	QxB	N(2)-K4
17	P-QR3	R-QB2
18	N-Q2	N-Q6
19	R-KB1	R(1)-QB1
20	N-KB3	P-K4
21	PxP ep	PxP
22	N-Q4	P-K4

Beecham v Bird cont'd

23	B-Q5ch	K-R1
24	N-QB2	N-KB3
25	N-K3	Q-QN4
26	BxQBP	RxB
27	NxR	RxN
28	QxN	Q-Q2
29	Q-KB3	K-N2
30	Q-N2	B-QN2
31	P-KB3	N-KN5
32	P-K4	N-K6
33	Q-K2	R-QB6
34	KR-QB1	R-QN6
35	N-KB2	Resigns

Scottish Correspondence
League 1978/79

French Defence (E 05c)

White : W.S. Roach
Black : C.J. Bown

1	P-K4	P-K3
2	P-Q4	P-Q4
3	N-QB3	N-KB3
4	B-N5	B-K2
5	P-K5	KN-Q2
6	BxB	QxB
7	P-B4	0-0
8	Q-Q2	P-QB4
9	N-B3	N-QB3
10	PxP	NxBP
11	0-0-0	P-QR3
12	B-Q3	P-QN4
13	N-K2	P-QN5
14	Q-K1	P-KR3
15	P-N4	P-N6
16	BPxP	NxBch
17	RxN	N-N5
18	R-Q2	NxPch
19	K-N1	N-N5
20	R-Q4	P-QR4
21	N-B3	B-QR3
22	Q-Q1	R(B1)-QB1
23	P-B5	P-QR5
24	NxRP	Q-QN2
25	PxP	PxP
26	P-N5	N-B7
27	PxP	QxNP
28	Q-N1	R-QB2
29	R-KN4	R-R2
30	N-B5	B-Q6
31	RxPch	RxR
32	QxRch	RxQ
33	NxQ	N-Q5ch
34	K-B1	NxN(N6)ch
35	K-Q1	R-QB2
36	R-N1ch	K-R1
37	K-K1	R-B8ch
38	K-B2	RxR
39	KxR	B-KB4
40	K-B2	K-R2
41		Resigns

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Damiano's Defence

White : A.P. Borwell
Black : M. Proscinski
(Poland)

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	P-QB3
3	NxP	Q-K2
4	N-KB3	QxPch
5	B-K2	B-K2
6	0-0	N-KB3
7	R-K1	0-0
8	P-Q4	Q-Q4
9	P-QB4	Q-Q3
10	P-QN3	N-N5
11	P-KR3	N(5)-R3
12	B-Q3	B-B3
13	B-R3	Q-B2
14	BxR	KxB
15	Q-K2	Q-Q1
16	N-QB3	P-KN3
17	N-K4	B-K2
18	P-QB5	P-QN4
19	N-Q6	B-R3
20	QxBch	QxQ
21	RxQ	KxR
22	R-K1ch	K-Q1
23	R-K8ch	K-B2
24	R-R8	N-B4
25	BxN	PxB
26	N-K5	P-B3
27	N(K5)-B7	P-N5
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29	N-K8ch	K-N2
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The matches against Sweden, Iceland and Austria commenced earlier this year, the start of the two Finland matches is imminent and the match against Norway will start on 1st April 1980. The opposition against all of these countries is likely to be strong.

We are endeavouring to arrange further international matches which will cater for players of different standards. Anyone who has not been included in any of the above matches who would like to play in future fixtures should contact our International Match Secretary, Richard Beecham (details inside front cover). Players are reminded that they should maintain a current SCCA membership throughout the full duration of international matches.

ICCF INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

As a member of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association you may enter World or European sections of ICCF which have five classes, ranging from Class 3 (weakest), Class 2, Class 1, Higher Class and Master Class. Entry to the two strongest levels requires qualification by winning lower level classes or by nomination. Players wishing direct entry to Higher or Master Class sections need to send details of OTB grading and recent CC results to the BPCF Secretary (details inside back cover). Until ICCF recognition is achieved, entries should be forwarded through Mr. R. Gillman, 85 Hillyard Road, Hanwell, London, W7 1BJ, from whom full details and entry forms can be obtained.

Our International opposition.....

WORLD OLYMPIADE'S.

In the CC Olympiads VIII Preliminaries completed in 1977, the final positions in the three qualifying sections were :

Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		
1	SOVIET UNION	49½	HUNGARY	44½	DENMARK	40½
2	POLAND	46	UNITED STATES	44	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	40½
3	NORWAY	44	SWEDEN	43½	GERMAN DEM. REP.	40½
4	YUGOSLAVIA	42½	HOLLAND	38½	GREAT BRITAIN	38½
5	SWITZERLAND	41½	FRANCE	33	TURKEY	34
6	ICELAND	38½	ARGENTINA	31	BELGIUM	31½
7	FEDERAL GERMANY	37½	BULGARIA	30½	AUSTRALIA	31½
8	FINLAND	36	ISRAEL	23	ROUMANIA	31
9	CANADA	29½	PORTUGAL	19	ITALY	23
10	MALTA	24	COLOMBIA	10½	BRAZIL	10
11	PARAGUAY	0	INDIA	9½	CHILE	7
12	PERU	0				

The teams and players scores of our international opponents were

Board	SWEDEN		ICELAND		FINLAND		NORWAY	
1	ARNLIND	9/10	MAGNUSSEN	6/11	VENELAINEN	8½/11	STERUD	8½/11
2	EKSTROM	7	KRISTJANSSON	7½	LAGLAND	6½	PETTERSEN	5½
3	NILSON/AHMAN	7	KRISTINSSON	8	PALMO	7	LARSSEN	5½
4	NYMAN	5½	THOR	5	LAMPELA	4½	FALKEID	9
5	WIKSTROM	7	GEORGSSON	5	MIETINEN	6	SERES	7
6	HULTQUIST	8	JONSSON	7	JOHANSSON	3	LIE	8
	43½-16½		38½-27½		36-30		44-22	

Sweden and Norway thereby qualified for the CC Olympiad VIII Final, which is now in progress with teams and current scores as follows :

Board	SWEDEN		NORWAY		
1	E.ARNLIND	6/8	E.STERUD	2/7	
2	B.HAMMAR	1½/8	DR.S.AARSETH	3/7	
3	E.NORDSTROM	1½/5	K.V.MICHELSEN	3½/7	Each player has 12 games
4	K.J.KRANTZ	4/8	O.SANDE	2½/6	
5	T.HULTQUIST	6/12	F.SERES	1½/8	
6	B.WIKSTROM	3/7	K.O.LIE	2/7	
	22-26		14½-27½		

In the next CC Olympiade IX Preliminaries, which are also in progress, our opponents teams with current scores are as follows :

Board	SWEDEN		ICELAND		FINLAND		AUSTRIA	
1	R.AVERBY	4/10	J.KRISTINSSON	3/4	M.PIUVA	4/8	E.SPITZENBERGER	3/9
2	S.NYMAN	4½/8	J.PALSSON	3½/6	J.SORRI	4½/6	O.KALLINGER	3/5
3	H.AHMAN	8½/12	K.GUDMUNDSSON	1/2	K.KAUNONEN	7½/9	F.SCHATZEL	5/7
4	J.SVENNINGSON	7½/8	B.MAGNUSSEN	3½/7	R.WIKMAN	3/5	U.ALTRICHER	½/4
5	G.ANDERSSON	9½/11	J.T.THOR	1½/6	R.KOTKA	5½/7	W.RUPP	2½/4
6	G.PETTERSON	6/8	A.O.KARASON	6/10	T.PERMAN	6/9	A.FINK	5½/10
	40-17		18½-16½		30½-13½		19½-19½	

Our next opponents Norway are also competing with P.OFSTAD ½/4, P.LINDBLOM 5½/7, H.PETTERSEN 2/7, A.SKASLIEN 2/3, T.WIBE 6/8 and J.WIIK 3/5 score to date : 19-15.

EUROPEAN TEAM EVENTS

In the European Team Championship I Final, the following are representing their countries with eight games being played by each team member :

EUROPEAN TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 1-PINAL

Board	SWEDEN		AUSTRIA		
1	K.KRANTZ	2½/4	J.GISELBRECHT	1/2	
2	H.AHMAN	2/3	E.SPITZENBERGER	0/3	
3	R.FAGERSTROM	1/3	G.DANNER	3/5	
4	St.ARNESON	0/1	K.KALIWODA	2/4	
5	R.THAPPER	0/1	O.KALLINGER		Each player
6	A.CARLSSON	3/6	H.E.UDE	0/1	8 games
7	J.NORLIN	1½/4	F.RUPP	1/1	
8	J.MELANDER	1/3	F.SCHATZEL	5/6	
9	O.EDELSVARD	1/2	H.NIEDERMAYR	1½/3	
10	S.CEDERLIND	1/4	Dr.W.WITTMAN	1½/4	
11	T.HULTQUIST	2/7	H.STENICZKA	2½/4	
12	J.COLLETT	1½/2	Dr.V.ALTRICHTER	3/4	
	16½-23½		20½-16½		

In the European Team Championship 11 - Preliminaries, teams are as follows

Board	FINLAND	NORWAY	SWEDEN	ICELAND	AUSTRIA
1	M.PIUVA	O.K.LIE	H.AHMAN	J.A.PALSSON	Dr.W.WITTMAN
2	A.BACKLUND	O.FLATTUM	B.HERNOD	P.HERLUFSEN	P.ROTH
3	R.KOTKA	B.BLIKENG	R.FAGERSTROM	B.MAGNUSSEN	E.BUKACEK
4	P.NIKKANEN	Th.STORE	G.ANDERSSON	J.TORFASON	A.KRANZL
5	E.KOKKONEN	O.E.HANGSETH	St.NYMAN	A.T.ARNASON	P.VALENT
6	T.PERMAN	F.AAMODT	R.LEKANDER	J.T.THOR	K.NICKL
7	G.HESSE	J.WIIK	O.NORDSTROM	J.FRIDIIONSSON	DR.S.TEICHMEISTER
8	R.WIKMAN	H.THETINS	C.ERLANDSSON	B.HALLDORSSON	I.VOSTA
9	A.BJORKQVIST	R.BERTELEN	U. KORMAN	A.FJELDSTED	W.RYBA
10	S.SALONEN	I.BERRI	T.HULTQUIST	A.B.JONSSON	W.HUMMER
11	V.NIEMI	I.BJORDAL	L.ASPLUND	T.STEFANSSON	K.HADERER
12	H.NURMESNIEMI	O.SKASLIEN	St.LUNDHOLM	E.THORDARSSON	E.LIEBHART

ICCF WORLD INDIVIDUAL EVENTS

Playing at the top levels in ICCF World Individual events are

World Championship XI Semifinals - M.PIUVA (FINLAND) 4/11

World Championship XII Semifinals - A.CARLSSON (SWEDEN) and E.KARLSSON (ICELAND).

In sections completed during 1978 and 1979, total scores achieved were :

World Master Classes (15 player) - J.PIHLAJINEN (FINLAND) 6½, G.GUSTAFSSON (SWEDEN) 9½

R.G.HAGELIN (SWEDEN) 12pts. (An outright win is required to progress to World Semifinals) Editors note - I have scored 10pts, 8pts and 9pts in my last three completed sections but around 11/14 is normally required to win a Master Class.

World Master Classes (7 player) - K.ANDERSSON (SWEDEN) 3, O.HALME (FINLAND) 3 and 2½

E.BENGTSSON (SWEDEN) 4½, E.KARLSSON (ICELAND) 5, G.CARLSSON (SWEDEN) 4½

H.NEIDERMAYR (AUSTRIA) 5,3 and 2½, J.COLLETT (SWEDEN) 5 and 4pts. (Two consecutive, outright wins in 7 player sections are required to progress to World Semifinals)

Playing in ICCF World Sections in progress are :

World Master Classes : COLLETT, CIL, HAGLUND, ANDERSSON, OLSSON and WADEMARK (SWEDEN)

MAGNUSSEN and SAEMUNDSSON (ICELAND), PIHLAJINEN, KOSKINEN,

MOLARIUS and HALME (FINLAND) and NEIDERMAYR (AUSTRIA).

Higher Class : G.CARLSSON and ANDERSSON (SWEDEN), MYRY, GRONHOLM and HIETELA (FINLAND)

LANG and GROIS (AUSTRIA).

First Class : NILSSON (SWEDEN), RAJALA and PARKKARI (FINLAND) and TARNOWIECKI (AUSTRIA).

FOR DETAILS OF ICCF INDIVIDUAL EVENTS SEE PAGE 13.

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INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION (by Alan Borwell)

There are now very hopeful signs that Scotland will secure its rightful place in international correspondence chess circles within the next two years. The following is an outline of the position, covering particularly the more recent developments.

The world organising body ICCF has been unable so far to recognise Scotland as a country in its own right because its Statutes include a clause which allows only for the affiliation of National correspondence chess organisations with only one organisation from each country (State). As ICCF has previously recognised Great Britain as a nation/country through BPCF as the affiliated organisation, it has been unable, under its existing Statutes, to accept affiliation from Scotland (or Wales) for international correspondence chess purposes. Our first application was made in 1973 and was repeated at subsequent ICCF Congresses without success, being opposed by BPCF.

However, in 1978 an Agreement was reached between BPCF, WCCA and ourselves by which BPCF now recognises Scotland and Wales as separate countries for the purposes of international correspondence chess and supports the direct affiliation to ICCF of both Scotland and Wales.

A renewed application by Scotland and Wales was considered by the ICCF Congress in Finland this year and the following is the relevant Minute from this meeting:

“Matters pertaining to the Constitution

Regarding the renewed applications for membership from Scotland and Wales, Congress decided that the General Secretary be asked to enquire of other international sport organisations in which Scotland and Wales are members (eg. FIDE, FIFA, UEFA, Hockey, etc) how in these organisations the membership and playing possibilities of Scotland and Wales both according to statutes and tournament rules are regulated. The General Secretary shall deliver a report to next year's Praesidium and the whole problem will be discussed afresh at the 1981 Congress.”

Encouraging letters have been received from both the ICCF President and ICCF Secretary expressing sympathetic understanding of our position and BPCF now gives our application its full support. We are therefore optimistic that ICCF will be able to take the necessary steps to enable Scotland (and Wales) to participate and be represented in all official World and European Team and Individual events from 1981, at the latest.

Readers may be interested to know that the Scottish Chess Association (which was founded in 1884) was recognised by FIDE in 1932 for 'over the board' chess and Scotland has participated in many Olympiads and other team events and has been represented in many international individual events since that time. There are many Scottish Associations in existence for sports, games and pastimes where Scotland participates and is recognised internationally as a country in its own right, ranging from Association Football, Bowling, Golf, Hockey, Rugby Union, etc to many smaller or less publicised activities.

Although the SCCA will pursue Scotland's legitimate claims until full international recognition is achieved, it is not 'separatist' in outlook. It wishes to see its members participating both in SCCA events and British events (and indeed in European events). It therefore encourages Scottish correspondence chess players to participate in British Championships (individual and team) which are organised by the BPCF. Meetings will be held at least once every year to discuss the organisation and involvement in such competitions and other matters of common interest to the three countries concerned.

Letters and articles

Readers are encouraged to send letters and articles for publication in this section of future editions of the bulletin. Please send them to the Editor, Alan Borwell (address inside front cover) from whom further copies of the bulletin can be obtained for 25p Plus stamped addressed envelope for 14p. Why not send a copy to your international opponents ?!

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