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Best wishes to you all for a happy, healthy and successful 2013!

We had beautiful weather here on January 1st, so my good lady and myself were dragged over the local hills by our manic dog Bailey. I hope whoever gets the sun for the next 364 days makes good use of it also!

This edition is the last of our 2012 quartet, and it comes packed full of results and games. Our Notices page has been enlarged to include Neil Limbert's notes from last year's ICCF Congress in Pretoria

George Pyrich analyses the first ICCF rating list of 2013 while Colin Macgregor tables the results from our 2012 domestic events.

Secretariially, we're a bit thin on the ground at present, so there are still some adjudicated games to finalise and we'll do our best to start the 2013 programme of events during the month of January.

No room for DVD Reviews in this edition, but we'll resume these in due course. Our Games Column is somewhat abbreviated this time, but features two good games from David Cumming where he captures IM scalps.

There are two main feature articles in this issue. The first has kindly been provided by GM Marjan Semrl of Slovenia, who annotates the decisive game on his way to winning the 24th ICCF World Championship. As with previous articles by world champions, Marjan's views on computers are worth reading.

The second main article is provided by Alan Borwell, and gives an update on the ICCF Veterans' World Cups 2-4 plus annotated games by both himself and Geoff Lloyd.

George Pyrich supplies his usual international update on current fixtures, with a couple of annotated games from recent friendly international matches.

Santa neglected to deliver a secretary for Christmas, but I remain hopeful that some kindly soul will do their bit for the Little Society soon. We can guarantee melanoma-free working conditions here.

SCCA Membership

Annual: £10/year buys you entry to all SCCA domestic events and friendly international matches, plus 4 quarterly e-magazines.

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SCCA 100 Club

The 100 club has thrived through the work of George Livie. George has decided that he should retire and responsibility now rests with our Treasurer, Gordon Anderson. The Association is extremely grateful to George for the time and commitment he has given to ensuring that members supported the 100 club.

A few members' subscriptions to the 100 club have recently expired and Gordon will be writing encouraging them to renew. Units cost £1 with some members taking one unit while others take as many as 10 units per month. From the Association's perspective paying by Bankers Order is most convenient. If you don't already subscribe to the 100 club please consider if you can help the SCCA by taking out units and make contact with Gordon whose contact details are shown below.

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2012	1st	2nd
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November	R Heathwood	I Mackintosh
October	I Mackintosh	A P Borwell

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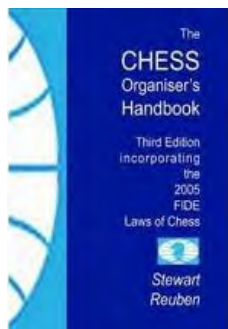
NB Secretarial duties will be undertaken by Kevin Paine (enquiries), Jim Anderson (domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) pro tem.



SCCA Secretary

Santa didn't deliver any volunteers at Christmas, so we are still looking for someone to fill the vacancy. The main parts of the job are:

- Primary contact point for outside bodies, queries, etc.
- Organise & minute committee meetings (3 fairly fixed in Jan/Feb; May/Jun and Aug/Sep, with others as needed)
- Organise domestic events to start in Jan; appoint & liaise with TDs; organise trophies & medals at season-end
- Other admin as needed



The busy period is Dec/Jan which may appeal to candidates looking to avoid shopping trips and visiting relatives. The remainder of the year is fairly light.

It is possible to share some elements of the job across committee, though we do require a designated secretary to be appointed.

If you can help, please get in touch with Iain at president@scottishcca.co.uk.

Scottish Chess

The second of our correspondence reports (which deals with the ICCF webserver) appears in issue 243 – the December edition of the magazine.

ICCF Congress 2012 - Summary

The Annual ICCF Congress took place in Pretoria, South Africa between 29 October and 3 November 2012. The official Minutes of the Congress have not yet been fully reviewed and also run to over 180 pages!



Neil Limbert, general Secretary of BCCA and ICCF Qualifications Commissioner, provides a short

summary of the major decisions taken:

- The standard ICCF Time Control shall remain at 10 moves in 50 days, but Tournament Organisers have the option to set their own time controls. For example, the Champions League is now 10/40.
- When one's opponent has exceeded the time limit, a player should send a claim to the Tournament Director using the email option of the webserver. If no claim is received after 40 calendar days (leave not counted) the game may be scored as a double default (0-0).
- The following Federations were dismissed from the ICCF for non-payment of fees: - Algeria, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Mexico, Qatar, Togo. Individual players from these countries can continue to play in Direct Entry tournaments, but cannot enter Team tournaments representing their federation nor can they apply for Titles or Medals.
- New Federations admitted were Panama, Tunisia & Wales.
- 64 Medals & Certificates were awarded for the following Tournaments: - 24th World Championship, World Cups XII and XIV, 1st Junior World Cup, 1st Veterans World Cup, Champions League IV, Olympiad 17, 7th European Team Championship, CADAP XXI Final, 2nd Webchess Open.
- 146 Medals and Certificates were awarded for various ICCF Titles split as follows:- 23 Grandmasters, 48 Senior International Masters, 66 International Masters, 2 Lady Grandmasters, 4 International Lady Masters, 3 International Arbiters.
- With effect from 1/1/2013, the Titles Norms for the Senior International Master Title (SIM) are to be re-set one Category higher. So this Title will now be a little harder to obtain, as it now represents exactly midway between GM & IM.
- Pre-webserver (i.e. 2004) ICCF Tournament & Rating data will continue to be added to the ICCF server.
- Player Achievements – there will soon be an additional tab under “Player Details” for each individual player showing their Tournament victories, Titles obtained etc.
- The Server itself continues to be regularly uploaded with new features – the full Webserver Development and Maintenance plan can be seen in the full Minutes when available.
- Downloading of game databases from the ICCF Archive (see left-hand Menu) will be restricted to ICCF registered players.

2nd ICCF Chess 960 World Cup

ICCF Central Tournament Leader Leonardo Madonia advises that this event will commence play on March 15th, 2013 and the registration period will run from January 1st to February 28th.

The tournament will be played by server and will be organised in three or four stages, depending on the number of entries. The preliminary round sections will have 6 players (10 games) with 2 qualifying for the next round.

All sections will be double round robin (players will have the same position with Black and White but all positions will defer from one opponent to another). Time control will be 10 moves for 20 days. The event will be not rated.

Players may enter in the usual way through their National Federations or, where eligible, via the ICCF Direct Entry system. The SCCA fee for World Cups is £11.

The event is sponsored by Chess Vibes and has a prize fund of 1000€ for the first 3 players (500€, 300€, 200€), plus subscriptions to Chess Vibes for all section winners in all rounds. For further information, please contact George Pyrich by 23rd February.

ICCF 37th World Championship Preliminaries

ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner Gian-Maria Tani has announced the Preliminaries stage of the 37th World Championship.

This event will be played in sections of 13 players (or 15/17 at the organisers' discretion), with entries closing on 15th February and play commencing on 20th March.

Entry must be made through national delegates and each member federation is allowed to nominate entries - SCCA is entitled to 3 places in the 2013 cycle. If you are interested, please contact George Pyrich as soon as possible and before 8th February.



Detail from the SCCA Stag Night

- ICCF is still seeking a Marketing Director and would ask all delegates to poll their players for players that are extremely well versed in the ICCF product (what ICCF has to offer) and organization as well as a good knowledge of marketing.
- The ICCF Diamond web-book has been completed. See: <http://kszgk.com/iccf/>
- The proposal to allow Federations to pay "appearance money" (if they so wished) to GM's etc. to play in their tournaments was agreed.
- Each federation has 105 free games on the webserver every year.
- 24 new Invitational Tournaments were agreed.
- The Russian CC Federation will organise an Open tournament to celebrate their 20th anniversary. Start Date 24 April 2013. All ICCF players can take part. Further details to follow. The Russian federation also agreed to organise the 20th ICCF World Cup starting in November 2013.
- Due to reduced demand, Postal Master Norm tournaments will no longer be arranged.
- To promote schools correspondence chess, it was agreed that school events/tournaments can be run on the server free of charge.
- Adjudication fees will be charged for future Champion League seasons to ensure the seasons finish on time without being held up unnecessarily.
- A new Chess 960 World Cup will start annually. Also, a Working Group was set up to discuss rules & implementation for new Chess 960 ratings.
- A Working Group was set up to discuss & propose changes to the structure of the European Individual Championship and the European promotional tournaments.
- A new Congress Preparation procedure/timeline was drawn up & agreed for proposals to Congress, applications for Titles, and appointments of Proxies.
- The ICCF Server will support as many languages as possible. Already a translation to German is available & we are working on Spanish & Polish translations. There is no limit to the number of languages available provided a volunteer can be found to do the translation work.
- The physical seat of the ICCF is now established in Switzerland, with a working office in France.
- The 2013 ICCF Congress will be in Kraków, Poland from 20th to 27th July 2013.
- The 2014 ICCF Congress will be in Sydney, Australia.



2013/1 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The first ICCF grading list of 2013 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 September 2012 to 30 November 2012. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2013.

With the publication of this ICCF rating list, Robert Montgomery has achieved a 2300+ rating for the first time, and with it, an SM norm. SIM Phil Giulian returns to active service as does Allan Petrie – welcome back both. New member Peter Smith collects his first provisional rating. Stephen Hilton played in the Webserver League last year and has revived his grading. A number of other League players are posting results and we'll include these when they reach provisional status.

GM David Kilgour has now completed 300 games. Raymond Burrige continues to play energetically, posting a further 38 results in the last quarter.

You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a provisional rating (* below). Provisional ratings apply until 30 games have been processed. Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email grader@scottishcca.co.uk if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	668	2062 ↓	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	301	2341 ↓
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	230	2291 ↑	260	Knox, A	99	1654 ↑
121	Anderson, J	223	1750 ↔	1117	Laing, D	20	2100 ↔ *
049	Armstrong, A	151	1911 ↓	419	Lees, J A	83	2055 ↔
313	Armstrong, J McK	190	1560 ↑	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	157	2278 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	363	2472 ↓	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	194	2337 ↔
599	Bell, A D (SM)	117	2399 ↑	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	567	2276 ↓
501	Bennett, P G	152	2334 ↑	337	Loughran, R J	116	1564 ↓
431	Binnie, J	28	1626 ↔ *	433	MacDonald, M	30	1564 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	844	2196 ↓	584	MacGregor, C A	314	1813 ↓
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	75	1820 ↔	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	543	2438 ↑
424	Burrige, R J	257	1829 ↓	216	MacMillen, A N	557	1794 ↓
435	Cairney, J	37	2004 ↔	566	Marshall, I H	372	2056 ↑
	Clark, S L	12	1968 ↔ *	434	Matheis, T (IM)	173	2436 ↔
173	Cook, W M	69	1926 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	64	1571 ↓
364	Coope, D W	535	2006 ↓	401	Moir, P J	149	1631 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	70	1928 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	209	2312 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	340	2356 ↔	564	Murray, J S	33	1999 ↑
166	Cumming, D R	593	2304 ↓	440	Neil, C	75	1679 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	73	2113 ↔	453	Newton, A	24	1773 ↔ *
572	Dempster, D	692	1710 ↓	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	90	1936 ↔
030	Dyer, M T	97	2098 ↔	444	Paine, Dr K A	133	2289 ↑
371	Edney, D	169	1954 ↑	1012	Paulin, A	40	2008 ↔
372	Flockhart, H	27	2133 ↔ *		Petrie, A	41	1697 ↑
459	Fraser, R A	58	1825 ↓	379	Phillips, G H	215	2110 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	131	2298 ↓	432	Price, D	179	2082 ↑
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	826	2199 ↑
124	Goodwin, B J	180	1946 ↓	437	Roberts, A	146	1711 ↔
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↓	398	Rough, R E	29	1880 ↔ *
399	Grant, J	29	1770 ↔ *	522	Savage, D J	74	1956 ↔
327	Hammersley, C	18	1753 ↔ *	439	Smith, M J	29	1885 ↔ *
596	Hardwick, M E	177	1345 ↓		Smith, P R	12	1760 ↑ *
063	Harvey, D	84	2068 ↔		Stevenson, F	14	1776 ↔ *
	Hilton, S H	117	1601 ↑	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	144	2100 ↔
515	Jack, J P E	28	1766 ↔ *	1120	Taylor, W	26	2084 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	48	2009 ↓	452	Toye, D T	73	1559 ↔
322	Jessing, M	27	2094 ↔ *	530	Watson, J (IM)	143	2303 ↔
1126	Kelly, J	12	1728 ↔	065	Young, S M	58	1772 ↔

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	76
New entrants	5
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	3
Full grades (30+ games)	62
Provisional grades (<30 games)	14
Grading increases (↑)	18
Grading decreases (↓)	22
Grading static (↔)	36

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2472	Lloyd, G (SM)	2276
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2438	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Matheis, T (IM)	2436	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2199
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Borwell, A P (IM)	2196
Bell, A D (SM)	2399	Dawson, Prof A G	2113
Craig, T J (SM)	2356	Phillips, G H	2110
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2341	Stewart, Dr K W C	2100
Livie, G W G (IM)	2337	Dyer, M T	2098
Bennett, P G	2334	Price, D	2082
Montgomery, R S	2312	Harvey, D	2068
Cumming, D R	2304	Marshall, I	2056
Watson, J (IM)	2303	Lees, J A	2055
Gillam, S R (SM)	2298	Jamieson, I	2009
Anderson, G M (SM)	2291	Paulin, A	2008
Paine, Dr K A	2289	Coope, D W	2006
Lennox, C J (SM)	2278	Cairney, J	2004

Top 30 Games Played

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Marshall, I H	372	Hardwick, M E	177
Beecham, C R (SIM)	363	Matheis, T (IM)	173
Graham, S (SM)	354	Edney, D	169
Craig, T J (SM)	340	Lennox, C J (SM)	157
MacGregor, C A	314	Armstrong, A	151

Other Notes

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries, and members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating. Players registered as SCO with ICCF, but who are not SCCA members, have been filtered out.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site (www.iccf-webchess.com), click on the Rating list link then complete the search boxes.

Note that ICCF (Gerhard Binder) has now discontinued support for the Eloquery program, previously available for download from www.iccf.com

The Eloquery software is now incompatible with 64-bit versions of the Windows operating system.

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available at www.iccf-webchess.com



2012 Results

By Colin Macgregor

Championship

SCO/C2012, Scottish CCA Championship 2012/13 New

				TD Maxwell, Alistair												Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place		
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6							
1	SCO	620345	IM Mackintosh, Iain	2395			1	½	.	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	7	25.75	1	1	
2	SCO	620426	Cumming, David R.	2294	½	0		½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	6	19.25	0	2	
3	SCO	620529	Montgomery, Robert S.	2286	½	.	1	½			1	.	.	.	1	½	4.5	3	20	4	3	
4	ENG	620577	Price, Derek	2047	0	0	0	0	.	0				1	1	1	4	4	5	1	4	
5	SCO	620410	Goodwin, Brian J.	2020	0	0	0	0	.	.	0	0				½	1	1.5	1	1.5	2	5
6	SCO	620635	Burridge, Raymond John	1797	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½			1	0	3	0	6	

SCO/C2011, Scottish CCA Championship 2011/12

				TD Maxwell, Alistair												Score	SB	RG	Place
Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	8						
1	SCO	620345	IM Mackintosh, Iain	2374		1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.5	19.75	0	1	
2	SCO	620426	Cumming, David R.	2288	0		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	15.5	0	2	
3	SCO	620529	Montgomery, Robert S.	2290	0	0		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	10.5	0	3	
4	ENG	620577	Price, Derek	2035	½	0	0		½	½	1	1	1	3.5	7.5	0	4		
5	SCO	620410	Goodwin, Brian J.	2038	0	0	0	½		½	1	1	1	3	4.5	0	5		
6	SCO	620353	Marshall, Ian H.	2081	0	0	0	½	½		½	1	1	2.5	4	0	6		
7	SCO	620522	Cormack, William H.	1986	0	0	0	0	0	½		1	1.5	1.25	0	7			
8	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1842	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8		

The 2011-12 tournament is complete with Iain Mackintosh winning his fifth title in a close finish. The first-placed three players are also contesting the 2012-13 event, where Robert Montgomery can still triumph, but only by winning all his outstanding games.

Premier

SCO/Prem2012/A, SCCA Premier 2012 Section A

				TD Anderson, James							Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
1	SCO	620426	Cumming, David R.	2294		1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	15	0	1
2	ENG	620577	Price, Derek	2047	0		1	1	1	1	1	5	5	10	0	2
3	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1787	0	0		½	1	1	1	3.5	3	5	0	3
4	SCO	620635	Burridge, Raymond John	1797	0	0	½		1	½	1	3	2	4.5	0	4
5	SCO	620574	Loughran, Robert	1555	0	0	0	0		1	1	2	2	1.5	0	5
6	SCO	620597	Moir, Patrick	1644	0	0	0	½	0		1	1.5	1	1.5	0	6
7	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1618	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	7

SCO/Prem2012/B, SCCA Premier 2012 Section B

				TD MacGregor, Colin A. (IA)							Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7						
1	SCO	620426	Cumming, David R.	2294		1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	15	0	1
2	SCO	629036	Edney, David	1943	0		1	1	1	1	1	5	5	10	0	2
3	SCO	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1787	0	0		1	½	1	1	3.5	3	5.5	0	3
4	SCO	620424	Anderson, James	1751	0	0	0		½	1	½	2	1	3	0	4
5	SCO	620635	Burridge, Raymond John	1797	0	0	½	½		½	½	2	0	4	0	5
6	SCO	629020	Knox, Arthur	1685	0	0	0	0	½		1	1.5	1	2	0	6
7	SCO	620574	Loughran, Robert	1555	0	0	0	½	½	0		1	0	2	0	7

The prolific David Cumming was once again the clear winner in both sections, edging out Derek Price in section A and David Edney in section B.

Open

SCO/Open2012/A, SCCA Open 2012 Section A

					TD Anderson, James														
Rated					1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	620578	Petrie, A.	1750 ^P			1	1	1	1	.	.	1	1	6	6	12	2	1
2	SCO	620597	Moir, Patrick	1644	0	0			1	1	.	.	1	1	4	4	4	2	2
3	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1618	0	0	0	0			.	.	1	1	2	2	0	2	3
4	SCO	620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	1369	.	.	.	.	.	.			.	.	0	0	0	8	4
5	SCO	620660	Toye, Daniel T.	1641	0	0	0	0	0	0	.	.			0	0	0	2	5

Allan Petrie leads Pat Moir and will win if Martin Hardwick's games are adjudicated as losses or void.

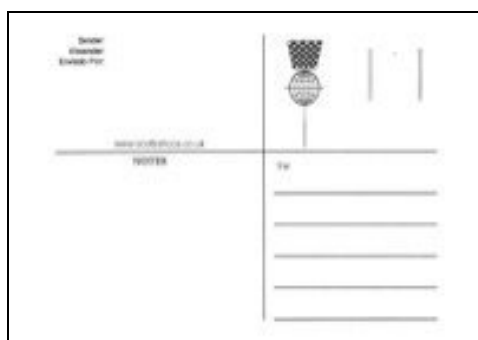
Challengers

2011-12 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Armstrong, J McK	10	10	0	3
Binnie, J	2	2	0	1½
Brooksbank, Dr K	8	8	0	2½
Cumming, D R	8	8	0	8
Hardwick, M E	6	6	0	½
Knox, A	6	6	0	6
Moir, P J	8	8	0	3
Toye, D T	8	8	0	3½

2012-13 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Armstrong, J McK	8	6	2	3½
Burridge, R J	14	14	0	7½
Cumming, D R	12	12	0	12
Hardwick, M E	8	6	2	½
Longden, R	10	10	0	6
Moir, P J	6	6	0	0
Petrie, A R	7	3	4	13
Smith, P R	4	4	0	1½
Toye, D T	9	9	0	3

Double gold medal for David Cumming in both 2011-12 and 2012-13 cycles!

CC Postcards



The SCCA has a stock of cc postcards showing the SCCA logo and website address. They are suitable for domestic and international use (English, German and Spanish used). Orders in units of 100. The cards are supplied at their production cost (£2.50/100) and p&p is also required.

As a guideline, 200 cards delivered in January 2012 cost £7.61 - £5 for the cards, and £2.61 UK second class postage, though beware postal increases since then. Orders to [Iain Mackintosh](mailto:Iain.Mackintosh@scca.org.uk) please.

Postal League Division 1

2012		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Pts.
A	Perth Correspondents				8½
1	Mackintosh, I	D1	1	½	1½
2	Borwell, A P	C2	1	1	2
3	Flockhart, H S	B3	1	½	1½
4	Paine, Dr K A	D4	1	1	2
5	Harvey, D	C5	½	1	1½
B	Social Stars				7½
1	Doye, P	C1	1	1	2
2	Vivante-Sowter, J	D2	½	½	1
3	Sanderson, P	A3	0	½	½
4	Etherington, J	C4	1	1	2
5	Cairney, J	D5	1	1	2
C	BCCA A				2
1	Phillips, D	B1	0	0	0
2	Picken, D	A2	0	0	0
3	Smyth, S	D3	1	½	1½
4	Flack, P	B4	0	0	0
5	Knee, J	A5	½	0	½
D	BCCA B				2
1	Gallimore, D	A1	0	½	½
2	Cranmer, S	B2	½	½	1
3	Tibbert, P	C3	0	½	½
4	Edge, D	A4	0	0	0
5	Burton, S	B5	0	0	0

Postal League Division 2

2012		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Pts.
A	Knights of the Board A				5
1	Cumming, D R	D1	1	1	2
2	Phillips, G H	C2	1	1	2
3	Burridge, R J	B3	1	0	1
4	Moir, P J	D4	void	void	0
5	Anderson, J	C5	0	0	0
B	BCCA C				8½
1	Beckett, P	C1	1	1	2
2	Harriman, R	D2	1	1	2
3	Lawrence, Ms S	A3	1	1	1
4	Crawshaw, R	C4	1	½	1½
5	Coats, J	D5	1	1	2
C	Social B				4½
1	Ash, G	B1	0	0	0
2	Pickering, P	A2	0	0	0
3	Gifford, M	D3	1	1	2
4	Ross, G	B4	0	½	½
5	Grant, P	A5	1	1	2
D	Social C				0
1	Dowell, C	A1	0	0	0
2	Pope, P	B2	0	0	0
3	White, R	C3	0	0	0
4	Hardwick, M E	A4	void	void	0
5	Dare, P	B5	0	0	0

Two divisions again this year, with Perth Correspondents once again pipping Social Stars for the spoils in Division 1.

In Division 2, new entrants BCCA C won by a clear margin, with Knights of the Board A just edging out Social B for second spot.

Webserver League Division 1

SCO/WLeague1/12, SCCA Web League Div 1 2012

TD Paine, Dr. Kevin

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1 Perth Correspondents 2233	■	3	3	3.5	4	13.5	84	11	8	16	0	1
2 Social Stars 2130	1	■	1.5	2.5	3	8	53	1	4	15	1	2
3 Knights of the Board A 2180	1	1.5	■	2.5	2.5	7.5	50	0	4	15	1	3
4 Black Knights 2114	0.5	1.5	1.5	■	4	7.5	46	-1	2	16	0	4
5 Civil Service A 1971	0	1	1.5	0	■	2.5	15	-11	0	16	0	5

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Perth Corresp	Mackintosh, I	Borwell, A P	Paine, Dr K A	Harvey, D
Social Stars	Vivante-Sowter, J	Ewan, R	Pallett, R	Webley, J
Knights Board A	Gillam, S R	Cumming, D R	Price, D	Jamieson, I M
Black Knight	Bell, A D	Pyrich, G D	Marshall, I H	Dempster, D
Civil Service A	Sargent, J M	Bicknell, G	Pomeroy, R J	Ryan, R

Webserver League Division 2

SCO/WLeague2/12, SCCA Web League Div 2 2012

TD Anderson, James

	1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1 Hounds of the Scheming Mind 2108	■	3	3	2.5	3	11.5	71	7	8	16	0	1
2 Brutal Realism 1898	1	■	3	3	4	11	68	6	6	16	0	2
3 Renfrewshire Knights 1808	1	1	■	3	4	9	56	2	4	16	0	3
4 Civil Service B 1919	1.5	1	1	■	4	7.5	46	-1	2	16	0	4
5 Social B 1831	1	0	0	0	■	1	6	-14	0	16	0	5

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Hounds Scheming	Michael, D	Halliwell, T	Brühan, W	Laine, J
Brutal Realism	Taylor, W	Macmillen, A N	Murray, J S	Grant, J
Renfrew Knights	Macgregor, C A	Fraser, R A	Hilton, S H	Nicholson, A D
Civil Service B	Twitchell, N H	Lewyk, I	Pickering, P	White, R
Social B	Rosser, G C	Ash, G	Richardson, D	Pope, P

The Webserver League was again well supported.

In Division 1, Perth Correspondents managed to win outright over Social Stars with Black Knight again in third, though one game remains outstanding between the 2nd and 3rd teams.

In Division 2, Hounds of the Scheming Mind just squeezed out Brutal Realism for first spot. Renfrewshire Knights played above their average rating to finish third.





Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

[Ed – ghosting as Bernardette...]

A good New Year to everyone! Space is a little restricted in this issue, but the quality remains good. We kick off with a nice win by David Cumming against a Spanish IM in the 36th World Championship Preliminaries.

White: Cumming, David (2294)
Black: Pares Vives, Natalia (2292)
Sicilian Taimanov [B48]
WCCC36/ Prel.14, 2012
[Notes by David Cumming]

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| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | e6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | Nc6 |
| 5.Nc3 | Qc7 |
| 6.Be3 | a6 |
| 7.Qd2 | Nf6 |
| 8.0-0-0 | Be7 |
| 9.f3 | 0-0 |
| 10.g4 | b5 |
| 11.g5! | Nh5 |
| 12.Nce2 | Rd8 |
| 13.Ng3 | Nxd4 |
| 14.Qxd4! | Nf4 |
| 15.h4 | Bb7 |
| 16.Qb6± | |

I had been taking a calculated risk against my Spanish International Master opponent, in that I had been following theory given in the English translation of "Dismantling the Sicilian" by Jesus de la Villa, so obviously this theory was known to my opponent, who manages to equalise effortlessly in a few short moves, as follows...

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| 16... | Qb8 |
| 17.Kb1 | d5! = |



The standard equalising move in the Open Sicilian works fine here for Black.

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| 18.Bxf4 | Qxf4 |
| 19.Qxb7 | Be5 |
| 20.exd5 | |
| 20.Rh3 Rdb8 | 21.Qc6 Rc8 |
| 22.Qb7 | ½-½ Neumann,J (2712)-Bern,I (2616)/ICCF 2008/OM Corr |
| 20... | Qxg3 |
| 21.f4N | |
| 21.Bd3 Rdb8 | 22.Bxh7+ Kf8 |
| 23.Qc6 Rc8 | 24.Qb7 Rcb8 |
| ½-½ Kazantsev,R (2301)-Terekhov,A/ICCF 2009/OM Corr | |
| 21... | Qxf4 = |
| 22.Bg2 | |
- Connecting my rooks along my back rank by fianchettoing the light-squared bishop.
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| 22... | Rdb8 |
| 23.Rhf1 | Rxb7 |
| 24.Rxf4 | Rd8 |



25.b4!
Forcing the dark-squared bishop to retreat, and also granting some much needed luft for my king on the b-file.

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| 25... | Bf8 |
| 26.Rfd4 | e5 |
| 27.Re4 | Bd6 |
| 28.Kb2 | Kf8 |
| 29.c3 | Ke7 |
| 30.Rg1 | Rh8 |
| 31.h5 | a5 |
| 32.a3 | axb4 |
| 33.cxb4 | h6 |
| 34.Rg4 | Rc8 |
| 35.Be4 | Rc4 |
| 36.Bd3! | |

Attacking the rook, thereby not allowing Black to double rooks on the c-file.

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| 36... | Rf4 |
| 37.Rxf4 | exf4 |
| 38.Re1+ | Kf8 |
| 39.g6! | |

As I had a light-squared bishop as opposed to my opponent's dark-squared bishop, it was only prudent for me to play on the light squares and set up a mating net around the Black king.

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| 39... | fxg6 |
| 40.Re6 | Be7 |
| 41.hxg6± | Rd7?! |



42.Bxb5!
Now the Black bishop is tied to e7 otherwise I am threatening mate on e8.

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| 42... | Rxd5 |
| 43.a4 | h5 |
| 44.Kb3 | h4? |
- Impetuous! Houdini gives: 2.0b w32:
44...Rg5 45.Bc6 Rg3+ 46.Kc4 f3
47.Kd3 Rg4 48.Bxf3 Rxb4 49.Ra6
Bc5 50.Bxh5 Ke7 51.a5 Rd4+
52.Kc2 Rc4+ 53.Kb3 Rb4+ 54.Kc3
Ra4 55.Kc2 Rc4+ 56.Kb3 0.33/24
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| 45.Bc6± | Rd3+ |
| 46.Kc4 | Rd1 |
| 47.b5 | |

The threat of mate on e8, in tandem with the connected passed queenside pawns, whilst the light-squared bishop also guards the f3 & h1 squares, so impeding Black from queening his kingside pawns, as well as my much freer and more active king, grant White the winning advantage, as per the following analysis by Houdini... 47.b5 Rc1+ 48.Kd3 Rb1 49.a5 Rd1+ 50.Ke2 Ra1 51.a6 Ra3 52.Re5 f3+ 53.Bxf3 Bf6 54.Re6 h3 55.Bc6 Be7 56.Re5 h2 57.Rh5 Ra2+ 58.Kd3 Ra3+ 59.Ke4 Bh4 60.Kf4 Ra4+ 61.Kf5 Bg3 62.Ke6 Kg8 63.Bh1+-

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Just to show that notching up an IM scalp was no fluke, here's another good win by David from the friendly international against Denmark.

White: Cumming, David (2319)
Black: Ottesen, Soren Rud (2379)
 Slav Defence [D17]
 Scotland vs. Denmark, 2012
 [Notes by David Cumming]

- 1.d4 d5**
2.c4 c6
3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Nc3 dxc4
5.a4 Bf5
6.Ne5 e6
7.f3 c5
8.e4 Bg6
 8...cxd4 9.exf5 Bb4 10.Bxc4 dxc4
 11.Qxd8+ Kxd8 12.0-0 cxb2
 13.Bxb2 Ke7 14.Nd3 Re8 15.Bb3
 Na6 16.Nxb4 Nxb4 17.a5 Nc2
 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Ra2 Ne3 20.Re1
 Ned5 21.Bxd5 Nxd5 22.Bxg7 b5
 23.axb6 DuCret,R (2601)-Atakisi,F
 (2492)/corr ICCF 1999/OM Corr/½-
 ½ (32)
9.Be3



9... Nc6?!N
 My International Master opponent chooses to vary from theory with this dubious move, which he avowed when the game was over never ever to play again. 9...cxd4 10.Qxd4 (RR 10.Bxd4 Bb4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.e5 Bxc3 15.Bxc3 Ne8 16.a5 Qc7 17.Qe2 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Nc7 19.Rfd1 Rfd8 20.Rd4 b5 21.Bb3 Nf8 22.Rh4 Nd5 23.Bd4 Qb4 24.Qd3 Rac8 Kiviaho,A-Nokso Koivisto,A (2380)/FIN-chT 1990/OM 2.04/0-1 (31)) 10...Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nfd7 12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bxc4 a6 (RR 13...Rc8 14.Bb5 a6 15.Bxd7+ Kxd7 16.Ke2 f6 17.Rhd1 Ke8 18.Rac1 Be7 19.a5 Kf8 20.Na4 (RR 20.e5 Be8 21.exf6 gxf6 22.Ne4 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rg8 24.g3 f5 25.Nf2 h5 26.Nd3 h4 27.Rc7 hxg3 28.hxg3 Rxg3 29.Rxb7 Rg2+ 30.Ke3 Bd6 31.Nf4 Bxf4+

32.Kxf4 Re2 33.Rb6 Rd2 34.Ke5 Bh5 Sage,F (2347)-Romero Sánchez,J (2011)/ICCF 2007/OM 2.04/1-0 (39)) 20...Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Be8 22.Rc8 Kf7 23.Kd2 e5 24.Bb6 Rg8 ½-½ Vugt,W (2332)-Mengual Bolo,C (2212)/ICCF 2010/OM Corr) 14.h4 a) RR 14.Rc1 Rg8 15.0-0 (RR 15.h4 h6 16.Ke2 Bd6 17.h5 Bh7 18.a5 Ke7 19.Na4 f6 20.b4 Rgc8 21.Bc5 Bxc5 22.bxc5 Rc7 23.Nb6 Rd8 24.Nxd7 Rxd7 25.Bd3 Bg8 26.c6 Rd6 27.cxb7 Rxb7 28.Rc3 Bf7 29.Ke3 Be8 Topalov,V (2805)-Anand,V (2787)/Sofia BUL 2010/OM 2.04/½-½ (46)) 15...Bd6 16.f4 Rc8 17.Bb3 Bxf4 18.Rxf4 e5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Rff1 Rc5 21.Bd5 Nc6 22.h4 Ke7 23.Ne2 Rxc1 24.Rxc1 Re8 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Rxc6 Bxe4 27.Rxa6 Rb8 28.Ra7+ Ke8 Lifanov,V (2251)-Perkiömäki,J (2271)/ICCF 2010/OM Corr/½-½ (37); b) RR 14.Ke2 Rg8 15.h4 h6 16.h5 Bh7 17.Bf2 Rc8 18.Ba2 Bb4 19.Bh4 Be7 20.Bg3 Bb4 21.Bh4 Be7 22.Bf2 Bb4 ½-½ Zhao Xue (2474)-Ruan Lufei (2480)/Antakya TUR 2010/OM 2.04; 14...Rc8 15.Ba2 h6 16.Rd1 Rg8 17.h5 Bh7 18.Ke2 Bc5 19.Ke3 Ke7 20.Rd2 Rgd8 21.Rhd1 a5 22.Bxc5+ Nxc5 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxd8 Civitillo,A (2448)-Chaika,I (2475)/ICCF 2010/OM Corr/½-½
10.Bxc4± cxd4
11.Nxc6 bxc6
12.Qxd4 Qc7?!



13.Nb5!± Qb8
 Taking the knight was clearly bad for Black, as follows:- 13...cxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nd7 15.Rd1 Rd8 16.Qxa7 Qxa7 17.Bxa7 Bb4+ 18.Ke2+-
14.Nxa7 Bb4+
15.Ke2 c5
16.Bb5+ Qxb5+
17.axb5 cxd4
18.Bxd4 e5
19.Bxe5 Nd7
20.Bxg7 Rg8
21.Bd4 f6
22.Rhc1 Bf7
23.g3 Be6

24.Ke3 Kf7
25.b6 f5



26.Ra6+
 My 4 pawns for the bishop are more than enough to grant me the winning advantage, as Black is going to have to sacrifice more material just to survive in the short term.

- 26... Be7**
27.b7 Rab8
28.Rxe6! Kxe6
29.Rc6+ Kf7
30.Rc7 fxe4
31.Nc6 Ke6
32.Nxb8 Rxb8
33.Ba7 Bc5+
34.Bxc5 Nxc5
35.Rxc5 Rxb7
36.f4 Rxb2
37.Rh5

Now that the dust of the position has cleared, White emerges with a clearly won rook and pawn ending, it only remained for me to exercise the technical phase of the game to bring home the bacon as it were.

- 37... Rb7**
38.g4 Rg7
39.Re5+ Kf6
40.g5+ Kg6
41.h4 Kh5
42.f5 Kxh4
43.f6 Ra7
44.Re7 Ra3+
45.Kf4 Rf3+
46.Kxe4 Rf1
47.Rg7 h6?

Now Black is going to be mated for certain.

- 48.gxh6 Rxf6**
49.h7

And the probable ending would be something along the lines of...49.h7 Rh6 50.Rg1 Rxh7 51.Rh1+ Kg5 52.Rxh7 Kf6 53.Rh6+ Ke7 54.Kd5 Kf7 55.Ke5 Kg7 56.Rf6 Kg8 57.Ke6 Kg7 58.Kf5 Kh7 59.Rf7+ Kh8 60.Kg6 Kg8 61.Rf1 Kh8 62.Rf8#

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24th ICCF World Champion

By Marjan Šemrl

[Ed – I met GM Marjan Šemrl of Slovenia at the 2009 ICCF Congress in Leeds where we had a good conversation over dinner. I was very pleased when he won the 24th World Championship and also agreed to me using his notes from the decisive game.]

White: Šemrl, Marjan (2590)

Black: Jacquin, Roberto Juan (2560)

World Championship 24 Final ICCF, 2011

Caro-Kann Advance Variation [B12]

[Notes by Marjan Šemrl]

This game decided the winner of the 24th World Championship Title! During the summer of 2010 I realised that it would be necessary to have +6 points to win the championship. I knew very well that Tansel Turgut from Turkey and Dr. Hans-Dieter Wunderlich from Germany were on their ways to make at least +5. I already had 4 wins on the tournament x-table and one more game, which was completely winning. Where could I find my 6th win? The only remaining game where I had a real chance to play for a win was against Argentinian Juan Roberto Jacquin. We were at move 32 and my position was better although I had two pawns less. But deep analysis showed me that the game is objectively a draw with precise play from my opponent's side. It was a very unpleasant situation on one hand, but a great challenge of my chess career. I accept the greatest challenge of my life with a lot of confidence! First of all, I decided to play slowly without forcing any simplification until the moment when I could see a reliable win. I was working very hard. There were many days without rest and many nights without sleeping. The only wish in my head was to win this game ...

1.e4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.e5	Bf5
4.Nf3	e6
5.Be2	

Many correspondence players like very much this line in the Caro Kann which is named after English GM Nigel Short. It promises positional play with small but long-term advantage for White.

5...	c5
6.Be3	cxd4
7.Nxd4	Ne7

We played first moves without a lot of thinking, but in this position I stopped for two weeks to make some research through theoretical sources and to do some analysis of my own for a comparison. Surprisingly I found out that my advantage is not so big and that my opponent was going to equalise. It is almost a premise in correspondence chess to win with White and not to lose with Black pieces. I did research on moves 8.c4, 8.c3 and 8.Nd2 but I was not satisfied with any of them. Then I found somewhere the idea of 8.0–0 and 9.Bb5 which brought me the new optimism. My analyses showed me that this line has some perspective ...

8.0-0	Nbc6
9.Bb5	a6
10.Bxc6+	bx c6
11.c4	Qd7
12.Nc3	dx c4
13.Na4	Nd5
14.Nxf5	exf5
15.Rc1	Nxe3



Black was playing excellently and succeeded to make the queen exchange. There is an unwritten rule between top level correspondence players: "If you are better, don't exchange the queen. If you are worse, exchange it as soon as possible." There are completely different relations in the endgames and if the advantage is only the advantage and not a win, the realisation is much harder with the reduced material.

16.Qxd7+!

The chess computer engines recommend: 16.fxe3 Qxd1 17.Rfxd1 Rd8 18.Rd4 h5 19.Rdxc4 Rh6 20.Rxc6 Rxc6 21.Rxc6 Rd1+ 22.Kf2 Rd2+ 23.Kf1 g6 24.Rxa6 Bh6 and Black equalises easily.

16...	Kxd7
17.fxe3	Ke6
18.Rxc4	Rc8
19.Rfc1	c5
20.b4	Kxe5
21.bxc5	

The formation of a free passed pawn on c-line was the main idea of the 16th move.

21...	Rc7
22.c6	Ba3
23.R1c3	Bd6
24.Nb6	Ke6
25.Ra4	Be5
26.Rc5	Ra7
27.g4	g6
28.gxf5+	gxf5
29.Nd5	Rg8+
30.Kf2	Bxh2
31.c7	Rc8
32.Rd4	Bxc7



At this point things became very serious! It was absolutely clear that I had to win, otherwise the World Champion's Title will go into Turkish or German hands. White has two pawns less but he is better however. The active White pieces in the centre, very weak Black pawns and strong pin along c-line, these are only the main elements of White's advantage. White can hope to win this game, but only hopes because the analysis says that the position is objectively a draw. The 6 months of torture with very precise calculating practically to the end of the game began at this point. The only possibility to win was in slow manoeuvring giving my opponent the chance to play wrong. I decided not to exchange any of my pieces until the outcome was absolutely clear, this means a winning position for me. What about computers and chess engines? Yes, I used them to prove my analysis. But they proposed me thousands of lines, which at the end were only a draw. But I noticed that my opponent might trust his computer much more than me. This was my biggest chance. My opponent was making some small mistakes. But the first one was not enough, nor the second one ... only the fourth or fifth one was decisive ...

33.Nf4+

The centralisation of the White king brings me nothing. 33.Kf3 Rb7 34.Rc6+ Kd7 35.Nb4+ Ke8! 36.Nxa6 Ra7! 37.a4 h5 38.a5 Ke7 39.Rd5 h4 with a draw.; White can take an exchange, but it is only a draw. 33.Rdc4 Kd7 34.Nb6+ Bxb6 35.Rxc8 f4! 36.Kf3 Bxe3=

33... Ke7
34.Kf3 Rb7
35.Nd5+ Ke6

Up till now, Black is playing well and white's manoeuvring didn't have any effect. Black didn't fall into the trap which the programs proposed: 35...Ke8 36.Rc1! h5 37.Rc2 a5 38.a4 and Black loses: 38...h4+- The same motif will repeat some more times in the continuation.

36.Nf4+ Ke7
37.Rdc4 a5?

A very serious positional mistake. The a5 pawn will restrict the flexibility of Black's bishop, but even more important is that Black omits the control over b5. Correct was eg.:37...Kd7 38.Rd5+ Ke7 39.Rxf5 Rf8 40.Re4+ Kd6

38.a4!

The blockade of Black's a5 pawn on black square. My opponent was for sure relying on: 38.Rxf5 Rf8 39.Re4+ Kd6 40.Ne6 Re8 and Black succeeds in holding the position. At this very moment I already saw the position after move 57. But the way to there is very very long and of course not forcing.

38... Kd8
39.Rd4+ Ke7

We saw before that is not good: 39...Ke8 40.Nd5

40.Nd5+ Ke6
41.Rc6+ Kd7
42.Rc2 Ke6
43.Rdc4 Kd7

43...Kxd5?? 44.Rc6 and Black loses an exchange because of the mate threat. We already see the weakness of b5 because it is not accessible for the Black rook.

44.Nf6+ Ke7?

At first sight this is the only logical move, but a big mistake at the same time. The chess programs propose this move, but however, I think that White has now very real chances to win this game. 44...Kd8 45.Rc6 Ke7 46.Nxh7 f6 47.R2c5 Bd6! 48.Rxc8 Bxc5 49.Rxc5 Kd6 50.Rxa5 Rxh7 is only a draw.

45.Nxh7 Kd6!

With this move, my opponent surprised me. I was thinking only of: 45...f6 46.Rc6 Kf7 47.Rd2 Re8 48.Rxf6+ Ke7 49.Rxf5 with transposition into winning position (refer diagram after move 57).

46.Rc6+ Ke7

White must be very precise at this point. I strongly believe that I found the best and the only move.



47.R2c3!

47.Rc1? f4 48.exf4 Rb3+ 49.Kg4 Bxf4! and Black gets rid of all his troubles with elegance.

47... f6

Black is now forced to make another weakness on f6.

48.Rc2!

The manoeuvre R2c3 and immediately back Rc2 is the most beautiful thing which I found in this game. I believe that this was the only way to win the game. The f6 pawn must be taken with a rook and with a tempo!

48... Kf7
49.Rd2 Re8
50.Rxf6+ Ke7
51.Rxf5

Together with this move, I sent to my opponent an invisible mental message: "My dear Juan Roberto Jacquin! Please don't analyse too much. Please look, what the computer says and play that move. Just do it this for me, this is my last request. I will not ask you anything else, no more ..."

51... Rd8?!

Yeeesss! The chess gods were on my side. Juan Roberto Jacquin played the move I wish from my heart, according to what chess programs advised. It was in January 2011 and I already knew that I am 24th World Champion! 51...Rb6! 52.Rxa5 (52.Rc2 Kd8 53.Rf7 Be5 54.Rc5 Bd6; 52.Rg5 Rd6 53.Rg7+ Kd8; 52.Rc5 Rb7 53.Rc6 Rd8 54.Rg2 Kd7 55.Rgc2) 52...Rf8+ 53.Ke2 Rh6 54.Rd7+ Kxd7 55.Nxf8+

Any of these lines would cause me still a lot of problems and the win is very questionable.

52.Rg2 Rd1
53.Rg7+ Kd6
54.Rg6+ Ke7
55.Rc5 Bd8
56.Ng5 Rbb1
57.Ke4

The path into winning position (see diagram below) was now more or less forced. This was the position which I wished from all my heart at move 38. Black didn't have a better plan than trying with counterattack. But the Black king is now fatally exposed and favourable exchanges for White are unavoidable. The rest is simply very precise realisation.



57... Rb3
58.Rcc6 Rb4+
59.Kf3 Ke8
60.Ne6 Rf1+
61.Ke2 Rf6
62.Rg7 Rb2+
63.Kd3 Rb6
64.Nxd8 Kxd8
65.Rxb6 Rxb6
66.Ra7 Rb3+
67.Ke2 Ra3
68.Rxa5 Kc7
69.Kf3

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[Ed – Here's an extra game from the same event where Marjan demonstrates his attacking prowess against the Alekhine.]

White: Semrl, Marjan (2590)

Black: Schuster, Peter (2458)

World Championship 24 Final ICCF, 2011
Alekhine's Defence [B04]

1.e4 Nf6
2.e5 Nd5
3.d4 d6
4.Nf3 g6
5.Bc4 Nb6
6.Bb3 Bg7
7.a4 dxe5
8.a5 N6d7

9.Bxf7+ Kxf7
10.Ng5+ Kg8
11.Ne6 Qe8
12.Nxc7 Qd8
13.Ne6 Qe8
14.Nc7 Qd8
15.Nxa8 exd4
16.c3 Nc5
17.cxd4 Bxd4
18.0-0 e5
19.Na3 Kg7
20.Nb5 Ne6
21.Be3 Nc6



22.Qc1 Bd7
23.Bh6+ Kf7
24.Ra3 Qxa8
25.Rf3+ Ke8
26.Qc4 Qb8
27.Qd5 Kd8
28.Nd6 b6
29.axb6 axb6
30.Nf7+ Ke7
31.Nxh8 Qxh8
32.Bf8+ Qxf8
33.Rxf8 Nxf8
34.Rc1 Nd8
35.Re1 Be6



36.Rxe5 Bxe5
37.Qxe5 Nf7
38.Qd4 b5
39.g4 Bd7
40.Qe4+ Kf6
41.Qd4+ Ke7
42.Qe4+ Be6
43.f4 Nd6
44.Qe5 Nf7

45.Qc5+ Nd6
 46.Qg5+ Kf7
 47.h3 Nd7
 48.Qd8 Ne8
 49.Qa5 Nd6
 50.Qc3 Ne8
 51.Qb4 Ng7
 52.Qxb5 h6
 53.b4 h5
 54.f5 gxf5
 55.g5 h4
 56.Qd3 Kg6
 57.Qd2

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Marjan receives his silver (engraved with the x-table below) at the 2012 ICCF Congress in Pretoria, South Africa.

WC24/final, World Championship 24 Final

										TD Caressa, Marco (IA)																						
Category 12 GM=10 SIM=7½ IM=6½ LGM=3½ ILM=1½										1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SLO	480098	GM	Šemrl, Marjan	2590	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	11	81.75	0	1
2	GER	84813	GM	Wunderlich, Dr. Hans-Dieter	2607	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1 ^D	10.5	80.25	0	2						
3	TUR	490124	GM	Turgut, Tansel	2610	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.5	77.5	0	3	
4	GER	80714	SIM	Buse, Detlef	2498	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	9.5	72	0	4	
5	USA	511009	GM	Bokar, Dr. Jason	2580	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	9	70	0	5	
6	GER	83552	GM	Gerhardt, Frank	2645	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	1	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^D	9	69	0	6						
7	BRA	70305	GM	João, Névio	2573	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9	66.25	0	7	
8	ESP	160106	IM	Muñoz Moreno, Francisco Javier	2475	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	65.75	0	8	
9	GER	89970	SIM	Schuster, Peter	2458	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	56.75	0	9	
10	GER	81955	GM	Kunzelmann, Dr. Fred	2464	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7.5	59	0	10	
11	GUA	720001	GM	Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto	2557	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	7.5	57.5	0	11	
12	GER	80748	SIM	Schneider, Wolfgang	2530	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	54.5	0	12	
13	SLO	480086	SIM	Novak, Jože	2545	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^D	7	54	0	13						
14	ITA	240141	GM	Tirabassi, Maurizio	2567	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^D	7	52.75	0	14						
15	GER	82377	SIM	Tiemann, Hagen	2480	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	½	6	43.25	0	15		
16	ARG	20429	SIM	Jacquin, Roberto Juan	2560	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	39.5	0	16	
17	RUS	140705	GM	Sabaev, Sergey Valentinovich	2475	0	0 ^D	0	0	½	0 ^D	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	0 ^D	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4	28.75	0	17	





ICCF Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

At the end of November, the 5 Semifinal groups of Veterans World Cup 2 were concluded, with the top two players from each group, along with the next best placed 3 players, qualifying for the VWC3 Final, planned to start on 1/2/2013.

TD George Pyrich reports that all of the games were completed within the 18 month playing period, except for two endings which will require adjudication. There were no Scottish qualifiers in VW2 Semifinals. Veterans World Cup 2 is in Memoriam of very dear departed Austrian chess friend, Gerhard Radosztics.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 has also reached the Semifinals stage with 7 groups having started on 1 May 2012 and these will continue until 30 November 2013, although there already many completed games. Scotland has two qualifiers in the VWC3 Semifinals, namely Geoff Lloyd and myself.

It is likely that a score of at least 8/12pts (+4) will be needed to guarantee a place in a 15 player Final. At present, Geoff has scored 4.5/10 games, whereas I have reached 3.5/6, with 6 very competitive games in progress, with good prospects in 3 of them but two of the others are Sveshnikov Sicilians, where I am trying to salvage half points!

Geoff has provided two games for this edition and I have also annotated two which I have recently completed games in VWCs.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 4 Preliminary Groups (31) started in September 2011 and they are due to be completed by the end of February 2013, with the top 3 players from each group being guaranteed places in the VWC4 Semifinals. It seems likely that maybe 7 Semifinal Groups of 15 players could be required.

The Scottish CCA participants were Brian Goodwin, Geoff Lloyd, Derek Price and Peter Bennett (each with one group) and Derek Coope and myself each with 2 groups. With all our games completed, only Peter Bennett is guaranteed a place in the VWC4 Semifinals, although I have an outside chance of filling any vacancy having finished 4th with 7.5/12 (+3) in one group with a high SB score. Many congratulations to Peter and old friend of the SCCA, Chris Fordham Hall from Bournemouth, who has also qualified.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 (organised by German Federation BdF) started on 1st September with another record number of entries in these popular events. There are 10 Scottish CCA entries playing in various of 36 Preliminary Groups, producing 108 semifinalists - 7 (or 8) Semifinals of 15 players may be needed!

All VWC cross-tables can be found via the webserver index at <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/Tables2.aspx> - follow the links for ICCF Tournaments/World Cups/Veteran World Cups. Here are some annotated games from Geoff Lloyd and me.

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Lloyd, Geoff (2314) - Coplin, Lawrence (2405)
VWC3 Semifinal 05, 2012
Exchange Grünfeld [D87]
[Notes by Geoff Lloyd]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	g6
3.Nc3	d5
4.cxd5	Nxd5
5.e4	Nxc3
6.bxc3	Bg7
7.Bc4	c5
8.Ne2	Nc6
9.Be3	0-0
10.0-0	Qc7
11.Rb1	

11.h3 I did look at this move for some time, considering a possible 11... Bg4

11... b6

11...Rd8 12.Qc1 (12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg5 Rd7 14.d5 Na5 15.Bb5 Rd6 16.f4 f6 17.fxe5 fxg5 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Qa4 b6 20.Rf2 Bb7 21.Rbf1 Rd8 22.Rf7 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Bxf8 24.Bd7 Ba6 25.Be6+ Kg7 26.Qe8 1-0 Laurusas,T-Bieliauskas,M / Lithuania LTU 2012) 12...Bg4 13.Nf4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Rac8 15.f3 Nxd4 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qxc7 Rxc7 18.fxg4 Ke8 19.Kh1 Rd6 20.Nd5 Rcd7 21.g5 Re6 22.Bxd4 Bxd4 23.Rf4 Be5 24.Rh4 Ra6 25.Rxh7 Rxa2 26.h4 Adhiban,B-Nepomniachtchi,I/Moscow RUS 2012 0-1 (42)



12.Bf4

12.f3 Rd8 13.Bf4 Qb7 14.d5 Na5 15.Bb5 Bd7 16.Qc2 e5 17.Bg5 f6 18.Bh4 Bxb5 19.Rxb5 Nc4 20.Qd3 Nd6 21.Rb2 c4 22.Qc2 Rf8 23.Bf2 Qc7 24.Rbb1 Bh6 25.a4 Rae8 26.Rbd1 Rf7 Lautier,J-Kamsky,G/Belgrade 1991 0-1 (50)

12... e5

13.Bg3

13.d5? Na5 14.d6 Qb8 15.Bd5 exf4 when Black is much better.

13... Na5

14.Bd5 Bb7



15.dxe5
 15... Bxe5
 16.Bxb7 Qxb7 16.d5
 16.c4 Rad8
 17.Rc1
 17.Bxe5 Qxe5 18.f4 An interesting line. 18...Rxd5 19.exd5
 Qe4 20.Qe1 Qe3+ 21.Rf2
 17... Rfe8
 18.Nc3 Bxg3
 19.fxg3 Rf8
 20.Nb5 Qe7
 21.Qf3 Bxd5
 22.exd5

The protected passed pawn is an advantage, and a possible plan that was just not in my chess thinking at the time. A good chessfriend and IM sent me 6 DVDs mainly covering the endgame and middle game planning. I was already thinking of a draw here?? My current studies are helping me look at the game a little differently.

22... Rfe8
 23.g4 a6
 24.Rce1 Qxe1
 1/2-1/2



VWC3/sf05, ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 - Semifinal Group 05

Category 3 SIM=9½ IM=8½ LGM=6 ILM=4				TD Pyrich, George D. (1A)													Score	SB	RG	Place
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
1	ITA	240971	Alderisio, Piero	2408	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	7.5	28.75	2	1
2	GER	80915	IM Zapf, Herbert	2440	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	7	26.5	1	2
3	USA	514137	Coplin, Lawrence	2405	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	6	26.25	3	3
4	SLO	480012	Grabner, Jože	2154	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	6	25	1	4
5	ESP	169130	Jiménez Molina, Gabriel	2334	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	5.5	22.5	2	5
6	GER	81514	Arnold, Horst	2286	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	23.25	3	6
7	SCO	629031	Lloyd, Geoffrey	2314	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	20.75	2	7
8	RUS	141553	Petrov, Yury Aleksandrovich	2303	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	18.5	1	8
9	SUI	100396	Singeisen, Hermann	2215	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	3.5	18	4	9
10	CZE	131197	Valák, Alois	2370	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	3	10.75	4	10
11	GER	82112	Päßler, Hans-Dieter	2266	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2	8.5	5	11
12	SVK	950382	Rogos st., Ján	2380	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1.5	8.75	9	12
13	ENG	210412	IM Sowden, Edward C.	2297	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1.5	7.5	5	13

Lloyd, Geoff (2314) - Zapf, Herbert (2440)
 VWC3 Semifinal 05, 2012
 Slav Defence [D11]
 [Notes by Geoff Lloyd]

In this game it was as you will see, it was my opponent who was after the draw.

1.d4 d5
 2.c4 c6
 3.Nf3 Nf6
 4.Nbd2 Bf5
 5.g3 e6
 6.Bg2 h6
 7.0-0 Nbd7



8.Ne5
 8.b3 Bd6 (8...Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Re1 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4
 12.Nd2 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 Nf6 14.Qc2 Rc8 15.e4 dxe4 16.Nxe4
 Qa5 17.Bc3 Qh5 18.Nd2 Bd6 19.h3 Nh7 20.Nf3 Ng5
 21.Nxg5 Qxg5 22.Bd2 Qf6 23.Bc3 Le Thanh Tu-Pham Le

Thao Nguyen/Ho Chi Minh City VIE 2012 ½-½ (67)) 9.Bb2 0-0 (9...Qb8 10.Re1 0-0 11.e3 Bh7 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Rec1 a5 14.a3 b5 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.Rc6 Rc8 17.Rac1 Qb7 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 19.Qd1 Ne4 20.Bf1 b4 21.axb4 Bxb4 22.Nxe4 Bxe4 23.Ne1 Rxc1 24.Bxc1 Grabarczyk,M-Yakovich,Y/Stockholm 2001 0-1 (31)) 10.h3 Qe7 11.a3 Rfe8 12.Ne5 Rad8 13.Qe1 Bc7 14.f4 Bh7 15.g4 Kh8 16.Qg3 Ng8 17.h4 f6 18.Nxd7 Rxd7 19.h5 e5 20.fxe5 fxe5 21.dxe5 Bxe5 22.Bxe5 Qxe5 Molina,J-Fenoglio,V/Argentina 1931/HCL/0-1 (35); 8.a3 Bd6 9.b3 Ne4 10.Bb2 0-0 11.Ne1 Qg5 12.f4 Qh5 13.Nd3 Ndf6 14.Nxe4 dxe4 15.Nf2 Ng4 16.Nxg4 Bxg4 17.Qe1 f5 18.e3 Kh7 19.Kf2 g5 20.Qc3 Rg8 21.Rac1 Bf3 22.Kg1 gxf4 Opocensky,K-Steiner,L/Podebrady 1936/EXT 98/0-1 (34)

8...	Be7
9.Nxd7	Qxd7
10.b3	0-0
11.Bb2	b5
12.c5	a5
13.a3	Qc7
14.Rc1	Rfe8



15.e3	Bg4
16.Qc2	Bf5
17.Qd1	Bg4
18.Qc2	Bf5
19.Qd1	Rad8
20.Nf3	Bg4
21.Qd3	Bf5
22.Qd1	Bg4
23.Qd3	Bf5
24.Qd1	

½-½



Perini, Giampaolo (2191) - Borwell, Alan (2226) [B31]
 VWC3 Semifinal 01, 2012
 Sicilian Defence [B31]
[Notes by Alan Borwell]

My opponent in this game is from Italy and qualified for the Semifinals as a best placed runner up from the Preliminary Groups. Although I had the Black pieces, I thought it would be necessary to win this game to have any chance of reaching the VWC3 Final.

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	

I have not faced this move very often in CC so decided to play the fianchetto line.

3...	g6
4.Bxc6	dx6
5.d3	Bg7
6.h3	Nf6
7.Nc3	Nd7
8.Be3	e5
9.0-0	Qe7
10.Qd2	h6
11.a4	Nf8
12.Nb1?!	

Although appearing on chess engine lists among the better moves here, this cannot be a good plan and gives Black the chance to expand rapidly on the k-side.

12...	f5
13.Qc3?!	

Another dubious move.

13...	Ne6
14.Qa3	



14...	f4!
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This effectively splits the White forces leaving his king with inadequate protection.

15.Bc1	g5
16.Nbd2	

If White tries 16.d4 then 16...Nxd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.b3 Qf6 19.Nd2 h5-+

16...	h5
17.g3	g4
18.Nh4	

The fork threat on g6 is ineffective as the invasion force massing against the White king is irresistible.

18...	Nd4
19.Qa2	Be6
20.b3	

Here I analysed 20.b3 Ne2+ 21.Kh2 Qg5 22.c3 fxg3+ 23.fxg3 Qe3 24.Ndf3 Nxc1 25.Raxc1 gxf3 26.Rce1 Qxd3 27.Rxf3 Qd7 28.Qf2 0-0-0 29.c4 Bh6 30.Qxc5 Rhf8

20...	Ne2+
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White resigns.

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VWC3/sf01, ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 - Semifinal Group 01

Category 3 SIM=9½ IM=8½ LGM=6 ILM=4						TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)																
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	SB	RG	Place
1	GER	80433	IM	Koch, Hans-Georg	2364		0	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^D	6.5	16	0	1
2	NED	370601		Tienhoven, Richard M. van	2396	1		½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1 ^D	6	20	3	2	
3	ENG	211120		Rooms, Trevor	2324	½	½		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^D	4	14	5	3	
4	ITA	249266		Perini, Giampaolo	2191	½	½	½		0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4	12.5	4	4	
5	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2232	½	½	½	1		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	3.5	15.75	6	5	
6	GER	81412		Metelmann, Klaus	2257	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	3.5	13.25	3	6	
7	SLO	480004	IM	Bohak, Janko	2292	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	3.5	12.75	3	7	
8	CHI	110006		Ledezma Álvarez, José M.	2264	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	3	13.75	6	8	
9	GER	85698		Gunkel, Wolfgang	2314	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	2.5	11.5	7	9	
10	SVK	959039		Kolek, Pavol	2336	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2	8.75	9	10	
11	RUS	141920		Butov, Yury Alekseevich	2323	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1.5	8.25	9	11	
12	POR	390188	SIM	Morais, Gustavo João F. S.	2382	½	0 ^D	0 ^D	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	5	8	12	
13	CRO	900009	SIM	Ljubičić, Ante	2504	0 ^D	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	0	11	13	

Borwell, Alan (2199) - Sueess, Franz (2250)

VWC4 Preliminary Group 10, 2011

Sicilian Richter-Rauzer [B63]

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

This game was played in the VWC4 Preliminaries - my Swiss opponent also finished with 6.5/12 pts.

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| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | d6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | Nf6 |
| 5.Nc3 | Nc6 |
| 6.Bg5 | e6 |
| 7.Qd2 | Be7 |
| 8.0-0-0 | 0-0 |
| 9.Nb3 | h6 |
| 10.Bxf6 | Bxf6 |
| 11.Qxd6 | Bxc3 |
| 12.bxc3 | Qf6 |

In a CC game in 2008, Werner Schreiber played Qh4 here but after 13.g3 the queen had to go back to f6.

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| 13.Qg3 | e5 |
| 14.Bc4 | a5 |
| 15.a4 | Qe7 |
| 16.Kb2 | Qc7 |
| 17.Rhf1 | Rb8 |
| 18.Bb5 | Kh7 |
| 19.Rd5 | Be6 |
| 20.Rfd1 | Kh8 |



Now White has to make difficult choice of where to move the d5 rook and then whether Nd4 or Nc5. Also R1d3 is playable but it leaves d5 rook hanging "en pris" to the Black bishop. Yet another option is Qe3 depriving the Black Q of

the b6 square. Possible variations are :- 20...Kh8 21.R5d3 (21.R5d2 Rbd8 22.Nc5 Rxd2 23.Rxd2 Re8 24.Nxe6 Rxe6 25.Qd3 Qb6 26.Qd7 Re7 27.Qc8+ Kh7 28.Rd7 Rxd7 29.Qxd7 f6 30.g3; 21.Rd6 Rfd8 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Nd4 Bd7 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.Rxd8+ Nxd8 26.exf5 f6 27.Qd3 b6 28.Qd5 Nb7 29.g4 Nd6 30.Bc6 e4 31.h4) 21...Na7 22.c4 Rbc8 23.R1d2 Nxb5 24.cxb5 Rfe8 25.Rc3 Bc4 26.Qh3 b6 27.Rd7 Qb8 28.Qe3 Be6 29.Rdd3 Bc4 30.Rd2 Kg8 31.g3 f6

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| 21.R5d2 | Rbd8 |
| 22.Nd4 | Bc8 |



22...Bc8 23.Nxc6 Rxd2 24.Nxe5 Qd8 25.Rxd2 Qxd2 26.Bc4 Kg8 27.Nxf7 Rxf7 28.Bd5 Kf8 29.Qb8 Rxf2 30.Qxc8+ Ke7 31.Qxb7+ Kd8 32.Qb6+ Kd7 33.Bc6+ Kd6 34.Bb5+ Ke5 35.Bd3 Rxd2 36.Qd4+ Ke6 37.Qd5+ Ke7 38.e5±

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| 23.Nxc6 | bxc6 |
| 24.Rxd8 | Rxd8 |
| 25.Rxd8+ | Qxd8 |
| 26.Bxc6 | Qc7 |

26...Qc7 27.Bb5 Kg8 28.Qe3 Kf8 29.c4 f6 30.c5 Be6 31.Qc3 Ke7 32.c6 Qb6 33.Qa3+ Kf7 34.Qd6 g5 35.f3 h5 36.g3 h4 37.gxh4 gxh4 38.Kc3 Qe3+ 39.Bd3 Qb6 40.Bc4 Qe3+ 41.Qd3 Qe1+ 42.Kb2 Qb4+ 43.Bb3 Ke7 44.c7 Bd7 45.Qa6 Qc5 46.Qb7 Kd6 47.Qb8 Qxc7 48.Qf8+ Kc6 49.Qxf6+ Qd6 50.Qxh4

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| 27.Bb5 | Be6 |
| 28.c4 | |

28.c4 Qb6 29.Qc3 Qxf2 30.c5 Qxg2 31.Qxa5 Qxh2 (31...Qxe4?? 32.Qd8+ Kh7 33.Bd3) 32.Qd8+ Kh7 33.c6 Qf2 34.Qd6 Qb6 35.Qxe5 wins.

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| 28... | Kh7 |
| 29.Qc3 | Kg8 |
| 30.c5 | Kf8 |

Obviously 28... Bxc4 loses a piece after Qc3.

31.Bc4 Bc8
 32.Bd5 Ba6
 33.g3 Bc8
 34.Qc4 Ke8
 35.Qb5+ Kd8
 36.Qb6 f6
 37.Bc6 Bg4
 38.Bb5 Bh5
 39.Qe6 Qe7



40.Qd5+ Kc7
 41.Qc6+ Kb8
 42.Qb6+ Qb7
 43.Bc6 Qxb6+
 44.cxb6 Bf7

44...Bf7 45.Kc3 Be6 46.Kd3 g6 47.c4 f5 48.f3 Kc8 49.c5 Kd8 50.Bd5 Bd7 51.c6

45.Kc3 Be6
 46.Kd3 Kc8
 47.c4 Bh3
 48.Kc3 f5
 49.exf5

The White K entry via c4 or e4 will be decisive, so Black resigned.

1-0



VWC4/pr10, ICCF Veterans World Cup 4 - Preliminary Group 10

Rated					TD Maxwell, Alistair													Score	SB	RG	Place
					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13				
1	ITA	241016	De Filippis, Francesco	2420		½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.5	49	0	1
2	NZL	380092	Goffin, Peter B.	2318	½		½	½	½	1	½	0	1	½	1	1	1	8	41	0	2
3	RUS	140234	Khorunzhy, Mikhail Filippovich	2165	½	½		0	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	7.5	41	0	3
4	USA	510939	Sciarretta, Robert W.	2091	½	½	1		½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	7.5	40.5	0	4
5	GER	81353	SIM Blau, Dieter	2207	½	½	½	½		½	1	½	½	.	1	½	1	7	38	1	5
6	ENG	210619	Norman, Nigel	2109	½	0	0	½	½		½	1	½	½	1	1	1	7	34	0	6
7	SCO	620098	IM Borwell, Alan P.	2199	0	½	½	½	0	0		1	½	1	1	1	½	6.5	32	0	7
8	SUI	100406	Sueess, Franz	2250	0	1	0	½	½	½	0		½	½	1	1	1	6.5	31	0	8
9	ESP	160133	Bas Fortuny, Marti	2041	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½		½	½	½	1	5.5	27.75	0	9
10	CHI	110006	Ledezma Álvarez, José M.	2263	0	½	0	½	.	½	0	½	½		½	1	1	5	22.75	1	10
11	POR	390535	Placido, Maria Armanda Codea Alves	1797	0	0	½	½	0	0	0	0	½	½		½	½	3	14.75	0	11
12	LAT	910310	Plume, Gunars	1925	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	½		½	2.5	12.25	0	12
13	FIN	460585	Salonen, Jukka	1896	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½		1.5	6	0	13





20th Olympiad Preliminaries

Play started last month in this event with our team (1. Tom Matheis 2. Iain Mackintosh 3. Alan Bell 4. Tom Craig 5. David Kilgour 6. David Cumming) in Section 2 paired up against strong opposition from Spain, France, Germany, Ukraine, Switzerland, Luxemburg, Hong Kong and Norway. Competition is very fierce in ICCF's premier team event, and our team's fortunes may be followed within the Results Section at the ICCF website.

5th ICCF Champions League

Play started officially on 15th October in the most recent cycle of the ICCF Champions League where our 2 teams, the Lewis Chessmen (Iain Mackintosh, David Cumming, Alan Borwell and George Pyrich) and the Scottish Claymores (Alan Bell, Robert Montgomery, Gordon Anderson and Kevin Paine) play in Divisions C1 and C7 respectively. Some results have already been posted but, of course, it's still very early days.

Europa Postal Cup

EU/PC/pr2, European Postal Cup - Preliminary Group 2

TD Hömske, Markus (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Scottish Claymores	2110	█	1.5	0.5	1.5	3	0.5	4	4	15	62	6	6	24	4	1
2	Germany B	2159	2.5	█	1.5	0	2	0	4	3	13	72	8	7	18	10	2
3	Veterans	2310	2.5	2.5	█	1.5	0	0	3	3	12.5	83	10	8	15	13	3
4	CASPA-ROV	2039	1.5	0	0.5	█	2.5	0.5	3	4	12	75	8	6	16	12	4
5	Dutchess	2076	1	1	0	0.5	█	0.5	4	3	10	55	2	4	18	10	5
6	A. D. Scacchi Rocca Priora	2247	1.5	0	0	0.5	0.5	█	3	3	8.5	85	7	4	10	18	6
7	White Rose Exiles	1879	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	3	3	12	-18	2	24	4	7
8	Arc-en-ciel / Rainbow / Regnbåge	1854	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	-23	0	23	5	8

As before, our team continues to the top of the table but several others have higher percentage scores with fewer completed games and, indeed, our team is presently 5th of 8 as this event progresses.

9th European Team Championship

EU/TC9/sf2, 9th European Team Championship - Semifinal 2

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Russia	2350	█	4.5	5	4	4	5	5	5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	50.5	65	24	20	77	11	1
2	Romania	2420	2.5	█	4	4	3.5	4	4	4.5	4.5	4	5	4	44	55	8	12	80	8	2
3	Lithuania	2488	3	4	█	3	4	4.5	3.5	5.5	4.5	4	4	3.5	43.5	53	6	10	81	7	3
4	Switzerland	2387	4	4	3	█	3.5	4	4	4	5	4	4.5	3	43	51	2	10	84	4	4
5	Austria	2407	3	3.5	3	4.5	█	4	4	5	4	3.5	4	4	42.5	53	5	9	80	8	5
6	Czech Republic	2429	1	3	3.5	4	4	█	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4	41.5	50	0	12	83	5	6
7	Finland	2448	2	3	3.5	3	3	4	█	4	5.5	4	4	4.5	40.5	51	2	8	79	9	7
8	Scotland	2358	1	2.5	2.5	4	3	3.5	4	█	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	36.5	44	-9	6	82	6	8
9	Luxemburg	2311	2.5	3.5	3.5	3	3	3.5	2.5	4.5	█	3.5	3.5	3.5	36.5	43	-11	2	84	4	9
10	Spain	2412	2.5	3	2	4	3.5	3.5	2	2.5	3.5	█	4.5	5	36	45	-7	5	79	9	10
11	Belarus	2291	2.5	3	4	3.5	3	3.5	2	2.5	3.5	3.5	█	4	35	43	-10	2	80	8	11
12	Poland	2452	2.5	2	3.5	4	3	2	3.5	3.5	4.5	3	3	█	34.5	43	-10	3	79	9	12

Our team is now 8th of 12 as this event nears its conclusion with any prospect of qualification to the Final long extinguished.

Witold Bielecki Memorial Team Tournament

MT-Bielecki/pr1, Memorial "Witold Bielecki" - Preliminary 1

		TD Wojnar, Mariusz													
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Belarus 1845	3	3	3	4	4	4.5	6	24.5	69	14	10	35	1	1
2	Austria 1927	2	3	4.5	3.5	4.5	3.5	3.5	21	69	12	9	30	6	2
3	Finland 1930	3	1	3	2.5	3.5	5.5	18.5	56	4	6	33	3	3	3
4	Germany 1864	2	1.5	3	2.5	4	4.5	17.5	50	0	5	35	1	4	4
5	Portugal 1969	2	1.5	2.5	2.5	4	3	15.5	46	-2	3	33	3	5	5
6	England 1986	1.5	0.5	2.5	2	2	3.5	12	34	-11	2	35	1	6	6
7	Scotland 1891	0	1.5	0.5	1.5	3	2.5	9	25	-17	1	35	1	7	7

Our team now has only 1 game remaining and, as feared earlier, has claimed the wooden spoon in its Section.

Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Dec 2012	20	Australia	Server				
Oct 2012	20	Peru	Server	3½	1½		
Oct 2012	24	Denmark	Server	5½	3½		
May 2012	20	Italy	Server	4½	23½		loss
Mar 2012	21	Czech Republic	Server	9½	32½		loss
Feb 2012	30	Netherlands	Server/Post	17½	28½		
Mar 2011	20	Romania	Server	13	27		loss
Mar 2011	32	France	Server/Post	17	47		loss
Jan 2011	10	Hong Kong	Server	9	11		loss
Nov 2010	15	Cape Verde	Server	23½	6½		win

Our new matches against Peru, Denmark and Australia are now well underway and we have recorded some promising early scores. Additionally, earlier matches against the Netherlands and Italy near conclusion. We will likely have new matches against old adversaries Germany and Spain starting in April whilst Czech Republic wait in the wings until later in the year. These friendly matches frequently provide some interesting and high quality chess as witnessed in the following recent games:

White: Herrera, Percy (1914)

Black: MacGregor, Colin A (1818)

PER-SCO 2012

Owens Defence [B00]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

Colin MacGregor scored a nice win with the unusual Owens Defence opening in the Peru match.

1.e4	b6
2.d4	Bb7
3.Nc3	e6
4.Bd3	Nf6
5.Bg5	

Probably best here is 5.Nge2 when Rattinger - Stadler, Austria corr. 2006 continued 5...c5 6.d5 a6 7.a4 exd5 8.exd5 Nxd5 9.Nxd5 Bxd5 10.Nf4 Qe7+ 11.Be3 Be6 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Re1 when White was clearly much better and won in 32.

5...	h6
6.Bh4	Bb4
7.Nge2	

7.f3 was better and guarantees White a small edge.

7...	g5
8.Bg3	Nxe4
9.0-0	Nxg3
10.Nxg3	Bxc3
11.bxc3	d6

White doesn't have much for his pawn.

12.f4	Nd7
13.f5!?	e5



14.Nh5

14.f6!? was the logical follow up and looks good after 14...Nxf6 15.Bb5+ c6 16.Qf3

14...	e4!
15.Bc4	d5
16.Bb3	Nf6

Black has now safely consolidated.

17.Qe2	Nxh5
18.Qxh5	Qf6
19.Rad1	0-0-0

20.Qe2 Rhe8
 21.a4 a5
 22.Qe3 Ba6
 23.Rf2 h5
 24.Ba2 h4



14... f4
 15.Nf5 Qf6
 15...Bxf5 was also good when after 16.Qxf5 b4! 17.Nc4
 bxc3 18.bxc3 Ne7 Black is doing well.
 16.g4 Bxf5



25.g3?

White was running out of good moves but anything but this!

25... hxc3
 26.hxc3 Rh8
 27.Rdd2 Qd6
 28.Qxg5? Rdg8
 29.Qf4 Rxc3+

And White threw in the towel.

0-1



White: Kemperman, Hans (1682)
Black: MacMillen, Andrew N (1787)
 NED-SCO 2012
 Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

Andrew MacMillen relied upon the ever popular Sveshnikov Sicilian to score a quick win against the Netherlands.

1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 Nc6
 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 e5
 6.Ndb5 d6
 7.Bg5 a6
 8.Bxf6 gxf6
 9.Na3 b5
 10.Nd5 Bg7
 11.c3 f5
 12.Bd3 Be6

The heavy-weight struggle, van der Hoeven - Busemann, ICCF Olympiad 17 Final went 12...Ne7 13.Nxe7 Qxe7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Nc2 Rb8 16.exf5 e4 17.Be2 Bxf5 and was drawn on move 25.

13.Qh5 0-0
 14.Ne3

Tom Craig came unstuck against Grant Lambert (AUS) in the Douglas Livie Memorial Tournament back in 2004 after 14.0-0 f4 15.Rad1 Kh8 16.g3 Rg8 17.Kh1 Bf8 18.Be2 Rg5 19.Qf3 Bh6 20.Qd3 Rg8 21.Nc2 Na5 22.b3 Nb7 23.b4 Qf8 and 0-1 on move 53.

17.exf5?

Suicidal - he had to play 17.gxf5

17... e4!

Obviously this pawn can't be taken.

18.Bc2 b4!

Another shot - and another untouchable pawn!

19.Nc4 bxc3

20.0-0-0?

20.0-0 was better but he's now lost anyway.

20... cxb2+

21.Kb1 d5

22.Rxd5?

He should have known by now that Black's pawns were untouchable!

22... Nb4

23.Rc5 Nxc2

24.Kxc2 Qd4

Threatening mate as well as the White rook - so, White resigned.

0-1





General Information

Members of the Scottish CCA are eligible to play in ICCF postal, email and webserver tournaments, which cover European and World, Open (O - under 1900), Higher (H - 1900-2100) and Master (M - over 2100) classes. Entries to H or M class events for the first time require evidence of grading strength, or promotion from a lower class. O and H classes have 7 players/section, with M class having 11. It is usually possible to interchange between playing modes when promotion from a class has been obtained.

New World Cup tournaments start every 2-3 years, with 11-player sections of all grading strengths, and promotion to 1/2 finals and final. Winners proceed to the Semi-Finals, and winners of these qualify for a World Cup Final. The entry fee covers all stages, and multiple entries are allowed, though Semi-Finals are restricted to 2 places per individual.

Master and GM Norm tournaments with 13-player sections are available for strong players. Master entry level is fixed ICCF rating of 2300+, (2000 ladies); non-fixed ICCF 2350+ (2050 ladies); or FIDE 2350+ (2050 ladies); while medal winners (outright winners ladies) in national championships are also eligible. GM entry levels are 150 rating points higher. A player can enter only one section per playing mode per year. Section winners who do not achieve norms receive entry to a World Championship Semi-Final.

International numeric notation is the standard for postal events, while PGN is normal for email and webserver play. Playing rules and time limits are provided for each event, and the usual postal limit is 30 days per 10 moves, with 60 days for 10 moves in email and webserver. Players may take up to 30 days leave per calendar year.

Use air mail stickers to all destinations to speed postal play, and be aware that some patience is required, as games may take up to 3 years against opponents in countries with poor mail services. Silent withdrawal is bad etiquette! International CC postcards are recommended, and can be obtained from the SCCA. Email and webserver have speeded up many events, and made it cheaper to play. Generally, you play less email/webserver games simultaneously than postal because of the faster play.

A prerequisite for entry via the SCCA is that the player remains a full member of the SCCA for the duration of the tournament. We wish you great enjoyment from your overseas games, and from making new chess friendships!

Current tournament fees are shown on the Fees page of the SCCA website, and all Scottish players competing in ICCF events have bookmarks from the SCCA site to the relevant ICCF cross-table for easy checking of results. The SCCA international secretary can advise on all aspects of play, how to enter, current entry fees, etc.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2013

Theme 2/13: Catalan Opening, E05

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.Nf3 Be7

Entries by 1 March; play starts 15 March

Theme 3/13: Danish Gambit, C21

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Bc4

Entries by 15 April; plays starts 1 May

Webserver Events 2013

Theme 2/13: French Defence Rubinstein Variation, C10

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4

Entries by 15 February; play starts 1 March

Theme 3/13: Queen's Gambit Accepted, D26-9

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0

Entries by 1 April; plays starts 15 April

Note there are no Email Events in 2013.

News

- ❑ Champions League 5 sections started according to schedule on 15th October. A new CL website is available: <http://iccf.com/ChLeague/2012/>
- ❑ The ICCF webserver continues to be updated by ICCF's regular contractor, Martin Bennedik, under the direction of ICCF Services Director Austin Lockwood. The main features of the old website have now been incorporated into the webserver; language translation has begun with German and French implemented, and support for mobile and touch devices is under way.
- ❑ The 2012 ICCF Congress took place in Pretoria, South Africa, from October 28 to November 3. A summary of the main decisions appears elsewhere in this magazine.
- ❑ After 3 years of play and with only one game remaining, the 25th World Championship Final has a winner and New World Champion, GM Fabio Finocchiaro from Italy with 10/16. Fellow Italians Elio Vassia and Sante Giuliani currently occupy 2nd and 3rd places, though Richard Hall of England may yet get into the medal positions. A feature on the 24th World Champion, Marjan Semrl of Slovenia, appears in this magazine.

Further details of all ICCF activities and events; entries to events, and orders for ICCF publications may be obtained via George Pyrich at: international@scottishcca.co.uk

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