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Welcome to the autumn edition of the 2014 magazine set. All seasons in Scotland are autumn, but we vary the names to adhere to international standards.

Annoyingly for the Yes campaign, September was sunny, so most people felt good and voted No in the Referendum. Had the poll been held in the dismal month of August, we'd now be independent. Fortunately, the football and chess authorities had seen all this coming and pre-booked nation status for the things that really matter.

In this edition, George analyses the fourth ICCF rating list of 2014 where further games milestones were reached by several players.

Peter Bennett, brings us the second part of his wry classification of playing speeds on the webserver. The Welsh CCF was so impressed with his first part that they reprinted it in their own journal!

Alan McGowan, the Chess Scotland archivist, returns once again to highlight the 1959 CC match between Glasgow and Newcastle.

Our Games Column has been expanded to bring you an update on games played in all our Webserver Open sections. Members featured in this and other events include Raymond Burrige, David Cumming, Iain Mackintosh, James Cairney, Wilf Taylor, David Kilgour, Richard Beecham, George Pyrich, David Edney, Dave Dempster and Derek Coope. Quite an array of talent!

George provides a book review of Bent Larsen's Best Games. Larsen is one of George's heroes, so I'm not giving away any secrets when I tell you he liked it!

George's international report is supplemented by an update on Veterans' World Cup cycles provided by Alan Borwell, including the final placings in VWC2. Annotated games played by Raymond Burrige and Iain Campbell feature in this article.

The ICCF Congress in Sydney starts soon, and our proxy (Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India) has been informed of our voting intentions.

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ICCF Webserver Hosting



Austin Lockwood, ICCF Services Director, writes to announce a change in hosting supplier for the ICCF Webserver:

“Following a number of incidents affecting server availability, and the failure of our hosting company to adequately support us during these incidents, we will shortly be moving the ICCF webserver to an alternative hosting arrangement.

This move will take place between 07:00 and 13:00 UTC on Wednesday 8th October, we will endeavour to keep the down time as short as possible, however please expect the server to be unavailable for up to six hours during the transition.

The new server hosting will be based in the United Kingdom, so the server time zone will move from UTC+2 (Central European Summer Time) to UTC+1 (British Summer Time). Server time will go back a further hour on 26th October to UTC+0 as daylight saving time ends in the UK.”

ICCF Webserver Email Addresses



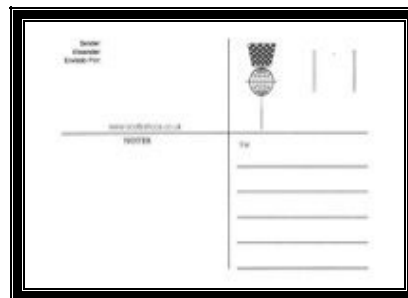
Austin Lockwood, ICCF Services Director, writes to remind us of the email changes made to the ICCF Webserver in mid-September:

“As part of our ongoing plan to phase out the old iccf-webchess.com domain, and move this to iccf.com, the email address from which the server sends mail has now been changed from info@iccf-webchess.com to info@iccf.com .

If you have added the old address to your safe senders list, please update this to reflect the new address (in most cases it is sufficient to add info@iccf.com to your contacts list).

It's possible that a very small number of emails were lost during the transition, so please check your games list in case a move has been made.”

CC Postcards



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SCCA Annual Best Game Prize



Advance warning that the 2014 Best Game Prize will follow last year's format, i.e.

- SCCA members only
- SCCA or ICCF games which finish in 2014 are eligible
- Games may have been previously published
- Submissions by 31st January 2015
- Result by 31st March 2015

Annotations are optional. Dig out those gems!



2014/4 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The fourth ICCF grading list of 2014 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 June and 31 August 2014. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 October and 31 December 2014.

One addition was recorded in this list, with Alan Sedstrem gaining a provisional rating. One deletion was recorded, with Mike Dyer dropping out due to inactivity. Membership numbers are retained for easy reinstatement should any previously removed players return to the board.

More games milestones were reached this period. David Cumming broke through the 800 games barrier, while both Raymond Burrige and Iain Mackintosh topped 600. The last quarter was again very active, with most players completing games. David Cumming totalled 60; Raymond Burrige added a further 50; Carlos Almarza Mato completed 30 and Eoin Campbell rattled up 29.

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	868	2148 ↓	322	Jessing, M	29	2083 ↔ *
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	258	2307 ↑	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	314	2325 ↔
121	Anderson, J	241	1698 ↓	260	Knox, A	157	1570 ↔
049	Armstrong, A	165	1893 ↓	1117	Laing, D	24	2100 ↔ *
313	Armstrong, J McK	265	1583 ↓	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	157	2278 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	390	2457 ↓	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	655	2259 ↑
599	Bell, A D (SM)	161	2396 ↑	337	Loughran, R J	116	1564 ↔
501	Bennett, P G (SM)	252	2326 ↑	433	MacDonald, M	30	1564 ↔
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	958	2275 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	363	1912 ↑
424	Burrige, R J	605	2054 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	603	2439 ↔
435	Cairney, J	59	2078 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	629	1825 ↓
601	Campbell, E S	132	2113 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	453	1960 ↑
038	Campbell, I S	252	1782 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	187	2440 ↑
	Clark, S L	65	2066 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	78	1577 ↓
364	Coope, D W	641	1939 ↓	401	Moir, P J	168	1619 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	80	1914 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	240	2264 ↓
527	Craig, T J (SM)	369	2333 ↓	564	Murray, J S	41	1997 ↑
166	Cumming, D R (SM)	844	2295 ↑	440	Neil, C	132	1547 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	85	2061 ↓	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	106	1996 ↑
572	Dempster, D	745	1753 ↓	444	Paine, Dr K A	156	2297 ↔
371	Edney, D	184	1986 ↑	1012	Paulin, A	40	2008 ↔
372	Flockhart, H	29	2134 ↔ *	315	Petrie, A	84	1540 ↓
459	Fraser, R A	60	1853 ↔	432	Price, D	261	2093 ↑
462	Gilbert, R	55	1828 ↑	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	912	2180 ↑
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	138	2281 ↓	357	Robson, A C W	12	1374 ↔ *
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	472	2398 ↓		Sedstrem, A	13	1651 ↑ *
124	Goodwin, B J	255	1934 ↓	439	Smith, M J	41	1950 ↑
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	463	Smith, P R	46	1737 ↔
399	Grant, J	38	1773 ↑	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	157	2099 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	441	1465 ↓	1120	Taylor, W	46	2031 ↓
063	Harvey, D	94	2064 ↔	452	Toye, D T	77	1582 ↔
1013	Hilton, S H	127	1637 ↔	530	Watson, J (IM)	147	2306 ↔
447	Jamieson, I M	76	1951 ↑				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	65
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	1
Full grades (30+ games)	60
Provisional grades (<30 games)	5
Grading increases (↑)	24
Grading decreases (↓)	21
Grading static (↔)	20

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2457	Montgomery, R S	2264
Matheis, T (IM)	2440	Lloyd, G (SM)	2259
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2439	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2398	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2180
Bell, A D (SM)	2396	Almarza Mato, C	2148
Craig, T J (SM)	2333	Campbell, E S	2113
Bennett, P G (SM)	2326	Stewart, Dr K W C	2099
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2325	Price, D	2093
Anderson, G M (SM)	2307	Cairney, J	2078
Watson, J (IM)	2306	Clark, S L	2066
Paine, Dr K A	2297	Harvey, D	2064
Cumming, D R (SM)	2295	Dawson, Prof A G	2061
Borwell, A P (IM)	2275	Burridge, R J	2054
Gillam, S R (SM)	2281	Taylor, W	2031
Lennox, C J (SM)	2278	Paulin, A	2008

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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 Eloquetry program, previously available for download from www.iccf.com

The Eloquetry 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



The Pace of ICCF Webserver Chess (2) Understanding Slow Play

By Peter Bennett

In the first article, I identified four different kinds of “fast” webserver players. Unfortunately SLOW play, being more common, is also more complex. In this second article I have identified six different kinds of slow players, although there are probably many more. Still, at least this light-hearted classification is a start; and the six are:

- (A) Brinkmen;
- (B) Bad Losers;
- (C) Busy Bees;
- (D) Dawdlers;
- (E) Victims of Circumstance; and
- (F) Tacticians.

(A) Brinkmen

Brinkmen are to be found in all walks of life, not just in chess. They are essentially people who have never developed any form of self-discipline and cannot produce anything, do anything unless and until rules external to themselves require it: they need deadlines. When they were university students, they could only produce an assignment at the eleventh hour, just ahead of a deadline. In chess, they need time limits. In OTB, without clocks, they would think about their moves all night. With clocks, they get into time trouble. In CC, they are the same. There is one notorious SIM, whom I played recently, who hits every time control with 6 moves to play in two playing days. He is psychologically incapable of playing moves at all, unless imminent disaster threatens. Forced at gunpoint to play a move, he plays it and, curiously, plays well. Hence he is a SIM (which I shall never be).

The important thing about brinkmen is that extending the time limits does not help them. They have a deep-rooted and compulsive need to play “brinkmanship” with time limits. If you gave them 100 days to play 10 moves, they would only start playing on day 96, and the psychological pain, for them, would be greater, not less. The advocates of hugely over-generous time limits do not understand the psychopathology of

brinkmen; and this creates serious problems in the world of CC.

Brinkmen not only need time limits, they only learn by exceeding them. The SIM to whom I have just referred has defaulted over 25 games on time, in recent years; and still he enters new tournaments. Pandering to his psychological problems helps no-one, least of all himself. Maybe a therapist could help him; but changing the tournament rules does not. We should all clearly understand that.

Brinkmen, incidentally, are the psychological antithesis of the desk-clearers, mentioned in my first article, who never get into time trouble of any kind, in chess or in life. Brinkmen always do. It takes all sorts....

(B) Bad Losers

As a spectator at the Essen 2002 GM tournament, I was fortuitously sitting at the next table in the venue cafe when a journalist managed to pin down Viktor Korchnoi to a short interview. The interview was conducted in German – just one of Korchnoi’s five languages – but I was able to follow most of it. One point that the great man made was that chess is a game; and in all games, not just chess, you sometimes win and you sometimes lose. If you cannot cope with the idea that you might lose occasionally, you shouldn’t be playing the game in the first place. Capablanca made a similar point in one of his books.

Unfortunately, correspondence chess is the code to which bad losers escape – from the OTB game. Former CC world champion Hans Berliner was a notorious example of a player who had a pathological fear of losing to anyone, ever. He may have been a very successful player but he was scarcely a good role model for mainstream CC players.

There are three typical characteristics of bad losers. Any one of these might be explained away, but if they

display two of them, you can be fairly sure that your opponent is indeed a bad loser. The three characteristics are:

- 1) As soon as they realise that they are losing a game, they start to play what recent British Champion, IM Bill Lumley calls “DMC”, short for “Dead Man’s Chess”. That is, they start to play as slowly as the time limits allow and put off their resignation as long as possible. The rationale typically given by the few practitioners of DMC who have attempted to defend their actions is that, in a position where they have a very difficult defence, they need far more time to analyse their moves: a worthy idea in principle which is rarely, however, supported by the evidence of subsequent play. If defenders were furiously analysing, the quality of their play would improve. In fact, in 95% of cases, the reverse happens: their play deteriorates markedly. The inference which I draw from that is that all my DMC opponents are doing is ignoring the game completely and “putting off the evil day”. The only excuse for DMC which, in my view, rings true is that it is sometimes tactical (see below).
- 2) When they finally resign, they do not congratulate their opponent on winning the game, or even say thank you for the game; they often also “close” the game so that their opponent has no opportunity to say “thank you” back;
- 3) They sometimes just default on time, to avoid having to resign.

(C) Busy Bees

Some forty years ago psychologists identified a pattern of behaviour which is sometimes called “the retreat into busy-ness”. When our slow play is challenged we defend it by eternally claiming how “busy” we are. We are busy in our work, busy at home, busy with the numerous responsibilities we have taken on. But a lot of busy people constantly take on more responsibilities than they need to take on, precisely so

that they can endlessly hide behind this convenient defence of “busy-ness”.

This is how I summarised the problem some 12 years ago in limerick form, for a now-defunct CC magazine:

You're terrible busy, you say,
But you mean you're reluctant to play.
Consequently, I fear,
With four moves a year
Your games will just wither away.

I am sceptical about “busy” people for three reasons. The first is that I know many extremely busy people who also play fast in their correspondence chess games. The difference between them and the ones who play slowly is not busy-ness. The second is that, during busy periods in my own working career, I either stopped playing CC for a while or merely reduced the number of games I was playing. I don't recall ever using it as an excuse for ultra-slow play.

The third reason, however, is the most important. Those few CC players whose responsibilities in their daily lives genuinely make it difficult for them to keep up the pace of even a reduced number of games have one other clear pattern of CC behaviour: they play equally slowly in the games they are winning. This does occasionally happen, and when I have come across it, I do readily accept that my opponent's circumstances are such that they truly cannot keep up the pace of their games.

What annoys me are the players who constantly plead how busy they are, yet the busyness only seems to afflict the games they are defending or losing. When they are winning they play like lightning. Methinks that something else is going on there besides “busy-ness”.

(D) Dawdlers

Dawdlers see no urgency about anything, in chess or in life. If a chess game takes three years to complete, so what? Who cares? Their opponent, perhaps; but dawdlers are not very good at seeing the situation from their opponent's

perspective. Or the TD's perspective. They play their moves as an when they feel like it. The pattern rarely varies.

To be fair, dawdlers are at least consistent. They also play slowly when they are winning. They are not competitive at all. For dawdlers, chess is just a pastime. They enter tournaments, not with thoughts of winning, but purely for something to do. I have just played a game against a dawdler for the third time. As usual, I won. He comes last in every tournament he plays in; but still he comes back again, year after year, for a repeat experience. In fact, he is a perfectly decent chap, it is impossible not to like him, but he doesn't even know how to begin to play his chess games briskly.

This is the one kind of characteristically slow player that we can do absolutely nothing about. Reform or change is out of the question. Mañana rules, OK!



Samuel Bak watercolour 'Locked'

(E) Victims of Circumstance

I refer here to those players who typically play at an average pace but who slow down dramatically as a result of changed circumstances during a tournament. In this context, the decision to abandon the Special Leave facility which the OSL of the ICCF has been regulating for some years now is, to say the least, disappointing (although I am both aware of and understand the reasons for this change).

Here is a very recent, practical example. The favourite to win a tournament in which I am currently participating was suddenly called into hospital for a major operation. He was one of the last players to be granted a month's Special Leave before the facility was withdrawn. He has now restarted his games and the eventual outcome of the tournament should be unaffected by his extended absence; but, from now on, TDs are going to be faced with much more complex problems when similar crises occur in the lives of tournament participants.

In general, we should all be prepared to be sympathetic to players whose personal circumstances change dramatically. Nevertheless, I have also known players who seek such sympathy on a rather selective basis. Several years ago a player who had only made three moves in two months in a game against me “explained” that he was looking after a sick member of his family. Having reason to think that this might not be the whole story, I wrote to three of his other opponents and asked how many moves had been played in those games during the same two-month period. All their answers, or estimates, lay in the range 7 to 10.

Another player who was “unable” to complete his last four games in a tournament on health grounds, and had all those games adjudicated, reappeared a few months later with over 40 new games in three new tournaments, while the final games in the original tournament were still continuing to be played out. One has to be careful, in such situations.

Furthermore CC being, in the main, an older person's hobby, most active players have their crosses to bear. One of my own all-time favourite games was played briskly throughout, even though my opponent's daughter and my father died during the course of that event. We each saw our CC games and the attaching correspondence not as a burden but as a source of solace, comfort and support during our respective bereavements.

Another player I know won his national championship with a very fine score while suffering from advanced prostate cancer. I am sure

there are many, other similarly heroic figures out there who have not needed to resort to ultra-slow play in times of personal crisis.



Samuel Bak watercolour 'King'

(F) Tacticians

Tacticians are those who deliberately play slowly in a particular game or tournament for reasons unconnected with either the game itself or a particular opponent. Actually, most of us are tacticians, in this sense, from time to time; and I for one am occasionally guilty of ultra-slow play for unashamedly tactical purposes. So when an opponent starts to play slowly, it is always worth looking out for possible tactical reasons which they might, quite legitimately, have for such a change of pace.

One is what I might call active "grading management". The commonest manifestation of this is when a player who is losing a game may nevertheless not want to register the loss before the next cut-off date for the ICCF quarterly grading list.

This could be because they are chasing a title norm, or trying to meet the admission criteria for a high-level tournament, or trying to get into their national team for a particular event. Although this is slightly irritating to some opponents, it is scarcely unreasonable. Furthermore, the same opponent may resign graciously, even apologising for the delay, once the cut-off date has passed. Tacticians are not usually bad losers.

Another common reason for tactically slow play is that players may not want to "declare their hand" too quickly in a particular tournament, in order to keep other contenders guessing as to their prospective results. When, not long ago, I made a typo in the opening against a lower-graded player I did not resign because this loss, taken at such an early stage of the tournament, would have given completely the wrong message to other contenders.

Of course, later on, when I finally did resign, I congratulated my opponent on his win; whereas he did not have the courtesy even to thank me for the game. For that reason, if he was frustrated by my decision to play on for a while in a lost position, he gets no sympathy from me: he did not communicate at all at any stage of the game, even though I had taken the trouble of writing to him in his own first language.

Concluding Note

Under current ICCF rules for tournaments and matches it is difficult to avoid the problem of ultra-slow play. There are, however, several things we can do to reduce the risk that we become avoidably frustrated. In the first place we can try to work out why an opponent has gone into hibernation: to this end, I hope the discussion in this article may have been useful.

In the second place, even though an opponent's tediously slow play may be not only frustrating but frankly annoying, it is still important to keep communicating with them on friendly terms. Simply banging moves back in their direction within ten minutes of receiving each of theirs, while angrily refusing to communicate, is unlikely to inspire their co-operation.

Just occasionally, I have had success by calling someone's bluff. For example, I am White, I am +9.50, the equivalent of a queen up, and the position is completely winning. My opponent is playing on, very slowly. So I write to him, roughly along these lines: "Dear Jimmy, I doubt that you will be surprised when I say that I believe White is winning this game."

If, however, you genuinely believe that Black has a chance to save this game, I naturally respect your right to play on. If, on the other hand, you are continuing to play for some other reason, please let me know what it is, so that I can at least understand better what is happening....." Such notes have sometimes produced a resignation by return!

Finally, I have learned to deal with my own sense of frustration at my opponents' slow play by consoling myself with this thought: whereas the advocates (eg, within the ICCF) of hugely generous time limits consistently claim that they need this excessive amount of time to conduct the extensive analysis that is required to combat their opponents' strong engines, in practice this claim is almost always spurious.

Once your opponents start playing very slowly, you can practically guarantee that they are losing concentration on the game and that most of their so-called playing time is not focused on the game at all, it is just an avoidance strategy. In truth, they are not on the case, at all. The slower the play, the more strategic discontinuities affect their performance, the more mistakes they make. So, be patient: if your opponent is playing DMC, the chances are that you are winning the game.



Samuel Bak oil on canvas 'Triumvirate'



Glasgow CC v Newcastle CC, 1958-59

By Alan McGowan

(W A Fairhurst had just taken over the Glasgow Herald chess column after the resignation/retirement of D M MacIsaac. This was his first column.)

One hundred years ago a correspondence chess game was won by the Newcastle Chess Club playing the white pieces against the Glasgow Chess Club. Glasgow, having endured the humiliation of this defeat for so many years, were recently given a chance to redeem their downfall by another game against Newcastle.

This game, in which Glasgow had White, has just been completed after more than a year's play, at a time limit of one move every week, and the defeat of Newcastle has restored the status quo.

The citizens of Glasgow and Newcastle will no doubt be content to wait until 2068 for a resumption of the struggle.

Glasgow CC - Newcastle CC
Inter-City Correspondence, 1959
QGD, Exchange Variation [D35]
[Notes by W A Fairhurst]

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 e6
3.Nf3 d5
4.Nc3 c6
5.cxd5 exd5
6.Qc2 Bb4
7.a3 Bxc3+
8.bxc3

White has now obtained two bishops against bishop and knight but has lost a little time. During the rest of the game White seeks to exploit the advantages of the bishops by posting them on uninterrupted diagonals.

8... 0-0
9.e3 Nbd7
10.Be2 b6
11.c4 Bb7
12.cxd5 cxd5

Black now has an isolated queen's pawn but by exercising strong pressure on e4 hopes to keep White's bishops out of the game.

13.0-0 Ne4

14.Bb2 f6
15.Rfc1 Rf7
16.Bd3
16.Qc7 Qxc7 17.Rxc7 Nf8 18.Rac1
Ne6 and Black has an equal game.

16... Nf8
17.a4 g5

Black tries to obtain the initiative on the king's side at the expense of a weakening of his king's position.

18.Nd2 f5
19.f3 Rc8
20.Qd1 Rxc1
21.Rxc1 Nd6

The simplification 21...Nxd2
22.Qxd2 would give White's bishops more scope.

22.Qb3 Ne6
23.Ba3 Ne8

If 23...f4 24.e4 Nxd4 25.Qb4
winning a piece.

24.Nc4 f4
If 24...dxc4 then and White wins a
pawn. 25.Bxc4
25.Ne5



25... Rg7
26.Bf5 N8c7
27.Qd3 h5

White threatened 28. Bxe6+ Nxe6
29. Qf5 Qe8 30. Ng4, with a winning
attack. Black, therefore, has to
further weaken his king's position.

28.Bg6 Qf6
To prevent White's 29. Qf5.

29.Bxh5 fxe3
30.g3

If 30. Qxe3 Qf4 and if 31. Qxf4 Nxf4
and Black wins.

30... Nf4
An unsound sacrifice in a desperate
position. If 30...e2 31.Qxe2 Nxd4
32.Qe3 Nf5 33.Ng4 Qd4 34.Qxd4
Nxd4 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Kg2 Nde6
and after 37.Bd6 followed by Be5
Black will lose rook for bishop or

knight. (However, note the
possibility of the stronger 34. Nh6+)

31.gxf4 gxf4+
32.Bg4 Ba6
33.Qb1 e2



If 33...Qh4 34.Rxc7 Qf2+ (or if
34...Rxc7 35.Be6+ wins the queen or
mates.) 35.Kh1 Rxc7 36.Qg6+ Kh8
(or 36...Rg7 37.Be6+ Kh8 38.Qh6+
and mates next move.) 37.Qh6+ Kg8
38.Qf8+ Kh7 39.Bf5#]

34.Bb4 Bc8
35.Rc6 Qf5
If 35...Qh4 or ...Qg5, then 36. Rg6
wins in a few moves.
36.Qxf5 Bxf5
37.Rxc7

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Glasgow



Newcastle



Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

The season of mellow fruitfulness is with us now, and our contributors might well think their offerings are in keeping with that. Their opponents may of course disagree, but what is life without opinions?!

Raymond Burrige provides a nice miniature to start us off. Raymond won the BCCA Silver Medal Postal event in which this game featured.

White: Burrige, Raymond (2048)

Black: Mann, Dr R H K (2144)

BCCA Silver Medal Postal, 2014

Sicilian Najdorf [B99]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	a6
6.Bg5	e6
7.f4	Be7
8.Qf3	Qc7
9.0-0-0	Nbd7

10.g4

The main alternative here is 10.Bd3

10... b5

11.Bxf6 Nxf6

12.g5 Nd7



13.a3

Although I do play f5 next move, I have always played a3 here - it hasn't been unknown for my opponents to play something other than 13... Rb8 here.

13... Rb8

14.f5 Bxg5+

15.Kb1 Nc5

My opponent said he was following analysis given by Euwe as quoted in the Sicilian Flank Game by A O'Kelly de Galway in 1969! Richard said this is the most updated

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theoretical book he has on the Najdorf. 15...Ne5 is better.

16.fxe6 0-0?!

17.Qg3 Bf6

18.Nd5 Qd8



19.Nc6!

Leaving the queen with only one 'safe' square. 19.Nc6 Qe8 20.Nxf6+ is terminal, and other lines lose material.

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Regular contributor David Cumming is next up, this game coming from the recently started ICCF World Cup.

White: Szczepankiewicz, Witoslaw (2358)

Black: Cumming, David. R (2300)

ICCF World Cup 20, pr45, 2013

Sicilian Najdorf [B90]

[Notes by David Cumming]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	a6
6.Be3	e5
7.Nb3	Be6
8.f3	h5
9.Qd2	Nbd7
10.a4	Rc8
11.a5	Be7
12.Be2	Qc7
13.0-0	0-0
14.Rfc1	

14.Rfd1 Rfd8 15.Bf2 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.Qxd5 Nf6 19.Qc4 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Qxc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 22.c3 Rc6 23.Kf1 Kf8 24.Bg3 Bd6 25.Re1 Nd7 26.Ke2 b5

27.Kd3 Bc7 28.Rc1 f5 Caspi,I (2461)-Givon,A (2407)/Acre 2013/CBM 153 Extra/1/2-1/2 (52)]



14... Rfe8N

14...Qc6 15.Rd1 (RR 15.Qe1 d5 16.exd5 Nxd5 17.Nxd5 Bxd5 18.c4 Be6 19.Qc3 Rc7 20.Nd2 Rfc8 21.b4 Bf5 22.c5 Qg6 23.Nc4 e4 24.Bd4 Bh3 25.Bf1 exf3 26.Qxf3 Bg4 27.Qf2 Rc6 28.Re1 Bf8 29.Ra3 Qf5 Pavelka,J-Sochna,D (2223)/Moravia 2002/EXT 2006/1-0 (54)) 15...Rfd8 (RR 15...Rfe8 16.Rac1 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Qxd5 20.Rxd5 g6 21.c4 f5 22.Nd2 Kf7 23.b4 Ke6 24.Kf1 Rc6 25.Rb1 fxe4 26.fxe4 Nf6 27.b5 Rcc8 28.Rd3 Bd8 29.bxa6 bxa6 30.Bb6 Atabayev,Y (2404)-Kovchan,A (2598)/Dubai 2012/CBM 148 Extra/1/2-1/2 (54)) 16.Rac1 Bc4 17.Bxc4 Qxc4 18.Bg5 Nc5 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Qd5 Qb4 21.Na2 Qb5 22.Nc3 Qb4 23.Ra1 Bg5 24.Kf2 b6 25.Na2 Qb5 26.Nc3 Qb4 27.Na2 Qb5 1/2-1/2 Almasi,Z (2675)-Areshchenko,A (2647)/Torrelavega 2007/CBM 119]

15.h3

Leaves glaring dark-squared weaknesses in White's Kingside pawn cover.

15... h4=

16.Nd5 Bxd5

17.exd5 Nh5

Knights were made to move into holes in one's opponent's position.

18.Ra4 Bf6

19.Rc4 Qd8

20.Rb4?!

20.c3, maintaining equality would have been fine for White here.

20... e4!

21.Rb1?

Stockfish 5 64 SSE4.2: 21.c3 exf3
22.Bxf3 Ng3 23.Rxb7 Ne5 24.Bb6
Nxf3+ 25.gxf3 -0.08/31

21... exf3+
22.Bxf3 Ng3
23.Rxb7 Rc4



24.Bg4?? Rxe3!!

A thunderbolt!! Black exploits White's dark squared weaknesses in the centre and along the a7-g1 diagonal, winning material.

25.Qxe3

25.Rxd7 Stockfish 5 64 SSE4.2:
25...Qe8 26.Be6 fxe6 27.Qxe3 -
4.97/31

25... Nc5
26.Rb6 Re4
27.Rxd6 Qxd6
28.Qxc5 Bd4+
29.Qxd4 Rxd4
30.Nxd4 Qxd5
31.Rd1 Qxa5
32.c4 Qc5
33.b3 g6
34.Kf2 Kg7
35.Rd3 Qb6
36.Ke3 Qa5
37.Nc2 Qe5+
38.Kd2 Qb2
39.Ke3 Nf1+

Stockfish 5 64 SSE4.2: 39...Nf1+
40.Kf2 Qxc2+ 41.Be2 Ng3 42.Re3 -
20.94/33

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Now a lengthy encounter played by Iain Mackintosh in the Champions League, cycle 5. The game started in 2012 and finished earlier this year – perseverance pays!

White: Grobler, David (2225)

Black: Mackintosh, Iain (2428)

Champions League 2012-14
King's Gambit Accepted [C36]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 e5

2.f4 d5
3.exd5 exf4
4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bc4 Nxd5
6.Bxd5 Qxd5
7.Nc3 Qf5
8.d4 Nc6

Up to here, I'd been following a line given by Larry Kaufman in his 'Repertoire for Black' book. His conclusion was that White is a pawn down for nothing. There's no attacking compensation for White but, as I discovered, there's no simple way for Black to capitalise either.

9.Qe2+ Be7
10.d5 Nb4

11.0-0N

Very few lines in the database up to here, nothing played recently, and nothing at master level. Time for some pioneering...

11... Nxd5
12.Nxd5 Qxd5
13.Bxf4 Be6
14.Rfd1 Qc5+
15.Kh1 Rd8
16.Rxd8+ Bxd8



Black has safely consolidated his opening advantage.

17.Qe4

White now embarks on some tactical ploys.

17... 0-0
Not so good is 17...c6 18.Rd1 Be7
19.Be3 Qf5 exchanging queens.
18.Qxb7 Qxc2
19.Be5

19.Qxa7? isn't good for White, e.g.
19...Qxb2 20.Re1 Bd5 21.Bxc7 Bxf3
22.gxf3 Qc3+

19... Qa4
20.Nd4 Bd7

The alternative 20...Bxa2 is ok, but relinquishes the bishop pair. 21.b3 Qd7 22.Rxa2 f6 23.Bg3 Qxd4

21.Qd5 Bc8
22.Nc6 Bh4
23.b3 Qa6
24.b4 Re8
25.b5 Qa4
26.Bxc7 Bf6

27.Be5 Bxe5
28.Nxe5 Be6
29.Qc5 Rb8
30.Nc6 Qxb5

Only move. 30...Rxb5?? 31.Ne7+ Kh8 32.Qc6+-

31.Qxa7 Re8
32.Rc1 h6
33.Qc5 Qb2
34.Qc2 Qxa2
35.Kg1 Qa8

White's energetic play has chased Black around the queenside and simplified the position there.

However, Black retains his nagging material advantage - but can it be converted?

36.Qd3 Qb7
37.Qe4 g6
38.h4 h5

39.Rb1?!

This move is tempting, and in keeping with White's harrying play. However, 39.Qe5 looks stronger in retrospect, keeping Black more cramped.

39... Qd7
40.Re1 Qd6
41.Rc1 Qa3
42.Rf1 Qc5+
43.Nd4 Rb8
44.Kh2 Rb4



Black is controlling more of the board now, and is more optimistic.

45.Qa8+ Bc8
Otherwise White exchanges on e6.
46.Nf3 Qc7+
47.Kh1 Qc3

48.Kh2
Not 48.Qa1? Qxa1 49.Rxa1 Bb7
50.Rf1 Bxf3 51.Rxf3 Rxh4+-+
48... Kg7

49.Qa1
With his king on h2 this is a lot safer now, and White hopes to simplify to a drawn ending.

49... Qxa1
50.Rxa1 Bb7
51.Kh3 Rb3
52.Kg3 f6

Now Black isn't so optimistic as there's no obvious direct plan of attack.

- 53.Kf2 Rb2+
- 54.Kg3 Rb4
- 55.Rd1 Kf7
- 56.Re1 Rg4+
- 57.Kh3 Bc8
- 58.Kh2 Rb4
- 59.Kg3 Bb7
- 60.Re3 Rg4+
- 61.Kh3 Ra4
- 62.Kg3 Bd5
- 63.Rd3 Ke6

The first round of fencing comes to nothing, and there's some potential for repetition if Black isn't careful. So, time to activate the Black king.

- 64.Nd4+ Kd6
- 65.Nf3 Kc6
- 66.Rc3+ Kd7
- 67.Rd3 Kd6
- 68.Kf2 Rf4
- 69.Ke3 Rg4
- 70.Kf2 Ke6
- 71.g3 Rb4
- 72.Nd4+ Ke5

White repels the second round of fencing without much trouble, but the Black king is now more of a threat.

- 73.Ke3 Bb7
- 74.Rd2 Ba8
- 75.Rd3 Ra4
- 76.Ne2



- 76... Kf5!

Black is feeling better once more; this move leads to a squeeze.

- 77.Rb3 Kg4
- 78.Rb6 Bf3
- 79.Nd4
- Only move.
- 79... Kxg3
- 80.Rxf6 Ra3+
- 81.Kd2 Be4
- 82.Ne2+ Kh3
- 83.Rb6 Kg4
- 83...Kxh4?? throws it all away after
- 84.Rb4
- 84.Rd6 Bf5
- 85.Rd4+ Kf3
- 86.Rf4+ Kg2

- 87.Rd4 Ra6



Guarding the g-pawn.

- 88.Rb4 Bg4

Isolating the h-pawn.

- 89.Nd4

Blocking the 3rd rank with 89.Rb3? fails to 89...Ra2+ and the knight goes.

- 89... Kh3
- 90.Ke3 Kxh4

At last!

- 91.Rb5 Rf6
- Blocking out the White king.

- 92.Re5 Kh3
- 93.Rg5 h4
- 94.Ke4 Bh5

And my gracious opponent resigned with a "well played!" message.

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Now, a game from this season's Webserver League, division 2, where Hounds of the Scheming Mind B had White and Social B Black.

White: Grummitt, William (1982)

Black: Cairney, James (1965)

SCCA Webserver League 2 2014

French Advance Variation [C02]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

- 1.e4 c5

- 2.c3

Quite the fashion nowadays and seen regularly in Master play.

- 2... e6

- 3.d4 d5

Black's best reply.

- 4.e5 Nc6

- 5.Nf3 Bd7

5...Qb6 is the popular choice, though the move played scores better.

- 6.Be2 Nge7

- 7.0-0 Ng6

- 8.Be3 cxd4

- 9.cxd4 Be7

- 10.Nc3 0-0

- 11.Rc1 Na5

- 12.Nd2 Qb6

- 13.Rc2N

13.Na4 Bxa4 14.Qxa4 Nc6 15.Nb3 a6 16.Bd3 Rfc8 17.a3 h6 18.Rc2 Qd8 19.Nd2 b5 20.Qb3 Nh4 21.Rfc1 Na5 22.Qa2 Nc4 23.Nf1 Rab8 24.a4 bxa4 25.Qxa4 Rxb2 26.Rxb2 Nxb2 27.Rxc8 Qxc8 28.Bxa6 Nxa4 29.Bxc8 Nf5 30.g4 Nxe3 31.fxe3 Kf8 32.Kf2 Bh4+ 33.Ke2 Nc3+ 34.Kd2 Ne4+ 35.Ke2 Ke8 36.Ba6 f6 37.Nd2 Nxd2 38.Kxd2 fxe5 39.dxe5 Bf2 40.Kd3 g5 41.e4 ½-½ was Hugh Calder (2069)-Heiko Kuna (2235)/ICCF email 2006.

- 13... f6

- 14.exf6 Bxf6

- 15.Nf3 Be8

- 16.Qd2 Ne7

- 17.Rfc1 Nf5

- 18.Bd3 Nxe3

- 19.Qxe3 Bd7

- 20.b3 Rae8



The game looks level here after the opening skirmishes.

- 21.Ne5?!

Maybe pushing a little too hard.

21.Na4 despite the doubled a-pawns, looks a better shot.

- 21... Bxe5

- 22.Qxe5 Nc6

- 23.Qh5 g6

- 24.Bxg6! Re7!

24...hxg6? and it's a draw by repetition.]

- 25.Bd3 Qxd4

- 26.Qd1 Ref7

- 27.Re2 Kh8!

Priming a k-side attack.

- 28.Bb1 Qg7

- 29.Nb5

29.Re3 is the best defensive move here.

- 29... e5!

Bringing all Black's pieces to bear.

- 30.Qf1 a6

- 31.Nc3 Bg4

Black is spoiled for choice here:

31...Qh6; 31...Nd4 and; 31...e4 are

all big plus scores.

- 32.Rec2 Nd4

- 33.Kh1 Qh6

- 34.Rb2

White's choices are all zero options.



- 34... Nf3!
35.h3 Bxh3
36.gxh3 Qf4

A very well conducted finale by Black!

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Back to the international scene for our next game, taken from the 20th ICCF Olympiad Prelims. Scotland found it tough going in their section, finishing 2nd last above Hong Kong. This encounter features both these countries.

White: Mackintosh, Iain (2428)

Black: Hall, Graeme (2298)

Olympiad 20 Prelims, 2014

Petroff Defence [C43]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

- 1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nf6
3.d4!?

I played this line in an SCCA Webserver League game against Wilf Taylor back in 2010. It's much less analysed than the usual 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4

- 3... Nxe4
4.Bd3 d5
5.dxe5

5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nxd7 Bxd7 7.0-0 Bd6 8.c4 c6 is ok for Black.

- 5... Nc6
6.0-0 Bg4

Wilf had played 6...Be7 here.

7.Nc3

As in the game against Wilf, White is prepared to mess up his pawn structure for open lines.

- 7... Nxc3
8.bxc3 Bc5
9.Re1 0-0
10.h3 Bh5

10...Bxf3 11.Qxf3±

11.Rb1 b6

12.Bf4 h6

13.g4

Deciding to create a passed e-pawn.

- 13... Bg6 fxd6
14.Bxg6 fxg6
15.Bg3 g5

15...Na5 aiming for the hole on c4, is the main alternative here.

- 16.Qd3 Rc8
17.Nd2 Qd7
18.e6 Qd8
19.Kg2 Qf6?!

The blockading 19...Ne7 seems better here.

- 20.Qxd5 Rfd8
21.Qxc6 Rxd2
22.Rbd1 Rcd8
23.Rxd2 Rxd2



24.Kh1!

The only move which preserves White's slim advantage.

24... Rxf2

This is Black's best, the alternatives being 24...Qe7 25.Qa8+ Rd8

26.Qe4± or; 24...Rxc2 25.Qe4 Rxf2 26.Bxf2 Qxf2 27.Qe2±

25.Bxf2 Qxf2

26.Qa8+ Bf8

27.Ra1 Qe3

White has emerged from the flurry an exchange ahead, but his pawn weaknesses remain and a win seems unlikely. Now he decides to jettison the e6 pawn to try to engineer an endgame advantage.

28.Qg2 Qxe6

29.Qf3 Bd6

30.c4 Kh8

31.Qa8+ Kh7

32.Qd5

White's plan is to exchange queens, use his rook to control the f-file and activate his king.

32... Qe8

Black isn't having it.

33.Rf1 Kh8

34.Kg2 Qe2+

35.Rf2 Qe1

36.Qa8+ Kh7

37.Qf3 Bc5

38.Rf1 Qd2+

39.Kh1

39.Rf2? Qxf2+ 40.Qxf2 Bxf2

41.Kxf2 Kg6± wins for Black.

39... Qxc2

And now, at the cost of a pawn, the queen exchange takes place.

40.Qf5+ Qxf5

41.Rxf5 Kg8

42.Kg2 Bd6

43.Kf2 Be7?!

43...g6 here looked a grittier line for Black.

44.Ke3 g6

45.Rf1±

White is clearly winning now; no black-square weaknesses and his king can march unchecked.

45... Kg7

46.Ke4 Bd6

47.Kd5 Bh2

48.Ke6 Bf4

49.a4 h5



50.a5!

Not an immediately obvious move but, one way or another, it breaks up Black's q-side pawn structure.

50... bxa5

51.c5 a4

52.Ra1 Be3

53.Kd5

And Black called time.

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Now, we revert to this season's Webserver League, division 2, where Hounds of the Scheming Mind B had White once more and Brutal Realism took the field with Black.

White: Kjeldsen, Karsten (2075)

Black: Taylor, Wilf (2060)

Webserver League 2 ICCF, 2014

Petroff Defence [C42]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

- 1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nf6
3.Nxe5 d6
4.Nf3 Nxe4
5.d4

6.Bd3 **Be7**
 6...Nc6 and; 6...Bd6 are the other
 main lines here.
7.0-0 **Nc6**
8.c4 **Nb4**
9.Be2 **0-0**
10.Nc3 **Bf5**
11.a3 **Nxc3**
12.bxc3 **Nc6**
13.Re1 **Bf6**
 13...Re8 is the popular choice here.
14.Bf4 **Rc8**
15.cxd5 **Qxd5**
16.Bd3 **a6N**



Out of the book now. White has a
 slight plus, but all still to play for...

17.Rb1 **Bxd3**
18.Qxd3 **b5**
19.a4 **bxa4**
20.Ra1 **Qb5**
21.Qd1

White is right to decline the
 exchange of queens.

21... **Ne7**

22.Qxa4

But this doesn't seem consistent.

22.Rxa4 looks the better option.

22... **Nd5**
23.Bd2 **Ra8**
24.Qa2 **Qc6**
25.Ne5 **Qd6**
26.Qb3 **Bxe5**

27.Rxe5

27.dxe5?! isn't so good: 27...Qe6

28.Ra5 Nb6 29.Qxe6 fxe6= and

Black can hold the position.

27... **c6**
28.h3 **h6**
29.c4 **Nf4!**

30.Qe3

30.Bxf4 Qxd4=

30... **Ne6**
31.Bc3 **Rfd8**
32.Qe4 **Qd7**

33.h4

White is steadily exerting pressure
 on Black, who is restricted by his q-
 side pawn weaknesses and general
 lack of space.

33... **Rdc8**

33...Rab8!? 34.d5 (34.Rxa6 Rb3

35.Ba1 Qb7 gives Black drawing

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chances.) 34...cxd5 35.Rxd5 Qb7
 36.Rxd8+ Nxd8 37.Qxb7 Rxb7
 38.Rxa6 Ne6 offers Black some
 fighting chances.
34.Qg4



34... **Qb7?**

Now the pressure starts to tell.

34...Rab8 as before, or; 34...Nf8 look
 better.

35.Re3!+- **Qb3?**

Things are going from bad to worse
 for Black.

36.d5! **cxd5**

37.Bxg7 **Qxc4**

38.Bd4+ **Kf8**



39.Rxe6! **fxe6**

40.Qg7+ **Ke8**

41.Qg6+!?

41.Re1! wraps it up more quickly.

41... **Kd7**

42.Qf7+ **Kd6**

43.Qg7 **Kc6**

44.Be5 **Qc2**

45.Re1 **a5**

46.Bf4 **a4**

47.Rxe6+ **Kc5**

48.Re1 **a3**

49.Rc1 **Qxc1+**

50.Bxc1 **a2**

51.Ba3+ **Rxa3**

52.Qe7+ **Kb5**

53.Qxa3 **Rc2**

54.g4 **d4**

55.Kg2 **d3**

56.Qxd3+ **Kb4**

57.Qxc2 **a1Q**

58.Qd2+ **Kc5**

59.Qxh6 **Qa8+**

60.Kg3 **Kd5**

61.h5

And Black called it a day. White's
 bind provoked Black mistakes on
 moves 34-35, and he then
 demonstrated a good combinative
 eye to finish the game.

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Now we present a selection of games
 from the 3rd SCCA Webserver Open
 event, organised in two main blocks:
 A (2000+) and B (2000-). Our first
 game is between the highest ranked
 and highest graded SCCA players.

White: Kilgour, David A (2337)

Black: Beecham, C Richard (2461)

SCCA Webserver Open A1 2013

Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 **c5**
2.Nf3 **Nc6**
3.d4 **cxd4**
4.Nxd4 **Nf6**
5.Nc3 **e5**
6.Ndb5 **d6**
7.Bg5 **a6**
8.Na3 **b5**
9.Bxf6

The main alternative is 9.Nd5 which,
 though more popular, is less
 successful for White.

9... **gxf6**

9...Qxf6 doesn't work out well for
 Black.

10.Nd5 **f5**

Black's best move here.

11.c3

David tries a line which has some
 pedigree in CC master play, e.g.

Starke-Karascony, 2010. 11.Bd3 is
 the main line.

11... **Bg7**
12.exf5 **Bxf5**
13.Nc2 **0-0**

13...Be6 14.a4 0-0 15.axb5 axb5
 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Nc7 Qa2 18.Bxb5
 Na7 19.Nxe6 fxe6 20.Bd7 Rf7
 21.Be8 Rf8 22.Bd7 Rf7 23.Be8 Rf8
 ½-½ was Mackintosh, I (2469)-
 Krivic, D (2602), Scotland-Croatia,
 2006.

14.Nce3 **Bd7**

Now Richard tries a little-used line,
 but one which has scored well for
 Black. 14...Be6 is the conventional
 continuation.

15.Bd3 **f5**
16.Qh5 **e4**
17.Bc2 **Kh8**

Richard tries another sideline, last played in 2008 according to my database. 17...Qe8 18.Qxe8 Rxe8 also looks a solid try.



18.a3N a5
19.f4 exf3

An earlier 19...b4!? is possible here too. 20.axb4 axb4 21.0-0 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 bxc3 23.bxc3 Ne7

20.gxf3
20.0-0 is more expansive, but after 20...fxg2 21.Rhg1 Ne7 22.Nxe7 Qxe7 23.Nxf5 Bxf5 24.Bxf5 Be5 25.Rxg2= Black holds.

20... b4
21.axb4 axb4
22.Kf2 Ne5
23.Nxb4 Be8
24.Qh3 Bf6
25.Nxf5 Bg6
26.Rxa8 Qxa8
27.Rf1 Rg8
28.Be4 Qa7+
29.Ke2 d5
30.Nxd5 Qa6+



White's material advantage will dissipate and the game was agreed drawn. Sample line: 30...Qa6+ 31.Kf2 Nd3+ 32.Ke3 Nxb2 33.Ng3 Bxe4 34.fxe4 Qd3+ 35.Kf2 Be5 36.Qh4 Nd1+ 37.Kg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Nxc3=

1/2-1/2



Our second A-group game is between SCCA president and vice-president.

White: Mackintosh, Iain (2438)
Black: Pyrich, George (2215)
SCCA Webserver Open 3 A2, 2014
King's Indian Classical [E91]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 g6
3.Nc3 Bg7
4.e4 d6
5.Be2

5.Nf3 is the accepted main line. George has played a few more King's Indians than me, so my basic plan was to find less travelled paths.

5... 0-0

6.Bg5
6.Nf3 is usually played first.

6... Na6
George also tries a lesser known move, but one which scores well for Black. 6...c5 is more common.

7.Nf3
Same low-key philosophy as before. 7.Qd2 is the main line while; 7.f4 signals attacking intentions.

7... h6
8.Be3
8.Bh4 is also possible, but less good for White by my reckoning.

8... e5
Black's best here.
9.0-0 Qe8!
George wasn't happy with this move in conjunction with his 11th after the game. 9...Ng4 is the popular alternative.

10.dxe5 dxe5

11.Qc2
11.h3 stopping Ng4, is given by the text books.



11... b6N
This novelty looks ok to me; maybe it just needs more bench-testing. 11...Ng4 shows up in three games on my database, but all won by White!

12.Rfd1 Bb7
13.a3 Nc5
14.Bxc5 bxc5
15.Nd5 Qd8
16.b4 Re8
17.bxc5 Nd7

18.c6
The only move to maintain White's slight edge.

18... Bxc6
19.Nb4 Qf6
20.c5 Rab8
21.Bc4 a5
21...Bf8 was another possible try.
22.Nxc6 Qxc6
23.Rac1 a4!?
23...Nf8 aiming for e6 looks stronger.



24.Bd5!
White steadily ups the pressure.
24... Qb5
25.h4 Rf8
26.h5 g5
26...gxh5 is possible, but gives White additional targets.

27.c6 Nb6
28.Rb1 Qa5
29.Ba2 Rfd8
29...Rbd8 was maybe the better rook to move.

30.g3 Qa6
31.Nh2 Rd4?!
32.Rxd4 exd4
33.Ng4 Qc8
34.Qd1 Qe8

The Black queen centralises after a long time on the sidelines, but it's too late to save the day.

35.Qf3 Qe7
36.e5 Re8
36...Bxe5? 37.Re1+-
37.Rd1



Faced with multiple threats which can't be defended, Black resigns. After the game, George was typically generous: GP: Resistance is futile!

Time to give up the ghost and offer my congratulations! I've been dead man walking for quite some time as I could do nothing whilst you just quietly built it up. Back to the drawing board - 9...Qe8 with 11..b6 is no good. IM: I don't really know either side of the KID so I just tried to avoid well-analysed lines.

1-0



Now to the B group, where in section 1 David Edney has been carrying all before him. In this game though, he was run very close by Raymond Burridge.

White: Edney, David (1952)

Black: Burridge, Raymond (1849)

SCCA Webserver Open B1 2013

Scotch Game [C45]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.d4	exd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nxc6	bxc6
6.e5	Qe7
7.Qe2	Nd5
8.c4	Ba6

[8...Nb6 is the alternative line.

9.Nd2

9.b3 is more frequently seen.

9... 0-0-0

9...g6 is the more usual continuation while; 9...Nb4 has also been tried.

10.Qe4 Nb6

11.a4

Avoiding 11.c5 which favours Black.

11... d5

But Black provokes the bishop exchange anyway.

12.cxd5 Bxf1



13.Kxf1N

Both remaining games on my database continued 13.d6

13... Rxd5

And with this recapture, Raymond establishes a small plus.

14.f4!? Qd7

15.Ke2 Rd4

16.Qf3 Qf5

17.Qh3

Necessary to stop the increasing Black positional advantage.

17... Qxh3

18.gxh3 Rxf4

19.Rf1 Rxf1

20.Kxf1 Bb4

21.a5

21.Nf3 is maybe the better option.

21... Nd5

22.Nc4 Rd8

22...Re8 was better.

23.Bg5 Rd7?

23...Be7 maintains Black's advantage.

24.Ke2?

Missing 24.e6! fxe6 25.Ne5 Rd6

26.Nf7=

24... h6

25.Be3



25... Kb7?

25...Nxe3 26.Kxe3 Bc5+ and Black is back in the ascendant.

26.a6+ Ka8

27.Rg1 Nxe3

Too late!

28.Rxg7 Rd8?

28...Bf8 is the only move to keep Black in it.

29.Kxe3 Bc5+

30.Ke4 Rf8

31.Na5

And with David now in complete control, Raymond resigned. Both players made slips in the middle-game complications, and Raymond must be reflecting that he stole defeat from the jaws of victory in this one!

1-0



The B2 group has seen some lively tussles, such as the following game between Dave Dempster and Derek Coope.

White: Dempster, Dave (1727)

Black: Coope, Derek (1939)

SCCA Webserver Open B2 2013

Pirc Defence, Austrian Attack [B09]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 Nf6

2.Nc3 d6

3.d4 g6

4.f4

The Austrian Attack.

4... Bg7

5.Nf3 0-0

6.Bd3 c5

6...Nc6 or; 6...Na6 are the usual replies.

7.dxc5 dxc5

8.0-0

8.e5 is also good for White.

8... Nc6

9.Kh1 Re8N

10.e5

Dave has a small plus coming out of the opening.

10... Nd5

11.Ne4 Ndb4

12.Nxc5 b6

13.Ne4 Nxd3

14.Qxd3

14.cxd3! keeping the queens on, was worth a look.

14... Qxd3

15.cxd3 Ba6

The balance has shifted with Derek's pawn sac, and he now holds a slight plus.

16.Rd1 Rad8

17.Be3

White gives back the pawn.

17... Bxd3

18.Nf2 Be2

19.Rxd8 Rxd8

20.Ng1!?

20.Rc1 looks a worthwhile alternative.

20... Ba6

21.Rd1

Again, 21.Rc1 looks the better bet.

21... Rxd1

22.Nxd1 Nb4

23.a3 Nd3+

Black is now well ahead positionally.

24.Nh3?! Bb7-+



And here Black's position is winning.

25.Bf2	Bh6	32.Nd4	e5
26.Bg3	Bc8	33.Nc2	Ne2
27.Ng5	Bd7	34.Bf2	Be6
28.b3	Nxe5!	35.b4	f5
29.Nxh7!	Nd3	36.Nb2	Bg7
30.Ng5	f6	37.Ne3	e4
31.Nf3	Nxf4	38.Ned1	Bb3
		39.g3	e3!

A nice finish by Derek. 39...e3
40.Nxe3 (40.Bxe3?? Bd5#)
40...Bxb2

0-1



SCO/Open/3A1, 3rd SCCA WS Open Group A Section 1

TD Borwell, Alan P. (IA)

Rated															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place			
1	SCO	620184	SIM	Beecham, C. Richard	2461										
2	SCO	629031		Lloyd, Geoffrey	2270										
3	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2336										
4	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2300										
5	SCO	620192	GM	Kilgour, David A.	2337										
6	SCO	620577		Price, Derek	2043										
7	SCO	620639		Jamieson, Ian M.	2003										

SCO/Open/3A2, 3rd SCCA WS Open Group A Section 2

TD Borwell, Alan P. (IA)

Rated															
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place			
1	SCO	620588	IM	Matheis, Thomas	2436										
2	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2438										
3	BRA	70104		Kover, Prof. Dr. Warner Bruce	2186										
4	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2300										
5	SCO	620529		Montgomery, Robert S.	2317										
6	SCO	620204	IM	Pyrich, George D.	2215										
7	SCO	629036		Edney, David	1952										

SCO/Open/3B1, 3rd SCCA WS Open Group B Section 1

TD Borwell, Alan P. (IA)

Rated																	
	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	629036															
2	SCO	620635															
3	SCO	620522															
4	SCO	620454															
5	SCO	620603															
6	SCO	629020															

SCO/Open/3B2, 3rd SCCA WS Open Group B Section 2

TD Borwell, Alan P. (IA)

Rated																	
	1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	210729															
2	SCO	30129															
3	SCO	620716															
4	SCO	620009															
5	SCO	620648															

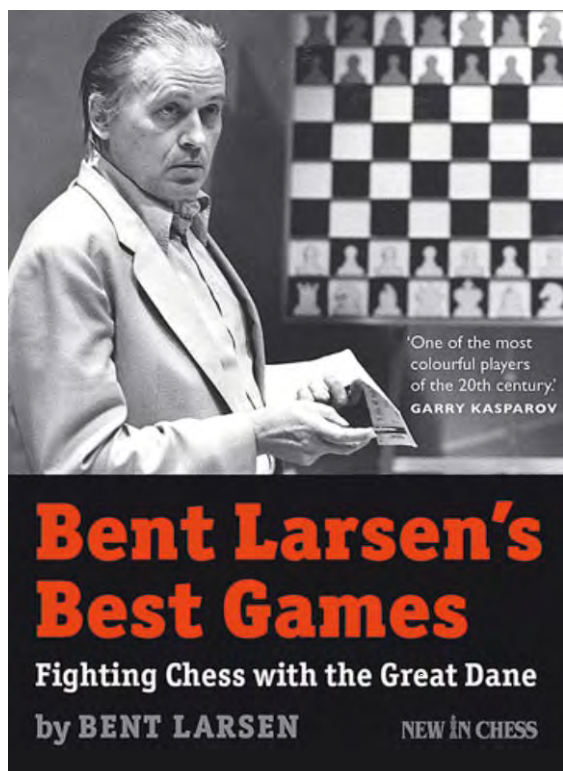


Book Review

By George Pyrich

Hello, I'm back after missing a couple of issues! This time I've chosen another "Best Games" book of yet another of my chess heroes, Bent Larsen. The book is actually titled "Bent Larsen's Best Games – Fighting Chess with the Great Dane" and, besides from a few brief editorial chapters, consists of a small selection of Larsen's own writings over the years in numerous newspapers and chess magazines (although he was a prolific writer, he wrote very few books).

Much of the material appeared originally in Spanish, one of Larsen's numerous languages (he was a renowned polyglot, reportedly fully fluent in 6 languages), which was then edited and reproduced by the Spanish GM Alfonso Romero Holmes in a 2 volume set published in Spanish "Todas Las Piezas Atacan" (All the Pieces Attack, a title favoured by Larsen), the first covering his career up to 1973 and the second his subsequent career.



The book itself which features numerous photographs, another excellent New in Chess production, is presented in English but curiously ends in 1977 with no indication whether there will be a second English volume.

Aside from a few editorial sections, the book consists of a total of 39 chapters, all but the last 2 of which are written by Larsen himself, giving an account of his career from its early days, commencing with the 1951 World Junior Championship (where the 16 year old Larsen finished 4th) and his first victory in the Danish Championship in 1954, and continuing throughout his career until the account ends abruptly in 1977.

It is self-evident from the text that Larsen was a very gifted and original writer with a lucid and humorous style. The 124 annotated games provided in the book, highly instructive and enjoyable to play through – and one of these is actually a correspondence game featured at the end of this article.

Larsen's selected games fully reflect his style of play, combative and totally uncompromising yet highly original and entertaining, almost a throw-back to the 19th century Romantics and reflected in his enormously wide opening repertoire including the ancient Vienna, the disused Bird's and the opening which bears his name as well as that of one of illustrious countrymen, Nimzovich, 1.b3

Whilst his aggressive and uncompromising approach enabled him to achieve a great many glittering successes throughout his long career, it also led to several catastrophic reverses, notably his 6-0 loss to Fischer in 1971 (curiously scarcely mentioned) and a similar heavy defeat to Spassky in the following World Championship cycle.

Such crushing losses would doubtless have destroyed weaker and less resilient characters but he continued scoring glittering successes as before. Curiously the last chapter written by Larsen is an account of his time serving as the 16 year old Fischer's second at the 1959 Candidates Tournament where his duties included reading "Tarzan's New Adventures" to his "employer"!

For me, the only disappointing feature of this book is that the account of Larsen's career ends in 1977 as he continued to play amongst the world's elite until the late 80's, notably winning elite events in 1979 (with an astonishing score of 11/13, 3 points clear of a stellar field which included Spassky and Petrosian) and 1980 (2 points ahead of Karpov in his pomp) in Buenos Aires (where he lived from 1982), and 2 wins with Black against Karpov in other events, Montreal 1979 and Tilburg 1980.

Despite this fairly obvious shortcoming, I strongly recommend this book to everyone!

Here's a CC game played by Larsen in 1966.

White: Nyman, Sture

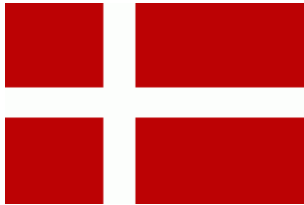
Black: Larsen, Bent

Bird's Opening [A02]

Corr Dagens Nyheter Newspaper, 1966

[Notes by George Pyrich]

As mentioned, there is one correspondence game in the selection. As the game progressed the moves were published in a Danish newspaper. Sture Nyman (SWE), one of Scandinavia's top players at the time, played in several World Ch. Finals and regularly attended ICCF Congresses.



At my first ICCF Congress in Graz, Austria in 1992 I had the great privilege of meeting him and his wife - a friendly and outgoing character, he happily discussed chess with everyone including myself, even spending time with me to show some of his favourite opening lines. Sadly it was to be his last Congress.

1.f4

Larsen liked this opening himself.

1... e5

1...d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.b4!? was played in Larsen v. Spassky, Amsterdam, 1964 when our hero won a truly epic battle on move 60.

2.fxe5

Played apparently at the behest of the newspaper editor who wished for a lively game! Besides the opening is named after the Danish master Sverin From who was also responsible for the Danish Gambit 2.e4 would have been more in keeping with Sture's style as he liked sharp gambit openings.

2... d6
3.exd6 Bxd6
4.Nf3 Nf6



5.d4

5.g3 scores a hefty 70% in the ICCF Archive; the more circumspect 5.Nc3 was Larsen's preference 5...0-0 6.e3 Nc6 7.Be2 as in Larsen v. From, Danish Championship, 1963 which he won easily.

5... 0-0
6.Bg5 Re8
7.Qd3 Nc6
8.a3 h6
9.Bh4?!

9.Bxf6 was almost forced as Black now demonstrated.

9... g5
10.Bf2 Ne4
11.h3 Bf5
12.Qd1 Bf4
13.g4 Nxf2
14.Kxf2 Be3+
15.Kg2 Nxd4
16.gxf5 Nxf3

17.Qxd8 Nh4+
18.Kg3 Raxd8



It's now materially level but White is completely busted.

19.Nc3 Nxf5+
20.Kg2 Rd2
21.Rc1

Sture reportedly wished to resign here but the editor insisted that his readers be entertained!

21... h5
22.Nd1 Bb6
23.Kh2 Rxe2+
24.Bxe2 Rxe2+
25.Nf2 Rxf2+
26.Kg1 Re2+
27.Kf1 Ng3#

0-1



Larsen on his 75th birthday, not long before his death in 2010. He suffered from diabetes and died from a cerebral haemorrhage.



International Update

By George Pyrich

5th ICCF Champions League

CL/2012/C1, Champions League 2012 C1

		TD Vugt, Wim H. van													Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13								
1		2200	█	3	2	2.5	3	2	4	2.5	3	3	3.5	4	4	36.5	76	25	22	48	0	1
2		2337	1	█	2	2.5	2.5	3	2.5	2.5	4	3	3	4	3	33	68	18	21	48	0	2
3		2442	2	2	█	2	2.5	1	2	3	2.5	2.5	3.5	3	4	30	63	13	18	47	1	3
4		2337	1.5	1.5	2	█	2	2	2.5	2.5	1.5	4	2.5	3	3.5	28.5	59	9	15	48	0	4
5		2157	1	1.5	1.5	2	█	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	3	3	3	3.5	28	58	8	16	48	0	5
6		2052	2	1	2	2	1.5	█	2	2	2	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	26	55	5	14	47	1	6
7		2236	0	1.5	2	1.5	2	2	█	3	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	24	50	0	14	48	0	7
8		2293	1.5	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	2	1	█	1.5	3	2.5	3	2.5	22.5	46	-3	9	48	0	8
9		2266	1	0	1.5	2.5	1.5	2	1.5	2.5	█	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	22	45	-4	12	48	0	9
10		2068	1	1	1.5	0	1	1.5	2	1	2	█	3.5	1	2.5	18	37	-12	6	48	0	10
11		2198	0.5	1	0.5	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.5	█	2.5	2.5	16	33	-16	4	48	0	11
12		2247	0	0	1	1	1	1	1.5	1	1.5	3	1.5	█	3	15.5	32	-17	4	48	0	12
13		2038	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	█	11	22	-26	0	48	0	13

CL/2012/C7, Champions League 2012 C7

		TD Kracht, Jörg (IA)													Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13								
1		2303	█	2.5	2.5	2	2	2.5	3	2.5	3	3	2.5	3	3.5	32	66	16	22	48	0	1
2		2213	1.5	█	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	2	2	2.5	2	3	3.5	4	30	62	12	18	48	0	2
3		2193	1.5	1.5	█	2	3	2	2.5	2	3	3	2	3.5	4	30	62	12	16	48	0	3
4		2266	2	2	2	█	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2	3	2.5	3.5	29	60	10	19	48	0	4
5		2327	2	1.5	1	2	█	1.5	2.5	2	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	4	26	54	4	14	48	0	5
6		2248	1.5	1.5	2	1.5	2.5	█	1.5	3	2	2	3	2	3.5	26	54	4	12	48	0	6
7		2344	1	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	█	2.5	2	2.5	3	2	3.5	25.5	53	3	13	48	0	7
8		2138	1.5	2	2	1.5	2	1	1.5	█	2	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	23.5	48	-1	10	48	0	8
9		2315	1	1.5	1	1.5	2	2	2	2	█	2	1.5	3	4	23.5	48	-1	9	48	0	9
10		2387	1	2	1	2	1.5	2	1.5	2.5	2	█	2	2.5	3	23	48	-1	11	47	1	10
11		2191	1.5	1	2	1	1.5	1	1	1.5	2.5	2	█	3	3.5	21.5	44	-5	8	48	0	11
12		2167	1	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	1.5	1	0.5	1	█	3	16	34	-15	4	47	1	12
13		2015	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	1	0.5	1	█	5	10	-38	0	48	0	13

With only 1 game overall remaining unfinished in Division C1 the Lewis Chessmen will maintain its 8th place in the Final Standings, 3 places behind its initial seeding. The Scottish Claymores in Division C7 have now slipped down to 9th place and, with 1 game in the section unfinished, may yet fall to 10th, 5 places below its initial seeding.

Current Friendly Internationals

GB/TriNat/2014, British Tri-Nations 2014

		TD Siefing, Dr. Carl L.							Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	Score	%	+/-					
1		1948	█	5.5	9.5	15	68	8	0	22	18	1
2		1942	4.5	█	4.5	9	50	0	0	18	22	2
3		2018	2.5	3.5	█	6	30	-8	0	20	20	3

The new Tri-Nations British Team Tournament has progressed rapidly since its start on 1st May with, thus far, our team scoring 6½ points from 13 completed games to sit mid-table. Iain Campbell on Board 10 has thus far been the star performer with a 100% score after completing 3 of his 4 games. We provide one of these at the end of this report.

Another new Friendly International match against Switzerland over 25 is scheduled to commence on 1st November and details of the pairings may be found via our Scottish CCA web page. Our other current matches continue against France (with the score presently at 4½ - 19½ we seemed destined for a heavy defeat), Venezuela (we presently trail 11-15 with approximately half the games completed) whilst matches against Spain (lost 17½ - 26½) and Denmark (won 27½ - 20½) have recently concluded.

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Nov 2014	25	Switzerland	Server				
May 2014	25	Venezuela	Server	11	15		
Apr 2014	10	Tri-Nations	Server	9	15(W)/6(E)		
Mar 2014	23	France	Server	4½	19½		
Sep 2013	22	Venezuela	Server	23½	20½		win
May 2013	22	Spain	Server	17½	26½		loss
Apr 2013	22	Germany	Server	11½	32½		loss

20th Olympiad Preliminaries

CCO20/S2, ICCF Olympiad 20 Preliminaries - Section 02

TD Pheby, Ian M. (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Germany	2518		3	3	3	3	4.5	4	3.5	4	28	58	8	12	48	0	1
2	France	2432	3		2.5	3.5	3	3.5	3	4.5	5	28	58	8	11	48	0	2
3	Switzerland	2428	3	3.5		2	4	2.5	3.5	4	5	27.5	57	7	11	48	0	3
4	Norway	2404	3	2.5	4		3	3.5	3.5	3.5	3	26	56	6	11	46	2	4
5	Ukraine	2465	3	3	2	2		3	3.5	3.5	5	25	53	3	9	47	1	5
6	Spain	2440	1.5	2.5	3.5	2.5	3		3.5	4	3.5	24	50	0	9	48	0	6
7	Luxembourg	2272	2	3	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5		3.5	4	22.5	46	-3	5	48	0	7
8	Scotland	2379	2.5	1.5	2	2.5	2.5	2	2.5		4	19.5	40	-9	2	48	0	8
9	Hong Kong	2244	2	1	1	2	1	2.5	2	2		13.5	28	-20	0	47	1	9

Our team now has now completed all games and its final placing of 8th place in the 9 team Section is now confirmed.

2nd Thor Løvholt Memorial Team Tournament

MT-Løvholt2/sf2, 2nd Thor Løvholt Team Tournament Semi-Final 2

TD Dearnley, Andrew (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Slovenia	2228		2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3	3.5	4.5	3.5	4.5	30.5	59	10	12	51	3	1
2	Austria	2226	3.5		3.5	2	2.5	3	3.5	4.5	3	4.5	30	62	12	12	48	6	2
3	Ukraine	2187	2.5	1.5		2	4	3	3.5	5	3	3.5	28	60	10	10	46	8	3
4	Sweden	2213	3	3	3		3	2	3	3.5	2.5	5	28	59	9	9	47	7	4
5	Czech Republic	2168	2.5	2.5	2	3		2.5	4	3	2.5	4	26	53	3	6	49	5	5
6	Lithuania	2187	2	2	2	2	2.5		3.5	2.5	2	5	23.5	53	3	4	44	10	6
7	Netherlands	2203	2.5	1.5	1.5	2	2	1.5		1.5	3.5	4	20	40	-9	4	49	5	7
8	Scotland	2083	1.5	1.5	1	2.5	2	2.5	3.5		3	2.5	20	39	-11	3	51	3	8
9	Latvia	2138	1.5	2	1	1.5	1.5	2	2.5	3		3	18	41	-7	2	43	11	9
10	Belgium	2045	1.5	1.5	1.5	1	2	1	2	3.5	2		16	30	-20	2	52	2	10

Unfortunately our team has slipped a little further in the rankings since our last report with its current score being 20 points from 51 completed games (17 from 43 in the last issue), dropping from 8th to 9th place on overall percentage score.

EU/TC10/sf2, 10th European Team Championship - Semifinal 2

		TD Glaser, Karel (IA)											Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11							
1	Estonia	2427	0.5	1.5	2	1.5	1	1	1	2.5	1.5	0.5	13	54	2	0	24	56	1
2	Belgium	2360	0.5	1.5	1.5	2	1.5	2	1.5	0	0.5	1	12	47	-1	0	25	55	2
3	Denmark	2340	0.5	1.5	1	1.5	2.5	1	1	1	1.5	0.5	12	47	-1	0	25	55	3
4	Portugal	2372	2	1.5	1	1.5	1	1	1	1.5	0	0.5	11	52	1	0	21	59	4
5	Bulgaria	2420	1.5	2	1.5	1.5	1	0.5	1.5	1	0.5	0	11	50	0	0	22	58	5
6	Scotland	2327	1	1.5	2.5	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	9	50	0	0	18	62	6
7	Ukraine	2415	1	2	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	8.5	50	0	0	17	63	7
8	Netherlands	2389	1	1.5	1	1	1.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	8	50	0	0	16	64	8
9	Lithuania	2361	1.5	1	1	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	8	47	-1	0	17	63	9
10	Romania	2446	1.5	0.5	1.5	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	1	0	5.5	50	0	0	11	69	10
11	Turkey	2383	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	1	0.5	0.5	0	5	50	0	0	10	70	11

Our team has made a steady start in this event – so much so, it has thus far drawn all 18 of its completed games to date, sitting mid-table with 5 other teams on the same percentage score! Overall a total of 78 games have been completed thus, only 3 with decisive results!

6th ICCF Webserver Open Tournament

We wish success to our 8 entrants who, playing in a total of 20 Preliminary Sections, commenced play officially on 1st August!

ICCF Individual Events

A full list of available events is available at our web site www.scottishcca.co.uk. The list of server events now includes a new level, “Aspirer tournaments”, designed for

those new to ICCF and without any Rating and those with ICCF Ratings less than 1600. Members should note the substantial reduced entry fees to ICCF events as listed at our web site.

Adrian Hollis Memorial

Richard Beecham has scored 5 draws, and sits one point behind English GM Nigel Robson in the table. Richard’s progress may be followed at: <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=41391> where completed games may now be viewed.

White: Burridge, Raymond (2048)

Black: Jakobi, Wilfried (1924)

WT/H/1099, 2013

Philidor Defence [C41]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

One of our regular contributors, Raymond Burridge, provides another of his recent postal games.

Annotations are based upon

Raymond's comments

1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 d6
3.d4 exd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Be7

The old line, often considered passive. 5...g6 is more popular and often leads to a livelier game.

6.Bf4 a6?!

Not necessarily bad but his follow-up is disastrous. 6...0-0 7.Qd2 a6 featured in another of Raymond's games 8.0-0-0 b5 9.f3 c5 10.Nde2 b4 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.Qxd5 Ra7 13.Kb1 Be6 14.Qd2 Nc6 15.Be3 Qa5 16.Nc1 Rd7 17.Qf2 c4 and Black

soon crashed through in Burridge v. Laine (FIN), Bielecki Memorial TT, 2012.

7.Qd2

Be6?!

7...0-0 transposes to the Laine game - hopefully Raymond had an improvement ready!

8.0-0-0

Qd7

9.f3

Nc6

10.Nxe6



10...

fxe6?

For better or worse he had to play 10...Qxe6 when White has 11.Nd5 when White has a small but steady advantage.

11.Bc4

e5?

Black is likely lost after this but 11...0-0 12.g4 b5 13.Bb3 Kh8 doesn't look very comfortable for Black.

12.Be3

0-0-0

13.Qe2

Nb8?

Obviously afraid of a sacrifice on a6 but 13...Qe8 would at least have given his king a flight square and if 14.Be6+ he has 14...Kb8

14.Kb1

Qe8

15.Be6+!

Nfd7

16.Nd5

Bf8?

He's lost anyway.

17.Bf7!

Qxf7



18.Qc4!

A neat trick against which Black has no defence.

18... Nc6

18...Qe8 to save the Queen walks into 19.Qxc7#

19.Nb6+
1-0



White: Guy, David T (1741)
Black: Campbell, Iain S (1789)
GB/TriNat/2014 ICCF, 2014
Slav Defence [D14]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

Iain Campbell scored a fine win against his Welsh opponent in the Tri-Nations team event.

1.d4 d5
2.c4 c6
3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Nc3 dxc4

The Classic Slav Defence.

5.a4 Bf5
6.Ne5

6.e3 is the main line when after 6...e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0-0 Nbd7 both sides have chances.

6... Nbd7

Nowadays almost nobody goes for the old line where Black gives up a piece for 3 pawns and an unclear position after 6...e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4 Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qd5+ 14.Kc2 Na6]

7.Nxc4 Qc7

7...Nb6 is currently more popular where after 8.Ne5 a5 White faces a choice between 9.g3 (and 9.f3)

8.g3 e5
9.dxe5 Nxe5
10.Bf4 Nfd7

11.Bg2



11... g5!?

The move which has revived the whole variation - previously the move was 11...f6 when White scored

well after 12.0-0 0-0-0 (12...Nc5 13.Ne3 Bg6 14.b4 Ne6 15.b5) 13.Rc1 Nc5 14.Qe1 when Nb5 is in the air.

12.Ne3 gxf4
13.Nxf5 0-0-0
14.Qc2 Ne5
15.0-0 fxe3

Maybe 15...Ne6 as Tom Matheis faced against Turkov (RUS) in the Champions League 2007 16.Qe4 Ng6 17.b4 Qe5 18.Qxe5 Nxe5 and eventually drawn.

16.hxe3 a5
17.Rfd1 h5
18.Rxd8+ Qxd8
19.Rd1 Qf6
20.Ne4

20.Qd2 is the alternative when Boger - Palciauskas, Simon Webb Memorial, 2007 went 20...Kb8 21.Qf4 Ka8 22.Ne4 Nxe4 23.Bxe4 with White winning on move 38.

20... Nxe4
21.Qxe4 Bc5

Improving on 21...Bb4 as played in Alzola - Rawlings, Goide Memorial, 2008 22.Bh3 Kb8?! (why not 22...Kc7 immediately?; 22...Ng6 also looks playable when White doesn't seem to have any useful discovered checks.) 23.Qd4 Kc7 24.b3 Re8 (better 24...Rd8) 25.f4 Nf3+ 26.exf3 Qxd4+ 27.Nxd4 Bc5 28.Kg2 Rd8 29.Ne6+ fxe6 30.Rxd8 Kxd8 31.Bxe6 when after the h5 pawn fell White was able to win the opposite Bishops end-game.

22.e3 Kc7
23.Rc1 Bb4
24.Nd4



24... Rd8

Maybe just 24...Rg8 immediately? However if the N at e5 moves White may have tricks based upon Nxc6.

25.Bf1?!

Why move the well-placed B? Sitting tight with something like [25.Rc2 looks much better.

25... Rg8

26.Be2?!

Makes Black's next even stronger!

26... h4

27.g4 Kb8

With no immediate KO available Black finally removes the Nb5 idea.

28.Rd1 h3

29.f3?!

Why not 29.Nf5 immediately?

29... Bd6

30.Nf5 Bc7

Now Black is clearly better.

31.b3?

Good moves were hard to find but this creates another weakness.

31... Qe6

32.Nd4?

Sleep-walking into it!



32... Nxe4!!

Shot!! Obviously White can't take the N.

33.Qxe6

33.Nxe6 is no better as after 33...h2+ 34.Kg2 Nxe3+ 35.Kh1 Nxd1 36.Nxc7 (36.Bxd1 Rg1#) 36...Nf2+ and Black wins easily.

33... h2+

34.Kg2 Nxe3+

35.Kh1 Nxd1

A cracking finish!

0-1



Matto! (Mate!) by Andrea Senesi.



Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

VWC2/f, Veterans World Cup 2 - Final

										TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)																	
Category 6 SIM=8½ IM=7½										1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	RUS	140593	IM	Sergeev, Vladimir Stepanovich	2428	1	1	½	1	½	½ ^A	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	8.5	5	48.75	0	1				
2	LTU	920005	IM	Sutkus, Vytautas	2412	0	1	½	½	½ ^A	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	2	37.75	0	2					
3	ARG	20121	SIM	Enricci, Juan Andrés	2431	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6.5	2	36.75	0	3					
4	USA	510993		Dessaules, Peter	2386	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	6.5	2	36.25	0	4					
5	USA	514167		Michael, Dennis	2399	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	6.5	1	38.5	0	5					
6	ENG	211510		Evans, Dr. Gordon R.	2356	½ ^A	½ ^A	½	½	½	½	½	½ ^A	½	½	½	1	6.5	1	37.75	0	6					
7	AUS	30513		Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2329	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	6	1	35	0	7					
8	GER	85172		Laube, Bernd	2379	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6	0	36	0	8					
9	CZE	130429	IM	Canibal, Jaromír	2380	0	½	½	0	0	½ ^A	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	5.5	2	31	0	9				
10	GER	81312	IM	Dorer, Manfred	2401	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	5.5	1	31.5	0	10					
11	GER	80433	IM	Koch, Hans-Georg	2344	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	5.5	0	33.5	0	11					
12	USA	514137		Coplin, Lawrence	2403	½	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	0	½	½	4.5	0	27.75	0	12					
13	CZE	130482		Glaser, Karel	2260	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	4	0	23	0	13					

Veterans World Cups 2, 3 & 4 are all sponsored by the Scottish CCA.

Veterans World Cup 2 Final (TD George Pyrich)

has been concluded with the winner being Vladimir Stepanovich Sergeev IM from Russia with 8.5pts from 12 games. Second on tie break was Vytautas Sutkus IM from Lithuania and third was Juan Andres Enricci SIM from Argentina both with 6.5pts. These three medallists will receive engraved Quaichs presented by the Scottish CCA.

Three other players also scored 6.5 pts Peter Dessaules (USA), Dennis Michael (USA) and the late Dr. Gordon Evans (ENG). It was a very close and competitive Final!

Veterans World Cup 3 Final (TD George Pyrich)

started on 15/2/2014 with 13 players and it should end in late Summer 2015. There are currently 60 finished games with 45 still in progress.

So far there have been only 4 conclusive games in this 15 player Final, so it is difficult to predict its probable outcome. Cross table: <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/event?id=42056>

Veterans World Cup 4 Semifinals (TDs Gordon Anderson, Alastair Maxwell and Kevin Paine)

7 groups of 15 players each with a Final of 15 players envisaged. Play started 15/2/2013 with closing date of 15/11/2014. Final February 2015.

There are currently only 14 unfinished games across all 7 groups with 11 of the 15 finalists already decided.

Veterans World Cups 5, 6 and 7 are being organised by German Federation BdF

Veterans World Cup 5

There are 9 Semifinal Groups of 13 players, who are competing for places in a 15 player Final. Alan Borwell is playing in Group 02 and leads with 5.5 from completed games and Peter Bennett leads Group 07 with 6/10 pts with 2 games remaining. Both have good chances of qualifying.

Cross tables: <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/event?id=37484>
<https://www.iccf.com/event?id=43917>

Veterans World Cup 6

with 42 groups started 1/9/2013 – no set closing date There are 9 Scottish CCA participants playing in 12 different preliminary groups and Richard Beecham (10/12!) and Alan Borwell (8/12) have already qualified for the Semifinal stage.

Veterans World Cup 7 started on 1st September 2014 with 33 Preliminary Groups. There are 6 Scottish CC participants playing in 8 groups and we extend our best wishes to them.





General Information

ICCF is the International Correspondence Chess Federation. ICCF was founded in 1951 as a reincarnation of the ICCA (International Correspondence Chess Association), itself founded in 1945 as successor to the IFSB (Internationaler Fernschachbund), founded in 1928.

ICCF organises a huge variety of tournaments for individual and team play; operates a worldwide rating system and awards GM, SIM and IM titles to male and female players to recognise strength and performance. Most play is based now on the ICCF webserver, with a residue of postal and email events. Principal tournaments are:

World Individual (www.iccf-webchess.com)

- World Championship. Annual cycles progress through preliminary, semi-final, candidate and final stages.
- World Cups. These include Adult, Junior and the highly popular Veterans events.
- Norm Tournaments. For aspiring IM, SIM and GM players, categorised by rating strength.
- Promotion Tournaments. For middle-strong players, spanning Open, Higher and Master classes.
- Aspirer Tournaments. For beginners and lower-graded players.
- Thematic Tournaments. Organised by opening variations (see opposite).

World Team (www.iccf-webchess.com)

- Olympiads. National team event, 6-player teams, played to a very high standard.
- Champions League. National, cross-national and scratch 4-player teams, several divisions.

European Zone (www.iccf-europa.com)

- European Individual Championship.
- European National Team Championship.

Other

- Friendly Internationals. ICCF member organisations play team events, usually 2 games per player.
- Invitation/Memorial Events. To commemorate anniversaries and deceased officials and players.
- Chess 960. New events featuring Fischer/Random chess opening positions.

SCCA members are eligible to enter all ICCF events, though Scottish nationality is required for national representation.

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.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2014

Theme 4/14: King's Indian, Saemisch Variation, E80

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3
Entries by 15 September; plays starts 1 October

Theme 5/14: Slav Noteboom System, D31

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4
Entries by 15 November; play starts 1 December

Webserver Events 2014

Theme 6/14: Lisitsin Opening, A04

1.Nf3 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Ng5 d5
Entries by 15 October; plays starts 1 November

Theme 7/14: Sicilian Defence, Grand Prix Attack, B21

1.e4 c5 2.f4
Entries by 1 December; plays starts 15 December

Note there are no Email Events in 2014.

News

- ❑ The 2014 Congress will run in Sydney, Australia from October 11th to 18th. There is a dedicated website at: www.2014.ccla.net.au Dr Ambar Chatterjee of India will carry the SCCA proxy and the SCCA committee has advised him of its voting intentions after reviewing the list of proposals to Congress.
- ❑ The 2nd Veterans' World Cup, organised and sponsored by the SCCA, and played in Memoriam of Gerhard Radosztics (AUT), has a winner – IM Vladimir Sergeev of Russia, who has one outstanding game against Jaromir Canibal (CZE), but cannot be caught on 7½/12. Five players currently have 6½/12 in positions 2-6, so some tie-breaking will be necessary!
- ❑ The 7th Veterans' World Cup, organised by the German Federation (BdF), started on 1st September.
- ❑ The 6th ICCF Webchess Open preliminary groups started play on 20th July.
- ❑ A batch of ICCF webserver updates, including improved email communications, was released in July.

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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