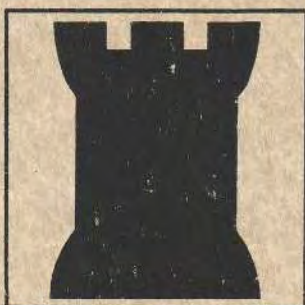


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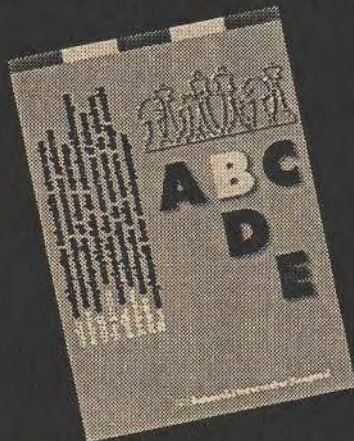
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Editorial

by Alan Borwell

We welcome the new Scottish CCA President, Iain Mackintosh, and wish him every success in his important role (Iain introduces himself on the next page!) With the retirement of David Kilgour as both President and Treasurer, it was agreed at the AGM that Iain Sneddon would fulfil the duties of both Secretary and Treasurer until a new Treasurer could be found. We are now delighted to hear that Pat Moir from Perth has accepted an offer to fulfil the Treasurer's duties henceforth. Pat has been responsible for financial matters for various organisations, including the annual Perth Chess Congress, and we welcome him and wish him well in his new duties.

We congratulate new joint Scottish CC Champions, with Jonathan Lennox and Tom Thomson scoring an impressive 8½ points each from 10 games. Our new President, Iain Mackintosh, came very close to another success!

The Final of the Bernard Partridge Memorial has now begun with 13 players participating in what should be a very interesting tournament (details on page 35).

On the international scene, Scotland continues to perform well in the Olympiad XII Final and in the final of the Email Team Tournament. Next month, George Pyrich and I will be attending the ICCF Millennium Congress in Florida, when the ICCF Playing Rules will be fully reviewed.

You will read in the AGM Minutes that Moira and I have decided that we will retire from editing and publishing the Scottish CCA Magazine after two more editions (Autumn 2000 and Winter 2000/1). This would mean that we will have produced together 72 editions over a period of 21 years (No. 1 was published as a Newsletter in January 1980!)

It was decided at the AGM and the recent Executive Meeting that a Web Magazine should be the way forward. However, for members not having Internet facilities or access, there would be a printed extract available for a small additional charge to the membership fee. Full details of the arrangements will be provided with membership/entry forms.

Of course, Moira and I will be very sad when we have produced our last issue, but we will continue to be involved in helping with the new concept, whenever we have something to contribute.

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New SCCA President, Iain Mackintosh

After my election as President at the AGM in June, Alan Borwell asked me to write a few words for the next Magazine so here goes!

I'm very honoured to be asked to continue the tremendous work done by previous SCCA Presidents, and I consider myself fortunate to have such an experienced and industrious management board to help me in the job. The SCCA is a relatively small organisation, and it owes much to the dedication and enthusiasm of its elected and voluntary office bearers.

My main concentration initially will be to extend the services provided by the SCCA website, with a view to consolidating the high standards of publishing set over many years by the Magazine.

I'm keen to see our members participating in as many domestic and international events as we can organise, using all the correspondence media now available to us. Our results service will reflect the fortunes of all our members throughout the year.

I'm sure the SCCA will continue to play a strong role in ICCF administration and be an active supporter of team and individual events.

I hope you all continue to enjoy your chess, and that the SCCA delivers services in line with the needs and wishes of its membership. Please feel free to write to me if you have any suggestions for improvements!

OBITUARY - DAVID ROWCLIFFE ROBERT ELLIS

It was with regret that we learned of the death in early August of one of the Association's members - David Ellis.

David had been a member of the SCCA for many years, playing mainly in the Quartets and trophy finals, before playing his way through the events and into the Championship, where he continued to play until his death.

Having played David on a few occasions, I always found him to be a friendly and courteous competitor who really enjoyed correspondence chess.

David will be greatly missed by his surviving family and by all the friends he made in the Scottish CCA.

[Iain Sneddon]

SCOTTISH CCA CHAMPIONSHIP 1999/2000

[Controller - A. Maxwell]

No	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	A.N. MACMILLEN	◆	1	0		0	½	0	½	0	0	0	
2	D.R.R. ELLIS	0	◆	½	1	0		½	½	0	½	0	
3	I. MACKINTOSH	1	½	◆	1	½	1	1	1	0	1	½	7½
4	F. TEUNISSE		0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
5	I.F. REEMAN	1	1	½	1	◆	1	½	1	½	0	½	7
6	A.T. HISLOP	½		0	1	0	◆	0	0	0	0	½	
7	D.R. CUMMING	1	½	0	1	½	1	◆	0	0	0	1	5
8	C.R. BEECHAM	½	½	0	1	0	1	1	◆	0	0	0	4
9	T. THOMSON	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	◆	0	1	8½
10	C.J. LENNOX	1	½	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	◆	1	8½
11	B. MILLIGAN	1	1	½	1	½	½	0	1	0	0	◆	5½

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Roxburghshire,
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SCOTTISH CCA CHAMPIONSHIP 2000/2001

[Controller - A. Maxwell]

No	Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	I.F. REEMAN	◆		½					1				
2	I. MACKINTOSH		◆								0		
3	D.R. CUMMING	½		◆							0		
4	D.R.R. ELLIS				◆								
5	A.T. HISLOP					◆				0			
6	B. MILLIGAN						◆						
7	I. SNEDDON							◆					
8	A. ARMSTRONG	0							◆			0	
9	A.C. BROWN					1				◆			
10	C.R. BEECHAM		1	1							◆		
11	M. MAY	1										◆	

CANDIDATES 1999/2000

[Controller: C.R. Beecham]

Section A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	D.R. CUMMING	◆	1	1	1	0	½	-	3½
2	H.S. FLOCKHART	0	◆	0	½	0	½	-	1
3	M. JESSING	0	1	◆	1	½	1	-	3½
4	G. SAXTON	0	½	0	◆	½	0	-	1
5	I. SNEDDON	1	1	½	½	◆	1	-	4
6	B. THOMPSON	½	½	0	1	0	◆	-	2
7	C. WALLACE	-	-	-	-	-	-	◆	w/d

Section B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	A.C. BROWN	◆	1	1	1	½	1	½	5
2	W.M. COOK	0	◆	1	1	0	0	0	2
3	J. COPLEY	0	0	◆	0	½		0	
4	S. HILTON	0	0	1	◆	½	0	0	1½
5	G. LLOYD	½	1	½	½	◆	½	½	3½
6	B. MILLIGAN	0	1		1	½	◆	½	
7	I. SNEDDON	½	1	1	1	½	½	◆	4½

CANDIDATES 2000/2001

[Controller: C.R. Beecham]

Section A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	A.C. BROWN	◆					1		
2	W.M. COOK		◆						
3	B. GOODWIN			◆	1	½	½		
4	D. HARVEY			0	◆		½		
5	I. SNEDDON			½		◆		1	
6	B. THOMPSON	0		½	½		◆		
7	S.M. YOUNG					0		◆	

Section B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	I.S. CAMPBELL	◆							
2	J. COPLEY		◆					0	
3	D.R. CUMMING			◆					
4	D. EDNEY				◆				
5	S. HILTON					◆			
6	G. LLOYD						◆	½	
7	I. SNEDDON		1				½	◆	

PREMIER TOURNAMENTS 2000 [Controller: Alan Hind]

SECTION A

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	M. EDWARDS	◆			0		1			
2	D. HARVEY		◆		1		½			
3	J.M. HERRIES			◆						
4	T.F. McAINSH	1	0		◆	0	0			
5	I.W.S. MITCHELL				1	◆	½			
6	G.A.A. MURPHY	0	½		1	½	◆			

SECTION B

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	D. CRICHTON	◆			1					
2	M. EDWARDS		◆							
3	S. HILTON			◆						
4	A. KNOX	0			◆	0				
5	G. LLOYD				1	◆				
6	G.R. McDONALD						◆			

SECTION C

No		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Pts
1	R. BEACON	◆								
2	A.G.E. BIRD		◆			1				
3	C. DOWELL			◆						
4	R. MALCOLMSON				◆					
5	G.A.A. MURPHY		0			◆	½			
6	S.M. YOUNG					½	◆			

Results of games in all tournaments should be reported to the Tournament Controller immediately on completion of each game. If any of the results shown against your name in this magazine are incorrect, please inform your Tournament Controller, so that a correction can be made in the next issue.

OPENINGS TOURNAMENTS 2000 [Controller: Iain Sneddon]

No	Section A	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	J. CASSIDY	◆	0 0			0 0		
2	D. CRICHTON	1 1	◆		0 0	½½		
3	S. HILTON			◆	½			
4	R. LOUGHRAN		1 1	½	◆			
5	A.C.W. ROBSON	1 1	½½			◆		
6	S.M. YOUNG						◆	

Opening moves are: 1 e4 c5 2 ♖f3 ♗c6 3 d4 cxd4 4 ♗xd4 g6 (Accelerated Dragon, B34)

MAJORS 2000 [Controller: Dave Savage]

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	R. BEACON	◆	1 0		1 1		
2	J. GRANT	0 1	◆				
3	C.R. JAMES			◆			
4	T.F. McAINSH	0 0			◆		
5	C. McINTEE					◆	

No	SECTION B	1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	J. CASSIDY	◆		0	0 0		
2	R. LOUGHRAN		◆	0 0			
3	J. MORROW	1	1 1	◆		1 1	
4	A.R. PETRIE	1 1			◆	1 1	
5	R.E. ROUGH			0 0	0 0	◆	

No	SECTION C	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J. ARMSTRONG	◆	0 0			
2	R.B. CROSBIE	1 1	◆	½		
3	J.W. KILGOUR			◆	0 0	
4	P. MacKENZIE		½	1 1	◆	

MINORS 2000 [Controller: Iain Sneddon]

No	SECTION A	1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	J. ARMSTRONG	◆		0	0		1 1	
2	D.W. COOPE		◆	0				
3	C. McINTEE	1	1	◆	1 1	0	1 1	
4	P. MOIR	1			0 0	◆		
5	J. RAWLINSON			1		◆		
6	R.E. ROUGH	0 0		0 0			◆	

Major/Minor/Quartets/Challenge
Entries can be made at any time to Iain Sneddon. New pairings will be arranged when there are sufficient new players to do so.

QUARTETS 2000

[Controller: Alan Armstrong]

No	Postal Knight	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	AWI CAMPBELL	◆	1 1		0	
2	S. HILTON	0 0	◆	0 0	0 0	0
3	J. ANDERSON		1 1	◆		
4	I. SNEDDON	1	1 1		◆	

No	Q205	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	P. MOIR	◆	½		0	
2	R.B. CROSBIE	½	◆			
3	D. SALTER			◆		
4	F. TEUNISSE	1			◆	

No	Q206	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	A.G.E. BIRD	◆				
2	A.C.W. ROBSON		◆			
3	P. MACKENZIE			◆		
4	A. WRIGHT				◆	

No	Q207	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	J.W. KILGOUR	◆			0	
2	C. McINTEE		◆		½	
3	G.R. McDONALD			◆		
4	D.R. CUMMING	1	½		◆	

SCCA E-Mail Tournament

[Jim Anderson]

The SCCA has now started an E-Mail Tournament. This is in a rolling format with groups being formed by the Controller whenever sufficient players are available.

Each group is expected to contain 4 players in the Quartets format. Each player plays 2 games, one as White and one as Black against each of the other 3 players.

The Controller will try to arrange groups of approximately equal playing strength whenever possible.

The time control will be 10 moves in 60 days.

SCCA e-mail rules will apply. You can obtain a copy from the web site or if you only have e-mail (no access to the Web) then e-mail me at <james.anderson3@virgin.net> and I will send you a copy.

Entry is free to all SCCA members, who may play in as many groups as they choose throughout the year. Non-SCCA members (from any country) are allowed to enter one free group. If they would like to play in further groups, then they must become SCCA members.

If anybody would like more information then please contact me. You can phone, write or e-mail me. My details are below.

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E-mail Tournaments

[Controller: Jim Anderson]

	2000 EM001 (Start 26 June)	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Hilton, Stephen	◆				
2	Proffitt, Chris		◆			
3	Boyd, Bill			◆		
4	Moir, Pat				◆	

	2000 EM003 (Start 31 July)	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Sigurdsson, Johann	◆				
2	Hilton, Stephen		◆			
3	Petrie, Allan			◆		
4	Anderson, Jim				◆	

	2000 EM002 (Start 27 June)	1	2	3	4	Pts
1	Macmillen, Andrew	◆				
2	Loughran, Robert		◆			
3	Hilton, Stephen			◆		
4	Mackenzie, Peter				◆	

Scottish CCA League 2000

Division 1 [Controller: Peter Jack]

A KIRKCALDY KINGS

1	T. Thomson	v E1
2	G.D. Pyrich	v D2
3	G. Saxton	v C3
4	I. Marshall	v B4
5	S. Donohoe	v F5

B FIVE BRAVE ENGLISHMEN

1	P. Coleman	v D1
2	D. Chambers	v C2
3	D. Barnes	v F3
4	A. Rawlings	v A4
5	A. Robertshaw	v E5

C PERTSHIRE CORRESPONDENTS

1	A.P. Borwell	v F1	½ ½
2	I. Mackintosh	v B2	
3	Dr. A.C. Brown	v A3	
4	D. Harvey	v E4	
5	I.W.S. Mitchell	v D5	½ 0

D SOCIAL CCA

1	F. Foldvary	v B1	
2	R. Baker	v A2	
3	D. Price	v E3	
4	S. Murray	v F4	
5	B. Sheppard	v C5	½ 1

E BLACK KNIGHT

1	G.R. Spratt	v A1
2	G. Phillips	v F2
3	I. Reeman	v D3
4	A.T. Hislop	v C4
5	I. Sneddon	v B5

F BUSMAN'S HOLIDAY

1	G. Lloyd	v C1	½ ½
2	R. Malcolmson	v E2	
3	R. Loughran	v B3	
4	A. Petrie	v D4	
5	C.R. James	v A5	

Division 2 [Controller: Jim Anderson]

A KINGSTON-UPON THAMES

1	Chris Briscoe	v E1
2	Nick Grey	v D2
3	Jonathan Young	v C3
4	John Grant	v B4
5	Derek Coope	v F5

B SOCIAL CCA "B"

1	A. Rowland	v D1
2	Stephen Hilton	v C2
3	S Taylor	v F3
4	Geoff Rossed	v A4
5	Gavin Ross	v E5

C KNIGHT SAC

1	Tom Tait	v F1
2	Ian McKechnie	v B2
3	Robert Holland	v A3
4	Phil Tait	v E4
5	Peter Thomson	v D5

D SUPER KINGS

1	Alan Armstrong	v B1
2	Bernard Milligan	v A2
3	David Cumming	v E3
4	Robert Crosbie	v F4
5	Martin Keen	v C5

E SOCIAL CCA "C"

1	R. Ansell	v A1
2	Chris Dowell	v F2
3	Mike Gifford	v D3
4	B. Tonks	v C4
5	G. Asm	v B5

F BRUTAL REALISM

1	J.S. Murray	v C1
2	A. Thomson	v E2
3	P. Coffield	v B3
4	W. Taylor	v D4
5	P. Lewis	v A5

21 Years of Scottish CCA League - Champions Roll of Honour

1978-79	Shettleston
1979-80	Chess Suppliers (Scotland)
1980-81	Perth Correspondents
1981-82	Chess Suppliers (Scotland)
1982-83	Perth Correspondents
1983-84	Chess Suppliers (Scotland)
1984-85	The Establishment
1985-86	The Establishment
1986-87	Chess Suppliers (Scotland)
1987-88	Streatham & Brixton
1988-89	Streatham & Brixton / The Establishment /Black Knight

1989-90	Streatham & Brixton / Crowwood
1990-91	Knights of the Square Table
1992	Streatham & Brixton / Knights of the Square Table
1993	Perth Correspondents
1994	Knightmare
1995	Bourne End Bucks
1996	Black Knight
1997	Perth Correspondents
1998	Five Brave Englishmen
1999	Kirkcaldy Kings

Number of Wins (including joint wins)

4 x	Chess Suppliers (Scotland) Perth Correspondents Streatham & Brixton
3 x	The Establishment
2 x	Black Knight Knights of the Square Table

1 x	Shettleston Knightmare Bourne End Bucks Crowwood Five Brave Englishmen Kirkcaldy Kings
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CHALLENGE TOURNAMENT

[by Bernard Milligan]

A very quiet season continues with few requests for further pairings since the last Magazine. Please remember that you can request further pairings as the season progresses. This can be particularly useful as your number of games reduce due to early results.

Iain Mackintosh continues to do a first class job with the website. Challenge results should be appearing there by the time this Magazine reaches you. For up to date results visit the web site at: -

<http://www.users.globalnet.co.uk/~scca/>

There is a lot of interesting stuff there now, including a new Message Board facility, which allows you to post comments and messages directly onto our Website. Very useful for starting discussions on particular lines or other topics. A number of previous Magazine articles are also now up so if you have mislaid your old issues this could be the place to catch up. I would recommend visiting the site on a regular basis as Iain is always updating it.

Pairings since the Spring magazine are as follows: -

Class 1

D R Cumming (166)	264, 370,
G Lloyd (264)	166, 370,

Class 3

D Brown (370)	166, 264,
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Results since the Spring Magazine are as follows: -

166 D R Cumming	1	1	G Lloyd	264	114 S H Hilton	0	2	C A Macgregor	L84
376 R Malcolmson	1	1	A C Robson	357	315 A R Petrie	½	½	C Almarza-Mato	317
376 R Malcolmson	0	1	G Lloyd	264	315 A R Petrie	2	0	H Guilian	Intro
376 R Malcolmson	½	½	S Hilton	114	264 G Lloyd	2	0	C A Macgregor	L84
166 D R Cumming	1	1	R Beacon	155	166 D R Cumming	2	0	J Cassidy	108
166 D R Cumming	2	0	C A Macgregor	L84	315 A R Petrie	2	0	N J Banner	387
315 A R Petrie	1	1	T F McAinsh	261	L15 J P Jack	1	1	J F Rutherford	356
315 A R Petrie	1	0	J Stoneman	404	317 C Almarza-Mato	2	0	J Cassidy	108
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264 G Lloyd	1½	½	T F McAinsh	261	261 T F McAinsh	2	0	J Cassidy	108
L15 J P Jack	1	1	V A Proudler	L34	114 S H Hilton	0	1	J Owens	395
370 D Brown	2	0	T F McAinsh	261	114 S H Hilton	0	1	N Sapphire	Comp
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114 S H Hilton	1	1	G Lloyd	264					

SCCA Master Norms

[Report by Raymond Baxter]

Scottish Master norms have been achieved this year by Ian Aird (2nd norm), Jonathan Lennox (2nd norm) and Bernard Milligan (1st norm). All three norms are based on ICCF grades above 2300.

There are 20 players with the SCCA Master title. They were listed in Magazine No. 67 last year. There are now 14 other players with norms, as follows:-

I. Aird (2), C.F. Boyle, D.H. Dempster, Mrs. M. Inglis, D.M. Jenkins (2), C.J. Lennox (2), D.M. Livie (2), P.J. McGowan, D. McKerrachar, B. Milligan, C.J. Morrison, G.A. Morton, D. Neil, J.A.B. Stevenson (2).

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at The Ginger Jar Coffee Shop, Galashiels on Sunday 11th June 2000.

Present: D.A. Kilgour (President), J. Anderson, R.W.M. Baxter, A.P. Borwell, I. Mackintosh, B. Milligan, G.D. Pyrich, I. Sneddon and T. Thomson

Apologies: A. Armstrong, C.R. Beecham.

President's Remarks

The President welcomed everyone to the meeting and summarised what he believed had been an overall positive season. The website was proving very successful. Financially, the Association was in a reasonably healthy condition. He was pleased to see that the Committee was committed to seeing the Association progress.

He reiterated his intentions to step down as both President and Treasurer and received a warm vote of thanks from the Executive committee for his excellent work and leadership.

The Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held on 13th June 1999, which were published in Magazine No 66 were approved.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary reported the following:

- In terms of membership, the Association appeared to be slightly down on previous years, and there were also fewer players competing in domestic tournaments, despite the considerable efforts of the Membership & Publicity Officer, Bernard Milligan in looking for and encouraging potential new members and tournament participants.
- In the domestic tournaments ending in 1999, the Championship was won by Simon Gillam. There were only two divisions in the league.
- The Association continued to be indebted to the hard work of our Tournament Controllers, without whom there would be no domestic competitions.
- The Association's website continued to be visited on a regular basis and the content was progressing well. Congratulations were due to Iain Mackintosh for the work done on the website.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented audited accounts for the year to 31st March 2000 (see details on following pages).

Minor comments were made and movements from previous year explained. The 2000 Accounts showed a surplus of £200. The accounts were accepted unanimously, no queries having been raised.

International Secretary's Report

The International Secretary reported that the year had been a positive one in terms of the Association's performance and representation in ICCF events. In the year to come, we could look forward to further opportunities for success.

Election of Office-Bearers

The following were elected to the Executive Committee:

President:	I. Mackintosh
Vice President:	G.D. Pyrich (also ICCF Delegate)
Secretary:	I. Sneddon
Treasurer:	I. Sneddon
Assistant Secretary:	J. Anderson
International Secretary:	T. Thomson
Assistant International Secretary:	Vacant
Grading Officer:	R.W.M. Baxter
Publicity & Membership Officer:	B. Milligan
Other Member:	A.P. Borwell

The Executive Committee was delegated the authority to appoint an Assistant International Secretary, when a suitable candidate had been identified. It was also desirable to have separate officials as Secretary and Treasurer and suitable consideration would be given to this objective during the next term of office.

Thanks were given to all for their efforts over the last year.

Election of Auditor

It was agreed that Mr. Stuart Mackenzie be officially appointed for the ensuing year.

Any other business

Alan Borwell intimated that he would be stepping down as Magazine Editor after the Winter 2000 edition is published. Alan received a generous tribute for the high quality of editorship by himself and Moira, extending over 21 years.

The new committee resolved to develop Internet facilities more fully during 2000 and beyond, in particular to electronically publish the magazine and to host email tournaments.

Subscriptions

It was unanimously agreed that the subscriptions for 2000/2001 would be as follows

Annual membership with Internet magazine	£8
Annual membership, magazine extracts on paper.....	£13
Magazine extracts for life members	£5
Life membership.....	£80

There were no changes to tournament fees, and SCCA members will receive free entry to SCCA email events.

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000

1999		INCOME	2000	
£	£		£	£
523.00		<u>MEMBERSHIP FEES</u>		
<u>0.00</u>		Annual	438.50	
523.00		Life Members Fund	<u>0.00</u>	
<u>(6.00)</u>	517.00		438.50	
		Less Discount	<u>(2.00)</u>	
			436.50	
		<u>COMPETITION FEES</u>		
362.00		Individual	373.00	
<u>0.00</u>		Special	0.00	
66.00		League	<u>62.00</u>	
<u>428.00</u>			435.00	
<u>(180.40)</u>	247.60	Less Prizes, Trophies and Engraving	<u>(189.00)</u>	
			246.00	
		<u>MAGAZINE</u>		
1,277.50		Sales	1,365.00	
<u>200.00</u>		Adverts/Leaflets	<u>409.00</u>	
1,477.50			1,774.00	
<u>(1,958.70)</u>	(481.20)	Less Expenses	<u>(1,710.95)</u>	
			63.05	
		<u>ADJUDICATIONS</u>		
48.00		Fees Received	24.00	
<u>(24.00)</u>	24.00	Fees Paid and Refunded	<u>(12.00)</u>	
			12.00	
		<u>ICCF ENTRY FEES</u>		
221.00		Received by SCCA	221.00	
<u>(225.61)</u>	(4.61)	less Paid to ICCF	<u>(157.52)</u>	
	32.00		51.48	
		<u>INTERNATIONAL MATCH FEES</u>		
			34.00	
		<u>100 CLUB</u>		
864.00		Subscriptions	725.00	
<u>(478.60)</u>	385.40	Less Prizes	<u>(477.00)</u>	
	107.08		278.00	
	455.00	<u>INTEREST RECEIVED</u>		
	<u>99.00</u>	GRANT S.C.A.	39.30	
	1,381.27	DONATIONS	480.00	
			<u>120.00</u>	
			1,760.33	

**SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION
FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2000**

<u>1999</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>2000</u>	
£	£		£	£
	25.00	S.C.A. AFFILIATION		25.00
	26.09	ICCF MEMBERSHIP		23.17
	532.06	CONTROLLERS' EXPENSES		259.64
	75.70	COMMITTEE MEMBERS' EXPENSES (Computer)		22.80
	-	DOMAIN NAME (SCOTTISHCHESS.ORG)		47.80
	47.97	PRESENTATIONS & AGM		-
	70.00	AUDITOR'S FEES		70.00
	27.27	BANK CHARGES		28.28
	22.50	STATIONERY AND PRINTING		200.00
	17.50	LOTTERY LICENCE		35.00
	<u>1,152.50</u>	ICCF CONGRESS		<u>780.00</u>
	<u>1,996.59</u>			<u>1,491.69</u>
	<u>(615.32)</u>	SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR YEAR		<u>268.64</u>
 <u>LIFE MEMBERS ACCOUNT</u>				
0.00		Membership Fees	0.00	
<u>30.33</u>	30.33	Interest Received	<u>12.65</u>	12.65
	0.00	Less Transfer to General Fund		0.00
	<u>30.33</u>	Surplus/(Deficit) for Year		<u>12.65</u>

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 MARCH 2000

<u>1999</u>		<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2000</u>	
£	£		£	£
	1,578.57	CLYDESDALE BANK DEPOSIT ACCOUNT		2,305.85
	2,041.95	CLYDESDALE BANK CURRENT ACCOUNT		3,657.18
	19.00	NATIONAL GIROBANK		19.00
	<u>3,597.38</u>	NATIONWIDE ANGLIA		<u>1,610.96</u>
	7,236.90			7,592.99
	<u>(258.20)</u>	<u>LESS LIABILITIES</u>		
	<u>6,978.70</u>	CREDITORS		<u>(333.00)</u>
				<u>7,259.99</u>

<u>CAPITAL ACCOUNT</u>	<u>OPENING BALANCE</u>	<u>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</u>	<u>CLOSING BALANCE</u>
	£	£	£
General Fund	5,278.78	268.64	5,547.42
Life Members' Fund	<u>1,699.92</u>	12.65	<u>1,712.57</u>
	<u>6,978.70</u>		<u>7,259.99</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained such explanations as I consider necessary. In my opinion these accounts give a true and fair view of the state of the Association's affairs at 31 March 2000.

(signed) Stuart Mackenzie, CA.

(signed) George Dickie, ACCA

The Corresponding Difference

[by Tom Craig]

"It should be compulsory to declare your opening sources at the beginning of the game"

This comment was made by Dave Jenkins during our 1979 Scottish Correspondence Championship encounter. I had acquired a freshly imported copy of ECO Volume A from George Livie. He had acquired a copy of the latest title in the Batsford Contemporary Chess Opening series ("edited by R.G.Wade"). Annoyingly, Scottish Chess Suppliers had sold their only two copies of "The Dutch Defence" and I was informed that it would be at least three weeks before replacement stock was due in!

Before MCO, there was nothing. It was a time of lucky pullovers, English descriptive notation and club championships. This era gave correspondence players two games against each opponent; one game with each colour. When my chess mentor Martin Roberts made his first move in "Game A", he would offer "whatever your first move in Game B, I will play 1.-- N-KB3". Nobody was cheeky enough to play 1.g4 against him! A few moves later and his enclosed note would read "I intend to follow MCO page 165, line 22, note (i)".

The pioneering ECO almost undermined the integrity of the correspondence game. The only concern until this publishing event had been thoughts that your opponent may be seeking advice from the local chess champion. Look at a cross-section of games from this period and note how many are "book" until at least move 15. Also note how many are ruined by a blunder after a couple of moves away from the book variation.

The 1980s saw the rise of "Sahovski Informator". Publication of a new issue during the opening stages of a CC event would instantly change the course of half the games. The !! theoretical novelty in the previous issue had been re-evaluated as a ?? blunder. I was a sucker for any suggestion that ended in a "∞" position. My note-books from this period carry too many examples of prematurely drawn games. The final position was so unclear that I doubt even Karpov, the then World Champion, would fully understand the complications.

The 1990s were the heyday of NIC Yearbooks and this brought a new awareness that games do not have to begin at move 15. The millennium ended with a cynicism that could only be satisfied by opening books and TNs carrying a "use by" date.

I well remember the impact of the 1981 Batsford book on the c3 Sicilian. This variation seemed so formidable that I dropped the Sicilian from my OTB and CC repertoires. Murray Chandler revisited this variation in Batsford's 1996 publication "The Complete c3 Sicilian". [I have to pause typing to catch my breath at the title of this book because it reminds me of another title in the series - "The COMPLETE Najdorf: 6.Bg5" - if only.....]. I bought this book intending to take up this variation as White. I was pleasantly surprised to discover that it wasn't quite the formidable weapon I had thought it to be.



Jiri Pelikan Memorial B [Email] 1997/98
J Mannermaa (FIN) v T J Craig (SCO)
B22 Sicilian Defence, Alapin Var.

- 1 e4 c5
- 2 c3 d5
- 3 exd5 ♖xd5
- 4 d4 ♜f6
- 5 ♜f3 ♜g4

As Kasparov had played against Deep Blue!; 5...g6!?

- 6 ♖a4+

Chandler gives this a ?! 6 ♜e2 e6
"Kallisto" v Anand 16 April 1997.

- 6 ♜d7
- 7 ♖b3 cxd4
- 8 ♜c4 ♖e4+
- 9 ♖f1 e6
- 10 cxd4 ♜c6!?
- 11 ♜c3 ♖f5
- 12 ♖xb7 ♜b8
- 13 ♖c7 ♜e7!
- 14 b3! ♜b4!?

Shipov's suggestion, but he also suggests 14 ... ♖c2! see 64/141; I am not convinced by 14 ... 0-0± as in Zakharov v Shipov, Moscow Open Ch 1995.

- 15 ♜d2 0-0!?

15 ... ♖c2 16 ♜c1 (16 d5!? ♜c8 17 ♖g3 ♜xc3 18 ♜c1 Craig) 16 ... ♖b2 17 ♜b1 ♖c2= Shipov.

- 16 ♜c1



- 16 e5!

This is my own move and must have come as a surprise to my 2500 opponent. 16 ... ♜bc8? 17 ♖f4!

- 17 ♜xe5 ♜bc8

17 ... ♜fc8? 18 ♜xf7!

- 18 ♖b7 ♜xe5

18 ... ♜b8 19 ♖a6 (19 ♖c7=).

- 19 dxe5

19 ♖xb4? ♜xc4! 20 bxc4 ♜d3+.

- 19 ♜xc3

- 20 ♜xc3

20 ♜xc3 ♜e4!+-.

- 20 ♜c6

The analysis that now follows is the best sense I can make of a scribbled A4 page of game notes.

21 ♖xa7

21 ♖a6 ♖g5 (A) 22 exf6 ♖xg2+ (22 ... ♗xg2+; 22 ... ♖xc1+ 23 ♗e1 ♖fe8); (B) 22 ♗e2 ♖xg2 23 exf6 ♖cd8!-+; 21 ♖e7 ♗d5 22 ♗xd5 ♗xd5; 21 ♖b4 ♖g5.

21 ♗xg2+

21 ... ♖g5∞ 22 ♗e2 (22 ♖e3 ♖xg2+ 23 ♗e2 ♖g4+ 24 f3 ♖g2+ 25 ♗d3 ♖fd8+ 26 ♗d4 ♗d5 27 ♗xd5 ♖xd5 28 ♖hg1 ♖xa2) 22 ... ♖a8 and in my game notes I give this move a confident !, but I am not so sure after 23 ♖d4, White holds on.

22 ♗xg2

22 ♗g1 ♖g6; 22 ♗e1 ♗xh1; 22 ♗e2 ♗xh1.

22 ♖g5+

and Black won on Time!!

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It is not uncommon for an OTB opponent stunned or shocked by a surprise move or a cruel twist of fate, just to sit there and let his clock run out rather than resign. This was a disappointing end to the game for me. I was looking forward to refining my winning tactics.

23 ♗f1 [23 ♗f3? ♖g4+ 24 ♗e3 ♖e4+ 25 ♗d2 ♖fd8+--+] 23 ... ♖xc1+ 24 ♗e1 [24 ♗e2 ♖xc3-+; 24 ♗g2 ♖xc3 (24 ... ♖g5+ 25 ♗f1 ♗e4) 25 exf6 ♖xf6 26 a4? ♖g6+--+] 24 ... ♖xc4 25 bxc4 [25 exf6? ♖e8!] 25 ... ♖xc4+ 26 ♗g2 ♖g4+ [26 ... ♗d5+] 27 ♗f1 ♗d5! 28 h3 ♖e4 29 ♖h2 ♖xe5-+.

♗♗♗

Fred Fraser from Basingstoke was delighted to be paired against me in the Luis Paucar Perez Memorial - "I have not played a British player for years". It was a rare treat to actually meet up with an opponent. We met up on a hot summer evening at the Cherry Tree in Steventon, near Abingdon. I offer you the following game because it reminds me of excellent beer, good food and fine conversation!

John Nunn's "Beating the Sicilian" had a big impact on local OTB chess and was quite a potent weapon in CC. However, by the

third edition, it had lost much of its venom and general appeal.

Luis Paucar Perez Memorial 1997/98
FJL Fraser (ENG) v TJ Craig (SCO)
B82 Sicilian, Najdorf

1 e4

"I am 49, married with a son and daughter"

1 c5
2 ♗f3 d6
3 d4 cxd4
4 ♗xd4 ♗f6
5 ♗c3 a6
6 f4

I suspected that Fred might follow "Beating the Sicilian 3".

6 ♖c7
7 ♗f3 e6
8 ♗d3 ♗c6
9 0-0 b5
10 ♖e1

10.e5!?

10 ♗e7
11 ♗h1 0-0
12 e5 ♗e8!?

I had a game in progress as White where I struggled against this move.

13 a3

I played 13 ♗g5!? g6 14 exd6 ♗xd6 15 ♗ce4 ♗xe4 16 ♗xe4 h6 17 ♗f3 ♗f6 18 c3 ♗b7 19 ♗e3 ♗e7 20 ♗d4 ♗xd4 21 ♗xd4 ♖fd8 22 ♖d1 ♗d5 23 a3 ♖ab8? 24 ♗xd5 ♗xd5 25 ♖g3 ♗h7 26 h3 ♖bc8 27 ♖f2 ♗b6 28 ♖e1, ½:½ TJ Craig v G Morias, Pedro Martinez Acosta Memorial 1995/98; 13 ♗e4.

13 ♗b7
14 bd2 ♖c8
15 ♖e4 g6
16 ♖e3 ♗a5

16 ... ♗g7?! 17 exd6 ♗xd6 18 ♗e4!∞

17 b3+ d5

17 ... ♗xf3 18 ♖xf3∞.

18 ♖e1

18 ♗d4.

18 ♗c6
19 f5!?

Fred is not a player that nurtures a small edge through to an endgame advantage. He is not afraid of

material imbalance and the muddy waters of an unclear position.
19 ♗e2.

19 d4!?

20 f6!?

20 fxg6.

20 dxc3.

21 fxe7

21 ♗h6 ♗xf6 22 ♗xf8 ♖xf8 23 exf6 ♗xf6.

21 ♗xe7

22 ♗h6 ♗g7!?

22 ... ♗xf3!? 23 ♗xf8 (23 ♖xf3!?) 23 ... ♗xg2+ 24 ♗xg2 ♗xf8 25 ♖f2 ♗f5+.

23 a4

23 ♗g5 ♗ef5 24 ♗xf5 exf5 25 ♖h4 ♖xe5 (25 ... f6 26 exf6 ♖xf6 27 ♗xh7) 26 ♗xh7 ♗xg2+ 27 ♗g1 ♗h5 28 ♖fe1 ♖c5+ 29 ♗e3 (29 ♗xg2 ♗xh7 30 ♗xf8 ♖xf8+) 29 ... ♖c6 30 ♗xf8 ♖xf8+.

23 ♗xf3

24 ♖xf3 ♗c6

25 ♖f1?

25 ♖e3.

25 ♗xe5

26 ♗f4 ♖c5

27 b4 ♖d4

27 ... ♖d5.

28 ♗xe5 ♖xe5

29 axb5 axb5

30 ♗xb5 ♖b8!+

30 ... ♖e4? 31 ♗a6.

31 ♖a5 ♖e4

32 ♖a3 ♖xb4

33 ♖b3 ♖a5

34 g4 f5!+

I could not have resisted playing this OTB and sometimes I give into such urges in my CC games.

35 g5 ♖d8

36 ♖fxc3 ♖xg5

37 ♖a1 f4

38 ♖c7 ♖d5+

39 ♗g1 ♗f5

40 ♗c4 ♖d6

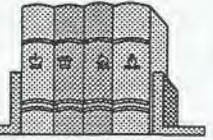
41 ♖a7 ♖a8!

"My position has been lost for some moves and now further resistance is pointless."

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NEW BOOKS

reviewed by Alan Borwell



Gambit Publications Limited

Learn Chess
by John Nunn
192 pages, £7.99

It is difficult to imagine how this amazingly productive author can produce so many good quality new books in a short period.

This one is a beginners' book and would make an ideal gift for a youngster starting chess.

**The Most Amazing Chess Moves
of All Time**
by John Emms
192 pages, £13.99

This book claims to contain the 200 most amazing chess moves of all time. The problem is that the author has selected them mainly from his own databases of OTB games. There are very few examples taken from CC games which, of course, have produced some of the most amazing moves in the history of chess.

However, this is a well produced book with 10 chapters of puzzles and answers. Chapter titles include "Going for Glory," "Amazing Mating Attacks," "Daring Defence," "The Deep and Mysterious," "My Top Twenty" (which includes a Sanakoev CC special!) Disappointingly, there is no games/player index included.

Understanding Pawn Play in Chess
by Dražen Morović
208 pages, £14.99

An excellent book! Packed with good advice and insight into a wide range of different pawn configurations. The 7 chapters cover Isolated Pawns, Couples/Hanging Pawns, Passed Pawns, Disabled Pawns, Backward Pawns, Pawn Chains, Pawn Islands.

Contains over 100 complete games, each demonstrating a particular pawn strategy.

This Croatian GM deserves credit for this very useful quality publication.

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Easy Guide to the Classical Sicilian
by Jouni Yrjölä
128 pages, £12.99

Produced by a Finnish GM, this book features the Richter-Rauzer and Sozin, and lines derived from 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd5 Nf3 5 Nc3 Nc6 (Black's moves 2 and 5 can be reversed).

A useful, if not comprehensive, coverage of two of the most heavily analysed variations of all chess openings. The book emphasises "just enough detail without having to spend months of memorising theory." Of course, CC players do not have such problems!

Vienna Game
by Gary Lane
144 pages, £14.99

There have been quite a few books covering the Vienna in recent years but it remains a good opening for enterprising players.

It has the flexibility where White can choose between either tactical or positional lines to suit their own style.

The book is in two main parts, the first covering 1 e4 e5 2 Nc3 Nf6 and the second part covers 2 ... Nc6 and other moves for Black.

There are 77 illustrative games with a good index. Nicely produced, containing useful ideas for CC players. Perhaps a little expensive?

French Winawer
by Neil McDonald
144 pages, £14.99

Another in the series of straightforward introductions to a fashionable (and also ancient) opening.

Strategy and tactics are explained in a clear and concise manner, using 48 illustrative games and up-to-date references. Whilst a strong CC player would need to supplement this book with a more in-depth analysis and games database, this provides a useful quick reference.

Modern Defence
by Speelman & McDonald
160 pages, £14.99

Divided into two parts, the first with e4/d4 and the second d4/c4, this book uses 59 illustrative games to guide you how to play the Modern Defence.

Whilst it does not provide in-depth detailed analysis, it describes basic elements, strategies and tactics.

**Easy Guide to the
Nge2 King's Indian**
by Forintos & Haag
128 pages, £12.99

This variation, known as the Hungarian Attack, is identified from White's 5 Nge2 with the idea of it being positioned on g3 to support an advancing f-pawn.

For those (like me!) who have had some problems in finding a really effective way of gaining an initiative against the KI Defence, this concept has much to commend it.

There are 15 chapters, each covering specific variations of an opening which is described as "a potentially sound system which offers White attacking chances against the black King."

These well-respected Hungarian authors have written another good and very interesting book.

Archangel and New Archangel
by Panczyk with Emms
160 pages, £12.99

This covers two dynamic systems to counter the Ruy Lopez.

The first 8 chapters written by the Polish IM deal with the Archangel Variation (Black playing 6 ... Bb7). In the final two chapters, John Emms deals with the New Archangel (6 ... Bc5) where the black white-squared Bishop retains the option of development on the c8/h3 diagonal.

The final chapter by Emms covers the Møller Defence (5 ... Bc5) where Black also defers the b5 pawn advance, which rules out an early White a4 thrust.

Variations are well annotated, with up-to-date references and a good reference index.

Batsford Chess Books

The Art of the King's Indian
by Edward Gufeld
221 pages, £14.99

Using 82 games examples from the main variations of the King's Indian, this famous chess author has produced another compact but extensive coverage of this famous opening.

Edward Gufeld is a top King's Indian specialist and here he demonstrates its arts and secrets.

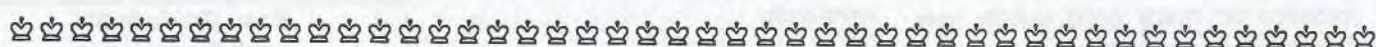
Unlike some of the opening books already reviewed here, this one contains much more explanation and commentary, which is refreshing and useful.

Modern Chess Openings
by Nick De Firmian
708 pages, £19.99

One of the principal standard openings reference works, which has been updated in this latest tome of over 700 pages!

IM Nick de Firmian, three-times US Champion, is a renowned expert on opening theory.

Presented with the usual vertical column variations for the first 10-20 moves, the only weakness is the usual exclusion of ECO or NIC referencing!



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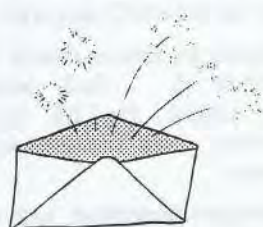
Excellent value! £28 for eight issues in 2000

Startling Correspondence Chess Miniatures
by Tim Harding
128 pages, £11.99

Chess Mail has published its first book, with this nice collection of 100 entertaining and instructive short games, selected from the wealth of opening and middle game tactical masterpieces played by post or Email.

None of the games exceed 25 moves and are arranged under 10 different "themes". A little surprisingly, I could not find any games played by Scottish CCA players?! There is one by Muir, but it is Walter not Andrew, and none of Bryson's or Kilgour's short games.

Available directly from Chess Mail Limited or Chess Suppliers (Scotland).



Readers' Letters

We'd be pleased to hear from you with your views and suggestions about the Association. Letters will be published in the Magazine, with appropriate responses, for the interest of all members/subscribers.

ChessBase 7 (Part 6) : A review by Bernard Milligan

I had planned to return to highlighting some of ChessBase 7's functions for this issue but as I sat down to think about it I received news that ChessBase 8 is due out at the end of August/beginning of September. I have therefore decided to leave that until next issue when I can start letting you know about the latest features on this top class software.

In the meantime, if you have any questions on ChessBase products, then you can post a message on our Message Board at our Website and I will answer them ASAP. For those of you who don't yet have access to the Web, then either drop me a note or give me a call. If I don't know the answer I will find out and get back to you.

Instead for this issue I will again let you know about some of the new CD's from ChessBase since our last Magazine.

On the playing program front Deep Junior and Young Talents have appeared. *Deep Junior* is an enhanced version of Junior 6 designed to run on dual processor machines and will therefore produce a significant improvement in performance. I have difficulty trying to keep up with the single processor version, but for connoisseurs this is the one to go for.

Young Talents looks identical to Fritz 6 since it uses the same interface, but has seven different chess engines to choose from. A new generation of programmers, each with their own style, have written the engines and the playing style can vary quite a lot compared to Fritz and friends. The engines on the CD are: -

GOLIATH LIGHT (Michael Borgstädt), GROMIT 3.1 (Frank Schneider and Kai Skibbe), IKARUS V0.18 (Munjong and Muntsin Kolß), PATZER 3.11 (Roland Pfister), PHALLANX XXII (Dusan Dobes), SOS (Rudolf Huber), and AnMon 5.07 (Christian Barreteau)

Most players should find one of these engines which they will enjoy playing against. It is also worthwhile simply changing them every

time you decide to have a game. After all, how often do you have to play against different styles when playing against human opponents?

The Opening experts have been busy with three new additions. Rainer Knaak has produced "Trompowski Attack" whilst Knut Neven has produced "French with 3. Nc3" and Dorian Rogozenko has produced "Sveshnikov Sicilian".

The *Trompowski Attack* has a database of 6000 games as well as a smaller database containing training questions. This opening (1 d4 Nf6 2 Bg5) seems to be increasing in popularity amongst a number of correspondence players. I know of a few who like to get the Bishop to g5 as soon as possible. The author deals with the opening from White's point of view, the database texts giving clear explanations of the most important and critical positions. Even if you don't intend to play this as White, the CD should help you get an idea of what your opponent is up to when you face this opening.

The *French with 3 Nc3* covers a much larger subject, with the author covering all variations after 1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3. The main database contains over 44,000 games and over 1000 of these are annotated.

Through the use of 15 database tests the author explains the most important variations, themes and plans. Good links allow you to immediately play through relevant sample games. The CD also has a theme key, a large variation tree and a database with training tasks.

The author of the *Sveshnikov Sicilian* (1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 e5) believes the opening is easy to learn and sets about proving this with a thorough investigation involving some 27 chapters. Of the 12,000 games database more than half have been played in the last six years so this is cutting edge stuff! Again, the CD contains a training database, so I wouldn't be surprised if I saw a few more Sveshnikovs in the Games Column.

As Jim Anderson can testify, I have a knack of completely messing up endgames. With this in mind I was delighted to see Evgeniy Solozhenkin bring out "Opposite Coloured Bishop Endgames". Apart from the theory of elementary endgames with opposite-coloured Bishops, the CD deals with the fascinating variations which can arise if Queen, Rook or Knight are added on both sides.

The CD has 30 texts and more than 150 sample games.

The Russian Grandmaster systematically examines the important criteria for the treatment of these endgames. Topics answered include: -

- When does a positional advantage guarantee victory despite material equality?
- Why can the stronger side not win although one is more pawns up?
- How relevant are factors like an exposed King, the possession of the seventh rank or a central square?
- Which pawn structure requires which strategy?
- How to profit most from a passed pawn?

Then finally you can sweat it out and check your freshly acquired knowledge in 17 selected test games playing against the clock.

An example of an opposite coloured Bishops test position, involving Rooks, from the CD, is as follows: -



In this position the solution lies in the fact that White has a queenside pawn majority. The next move is therefore b4 b5. The game contains a further three test positions



NYMAN

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V WORLD CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 1965-1968

This tournament was a smashing victory for Berliner. To win by a margin of three points against this field was nothing short of astounding. It is interesting to note that a mere three and one half points separated places 2 through 11, an indication of how hard fought these places were. Nyman's result can only be described as a disappointment, after the fourth place he obtained in the previous final. (See crosstable at the end of this article)

Borisenko,G - Nyman,S [A56]

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[Notes by ICCM Allan Savage]

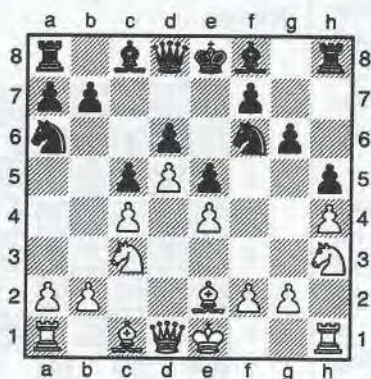
1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.♗c3 d6 5.e4 g6 6.♗e2

This variation was a favourite of Herman Pilnik who played it frequently in the 1950s.

6...♗a6

[Maderna-Najdorf, Argentina, 1955, went 6...♗g7 7.h4 h5 8.f3 ♗a6 9.♗h3 ♗c7 10.♗f2 a6 11.a4 ♖b8 12.a5 but Black failed to equalize.]

7.h4 h5 8.♗h3



8...♗xh3!?

While this type of blocked position often favours the Knights over Bishops, Black will miss this Bishop later. Black's only pawn breaks are at f5 and b5, which are light squares that White will now find easier

to control. Therefore, after the exchange of Black's light-squared Bishop, all realistic winning chances in this position remain with White. It is no wonder that this defence is a rare choice today among players of the black pieces. Stahlberg-Pilnik, Beverwijk, 1958, saw the ♗xh3 idea too, but the dark-squared Bishops had been exchanged by 8. ♗g5 ♗h6 (a good idea for Black) 9. ♗xh6 ♖xh6 10. ♗d2 ♖h8 11. ♗h3 ♗xh3 12. ♖xh3 ♗c7 13. f3, again with White having all the chances.

9.♖xh3 ♗c7 10.♗b3 ♗c8 11.♗g5 ♗h7

Berliner suggested 11...♗d7 keeping the future option of trading the dark-squared Bishop by ♗h6.

12.♗d2 ♗g7 13.0-0-0 b6 14.♖g1 ♗f6 15.f3 ♗d7 16.♖hh1 0-0-0 17.g4 ♗e8 18.a4 ♗b7

Black can only sit still and wait while White expands on both sides of the board. This is a direct result of the exchange on move 8.

19.a5 ♖b8 20.g5

Even stronger was 20.♗a4 ♗a8!? 21.♗a3 with the idea of b4 to follow.

20...♗d7 21.♗a4 ♗f8 22.♗d1! ♗xa4 23.♗xa4 a6 0-1

Borisenko withdrew from the tournament and his opponent was awarded the game. White retains a big advantage, which Berliner called "likely winning". He will play ♗c6+, axb6, ♗a4, and then post his Rooks at a1 and b1, breaking with b2-b4 if necessary.

Nyman,S - Ericson,A [C27]

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1.e4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗f6 3.♗c4 ♗xe4 4.♗h5 ♗d6 5.♗b3 ♗e7

Black declines the invitation to play the Frankenstein-Dracula Variation 5...♗c6 6.♗b5 g6 7.♗f3 f5 8.♗d5 ♗e7 9.♗xc7+ ♗d8 10.♗xa8 b6, a wild continuation frequently employed in correspondence play. The text move, on the other hand, has the reputation of leading to quiet positions with little edge for White.

6.♗f3 0-0?!

More common is 6...♗c6 as in Nielsen-Nyman from this same 5th WC. The drawback to the text move is that it allows a sharp Kingside attack which attempts to exploit White's aggressively posted pieces.

7.♗xe5

The move 7.h4! would initiate the aforementioned attack. At the time of the 5th WC, this move was known from previous games Klamann-Nezhmetdinov, Baku, 1951, and Mosionzhik-Maslov, Leningrad, 1962, but after 7...♗c6 8.♗g5 h6 they continued 9.♗ce4 and 9.d3 respectively, White obtaining no clear advantage.; It wasn't until later (Gufeld-Tarve, Tallin, 1969) that 9.♗g6! was discovered, forcing

9...♗xg5 10.hxg5 ♖xg5 11.♖xg5 hxg5 and after 12.♗d5 White recovers the pawn with advantage. Shamkovich has also suggested 9.♗d5!? in this line.

7...♗f6! 8.0-0 g6 9.♖e2 ♗c6!

This move controls d4 and was much better than 9...♗e8? played in Nielsen-Ericson from this tournament, which continued 10.f4! ♗c6 11.♖f2! with clear advantage for White (Nielsen) 11...♗f8 12.d4 with an imposing central bind.

10.♗f3

After the text, 10.f4 could be met by 10...♗d4.

10...♗e8 11.♖d1 ♗a5

Black now has the edge as White's forces have been driven back and Black obtains the two Bishops. This position was also reached in Nielsen-Nyman, also from this event (note Nyman was Black!) though it arose from a different move order. That game continued 12.d3, but Black still retained a clear advantage.

12.♗d5 ♗g7 13.d3 ♗xb3 14.axb3 b6 15.♗g5 f6 16.♗d2 ♗b7 17.♗f4 f5 18.c3 a5 19.♗e1 ♖f6 20.♗e3 ♗f7 21.d4

After 21.♗d4 ♖d6 22.♗xg7 ♗xg7 (22...♖xf4 is also better for Black) 23.♗h3 Black also retains a big advantage. The text contests e5 but weakens e4 and the light squares.

21...♗h6 22.♗c1?



Possible was 22.♗d3 though after 22...♗xe3 23.♗xe3 (or 23.fxe3) 23...♗xe3 24.fxe3 Black's permanent control of e4 assures him the advantage.

22...♗xf3 23.gxf3 ♗xe1+?

According to Berliner in the tournament book, Black would obtain a winning advantage with 23...♗xf4 24.♗xf4 g5 25.♗d2 (?) 25...f4 followed by bringing the Knight to h4. Berliner also mentions here that 25.♗xc7 is met by ♖c6, but it seems to me that after 26.♗e5 (now 26...d6 is met by 27. d5), Black has no real advantage! A better try after 25. ♗xc7 is ♗xe1+ 26. ♖xe1 ♖c6 27. ♗e5 and now ♖xf3 (27... ♗e8 28. ♖d1 ♗xe5 29. dxe5 ♗xe5 30. ♖d4 =). Then it looks like White should play 28. ♖d1! and may only be slightly worse. If instead 28. ♖e3?! ♖xe3 29. fxe3 ♗xe5 (29...d6! 30. ♗g3 ♗e8 31. ♗f2 should hold in spite of appearances) 30. dxe5 ♗f7! (30... ♗e8 31. ♗d1 =) 31.♗d1 ♗e6 32. ♗d6+ ♗xe5 33. ♗xb6 a4, with some

advantage for Black, but reasonable drawing chances. Instead of Berliner's idea or the move played in the game, Fritz 5 suggests 23...c6 24. ♗e3 d5 with the idea of ♗a7-e7 with a clear advantage for Black. I have to agree that this looks like the correct continuation.

24.♖xe1 ♗g5 25.♗g2 ♗xf3?

With the text move, Black embarks on a speculative sacrificial sequence that only promises vague chances. Instead, Black might retain a small advantage after 25...c6. Unfortunately, the try 25...♗e6 is impossible due to 26.♗xe6 ♗xc1 27.♗xc7!

26.♗xf3 ♖h4 27.♖g1 ♖e7 28.h3!

White prepares to hide his King at h2. This is the key to the defence.

28...g5 29.♗g2



29...f4??

This attempts to tie up White's pieces, but it is a blunder. In truth, Black is lost anyway - he has insufficient compensation for the material and his King is badly placed on the g-file. For example 29...♗e8 30.♗g3! ♖d6+ 31.f4!; or 29...♗h8 30.♖e1.

30.♗xf4! ♗f8 31.♖g4??

Nobody (players nor annotators) seems to have noticed that 31.h4! wins outright in all variations. The text returns the piece, banking on Black's weak f-pawn.

31...♗h8 32.♗d2 ♖f7 33.c4 gxf4 34.d5 ♗g7 35.♗e1 ♗xb2 36.♗e4 ♗g8 37.♗xf4 ♖e8?

It appears that Black can draw with 37...♗xg4 38.♗xf7 ♗g7 39.♗f8+ ♗g8 40.♗xg8+ ♗xg8 followed by c6. Perhaps he was still playing for a win.

38.♖f5 a4??

Berliner suggested 38...♗g7! with the idea of ♗f8. This appears to lead to a drawn Bishop ending, similar to the line given above.

39.bxa4 d6 40.♖f7! ♖xa4 41.♗g4 ♖d1+

Now the endgame after 41...♖e8 42.♗xg8+ ♖xg8 43.♖xg8+ ♗xg8 44.♗g5 ♗d4! 45.♗g3! (45.♗d8 ♗f7 46.♗xc7 ♗e7 loses the Bishop) would be lost, as careful analysis proves the acceptance of the f-pawn is too strong.

42.♔g3 ♖g1+ 43.♗h4 ♖xg4+ 44.hxg4 ♖h2+ 45.♔g5 ♖e5+ 46.♖f5 ♖e8 47.♗h4 ♔g7 48.f4 h6 49.♖e6 ♖a4 50.♗h5 ♖c2 51.♗e1

Black has no defence to the twin threats of the f-pawn advance and bringing the white King to g6, with resulting mating threats or a winning endgame. For example, if 51... ♖h2+ 52. ♗h4 ♗h7 53. ♖e4+ ♔g8 54. ♔g6! or if 51... ♖h7 52. ♖e8+ ♖g8 53. ♖xg8+ ♗xg8 54. ♔g6 followed by f5-f6.

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Nyman enjoyed attending the ICCF Congresses with his wife, Svea, especially in the 1980s. Here, top left to right, are Nyman, his good friend Harry Ahman, on the bottom, Erik Bang and World CC Champion Zagorovsky.

Here are Sture's remaining games from the V World Correspondence Chess Championship:

Berliner,H – Nyman,S [A56]

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1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.♗c3 d6 5.e4 g6 6.♗d3 ♔g7 7.♗ge2 0-0 8.f3 ♗a6 9.h4 ♗c7 10.♔g5 h6 11.♗e3 ♗d7 12.♖d2 ♗h7 13.h5 g5 14.a3 b6 15.g4 ♗g8 16.b4 ♗h8 17.♗f2 ♖f6 18.♔g2 ♖fb8 19.♖hb1 ♖d8 20.♖a2 ♖c8 21.♗c2 ♗f8 22.♖ab2 ♗e8 23.♖d3 ♗gf6 24.♗g3 ♗g8 25.♗f2 f6 26.♗f5 ♗e7 27.♗e3 ♖c7 28.♖d1 ♗h7 29.♗a4 ♗c8 30.♗f5 ♗g7 31.bxc5 ♗xa4 32.cxb6 ♖xc4 33.♗xa4 axb6 34.♖b4 ♖c7 35.♗xg7 ♗xg7 36.♖b3 b5 37.♗c3 ♗a7 38.♗xb5 ♗xb5 39.♖xb5 ♖xb5 40.♖xb5 ♖c2 41.♖b4 ♖a2 42.♖d7 ♖xa3 43.♖b7 ♖g8 44.♖e7 ♖a8 45.♖d7 ♖f8 46.♖e6 1-0

Hybl,J – Nyman,S [A70]

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1.d4 ♗f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♗c3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♗f3 g6 7.♗f4 ♔g7 8.♖a4+ ♗d7 9.♖b3 ♖c7 10.e4 0-0 11.♗e2 a6 12.e5 ♗h5 13.exd6 ♖c8 14.♗e3 b5 15.a4 c4 16.♖a3 bxa4 17.♗d2 ♗b5 18.♖c1 ♗d7 19.♗xc4 f5 20.♗xb5 axb5 21.♗b6 ♖d8 22.♗xa8 ♖xa8 23.0-0 f4 24.♗xb5 fxe3 25.♗xd7 exf2+ 26.♗h1 ♖xd5 27.♗xa4 ♗xb2 28.♖b3 ♖xb3 29.♗xb3+ ♗h8 30.♖c2 ♗d4 31.d7 ♗f6 32.♗a4 ♗g7 33.♖c8 1-0

Husak,K – Nyman,S [C67]

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1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 ♗f6 4.0-0 ♗xe4 5.d4 ♗e7 6.♖e2 ♗d6 7.♗xc6 bxc6 8.dxe5 ♗b7 9.♗c3 0-0 10.♖e1 ♗c5 11.♗d4 ♗e6 12.♗e3 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4 c5 14.♗e3 d5 15.exd6 ♗xd6 16.f4 ♖h4 17.♗d5 ♗e6 18.g3 ♖h3 19.c4 ♖fe8 20.b3 ♗xd5 21.cxd5 ♖e4 22.♖d2 a5 23.♖ac1 ♖f5 24.♖c4 ♖xc4 25.bxc4 ♖e4 26.♖c3 ♖b8 27.♗f2 a4 28.♗c1 ♖f5 29.♖e2 h5 30.♗b2 f6 31.♖c2 ♖h3 32.♔g1 ♖g4 33.♗f2 ♖h3 34.♔g1 ♖g4 35.♗c1 h4 36.♔g2 ♗f7 37.♖e4 ♖h8 38.♖e6+ ♖xe6 39.dxe6+ ♗e7 40.g4 g6 41.♗h3 ♖b8 42.f5 g5 43.♖c2 ♗e5 44.♗a3 ♗d4 45.♔g2 ♖b1 46.♖c1 ♖b8 47.h3 ♗d6 48.♖d1 ♗c6 49.♗f3 ♖b7 50.♗e2 ♖b8 51.♗d3 ♗d6 52.♖e1 ♗f2 53.♖e2 ♗d4 54.♗c2 c6 55.♖e1 ♖a8 56.♖e4 ♗e5 57.♗b2 ♗xb2 58.♗xb2 ♗e7 59.♖e1 ♖b8+ 60.♗c3 a3 61.♖d1 ♖b7 62.♖d2 ♗e8 63.♗c2 ♖b4 64.♗c1 ♖xc4+ 65.♖c2 ♖f4 66.♖c3 ♖f2 67.♖xa3 ♖h2 68.♖a8+ ♗e7 69.♖a7+ ♗e8 70.♖f7 ♖h1+ 71.♗d2 ♖h2+ 72.♗e3 ♖xh3+ 73.♗e4 ♖g3 74.♖xf6 h3 75.♖g6 1-0

Zagorovsky,V – Nyman,S [C89]

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1.e4 e5 2.♗f3 ♗c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♗f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 ♗xd5 10.♗xe5 ♗xe5 11.♖xe5 c6 12.♗xd5 cxd5 13.d4 ♗d6 14.♖e3 ♖h4 15.h3 g5 16.♖f3 ♗e6 17.♖f6 ♖fe8 18.♗d2 ♖f4 19.♖xf4 ♗xf4 20.♖e1 ♗xh3 21.♗f3 ♖xe1+ 22.♗xe1 ♗xc1 23.♖xc1 ♗f5 24.♗c2 ♗xc2 25.♖xc2 ♖e8 26.♗f1 h5 27.♖c1 f6 ½-½

Nyman,S – De Carbonnel,H [B16]

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♗c3 dxe4 4.♗xe4 ♗f6 5.♗xf6+ gxf6 6.♗f3 ♗f5 7.♗c4 ♖c7 8.♖e2 ♔g7 9.♗b3 ♔g6 10.♗d2 a5 11.a4 ♗d7 12.♗h4 f5 13.0-0-0 ♗f6 14.♗xg6 hxg6 15.g3 b5 16.axb5 a4 17.♗a2 a3 18.bxa3 ♖xa3 19.♖c4 0-0 20.♗b3 c5 21.♗b4 ♖a1+ 22.♗b2 ♗xd4+ 23.♖xd4 ♖xh1 24.♖h4 ♖a7 25.♗a3 ♖a5 26.♖f4 ♖e1 27.♖h8+ ♗xh8 28.♖h6+ ♗g8 29.♖xg6+ ½-½

Nyman,S – Abramson,M [B28]

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1.e4 c5 2.♗f3 a6 3.c3 ♗f6 4.e5 ♗d5 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 e6 7.♗c3 ♗xc3 8.bxc3 ♖c7 9.♖c2 d6 10.♗d3 ♗d7 11.exd6 ♗xd6 12.a4 h6 13.0-0 b6 14.♗a3 ♗b7 15.♗e4 ♗xe4 16.♖xe4 0-0 17.♖fc1 ♗xa3 18.♖xa3 ♖d6 19.♖b3 ♖fc8 20.♖cb1 ♖a7 21.♗e5 ♖ac7 22.♖e3 ♗xe5 23.dxe5 ♖c5 24.♖xc5 ♖xc5 25.♖xb6 ♖xe5 26.f4 ♖a5 27.♖b8 ♖ac5 28.♖xc8+ ♖xc8 29.g3 ♖xc3 30.♖b6 ♖c2 31.♖xa6 ♖a2 32.♖a8+ ♗h7 33.♖a7 ♗g6 34.♖a5 f5 35.♖a6 ♖e2 36.h3 ♗f6 37.♗f1 ♖e4 38.♗f2 g5 39.♗f3 h5 40.fxg5+ ♗xg5 41.h4+ ♗f6 42.♖a8 ♗e5 43.a5 ♖a4 44.a6 ♖a3+ 45.♗g2 ♗e4 46.a7 ♖a2+ 47.♗h3 ♗f3 ½-½

Nyman,S – Endzelins,L [C28]

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1.e4 e5 2.♗c3 ♗f6 3.♗c4 ♗c6 4.d3 ♗b4 5.♗f3 d6 6.0-0 ♗xc3 7.bxc3 0-0 8.♗g5 ♖e7 9.h3 ♗e6 10.♗b3

d8 11.d4 h6 12.h4 g5 13.dxe5 dxe4 14.d4 d5
 15.dxd5 dxc3 16.dxc3 dxd5 17.dg3 d6 18.d4
 d5 19.dxc5 dxc5 20.d5 d4 21.dfd1 d7 22.d4
 d6 23.d3 d8 24.c3 d7 25.dxd7 dxd7 26.d1
 d5 27.d5 dxd5 28.dxd5 d6 29.d1 d6 30.d2
 d8 31.c4 c6 32.d6 d5 33.d3 d6 34.d6 d5
 35.d4 b6 36.f3 d6 37.d2 d7 38.d7 c5+ 39.d3
 d7 40.d5 d6 41.d8 a6 42.a4 d6 43.d7 b5
 44.d5 d6 45.d6 d6 46.d5 d7 47.g3 d6
 0-1

Nielsen,J - Nyman,S [C27]

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1.e4 e5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 dxe4 4.d5 d6 5.d3
 d7 6.d3 d6 7.dxe5 0-0 8.0-0 g6 9.d2 d6
 10.d3 d8 11.d1 d5 12.d3 dxb3 13.dxb3 b6
 14.d4 d5 15.d5 d6 16.dxf6+ dxf6 17.c3 d7
 18.d5 d6 19.d1 d7 20.b4 a6 21.d2 dxe1+
 22.dxe1 d8 23.d4 d6 24.d2 f6 25.d2 d5
 26.d3 d6 27.f3 dxe3 28.dxe3 d5 1/2-1/2

Nyman,S - Richter,J [B41]

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1.e4 c5 2.d3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.dxd4 a6 5.c4 d6
 6.d3 d4 7.d2 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.d2 d7 10.f4 d5
 11.e5 d7 12.cxd5 exd5 13.0-0 d5 14.d3 dxd3
 15.dxd3 d5+ 16.d1 d7 17.d1 d8 18.f5 dxe5
 19.d3 f6 20.dxd5 d8 21.dxf6 d7 22.d4 gxf6
 23.dxf6+ d8 24.d6 d8 25.d5 d8 26.d4 d7
 27.d5 dxf5 28.d3 d4 29.d4 d6 30.d1 d6
 31.d7 d6 32.dxf6 dxf6 33.d4 d7 34.d1 d8
 35.dxd8 dxd8 36.d3 d4 37.d6+ d7 38.dxd4
 dxd6 39.dxd8 dxd2+ 40.dxd2 dxe1 41.d6 d6
 42.d3 d2+ 43.d3 d5 44.d4 d4 45.d8 b5
 46.d3 d3+ 0-1

Rokhlin,Y - Nyman,S [A62]

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1.d4 d6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.d3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.g3
 g6 7.d2 d7 8.d3 0-0 9.0-0 d4 10.h3 dxf3
 11.dxf3 d7 12.d2 b5 13.e4 b4 14.d1 d5 15.a4
 d6 16.d1 d7 17.d2 d8 18.d1 d8 19.d3
 d7 20.d2 a5 21.f3 d6 22.d2 d7 23.g4 d5
 24.d4 dxc4 25.dxc4 d7 26.d3 d5 27.d5
 d8 28.d6 d8 29.d1 d6 30.d2 d4 31.d1
 d3 32.d1 d4 33.d2 d8 34.b3 f5 35.f4 d6
 36.e5 dxe5 37.d2 d3 38.fxe5 dxe5 39.d2 d7
 40.d3 d6 1-0

Nyman,S - Altshuler,R [C55]

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1.e4 e5 2.d3 d6 3.d4 d6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 d6
 6.0-0 d6 7.d5 d7 8.dxe7 dxe7 9.exd6 dxd6
 10.d1+ d6 11.h3 d6 12.d5 d8 13.c3 0-0
 14.dxe6 dxe6 15.dxe6 fxe6 16.dxd4 dxd4 17.cxd4
 d8 18.dxe6 dxd4 19.d3 d2 20.d1 d8
 21.dxe8+ dxe8 22.d1 d7 23.d2 dxe2 24.dxe2
 d6 25.f3 d5 26.d2 d6 27.b3 d5 28.d4 d4
 29.d6 d3 30.dxd7 dxa2 31.d6 dxb3 32.f4 a5
 33.g4 a4 34.d5+ d4 0-1

Nyman,S - Stern,W [C17]

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.d3 d4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 d5 6.b4
 cxd4 7.d4 d7 8.d5 d7 9.dxd7 d8 10.d7 a6
 11.dxc7+ dxc7 12.d2 d7 13.h4 d4 14.d2 d7
 15.dxd4 dxc2 16.d5 d5 17.d3 dxd4 18.dxd4
 d6 19.d1 dxe5+ 20.d3 d4 21.f3 dxf3 22.dxf3
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 d5 30.d4 d4 31.d5+ d7 32.d3+ d4 33.d3
 d6 34.d4 d7 35.d3 d4 36.d3+ d5 37.d2
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Nyman,S - Estrin,Y [B83]

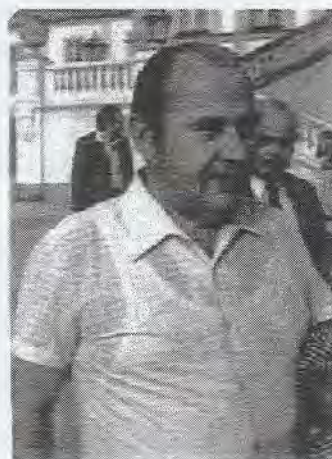
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 31.bxc4 d3 32.d2 d7 33.d7 d7 34.d2 d7
 35.d7 d7 36.dxe4 d5 37.d7+ dxe7 38.g3 d1+
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Messere,K - Nyman,S [C55]

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 d8 19.a3 d6 20.d3 d8 21.d2 g6 22.d3 d6
 23.d3 d6 24.d1 d8 25.d5 d6 26.d2 d6
 27.dxc6 d6 28.d5 c6 29.d5 h6 30.d3 d7
 31.d3 d7 32.g4 fxd4 33.dxd4 d7 34.d4 g5
 35.fxd5 hxd5 36.d5 g4 37.d1 d8 38.d6 1-0



Nyman the tourist.

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2	Hybl	½	◆	1	0	½	1	1	0	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	11
3	Husak	½	0	◆	0	½	0	1	1	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
4	Zagorovsky	½	1	1	◆	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	0	½	½	1	10
5	deCarbonnel	0	½	½	½	◆	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	½	½	10
6	Abramson	0	0	1	½	½	◆	1	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	½	9½
7	Endzelins	½	0	0	½	½	0	◆	½	1	1	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	9
8	Nielsen	0	1	0	0	½	0	½	◆	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	½	1	9
9	Richter	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	◆	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	0	7½
10	Rokhlin	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	◆	½	½	1	½	0	1	1	7½
11	Altshuler	0	0	½	0	½	½	1	0	½	½	◆	0	1	1	0	1	1	7½
12	Stem	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	½	1	◆	0	½	1	1	1	7
13	Estrin	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	½	0	0	1	◆	0	1	1	1	6
14	Messere	0	0	0	1	0	½	0	0	0	½	0	½	1	◆	0	1	1	5½
15	Ericson	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	½	1	1	0	0	1	◆	0	1	5
16	Nyman	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	◆	1	4
17	Borisenko	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	2½



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No	Board 1 : Tom Craig	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	Felber, R Austria-2 2369	◆		0	1	½	0	0	½	½	
2	Esses, M CAPA2/ARG 2350		◆	½	1	1		½	1	½	
3	Leko, P Szeged/HUN 2694	1	½	◆	½	½		0		½	
4	Alvarez Villar, H CITEFA/ARG 2321	0	0	½	◆	½	½	½	½	0	2½
5	de Groot, A NBC-1/NLD 2454	½	0	½	◆	1	0	1	½	4	
6	Craig, TJ Scotland-A 2425	1			½	0	◆	½	½	½	
7	Pankratov, V Russia-1 2500	1	½	1	½	1	½	◆	1	1	6½
8	Wang, Mong Lin Singapore 2511	½	0		½	0	½	0	◆	½	
9	Brueckner, J Rochade/GER 2442	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	½	◆	4

No	Board 3 : Doug Finnie	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	Schmidt, W Austria-2 2308	◆	½	½	1	0	0	0	0	½	2½
2	Frank, M CAPA2/ARG 2315	½	◆	½	½	0	0	0	½	0	2
3	Berecz, A Szeged/HUN 2405	½	½	◆	1	½	½	0	½	½	4
4	Fernandez, JH CITEFA/ARG 2317	0	½	0	◆	½	½	0	0		
5	van Wieringen, C NBC-1/NLD 2411	1	1	½	½	◆	½	½	½	½	5
6	Finnie, DS Scotland-A 2377	1	1	½	½	◆	½	½	½	1	5½
7	Romanov, S Russia-1 2529	1	1	1	1	½	½	◆	½	½	6
8	Tay, J Singapore 2200	1	½	½	1	½	½	½	◆	½	5
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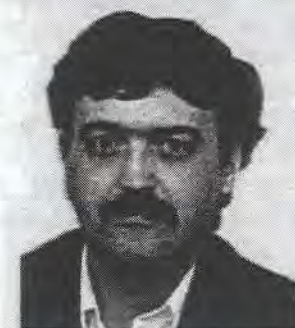
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1	Patocka, F Austria-2 2371	◆	0	½	½	1	0	½	1	½	4
2	Taboada, P CAPA2/ARG 2441	1	◆	½		1				0	
3	Gyimesi, Z Szeged/HUN 2529	½	½	◆	1	1	0	½	½	0	4
4	Gimenez, DM CITEFA/ARG 2385	½		0	◆	1	1	0	½	½	
5	Eveleens, W NBC-1/NLD 2411	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0
6	Giulian, PM Scotland-A 2394	1		1	0	1	◆		1	½	
7	Pankratov, A Russia-1 2551	½		½	1	1		◆			
8	Kivisto, M Singapore 2296	0	0	½	½	1	0		◆	½	
9	Moessle, H Rochade/GER 2417	½	1	1	½	1	½		½	◆	

No	Board 4 : George Pyrich	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	Haika, G Austria-2 2200	◆	½	1	1	½	1	0	1	0	5
2	Domancich, E CAPA2/ARG 2290	½	◆	½	½	0	½	0	1	½	3½
3	Blazsik, Z Szeged/HUN 2245	0	½	◆	½	½			0	1	0
4	Lamas, DG CITEFA/ARG 2200	0	½	½	◆	½	½	0	1	½	3½
5	Pommerel, W NBC-1/NLD 2394	½	1	½	½	◆	½	½	1	½	5
6	Pyrich, GD Scotland-A 2377	0	½		½	½	◆	0	1	½	
7	Dolgov, IM Russia-1 2276	1	1	1	1	½	1	◆	1	1	7½
8	Livelo, JD Singapore 2200	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0
9	Schreiner, R Rochade/GER 2200	1	½	1	½	½	½	0	1	◆	5



GAMES SECTION

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Iain Mackintosh continues to do a first class job of maintaining the SCCA Web site. A number of previous game columns can now be viewed there and the games can also be downloaded for viewing in ChessBase.

George Pyrich continues to amaze me. With the amount of work he does for the SCCA and ICCF, I sometimes wonder how he manages to find the time to play top class chess and still find the extra time to annotate the games for us. Still be thankful for his devotion and enjoy the following encounter.

Reg Gillman Memorial, 1999

White: G D Pyrich

Black: D Nightingale

English Opening [A20]

[Annotator George Pyrich]

In some games the variations which aren't played are more interesting than those which are. The following is one such game.

1 c4 e5
2 g3

The move order favoured by Kosten in his "The Dynamic English"

2 c6
3 d4

Now we have a reversed Sicilian 2 c3 where White has the extra move 2 g3. I've long held the view that 2 f6 is Black's best against 2 c3 so maybe I should have played 3 f3 here.

3 exd4

3 ... b4+ 4 d2 dxd2+ 5 cxd2 d6 leads to an entirely different set-up.

4 cxd4 d5
5 cxd5 cxd5
6 d2 e6

Kosten gives only 6 f6

7 f3 c6
8 a4 c5

I'd expected 8 ... f6 when 9 c3 looks better for White, for example 9 ... b6 10 0-0 d5 11 c2 b4 12 a4+ d7 13 b3 0-0 14 a3 c6 15 bxb6 dxb6 16 d5±



Now we have a position similar to that in Tarrasch Defence where Black's easy development and active pieces compensate for the supposedly weak pawn at d5

9... h6

Another surprise. Maybe he could have saved a move with 9 ... g7 when 10 c3 0-0 11 d4 a6 (11 ... g6 12 d4 13 f4 14 g4 15 h5) 15 ... b5 16 d1 (16 c2 b6 should be O.K. for Black) 16 ... f4 17 g4 b4 18 d5 bxa3 19 c2 with 20 f5 to follow looks fine for White.

10 c3 g7

Again unexpected! After his previous, I thought he was playing 10 ... f6 when of course I can't play 11 d5. Instead 11 d4 0-0 12 ac1 (Maybe 12 d4) 12 ... c8 13 a3 is again about equal, although White has always to consider the aggressive pawn advance g5!?

11 d4

Instead 11 e5 looks to only help Black, e.g. 11 ... 0-0 12 xc6 bxc6 13 d4 g6 14 d4 b6.

11 a6

If 11 ... g6 then 12 d4 looks good for White (12 b5?! can't be good) 12 ... 0-0 (12 ... f4 13 g4 0-0 14 f5! is excellent for White) 13 d5 d5 14 e4 f4 15 g4 b3 16 b3 17 d5.

12 d4 0-0

12 ... g5?! 13 d5 b5 14 b3 e5 15 e5 must be good for White.

13 a3

13 e4? seems to only invite complications. 13 ... a7! (13 ... d4? 14 d8 e8 15 e4 dxa2). Instead 13 d2 b5 14 d1 a5 (14 ... b4 15 e4 d4 16 d8 e8 17 d2 f5) 15 e5 e5 16 e5 e8 looks comfortable for Black; whilst 13 d5?? walks into 13 ... d5 14 e4 b6.

13 c8

If 13 ... g6 then 14 e3 (maybe 14 e4!) 14 ... e8 15 d2 (15 e1 looks playable too, 15 ... f4 16 g4 e7 17 e5 d6 18 h5) 15 ... b5 16 d1 (16 c2 b6 should be O.K. for Black) 16 ... f4 17 g4 b4 18 d5 bxa3 19 c2 with 20 f5 to follow looks fine for White.

14 e5



I was reluctant to play this but the alternatives didn't look too good. 14 d2? g5! 15 d3 (15 d5 g4) 15 ...

♖xe3 16 ♜e3 ♘f5 17 e4 ♖b6+?; 14 e4 d4 looks a bit messy. However, 14.b4 looks better with hindsight; 14 ... ♖b6 15 ♘e4 ♘g6 16 ♘c5 ♘xf4 17 ♘xf4 ♖e7 18 ♖c1 (18 f5!?) 18 ... ♖xc5 19 ♖xc5 d4 offers chances for both sides; but 14 ♘e1 looks very unclear after 14 ... g5! (14 ... ♖e8 is more restrained!) 15 ♘d3 ♖a7 16 ♖d2 f5

14 d4

Now 14 ... g5? is clearly bad after 15 ♘xc6 ♖xc6 16 ♖e5 b5 17 ♖b3 d4 18 ♖c2 ♖f5 19 ♖d2; but 14 ... ♖e8 was what I'd expected. After 15 ♘xc6 ♖xc6 16 ♖d2 ♖c8 17 ♘xd5 ♘xd5 18 ♖xd5 ♖xd5 19 ♖xd5 ♖xe2 20 ♖d1 it's about equal; whilst 14 ... ♘e5 15 ♖xe5 ♖e8 16 ♖d4 is fine for White who would like to exchange the black-squared Bishops and then attack the d5 pawn.

15 ♘d3

15 ♘xc6 ♘xc6 16 ♘e4 ♖e7 only helps Black; as does 15 e3 ♖b6 16 exd4 ♖xd4 17 ♘xc6 ♘xc6.

15 ♖a7
16 ♘e4 ♘d5

16 ... ♘g6 allows 17 ♖d6 when one nice line is 17 ... ♖e8 18 ♖c5 ♖f5! 19 ♘d6 ♖xc5 20 ♘xb7 ♖b6 21 ♘bxc5 ♖xe2 22 ♖fe1 ♖xe1+ 23 ♖xe1 a5 24 ♖e4 ♖xe4 25 ♖xe4 and it's about equal.

17 ♖c1

Probably best as 17 ♖d2 leaves the Queen short of squares after 17 ... ♘b6! 18 ♖c2 ♘b4 19 ♖b1 ♘xd3 20 exd3 f5?; and 17 ♖d6 also looks bad. 17 ... ♖e8 18 ♖c5 b6 19 ♖b4 ♖b8! 20 ♖xa6 ♘dxb4 21 axb4 ♖d5 with strong compensation for the pawn; but 17 ♘d6 is unclear after 17 ... ♘xf4 18 ♘xc8 ♘xe2+ 19 ♖h1 ♖xc8 20 ♖fe1 ♖g4 21 f3 ♘xg3+ 22 h×g3 ♖f5 with two pawns for the exchange and attacking chances with the two Bishops against the weakened white King.

17 ♖g4

Now 17 ... ♘b6 18 ♖c2 ♘b4 19 ♖d2 is O.K. for White; as is 17 ... ♘xf4 18 ♘xf4 ♖e7 19 b4; but 17 ... ♖e8 is interesting. 18 ♘ec5 ♖xc5 (18 ... ♘xf4 19 ♘xf4 ♖xc5 20 ♖xc5

♖d7 21 ♖c2 ♖g4 22 ♖e1 ♖d6 23 b4 is probably good for White) 19 ♖xc5 with equal chances.

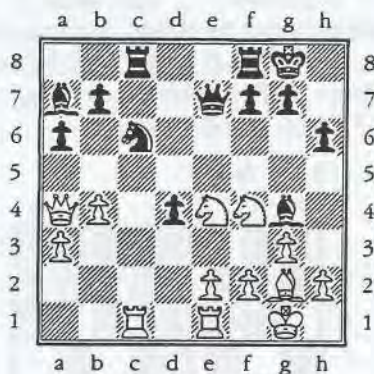
18 ♖fe1

18 ♘ec5? allows 18 ... ♖xe2 19 ♘xb7 ♖d7 20 ♘dc5 ♖xc5 21 ♘xc5 ♖f5?.

18 ♘xf4
19 ♘xf4 ♖e7

Protecting c5. Instead 19 ... ♖e8 20 h3 ♖e6 21 ♘c5 ♖xc5 22 ♖xc5±.

20 b4



20 ♘d5 was a better try 20 ... ♖e5 21 e3 ♖fd8? (21 ... ♖d7! 22 exd4 ♘xd4 23 ♖d1 ♖xc1 24 ♖xc1 ♖h8 25 ♘ec3 ♖f5 26 ♖f4 ♖c6 27 ♖xf5 ♘xf5 28 ♖e5 ♘d6 29 ♖e7) 22 exd4 ♖xd4 23 ♖c4 ♖d3 24 ♘ef6+ is winning for White!

20 ♖fd8

20 ... ♖fe8 was tricky as White has to mind his back rank e.g. 21 ♘c5 ♖xc5 22 ♖xc5 ♘e5 23 ♖ec1 ♖xc5 24 ♖xc5?? d3! 25 ♖c7 (25 exd3 ♘f3+ 26 ♖xf3 ♖e1+ 27 ♖g2 ♖h1+ 28 ♖h1 ♖xf3+ 29 ♘g2 ♖e1# is a nice mate) 25 ... dxe2-+.

21 ♘d3

Seems best as 21 ♘c5 is still risky. 21 ... ♖xc5 22 ♖xc5? d3 23 ♖xc6 d2 24 ♖d1 ♖xc6?.

21 ... ♘e5
22 ♘ec5

Better than 22 ♘xe5 ♖xc1 23 ♖xc1 ♖xe5?.

22 ♖xc5



I was unsure about 22 ... b6 when 23 ♘xe5 ♖xe5 24 ♘d3 ♖xc1 25 ♖xc1 ♖xe2 26 ♖xa6 is unclear! The a7 Bishop is "stuck" but the d4 might become a monster! 26 ... ♖f5 (26 ... ♖f3?? 27 ♖e1) 27 ♖xa7 ♖xd3 28 ♖xb6 ♖e8∞.

23 ♖xc5

Again 23 ♘c5 allows 23 ... b6 24 ♘b7 ♖xc1 25 ♖xc1 ♖d7 26 ♖xa6 d3 27 exd3 ♘f3+ 28 ♖xf3 ♖xf3 and it's all over!

23 ♘xd3

Now things just fizzle out

24 exd3 ♖xc5
25 ♖b4 ♖e8
26 ♖xb7

26 ♖b1? ♖b5!?

26 ♖xc1

If 26 ... ♖h3 simply 27 ♖a1 gives Black nothing.

27 ♖xc1 ♖f6

27 ... a5 comes to nothing after 28 ♖a4 ♖f5 29 ♖d5 ♖xd3 30 ♖xd4 ♖b5 (30 ... ♖xa3?? 31 ♖a1 wins!)

28 ♖e1
½ ½

With a draw offer which was accepted, instead 28 ♖e4?? ♖xe4! 29 dxe4 ♖f3 30 ♖b8+ ♖h7 31 ♖f4 ♖xf4 32 ♘xf4 d3 would have been a sad end!



The strange thing about editing the Games column is how often you feel a sense of déjà vu.

In the following game Jonathan mentions an unpleasant surprise at move 8. I have lost count of the number of times I have experienced that in the opening.

MN69

White: C J Lennox

Black: R Giese

Slav Defence [D15]

[Annotator C J Lennox]

Bernard, as you were sporting enough to publish our game, here is my most entertaining (if not enjoyable) game from MN69.

- 1 ♖f3 d5
- 2 c4 c6
- 3 d4 ♗f6
- 4 ♗c3 dxc4
- 5 ♗e5

I had played this before in OTB games, but this was my first CC opportunity.

- 5 b5
- 6 g3 e6
- 7 ♗g2 ♗d5
- 8 e4 ♗b4

This was an unpleasant surprise, with the tactical point 9 a3 ♗xd4! 8 ... ♗xc3 would have been similar to one of my previous games.

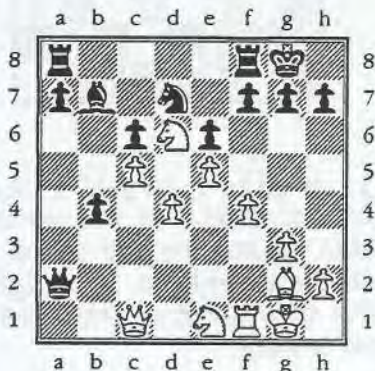
- 9 0-0 ♗d7

In this position I spent some time trying to make 10 ♗xc6 work, but without success.

- 10 ♗f3 ♗b7
- 11 e5 ♗d3
- 12 ♗e1 ♗xc1
- 13 ♗xc1 ♗b6
- 14 b3 ♗a3
- 15 bxc4

Already getting desperate!

- 15 ♗xc1
- 16 c5 ♗a5
- 17 ♗xc1 0-0
- 18 ♗e4 b4
- 19 f4 ♗xa2
- 20 ♗d6



Who was it who said that with a Knight on d6 or e6 you can go to sleep and let your game win itself?

- 20 ♗a6
- 21 ♗f2 ♗a4
- 22 f5 b3

I had anticipated 22 ... exf5 with some optimism, but after Black's next move I couldn't find a way to continue the attack.

- 23 f6 h6
- 24 ♗b2 ♗b4
- 25 ♗d2 ♗ab8

Unfortunately Black doesn't even need to defend c6, as 26 ♗xc6 can be met by either ♗xe5 or ♗xc5.

- 26 fxg7 ♗xg7
- 27 ♗e4 f6
- 28 ♗d3 ♗a4
- 29 ♗xa6 ♗xa6
- 30 ♗d3 fxg5
- 31 dxg5 ♗xc5
- 32 ♗f4

32 ♗f4, dreaming of the grand swindle 32 ... ♗a4 33 ♗b1 ♗xf4 34 gxf4 b2 35 ♗g2+ ♗f8 36 ♗g8+ ♗xg8 37 ♗g6+.

This would have nicely echoed the finish of my game with Nick Young from the 1975 Scottish OTB Championship, at Aberdeen, the game which made me Championship leader for 24 hours.



But back in reality, the actual conclusion was

- 32 ♗xf4
- 33 gxf4 ♗d3

Evidently it was my ♗d6 that went to sleep!



The following game helped Michael Jessing towards achieving second place in the 1999 Candidates cycle, earning him a well deserved place in the next Championship competition.

Hugh Flockhart plays a canny game of chess and kept Michael on his toes throughout the game.

SCCA Candidates 1999

White: H Flockhart

Black: M Jessing,

Sicilian Defence [B40]

[Annotator M Jessing]

- 1 e4 c5
- 2 ♗f3 e6
- 3 ♗d3

Kopec variation which I am not familiar with.

- 3 ♗c6
- 4 c3 ♗f6
- 5 ♗c2 d5.

5 ... ♗g4 not good because of doubled h-pawns after ♗d4 and ...f6 dubious, allowing scope for white Bishops.

- 6 e5 ♗d7
- 7 d4 cxd4
- 8 cxd4 ♗e7
- 9 ♗c3 a6
- 10 ♗e3 ♗b6
- 11 ♗d2 h5

I felt it was the only move to prevent the white Queen going to g4 or h5. It meant black queenside castling was likely.

- 12 f4 ♗h4+

Weakening White's kingside.

- 13 g3 ♗e7
- 14 0-0? ♗d7
- 15 f5 ♗c7
- 16 ♗f3



16 fxe6 is not good for White i.e. 16 fxe6 ♗xe6 17 ♖f3 0-0-0 18 ♗f5 ♗df8 19 ♖b3 g6 20 ♗d3 f5 21 ♖e2 ♖b4 22 ♗fc1 ♖xd3 23 ♖xd3 ♖c4 24 ♖d2 ♖d7 25 b3 ♖xe3 26 ♖xe3 ♖a5 27 ♖a4 ♗c8 28 ♗xc8 ♗xc8 29 ♖h6?

16 0-0-0
17 ♗fc1? ♗df8

Room for King. I was concerned about ♖a4 or a4 for White and the sacrifice of the white Bishop at a6.

18 a3 f6
19 b4 fxe5

A complex position in which I wanted counterplay quickly.

20 b5

On 20 dxe5 d4 21 b5 ♖xe5 22 ♖f1 dxe3 etc.

20 ♖xd4
21 ♗xd4 exd4
22 ♖a4 axb5

I chose not to play 22 ... ♗xb5 since 23 ♗d3 ♗c6 24 ♖xb6+ ♖xb6 25 ♗ab1 ♖a7 26 ♖e2 ♗f6 27 ♗xa6 ♖xa6 28 ♖xa6 bxa6 29 ♗xc6+ which I felt was unclear.

23 ♖xb6+ ♖xb6
24 ♗d3+ ♖d8
25 ♖e2 ♗g5
26 ♗cb1 ♗xf5
27 ♖f3 ♗e3+
28 ♖g2 ♗f7
29 ♗xb5 ♗xb5
30 ♖xb5 ♖xb5
31 ♗xb5 ♗hf8
32 ♖e5 ♗f2+
33 ♖h3



33 ♖h1 not as good as text after 33 ... ♗f1+ 34 ♗xf1 ♗xf1+ 35 ♖g2 ♗f2+ 36 ♖h1 ♖c7 37 a4 ♗d2 38 ♖f3 ♗d1+ 39 ♖g2 d3 40 ♗b2 d2 41 ♗c2+ ♖d6 42 a5 ♗g1+ 43 ♖xg1 d1♖.

33 g5
34 ♗h1 ♗d2
35 ♗xb7

35 g4 loses quickly to 35 ... h4 36 ♗hb1 ♗ff2.

35 ♗ff2
36 ♗h7 g4+
37 ♖xg4

Only move to avoid mate.

37 hxg4+
38 ♖xg4 d3
39 h4 ♗c2
40 ♗b7 d2
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David Cumming and Alan Armstrong seem to have taken opposing positions on the merits of the Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. After David's rebuttal in the last issue, I received the following game from Alan.

I am partial to the BDG myself but unless I am drastically short of material for the column, the BDG debate is now officially ended for the time being!

Scotland-CIF
White: A Armstrong
Black: A Stummerer

Blackmar-Diemer Gambit [B15]
[Annotator Alan Armstrong]

This game was played by e-mail at a not too hectic pace; the game on the other hand was...

1.d4 c6

2.♖c3 d5

Well my opponent might be playing a Caro-Kann, but I have news for him.....B.D.G

3 e4 dxe4

4 f3 exf3

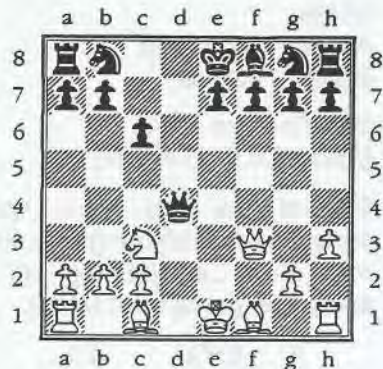
5 ♖xf3 ♗g4

6 h3

After this move, Black can opt to play the Bishop back, instead he decides to swap off the pieces.

6 ♗xf3

7 ♖xf3 ♖xd4



Black is now up by 2 pawns, can White recover? Yes, by developing and attacking at the same time.

8 ♗e3 ♖f6
9 ♖g3

Black would love to swap off the Queens, but that is not my poison.

9 e5
10 0-0-0

White has now reached a safe castled position, and has much more artillery at his disposal.

10 ♖d7
11 ♗c4

Eyeing up the weak f7 square, the rook on h1 will come to f1 and further embarrass the black Queen.

11 ♖h6
12 ♗hf1 ♖g6

This time I will oblige Black with the Queen swap, and then hack away the remnants of the defence.

13 ♖xg6 fxg6



13 ... hxg6 14 ♗xh6 gxh6 15 ♗xf7+ ♖e7 16 ♗xg6. In this variation, White regains the two pawns and gets the upper hand. 16 ... ♗g8 17 ♗f7+ ♖e6 forced as ♖d8 or e8 will lead to mate.

14 ♖xh6 g×h6
15 ♘e4

Now it starts to get very messy, the Knight on d7 is very vulnerable now. Black is still two pawns up, but the Bishop to e6 is too strong.

15 0-0-0?!
16 ♖e6

Followed by Knight to f6 Black will lose the piece or drop the pawns on h7, h6 and g6.

16 ♖c7

16 ... ♖e7 17 ♖f7 ♖he8 18 ♖x d7 ♖x d7 19 ♘f6 ♖x f6 20 ♖x d7+ ♖d8 21 ♖x e8 ♖e7 22 ♖x c6 bxc6 23 ♖x h7. Again White's position is much better.

17 ♖f7 ♖b6
18 ♖dxd7 0

Alfred decided enough was enough, and so another bloody victory for the B.D.G.



Oops, we did it again!!

Last edition, we managed to omit a page of the Games Column. Apologies to Bernard, to Phil Giulian, to Iain Mackintosh and Tom Thomson. We are reprinting the games in question below for your enjoyment

European Championship

White: P Giulian

Black: O Neuvonen

Old Indian [A53]

[Annotator - P Giulian]

1 d4 ♘f6
2 c4 d6
3 ♘c3 ♘bd7
4 e4 e5
5 d5?!

Not having faced this opening for about 15 years, I show my ignorance. Better is ♘f3, ♖e2 and 0-0 which gives White a clear edge.

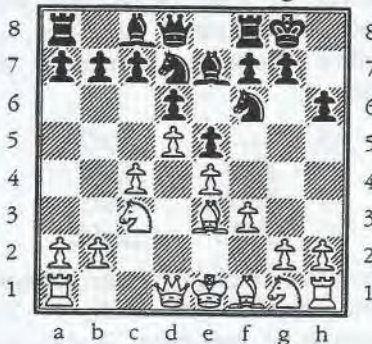
5 ... h6!?

Black intends ♖e7, ♘h7 and ♖g5 eliminating his bad Bishop.

6 ♖e3 ♖e7
7 f3

To obtain any advantage, it is important to avoid the Bishop exchange. My plan is to meet a ♖g5 with ♖f2 and h4.

7 0-0
a b c d e f g h



Now I want to castle queenside and use a pawn storm against the black

King. Unfortunately I can't play ♖d2 because after Black plays ♖g5 I could no longer play the necessary ♖f2.

8 ♖d3 ♘c5
9 ♖c2 c6
10 ♘ge2

I was tempted by b4 but was unsure what to do with my King after it.

10 cxd5
11 cxd5 ♖b6?!
12 ♖d2! ♘h5?

This wastes two tempi. Better is ♖d7. Note that Black cannot play 12... ♖xb2 13. ♖b1 ♖a3 14. ♘b5 ♖xa2 15. ♘c1 ♖c4 16. ♖b4 winning.

13 0-0-0 ♘f6
14 g4 ♖d7
15 ♘g3

I was tempted to play the immediate h4 but became confused by Black's h5.

15 ♘h7
16 h4 ♖d8

I had expected 16 ... f6 17 ♘f5 ♖f7 18 ♖dg1 with a promising attack.

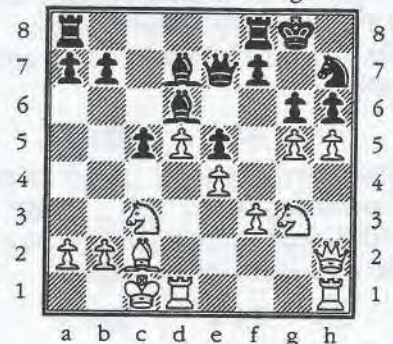
17 ♖xc5?

I didn't like this move at the time and like it even less now. I wanted to play ♖h2 but felt Black could probably reply with ♖b6. However this is much better than what I played.

17 ... dxc5
18 ♖h2 ♖d6
19 g5 g6!

Sacrifices the h-pawn but it is not clear how I proceed afterwards. h5 is met by g5. Meanwhile Black has a queenside attack.

20 h5!? ♖e7!
a b c d e f g h



If 20 ... ♖xg5+ 21 ♖b1 and after ♖dg1 White has a strong attack. After ♖e7 I am forced into winning a pawn, but giving up my attack because Black now threatens to play hxg5 because the Queen defends the Knight on h7.

21 h×g6 f×g6
22 g×h6 ♖h8!

I had been hoping for 22 ... ♖xf3 23 ♘f5!! gxf5 24 ♖dg1+ ♖h8 25 ♖g7 ♖d8 26 ♖h5 threatening the Rook and also ♖xh7+ and ♖f7 mating.

23 ♖g2 ♖g5+
24 ♖b1 c4

Now I was concerned. My attack seems to be going nowhere whereas Black's attack is underway.

25 ♖h2 b5
26 ♘f1 ♖f6
27 ♖f2 ♖c7
28 ♖e2 ♖b6?

29 d6!



I have no idea whether this is a good move or not! However if I do nothing I will be swamped on the queenside. My idea is to vacate d5 for the Knight. This together with d2, f4 and f3 seemed very promising, albeit at the cost of two or three pawns.

29 ♖af8
30 ♔g2!? ♗xh6

If 30 ... ♗h5 31 d5 and now (i) 31 ... ♖xh6 32 ♗xb6 ♖xd1+ 33 ♗xd1 ♖h3 with an unclear position which I think probably favours White; (ii) 31 ... ♖f3 32 ♗e7 with a strong attack.

31 ♖h2 ♗g5

The alternative is 31 ... ♗g7 32 d2 threatening ♖dh1 32 ... ♖f7 33 ♖dh1 ♗g8 34 d5 ♖xd6 35 f4 exf4 36 ♗g2 with a strong attack.

32 d2 ♖f7?

Possibly the losing move although I think I have a definite advantage. Better to save a tempo with the immediate ♖xd6.



33 ♗d5 ♖xd6
34 f4! exf4
35 ♗f3 ♗g3

The alternatives seem no better.
(i) 35 ... ♗d8 36 e5 ♖e6 37 ♖dh1 ♖e3 38 ♗g2 with the idea of ♗g5;

(ii) 35 ... ♗g4 36 ♗e5 ♗xe2 37 ♗xf7+ winning.

36 ♗e5 ♖e8

Loses immediately but there is no defence. 36 ... ♖g7 37 ♖g2 and now: (i) 37 ... ♗h4 38 ♗xb6 and the Bishop on d7 hangs; (ii) 37 ... f3 38 ♗xf3 ♗h3 39 ♗g5 ♗h5 40 ♗f1 with a very strong attack.

37 ♖dh1
1 0

Black resigns because there is no way to meet the threats of ♖g2 and ♗xf7 followed by ♖xh7+.



SCCA Championship, 1999

White: T Thomson (2410)

Black: I Mackintosh (2295)

Vienna Game [C25]

[Annotator - Tom Thomson]

1 e4 e5
2 ♗c3 ♗c6

2 ... ♗c6 is the original symmetrical reply, whereas 2 ... ♗f6 is Falkbeer's recommendation. Tseitlin and Glazkov favour ♗f6 for Black.

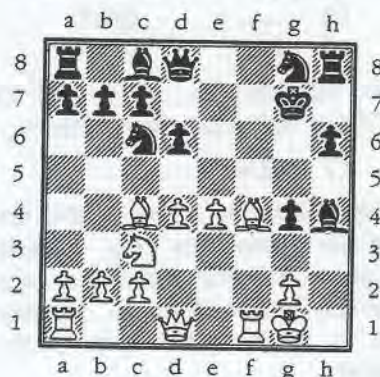
3 f4 exf4
4 ♗f3 g5
5 h4

The Hampe-Allgaier Gambit.

5 g4
6 ♗g5 d6

6 ... h6 or 6 ... f6 are more usual.

7 d4 h6
8 ♗xf7 ♗xf7
9 ♖c4+ ♗g7
10 ♖xf4 ♖e7
11 0-0 ♖xh4



This move had failed in 2 previous outings, however it is not easy to see how White should take advantage of the tempo used by

Black. An alternative line is 11 ... ♗f6 12 ♗d2 ♗h5 13 ♖e3 ♖f6 14 ♗d5 ♖xh4 15 e5 ♖e6 16 ♗f6 ♖xc4 17 ♗xh5+ ♗g6 18 ♗f4+ ♗h7 19 c3 ♗e8 20 ♗c2+ ♗g7 21 ♗f5 ♖g5 22 d5 ♖xf1 23 ♗e6+ ♗g8 24 ♖xg5 ♖d3 25 ♗xd3 ♗xe5 26 ♗f5 hxg5 27 ♖e1 ♗h5 28 ♗xg5 ♗h2+, 0-1 A. Brenke-T.Halasz, Dortmund 1990.

12 ♗d2

12 ♖xd6 cxd6 (12 ... ♗xd6! and I cannot find a continuation for White that wins) 13 ♖f7+ ♗g6 14 e5 1-0 J. Kirimaki - P.Lehtinen 1992; or 12 ♖e3 ♗f6 13 ♗d2 ♖d7 14 g3 ♖xg3? (14 ... ♗a5 15 ♖d5 ♗xd5 16 ♗xd5 c6 17 ♗f4 ♗c4 18 ♗f2 ♖f8 19 gxh4 ♗xe3 20 ♗xe3 ♗xh4 and now White is just a pawn down) 15 ♖g5 ♗xe4 16 ♖f7+ ♗g6 17 ♗xe4 hxg5 18 ♖xg3 ♗b4 19 ♖af1 ♖h3 20 ♗e4 1:0 Claridge-Cody 1997.

12 a6?!

This move is slow and White will be able to build some initiative before Black's play on the queenside can become dangerous. I think Black's development should have been taking priority.

13 g3



This was played to allow White's Rooks to double up on the f-file. Control of this file is the most important feature of the game. All White's efforts are aimed at this goal.

13 ♖e7
14 ♖f2 ♗f6
15 ♖af1 b5?!
16 ♖d5 ♖d7?!

This move blocks the black Queen's power down the d-file. The influence of the black Queen had been preventing White pushing onto e5. If 16 ... ♗xd5 17 ♗xd5 ♖e6 18 ♗xe7 ♗xe7 19 d5+= or 16 ... ♖b7

17 ♖g5! ♜x d5 18 ♜f7+ ♜g8 19 ♜xh6+

17 e5 ♜x d5
18 ♜x d5 ♜e6
19 ♜h2! ♜g5

19 ... ♜x d5 20 ♜xh6+ ♜g8 21 ♜d3 ♜e8 22 ♜f5+

20 ♜x c7 ♜c4

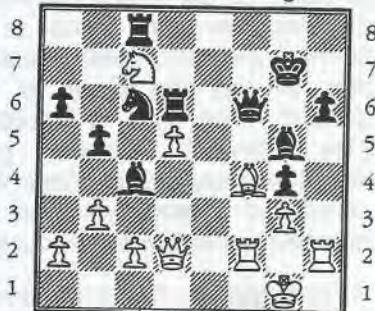
If 20 ... ♜x c7 (a deflection) 21 ♜xg5!

21 e x d6 ♜f6
22 ♜f f2 ♜a d8
23 d5 ♜x d6

23... ♜x f4 24 ♜x f4 ♜x d6 25 ♜c3++

24 b3 ♜c8

a b c d e f g h



a b c d e f g h

I had missed this move! It came as a surprise and put doubts in my mind about my position. But after some more analysis I was able to recover from the shock.

25 b x c4 ♜x c7
26 c5 ♜d d7
27 ♜h5 ♜x f4
28 ♜x f4 ♜g6
29 ♜h f5 ♜h7
30 ♜f6 ♜g5
31 ♜d3+ ♜g7
32 ♜6 f5 ♜g6
33 ♜c3+ ♜h7
34 ♜f8

34 d x c6?! ♜x c6 35 ♜f8 ♜g7=

34 ♜g7

35 ♜8 f6

35 d x c6?! ♜x c6 36 ♜8 f6 ♜x f6 37 ♜e4+

35 ♜g5

36 ♜d3+

36 ♜x c6?! is no comparison! 36 ... ♜x d5 37 ♜x a6 ♜x c5+ 38 ♜x c5=

36 ♜h8

37 d x c6

37 ♜x c6?! ♜x c6 38 d x c6 ♜x c5+ 39 ♜d4 ♜x c6+=

37 ♜c e7

37 ... ♜g8 38 ♜d6 ♜h7+

38 ♜g2 ♜g8

39 ♜f7

1 0

39... ♜g7 40. ♜f8+ ♜g8 41. ♜4f7 ♜x f7 42. ♜x f7+



1st North Sea Team Tournament

Board 1 - Tom Thomson		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	Liljedahl E 2200 DEN	◆	½	0	½	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	4½
2	Thomson T 2414 SCO	½	◆	½	½	0	½	½	1	½	½	1	5½
3	Söderberg P 2451 SVE	1	½	◆				1	1	0	0	½	½
4	Reschke H-J 2469 GER	½	½		◆	½	½	½	1			1	
5	van Leeuwen E 2380 BEL	½	1		½	◆	½	0	½		½		
6	Karlsson E 2391 ISD	½	½	0	½	½	◆	½	0	0	0	½	3
7	Frostick C 2466 ENG/A	1	½	0	½	1	½	◆	½	½	½	1	6
8	Barnsley AR 2416 ENG/B	0	0	1	0	½	1	½	◆		½	1	
9	Larsen S-B 2434 NOR	½	½	1			1	½	0	◆	½		
10	Oomen A 2382 NLD	½	½	½		½	1	½	½	½	◆	½	
11	Gilbert C 2200 FRA	½	0	½	0		½	0	0		½	◆	

Board 2 - George D. Pyrich		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	Lauritsen N 2447 DEN	◆	½	½	½	½	1	1	0	½	1	½	6
2	Pyrich GD 2372 SCO	½	◆	0	½	½	1	½	½	0	½	0	4
3	Blomstrand G 2402 SVE	½	1	◆	½	½	1	½	½	½	1		
4	Rhode H 2412 GER	½	½	◆	½	½	½	½	½	½	½		
5	Dusart P 2379 BEL	½	½	½	½	◆			½	½	1		
6	Elison K 2278 ISD	0	0	0	½		◆	½					
7	Thorn/Lynn JD 2429 ENG/A	0	½	½	½		½	◆	0		½		
8	Mukherjee A 2430 ENG/B	1	½		½			1	◆	0	1		
9	Seres F 2494 NOR	½	1	½	½	½			1	◆	½		
10	Vlasweld WM 2405 NLD	0	½	½		½			0	½	◆	0	
11	Tinture L 2200 FRA	½	1	0	½	0		½			1	◆	

Board 3 - Ian Aird		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	Hansen TG 2338 DEN	◆	½	½	½	½	1	1		½	½		
2	Aird I 2332 SCO	½	◆	½	1	½	0	1	½		½	1	
3	Westlund M 2320 SVE	½	½	◆	1	1		½	½	1		½	
4	Skulteti A 2403 GER	½	0	0	◆	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	3
5	De Coninck G 2390 BEL	½	½	0	1	◆		0	1	1	0	½	
6	Kristjansson AH 2200 ISD	0	1	½	1		◆	½		½			
7	Toothill JA 2401 ENG/A	0	0		½	1		◆	½	½	½		
8	Brockbank HW 2403 ENG/B	½	½	½	0	½	½	◆	½				
9	Strand KW 2447 NOR	½		0	½	0		½	½	◆			
10	Reijnen MJF 2317 NLD	½	½		½	1	½	½			◆	1	
11	Rozier D 2288 FRA		0	½	½	½					0	◆	

Board 4 - Jonathan Lennox		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	Somod PB 2329 DEN	◆	0	0	½		0	0	0		0	½	
2	Lennox CJ 2200 SCO	1	◆	½			½	0	0		½	½	
3	Johansson K 2271 SVE	1	½	◆	1	1	½	½	½	½	1		
4	Boesenberg E 2392 GER	½	0	◆	1		0	1	½	½	1	1	
5	Palmkoeck W 2378 BEL		0	0	◆	½	½		½	½	½	½	
6	Njordfjord S 2200 ISD	1	½	½		½	◆	0	½		1		
7	Coleman PL 2462 ENG/A	1	1	½	1	½	1	◆	½	½	½	1	7½
8	Smith R 2389 ENG/B	1	1	½	0	½	½	½	◆	½	0	1	
9	Gullaksen ET 2377 NOR		½	½	½	½	½	½	◆				
10	Schaper HB 2373 NLD	1	½	0	0	½	0	½	1		◆	1	
11	Robeson C 2255 FRA	½	½		0	½		0	0		0	◆	

Board 5 - Raymond Baxter		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	Pedersen HB 2315 DEN	◆	½	½	½	1		½	0		½		
2	Baxter RW 2329 SCO	½	◆	½	0			½	0	½	½		
3	Johansson C 2254 SVE	½	½	◆	½		½	½	½	0		½	
4	Podzielný K 2332 GER	½	1	½	◆	½		½	0	1			
5	Huybrecht F 2298 BEL	0		½	◆			½					
6	Brynjolfsson I 2364 ISD			½			◆	½					
7	Fraser FJL 2433 ENG/A	½	½	½	½			◆	½	0			
8	Lumley WF 2390 ENG/B	1	1	½	1	½	½	½	◆	1	½		
9	Andresen T 2398 NOR	½	1	0				1	0	◆	½		
10	Panaman HJ 2331 NLD	½	½						½	½	◆		
11	Longueville T 2200 FRA			½								◆	

Board 6 - Iain Mackintosh		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	Norrelykke SGJ 2213 DEN	◆	½	½	0		0	½	½	½		½	
2	Mackintosh I 2295 SCO	½	◆	0			1	0	0	0	0	½	
3	Larsson M 2200 SVE	½	1	◆		½	1	½	½	1	½	1	
4	Grube F 2200 GER	1			◆			½		0		½	
5	Poppe M 2339 BEL			½			◆					0	
6	Olafsson TB 2243 ISD	1	0	0			◆	0	1	0	½	½	
7	Tait JA 2383 ENG/A	½	1	½	½		1	◆	½		1	1	
8	Donnelly M 2365 ENG/B	½	1	½			0	½	◆			½	
9	Boger R 2463 NOR	½	1	0	1		1	0		◆			
10	de Waard JAM 2450 NLD		1	½		1	½	0			◆	½	
11	Lavoiser F 2224 FRA	½	½	0	½		½	0	½		½	◆	



INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE CHESS FEDERATION INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS

Members of the Scottish CCA are eligible to play in ICCF Postal and Email tournaments. These events are structured to encourage participation by CC players of all standards. Members can choose between World and European promotion tournaments ranging upwards from Open Class, Higher class and Master class. Entries to Higher or Master class tournaments for the first time, require evidence of CC playing strength, if a player has not qualified for promotion from either an Open class or Higher class tournament. The following rating groups are for guidance only and do not preclude entry to a different class with the agreement of the SCCA International Secretary:

- O Class (under 1900),
- H Class (1900-2100)
- M Class (over 2100).

Below Master Class, all promotion tournaments are organised in 7-player sections, with 11 players in M-Class sections. You can play simultaneously at any one level until you win promotion and it is possible to interchange between Postal/Email tournaments, e.g. winning a Postal Open Class could be used to play in an Email Higher Class, etc.

New World Cup tournaments begin every 2/3 years. Sections are comprised of 11 players of all strengths. Winners proceed to the Semi-Finals and winners of these qualify for a World Cup Final. The entry fee covers participation in all stages and players may make multiple entries, but only two qualifications to the Semi-Final round are permitted. (A new cycle is about to begin but the next one is likely to be announced within two years).

Openings thematic tournaments are also available and more details of these are published in the SCCA Magazine, Femschach, Chess Mail and on the ICCF website.

Master Norm tournaments of 11 players are available for strong players, by both airmail and Email. A fixed ICCF rating of 2300 (2000 for ladies) or non-fixed rating of at least 2350 (2050 for ladies) is normally required, or else (for players not rated by ICCF) a current FIDE-rating of at least 2350 (2050 for ladies). Players who have taken a medal place (1 to 3) in a national championship, (or won a national championship for ladies) can also enter. A player can enter only one postal section and one Email section each calendar year. Section winners, who do not reach the norm result, will instead receive a qualification for a World Championship Semi-Final.

For postal play, the International Numeric notation is normally used and full details of this simple system, along with ICCF Rules, are sent to each new entrant along with the receipt for his/her entry fee. The time limit is 30 days for every 10 moves and one exceeding of the time limit is permitted. A period of 30 days' leave is also allowed each calendar year. To speed progress, air mail stickers should be used to Europe as well as elsewhere as the international rate for postcards is not increased by this service.

Please be aware that some patience is required, as a game can take about 3 years against an opponent from a country with a poor postal service, and silent withdrawal is bad etiquette. It is recommended that players use International CC postcards, these being available along with other postal chess supplies, from Chess and Bridge Suppliers (Scotland). It is also permitted to use Email, by mutual agreement with opponents, if this could be beneficial for speeding up slow moving games in postal CC events.

For Email tournaments, PGN notation (algebraic) is recommended and the rate of play is 10 moves in every 40 days. International Email promotion tournaments are structured in the same way as postal tournaments, ranging upwards from Open class to Higher class and Master class. ICCF Email rules are downloadable from the ICCF website.

A point to be borne in mind in deciding how many games to play, is that, compared with postal, the rate of play via Email is much quicker. Therefore, it is better to play fewer Email games simultaneously but, as these will be completed sooner, you can enter new tournaments more frequently!

A prerequisite for entry via the SCCA to all ICCF events is that the player is and continues to be a full member of the SCCA for the duration of the tournament.

We wish you great enjoyment from your overseas games and making new friends either by post or Email!

An entry form for ICCF tournaments is included on page 29 of this magazine.

Web pages to watch!

Information about ICCF events, news and activities are featured on the following WWW sites:-

ICCF
<http://www.iccf.com>

Chess Mail
<http://www.chessmail.com>

The Correspondence Chess Place
<http://www.correspondencechess.com>

This site provides a facility for downloading CC Email and postal games! It also contains the lively TCCMB (message board) where you can read a very diverse range of opinions about CC connected topics!

Friendly Internationals

[Report by Tom Thomson]



Results reported since the last issue of the Magazine

Scotland (1) v Australia (5) (Email)

Bd 6 A. Dearnley ½-½ J. Kelly

Scotland (12) v Denmark (20)

Bd 7 G.H. Phillips 0-2 B. Nielsen

Scotland (7) v Italy (7)

Bd 12 D.R. Cumming ½-½ M. Pepe

Scotland (5½) v Vienna (8½) (Email)

Bd 6 R. Beacon 0-2 C. Muck
Bd 8 A. Dearnley 2-0 D. Troger

Scotland (3) v CiF (1)

Bd 7 A. Armstrong 1-1 A. Stummerer
Bd 17 C.A. Macgregor 2-0 W. Krahl

Scotland (15½) v ASPCC (14½)

Bd 11 I. Sneddon 1-0 R. Farrar

Scotland (15) v Peru (3) (Match complete)

Bd 4 I. Mackintosh void V. Lopez
Bd 8 D. Brown void G. Rivas

Final Result Table

	Scotland		Peru
1	G.D. Pyrich	½½-½½	A.C. Razzeto
2	E Sowden	2-0	C.R. Pasara
3	K.W.C. Stewart	2-0	G. Paz y B.
4	I. Mackintosh	void	V.Lopez
5	C.R. Beecham	2-0	A.F. Ballon
6	A. Armstrong	2-0	E.H. Nicolini
7	A. Dearnley	1½-½	J. Landers
8	D.E. Brown	void	G.R. Romero
9	D.J. Savage	void	R. Obando
10	I.H. Marshall	1-1	A. Beyer
11	Rev. A.C. Norris	2-0	R. Cassinelli
12	J.M. MacArthur	1½-½	E. Manrique
	Final Result	15-3	



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ICCF INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENTS



(by George Pyrich)

A healthier batch of new entries this time, nos. 9 to 18 below, with those unallocated last time, no. 3-8, also listed.

No	Name	Tourney Class/Players	Tourney Ref	Method of Play
3	C. McIntee	Europe Open 7	EU/O/012	Corr
4	A. Macmillen	World Higher 7	EM/H/022	Email
5	G. MacDonald	World Open 7	W/O/014	Corr
6	G. MacDonald	World Open 7	W/O/015	Corr
7	I. Marshall	World Cup 11		Corr
8	A.C. Norris	World Cup 11		Email
9	S.H. Hilton	World Higher 7	EM/H/028	Email
10	S.H. Hilton	World Higher 7	EM/H/029	Email
11	A. Macmillen	World Higher 7	EM/H/030	Email
12	M. Edwards	Euro Master 11	EU/M/1270	Corr
13	S.H. Hilton	World Cup 11		Email
14	S.H. Hilton	World Cup 11		Email
15	F. Teunisse	World Cup 11		Email
16	I. Marshall	Euro Higher 7	EU/H/1319	Corr
17	PL MacKenzie	World Open 7	EM/O/043	Email
18	D.S. Finnie	Master Norm 11	EM/MN/24	Email

Results

Name	Tournament Class	Final Place	Score
D.J. Savage	W/I/1439	3=	3½/6
G.R. Sprott	EU/M/1165	3=	3½/6
D.S. Finnie	MN42	7	4½/10
J. Boyle	EU/III/1156	2=	4/6
J. Boyle	EU/III/1157	2=	4/6

ICCF THEMATIC TOURNAMENTS

Sections of 5-7 players, two games against each opponent. Top two players qualify for each Final.

Entries by 15/9/2000, start 15/11/2000

12 Göring Gambit, C44

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 exd4 4 c3

13 Sicilian Defence, B63

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 Nc6 6 Bg5 e6 7 Qd2

Entries by 15/10/2000, start 15/12/2000

14 French Defence, C17-C19

1 e4 e6 2 d4 d5 3 Nc3 Bb4 4 e5 c5 5 a3

15 Queen's Gambit (Accepted) D20-D29

1 d4 d5 2 c4 dxc4

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	2 nd	J. Anderson
May	1 st	A.P. Borwell
	2 nd	K.B. McAlpine
June	1 st	G.W.G. Livie
	2 nd	J.S. Murray
July	1 st	K.B. McAlpine
	2 nd	G.W.G. Livie

ICCF OLYMPIAD XII FINAL

Board 1 - David A. Kilgour				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1	Portilho	GF	2430 BRS	◆	½								½			
2	Zapletal	J IM	2525 CZE	½	◆			½					½			
3	Al-Thani	MK IM	2630 QTR			◆	0		½	½						
4	Vitomskis	J IM	2590 LAT			1	◆	½	½			½	½	1	½	
5	Neumann	J IM	2695 GER		½		½	◆		0		½	½			
6	Maliangkay	RJ GM	2605 NLD			½	½		◆	½	0	½	½			
7	Hamarat	T GM	2595 OST			½		1	½	◆		½		½	½	
8	Andersson	U (GM)	(2635)SVE						1		◆	½	½			
9	Knobel	R	2545 SWZ				½	½	½	½	½	◆				
10	Kilgour	DA GM	2610 SCO	½	½		½	½	½		½		◆			
11	Greig	G	2470 CAN				0			½				◆		
12	Normantas	V GM	2625 LIT				½			½						◆

Board 2 - Colin A. McNab				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1	de Cresce	SH IM	2475 BRS	◆		1	½	½								
2	Mraz	M IM	2525 CZE		◆	1		0	½		1	½			½	
3	Al-Modaikhi	M	2085 QTR	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Saksis	J IM	2525 LAT	½		1	◆			0		1	½		½	
5	Nimtz	M IM	2605 GER	½	1	1		◆		½	1	1	½	1		
6	Gouw	C-P IM	2460 NLD		½	1			◆	1		½	1			
7	Neuschmied	S	2540 OST			1	1	½	0	◆	½	1	½	1	½	
8	Carlsson	I	2500 SVE		0	1	0	0		½	◆	1	1		½	
9	Rüfenacht	M GM	2555 SWZ		½	1	0	0	½	0	0	◆	½	1		
10	McNab	CA IM	2505 SCO			1	½	½	0	½	0	½	◆		½	
11	Deidun Sr.	J	2435 CAN			1		0		0		0		◆		
12	Gefenas	V IM	2575 LIT		½	1	½			½	½		½			◆

Board 3 - Philip M. Giulian				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1	Felicio	C IM	2435 BRS	◆			½	0				½			½	
2	Sevecek	R IM	2575 CZE		◆	½					½	½			½	
3	Shardarevian	M	2200 QTR		½	◆		0					0	1		
4	Strautins	U IM	2515 LAT	½			◆	½	1		½	½			½	
5	Anton	V-M GM	2625 GER	1		1	½	◆	1				1	½		
6	v.d. Plaasche	B	2520 NLD				0	0	◆	½	½	0	½	0	0	
7	Wohlfahrt	H	2530 OST						½	◆		0				
8	Johansson	I IM	2530 SVE		½		½	½			◆	0	½	0	½	
9	Bhend	E IM	2490 SWZ	½	½		½		1		1	◆	½	½	½	
10	Giulian	PM IM	2445 SCO			1	0		½		½	½	◆		1	½
11	Demian	E	2390 CAN			0		½	1		1	½	0	◆	½	
12	Rumiancevas	B GM	2515 LIT	½	½		½		1		½	½	½	½		◆

Board 4 - George D. Pyrich				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1	Joao	N	2485 BRS	◆						0		½	½			
2	Danek	L IM	2495 CZE		◆		½		½	0	1		1			
3	Mousa	EAH	2200 QTR			◆	½							1		
4	Dauga	Z IM	2500 LAT	½	½		◆			0		1	½	1		
5	Kreuzer	M GM	2615 GER					◆	1	1			½			
6	Nienhuis	K IM	2410 NLD		½			0	◆	0	½		½	½		
7	Teichmeister	S IM	2515 OST	1	1		1	0	1	◆		½	½	1		
8	Holmberg	R IM	2560 SVE		0				½		◆	0	½		0	
9	Issler	C IM	2555 SWZ	½			0			½	1	◆	1	1	1	
10	Pyrich	GD IM	2375 SCO	½	0		½	½	½	½	½	0	◆	1	½	
11	Cody	PC	2350 CAN			0	0		½	0		0	0	◆	0	
12	Sutkus	R GM	2535 LIT								1	0	½	1		◆

ICCF OLYMPIAD XII FINAL contd

Board 5 - Tom Craig				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts		
1	Amorim	GS	2430	BRS	◆		½			½	½	½	½	0				
2	Teichmann	C	IM	2450	CZE		◆	1	0	0	½	½	½	½	½			
3	Al-Khateeb	A	2505	QTR		0	◆				½	0		0				
4	Strautins	V	IM	2465	LAT	½	1		◆	½	½		½	1	½	½		
5	Busemann	S	GM	2585	GER		1		½	◆	1	1	½	½	½			
6	van Perlo	G	GM	2440	NLD		½		½	0	◆	½	½	½	1			
7	Mayr	K	IM	2465	OST	½	½			0	½	◆	0	½		0		
8	Hjelm	N	2375	SVE	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	◆	½	1	1	½	7
9	Klügel	J-U	2535	SWZ	½	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	◆	½	½	½	5½	
10	Craig	TJ	2385	SCO	½						0	½	◆	½	0			
11	Mrugala	A	2335	CAN	1	½	1	½	½	0		0	½	½	◆	0		
12	Slekys	E	2350	LIT		½		½			1	½	½	1	1	◆		

Board 6 - Joe Watson				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts		
1	Barata	HAG	2285	BRS	◆		1	½	0	½	½	½	0	1				
2	Pribyl	J	2420	CZE		◆	1	0	0	1	0	½	½	1	1	½		
3	Al-Hitmi	MM	2200	QTR	0	0	◆	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	1½		
4	Kazoks	A	IM	2415	LAT	½	1	1	◆	½	½	½	½	0	1			
5	Maeder	K-H	GM	2575	GER	1	1	1	½	◆	1	½	1	1	0	1		
6	Frederiks	R	2505	NLD	½	0	1	½	0	◆	0	0		0	0			
7	Thannhauser	F	2465	OST	½	1	½	½	½	1	◆	½	½	½	1	½	7	
8	Andersson	M	2290	SVE	½	½	1	½	0	1	½	◆	½	1	½			
9	Giertz	N	IM	2325	SWZ	½	½	½	½	0		½	½	◆	0	1	0	
10	Watson	J	IM	2425	SCO	1	0	½	1	1	1	½	0	1	◆	1	½	7½
11	Leskowsky	Z	IM	2225	CAN	0	0	1	0	0		0	0	0	◆	0		
12	Sutkus	V	2280	LIT		½	1			1	½	½	1	½	1	◆		

	Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	P	R	%	
1	BRAZIL	BRS	◆	½	2	2	½	½	1	1	2	1	1	½	12	41	48
2	CZECH REP	CZE	½	◆	3½	½	½	2½	½	3½	2	2½	1½	2	19½	+29	53
3	QATAR	QTR	0	½	◆	½	0	½	1	½	½	½	2	0	6	+31	17
4	LATVIA	LAT	2	2½	3½	◆	2	2½	½	2½	4½	1½	3½	2	27	+22	61
5	GERMANY	GER	2½	3½	3	2	◆	4	3	2½	3	2½	3	0	29	+27	74
6	NETHERLANDS	NLD	½	1½	2½	1½	0	◆	2½	1½	1½	2½	1½	0	15½	+24	37
7	AUSTRIA	OST	2	2½	2	2½	2	3½	◆	1	3	1½	3½	1½	25	+23	58
8	SWEDEN	SVE	1	1½	2½	1½	½	3½	2	◆	2½	4	1	2	22	+23	51
9	SWITZERLAND	SWZ	2	2	2½	1½	1	3½	3	3½	◆	2½	4	2	27½	+14	53
10	SCOTLAND	SCO	1	½	2½	2½	2½	2½	1½	1	2½	◆	3½	1½	21½	+22	49
11	CANADA	CAN	1	½	3	½	1	1½	½	1	1	½	◆	½	11	+27	28
12	LITHUANIA	LIT	½	2	2	2	0	2	2½	3	2	3½	3½	◆	23	+31	66



ICCF OLYMPIAD XIII PRELIMINARIES

Board 1 - D.A. Kilgour				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	Dronov	A	2200 RUS	◆	1					½			1	0	1	0	
2	Camilleri	H	2340 MLT	0	◆		0	0		0		0		0	½		
3	Fabri	F IM	2500 HUN			◆									½		
4	De Mauro	J IM	2520 USA		1		◆			½		½		1			
5	Moosj	W IM	2505 NLD		1			◆	½	½	½	½		½	½		
6	Ponelis	A	2315 RSA					½	◆					½			
7	Krivonosovs	V	2475 LAT	½	1		½	½		◆	½		½	½	1		
8	Jovcic	M GM	2455 YUG					½	½	◆	½					½	
9	Lecroq	M IM	2570 FRA		1		½	½		½	◆	1	½	1	½		
10	Davila	M	2200 URU	0						½		0	◆	½	½	½	
11	Halldorsson	J A	2475 ISD	1	1		0	½	½	½		½	½	◆		½	
12	Kilgour	D A GM	2610 SCO	0	½	½		½		0		0	½		◆	½	
13	Volchok	A S GM	2605 UKR	1							½	½	½	½	½	½	◆

Board 2 - A.P. Borwell				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	Makarov	A	2535 RUS	◆	1			1	1		½		½	½		1	
2	Camilleri	S	2275 MLT	0	◆			½								0	
3	Mihalkó	J	2530 HUN			◆				1							
4	Edwards	J	2550 USA				◆	½				½					
5	Plomp	M	2440 NLD	0	½		½	◆		1		1	½	1	1		
6	Knol	D	2285 RSA	0					◆			0				½	
7	Batakovs	O IM	2460 LAT			0		0		◆		0				½	
8	Milovanovic	M IM	2430 YUG	½							◆						
9	Boissel	B	2630 FRA				½	0	1	1		◆	1		1	½	
10	Ruzo	D	2200 URU	½				½				0	◆			½	
11	Kárason	A O IM	2460 ISD	½				0						◆	1	0	
12	Borwell	A P IM	2370 SCO					0				0		0	◆	0	
13	Kamenets	A V IM	2540 UKR	0	1				½	½		½	½	1	1	◆	

Board 3 - S.R. Gillam				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	Pinkovetsky	S IM	2380 RUS	◆	1	½	½	½					1	½			
2	Vincenti	D C	2200 MLT	0	◆	½				1	½					0	
3	Janosi	E IM	2415 HUN	½	½	◆	½	½	1	½		1	1	½		½	
4	Kubach	G IM	2510 USA	½		½	◆	1		1		½			½	½	
5	Pillhock	D	2495 NLD	½		½	0	◆	1	1		1	1	½	1	½	
6	Knipe	J	2200 RSA			0		0	◆	1		1			0	0	
7	Viksna	T	2470 LAT		0	½	0	0	0	◆		1	½	0	½	½	
8	Konjevic	D	2470 YUG		½						◆	½					
9	Herb	P	2540 FRA			0	½	0	0	0	½	◆	1	0	½		
10	Betancurt	J	2200 URU	0		0		0		½		0	◆	½		0	
11	Pálsson	J A IM	2425 ISD	½		½		½		1		1	½	◆	½	½	
12	Gillam	S R	2385 SCO				½	0	1	½		½		½	◆		
13	Lepikhov	A G IM	2575 UKR		1	½	½	½	1	½			1	½		◆	

Board 4 - T. Thomson				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	Shemagonov	V	2320 RUS	◆					1			½	½				
2	Sammut	R	2185 MLT		◆		0		1						½		
3	Timár	Z	2425 HUN			◆	½		1	½	½	½		½	½	½	
4	Maillard	B IM	2470 USA		1	½	◆		1	½							
5	van Egmond	R IM	2430 NLD					◆	1	½		0		½	½	0	
6	Terblanche	D J	2150 RSA	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0		0		0	½		
7	Volaks	B	2465 LAT	½		½	½	½	1	◆	½			1	½	½	
8	Mirkovic	S	2200 YUG			½				½	◆						
9	Léotard	C	2575 FRA	½		½		1	1			◆	1	1	½	½	
10	Luzardo	J	2315 URU	½								0	◆		0		
11	Vigfússon	V	2395 ISD			½		½	1	0		0		◆	0		
12	Thomson	T	2270 SCO		½	½		½	½	½		½	1	1	◆	½	
13	Kashljuk	V I	2520 UKR			½		1		½		½			½	◆	

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Board 5 - G.R. Sprott				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	Khromov	S	2440 RUS	◆	1				1	½		0	1		1	½	
2	Grillage	A	2200 MLT	0	◆	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½
3	Keszi, J / Soreghy		2430 HUN		1	◆				0		0	1		0		
4	Timm	J	2535 USA		1		◆	1		½			1				
5	Sprenger	E IM	2445 NLD		½		0	◆		0	½	0	1	½	½		
6	Benade	J T	2200 RSA	0	1				◆	0	0		1		0		
7	Gaujens	A	2395 LAT	½	1	1	½	1	1	◆		0	1	1	1	1	
8	Somborski	N	2435 YUG		1			½	1		◆	½	1				
9	Vinot	S IM	2510 FRA	1	1	1		1		1	½	◆	1		½		
10	Berrutti	G	2200 URU	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	½	0	1½
11	Elison	K	2240 ISD		1			½		0			1	◆	½		
12	Sprott	G R	2285 SCO	0	1	1		½	1	0		½	½	½	◆	1	
13	Kuznetsov	S IM	2505 UKR	½	1					0			1		0	◆	

Board 6 - D. Neil				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	Lyukmanov	V	2290 RUS	◆			1	½	1		0		1	1			
2	Richards	J	2200 MLT		◆	0		0	1			0	1	0	0		
3	Dobsa	S	2340 HUN		1	◆		0	1	½	½	0	1		0		
4	Fleetwood	D	2495 USA	0			◆	0	1	½		½	1		1		
5	vd Langenberg	C	2475 NLD	½	1	1	1	◆	1	½		½	1	½	1		
6	van Greuning	T	2200 RSA	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7	Salminš	G	2330 LAT			½	½	½	1	◆		½	1	½			
8	Erdeljan	M	2410 YUG	1		½			1		◆						
9	Spitz	P	2510 FRA		1	1	½	½	1	½		◆	1		0		
10	Ramini	E	2030 URU	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		0	◆	0	0	0	
11	Gunnlaugsson	G	2335 ISD	0	1			½	1	½			1	◆	0		
12	Neil	D	2200 SCO		1	1	0	0	1			1	1	1	◆		
13	Terelya	I M	2475 UKR						1				1			◆	

Section 4 Teams

Team	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	P	R	%
1 RUSSIA RUS	◆	4	½	1½	2	4	1½	½	½	5	2	2	1½	25	+36	69
2 MALTA MLT	0	◆	½	0	1	2	1	½	0	1	0	1	0	7	+35	19
3 HUNGARY HUN	½	2½	◆	1	½	3	2½	1	1½	3	1	1	1	18½	+39	56
4 USA USA	½	3	1	◆	2½	2	3	0	2	2	1	1½	½	19	+44	68
5 NETHERLANDS NLD	1	3	1½	1½	◆	3½	3½	1	3	3½	3½	4½	½	30	+23	61
6 SOUTH AFRICA RSA	0	1	0	0	½	◆	1	0	1	1	½	½	½	6	+34	16
7 LATVIA LAT	1½	2	2½	2	2½	3	◆	1	1½	3	3	3	2½	27½	+23	56
8 YUGOSLAVIA YUG	1½	1½	1	0	1	2	1	◆	1½	1	0	0	½	11	+55	65
9 FRANCE FRA	1½	3	2½	2	3	3	2½	1½	◆	6	1½	3½	1½	31½	+24	66
10 URUGUAY URU	1	1	0	0	½	1	1	0	0	◆	1	1	1	7½	+29	17
11 ICELAND ISD	2	3	1	0	2½	2½	2	0	1½	3	◆	2½	1	21	+32	53
12 SCOTLAND SCO	0	3	3	½	1½	3½	1	0	2½	3	3½	◆	2	23½	+26	51
13 UKRAINE UKR	1½	3	1	½	1½	2½	1½	½	1½	4	2	2	◆	21½	+38	63

Leaders in Sections

Section 1		Section 2		Section 3		Section 4	
Germany	74%	Luxembourg	66%	Estonia	65%	Russia	69%
Brazil	72%	Argentina	65%	Slovakia	64%	USA	68%
Bulgaria	64%	England	64%	Sweden	64%	France	66%
Czech Republic	64%	Lithuania	63%	Austria	61%	Yugoslavia	65%
Belarus	61%	Poland	61%	Italy	58%	Ukraine	63%
Turkey	59%	Israel	60%	Denmark	55%	Netherlands	61%

Top two from each section will qualify, with Final XII medallists, for Olympiad Final XIII.

Bernard Partridge Memorial - Semi-Finals

Final Results:

No	Section 1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	H. Starke GER	◆	1	½	1	0	1	1	1	½	1	1	8
2	T. Hartogh GER	0	◆	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	7
3	T. Christiansen DEN	½	½	◆	½	½	1	1	1	0	1	0	6
4	S. Nordfjörd ISD	0	½	½	◆	1	1	½	½	1	½	1	6½
5	J.M. Poulsen DEN	1	½	½	0	◆	1	1	1	1	½	1	7½
6	J.M. Bussers BEL	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	1	1
7	CM Fordham-Hall ENG	0	0	0	½	0	1	◆	1	1	½	½	4½
8	U. Huser GER	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	1
9	A. Truvens BEL	½	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	◆	½	1	3
10	W. Lautenbach GER	0	0	0	½	½	1	½	1	½	◆	1	5
11	A. Dromberg SVE	0	0	1	0	0	0	½	1	0	0	◆	2½

No	Section 2	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1	H. Starke GER	◆	½	1	½	1	1	0	1	½	1	1	1	8½
2	V.B. Andersen DEN	½	◆	1	½	½	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	7½
3	J. Nielsen DEN	0	0	◆	0	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	6
4	G. Voss GER	½	½	1	◆	1	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	9
5	E. Vieira BEL	0	½	½	0	◆	1	½	1	½	0	1	1	6
6	A.N. Morris ENG	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	1	½	½	1	1	4
7	L. van Damme BEL	1	1	½	½	½	1	◆	1	0	½	1	1	8
8	G. Herzing GER	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0	0	0	0	0
9	J. Friiling NLD	½	0	½	0	½	½	1	1	◆	0	1	1	6
10	R. Woelk GER	0	1	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	◆	1	1	8
11	L. Meeusen LUX	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	◆	1	2
12	D. Mena SVE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	0

No	Section 3	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Pts
1	J. Poell NLD	◆	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	3
2	A.K. Pedersen DEN	1	◆	0	1	0	½	1	1	½	0	0	5
3	L. van Damme BEL	1	1	◆	0	½	½	1	1	0	0	½	5½
4	H. Kunz GER	1	0	1	◆	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	6
5	H. Haraldson ISD	½	1	½	0	◆	1	½	½	½	0	½	5
6	K.R. Winkler GER	½	½	½	1	0	◆	0	0	½	0	0	3
7	G. Strömberg DEN	½	0	0	½	½	1	◆	0	½	0	½	3½
8	R. Baatz GER	1	0	0	½	½	1	1	◆	0	1	0	5
9	E.C. Sowden ENG	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	◆	0	½	5½
10	M.J. Summers BEL	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	0	1	◆	1	8
11	G. Grothe GER	½	1	½	0	½	1	½	1	½	0	◆	5½

No	Section 4	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Pts
1	H. Gnirk GER	◆	½	0	0	0	½	½	0	1	½	1	1	5
2	CA v Wieringen NLD	½	◆	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	1	3½
3	R. Boger NOR	1	1	◆	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	9
4	J. Harm GER	1	½	½	◆	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	7½
5	H.C. Schmidt DEN	1	1	0	0	◆	½	0	0	½	0	1	1	5
6	S. Williams ENG	½	1	½	½	½	◆	1	1	½	1	1	8½	
7	W. Verhaeghe BEL	½	1	½	0	1	0	◆	½	1	0	1	1	6½
8	S.M. Jakobsen DEN	1	1	½	½	1	0	½	◆	1	0	1	½	7
9	J. Kracht GER	0	1	0	½	½	0	0	0	◆	0	1	½	3½
10	T. Lang GER	½	½	0	½	1	½	1	1	1	◆	1	1	8
11	F. Cottagnie BEL	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	◆	1	1
12	V.F. Isaksen DEN	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	½	½	0	0	◆	1½



Bernard Partridge Memorial - Final

We are delighted to have reached the Final stage of this tournament to the memory of Scottish CCA Honorary Member, Bernard Partridge, who died in November 1993. The Preliminary stages began on 1st October 1995 with 165 players from 10 North Sea bordering countries, with a rating "ceiling" of 2250. It is interesting to see how the finalists have since progressed, with an average rating now of 2363! This will provide opportunities for IM title norms with a Category V event, which normally requires an 8/12pts score (norm to be ratified by Florida ICCF Congress).

We wish everyone a successful tournament, with really interesting and enjoyable games.

No	Bernard Partridge Memorial Final		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Pts
1	E.C. Sowden	(ENG) 2361	◆													
2	G. Voss	(GER) 2296		◆												
3	J.M. Poulsen	(DEN) 2370			◆											
4	M.J. Summers	(BEL) (2200)				◆										
5	Dr. S.M. Williams	(ENG) 2297					◆									
6	T. Lang	(GER) 2463						◆								
7	R. Boger	(NOR) 2477							◆							
8	Dr. G. Grothe	(GER) 2345								◆						
9	L. van Damme	(BEL) 2444									◆					
10	H. Kunz	(GER) 2403										◆				
11	T. Hartogh	(GER) 2392											◆			
12	R. Woelk	(GER) 2311												◆		
13	H. Starke	(GER) 2355													◆	



Readers' Letters



Stephen Hilton writes

"In regards to the decision to use established ICCF ratings instead of Scottish ones, with regards to players who have established ICCF ratings. I must strongly protest at this decision by the SCCA.

If a player plays exclusively or predominantly within the SCCA, then he/she is entitled to a domestic rating. A person pays for this service when joining the association, and therefore the association has a moral duty to provide this service for the individual. This new policy is quite clearly a breach of this.

I can accept the use of established ICCF ratings only if all Scottish games were to count for this purpose. As this is clearly not the case, then a domestic rating must continue to be issued to those with ICCF ratings until such time as all Scottish games count for ICCF purposes.

As only the Championship, Candidates and League Division 1 count for ICCF ratings, there is a very clear danger that those events that count for domestic ratings only may suffer from lack of entries as players with ICCF ratings will not waste time and energy playing events that will not count for their ICCF rating. This brings me to a constitutional point regarding the SCCA, i.e. the promotion of correspondence chess in Scotland. I honestly feel that this decision is unconstitutional and must be reconsidered at once.

I personally have spent a lot of time on my correspondence play within the SCCA and it is painful for me to be in dispute with the association. A rating, however calculated, must accurately reflect a player's actual playing strength, and I have had to withdraw from a number of ICCF events over the years because of my domestic situation, which SCCA officials know of. This is not taken into consideration in the calculation of my ICCF rating.

I hope that I have given the Association some points to consider."

Callum Wallace writes

"With reference to your last edition, No. 69, Spring 2000, I was taken aback by D.R. Cummings' rather vitriolic analysis of his game against Alan Armstrong (in Games Column). If this is the way that friendly postal chess is heading then I am glad that I have given it up. I am also guilty of having strong opinions but one should be diplomatic."

Raymond Baxter, SCCA Grading Officer, replies . .

"Stephen Hilton is not correct when he refers to a new policy to use established ICCF grades instead of SCCA grades. It was in 1992 that the SCCA decided not to calculate a Scottish grade for a player with a published ICCF grade. This decision applied to all players with ICCF grades, whether established (i.e. based on at least 30 results) or provisional (based on less than 30 results).

Until 1999 ICCF grades were published for players with at least 20 results, provided the grade was no less than 1600 (for women) or 2000 (for men). Between 1992 and 1999 no Scottish grades were calculated for players with published ICCF grades, and I do not know of any complaints about this until now.

This year the number of results needed for a published ICCF grade has been reduced from 20 to 12. In addition the lower limits of 1600 and 2000 have been abolished, removing any element of sex discrimination from the requirements for an ICCF grading.

The reduction in the qualifying number of games has resulted in a substantial number of our members obtaining ICCF grades for the first time, and many of these members are more active in domestic tournaments than international events. We therefore decided to publish two grades for those with provisional ICCF ratings, as can be seen in the previous magazine. This new procedure seems to be in line with Stephen's views. But it was decided not to extend the new procedure to those with established ICCF grades, as these members can normally be expected to be active in international events. Moreover, most of these players have not had an SCCA grade calculated for many years, and considerable effort would have been needed to extract the data for the calculations, to little advantage.

However, it is possible that there are a few members with established ICCF grades who are currently more active domestically. I am willing to calculate a notional SCCA grade for any such member who requests it. Such notional grade would not be published, and would have no validity, but would allow the member to monitor his own progress. This offer is available only to members who have had a published SCCA grade in the previous three years, so neither Alan Borwell nor George Pyrich need apply!! I hope this offer will go some way towards meeting Stephen's requirements."

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