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Welcome to the summer edition of 2009, edited amid some very hot days, some thunderous downpours and a lot of nondescript stuff in between. A bit like my chess...

Lots of material to enjoy as usual, although we're taking a break from our Webserver Open final this time – the last game (Kilgour-Borwell) is still in session and will decide the top placings. More next time I hope.

The Anderson twins, Jim and Gordon, take us through the minutes and accounts of our Stirling AGM in June. There were some minor constitutional changes there, and also for the first time in many a year, revised subs and fees.

The good news is that most of our members will pay less for their domestic chess next year; the bad news is that currency fluctuations will push up ICCF entry fees from September.

Newly rejoined committee member Colin Macgregor has contributed his biopic and also previews a knockout event which he hopes to run next year.

ICCF has a new president, Eric Ruch (FRA), and George Pyrich has agreed to serve under him as financial director. We profile George as he takes up this appointment.

Bernard's CD review section includes offerings from Ftacnik, Davies and Martin. His games column is packed with games by our members, with Richard Beecham acting as guest annotator in some cases.

ICCF is publishing 3 rating lists this year, and plans to issue the list quarterly during 2010. George Pyrich takes us through the second list of 2009 before presenting his international report, annotating several games featuring our members in their travels.

George recently announced the Scotland team for the 18th Olympiad due to start in September, and I'm pleased to see Messrs Matheis, Bell and Montgomery joining established internationalists Beecham, Kilgour and Craig. Good luck to all of them!

Finally, congratulations to Ian Reeman on picking up his 2nd SM norm and let's hope his 3rd isn't long delayed!



Chess Suppliers is back in action, operating as a mail order business, but also covering the Scottish congress circuit.

<http://www.chesssuppliers.co.uk/>

SCCA Webserver Events



<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>

To view tables and games in the SCCA Webserver Open, Championship Cycle and Leagues, you don't need to register on the ICCF server - go to the website (above), click Tables and Results, then National Federation Events then Scotland Events.

Some games have a time delay, e.g. current position is 5 moves ahead of what you can see.

Recent 100 Club Winners

2009	1st	2nd
June	A P Borwell	A P Borwell
May	G M Anderson	G M Anderson
April	T A H Taylor	G W G Livie

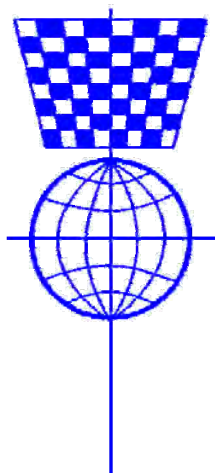
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2009 AGM

By Jim Anderson



- Meeting:** The 32nd AGM of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association.
- Venue:** Sunday 7th June, 4pm, 2009 at BB Headquarters, Dalgleish Court, Stirling.
- Present:** Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Jim Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine and George Pyrich.
- Apologies:** Gordon Anderson, Richard Beecham, George Livie, Colin Macgregor.

Minutes of the 31st AGM

On the proposal of Alan Borwell seconded by Kevin Paine the minute of the meeting held on 18th May 2008 was accepted as an accurate record and approved. There were no matters arising.

President's Remarks

Another busy and enjoyable year for the SCCA.

On the domestic front, the League format was extended to incorporate webserver play and we achieved good entries for both this mode of play and the traditional postal method. Our 1st Webserver Open nears completion, and the final game will determine the top positions. Tom Matheis was awarded the SM title and Ian Reeman picked up his second SM norm.

Internationally, we are active as ever in friendly matches, have begun play in the 8th European Team Championships and have selected our team for the upcoming 18th Olympiad. We are organising and sponsoring the next cycles of the ICCF Veterans' World Cup. Iain Mackintosh was awarded the IM title.

Once again the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and controllers, all of whom deserve thanks for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Secretary's Report

Jim Anderson reported a satisfactory year with membership holding fairly steady. Entries to domestic tournaments remained healthy, with the Championship down but the Leagues well up. All events started on time with the exception of the Leagues where the new format and some late team submissions caused a short delay. Colin Macgregor will be taking over the running of the Leagues next year and Kevin Paine has now taken over the running of the Challengers from Bernard Milligan.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson reported that his first full year was easier than last year, and expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for a helpful and efficient audit.

The surplus of income over expenditure in the 12 months ended 31st March 2009 was £953.51.

Looking at income, annual membership revenues were down, but we attracted 3 new Life members. Donations were slightly up. International match fee income was down, but individual income from ICCF entries almost doubled. Magazine income has reduced due to lower annual membership and fewer people opting for the printed version. Other income categories remained relatively steady.

Total expenditure in 2009 was lower than 2008, mainly due to a significant drop in Prizes and Trophies (the 2008 figure included prizes for the Douglas Livie Memorial tournament). Our ICCF Affiliation fee was lower due to movement in exchange rates and to the fact that the 2009 account was for a single year. Committee expenses increased, while other expense categories were broadly similar. Thanks are due to our president who donates the cost of website hosting and domain fees to our Association.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon which was unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported that, despite a relatively small pool of active players, the Association continues to be very active in team and individual events. Friendly matches, European Team Championships, the Olympiad and Champions League are all well subscribed, and there has been an upsurge in individual entries.

Congratulations were due to St Margaret's of Airdrie who finished 2nd in the inaugural ICCF Senior Schools event.

Eric Ruch (FRA) had been elected as ICCF president during May. Alan Borwell congratulated George on his impending appointment as ICCF financial director, which was unanimously supported.

Changes to Constitution

Management of the Association

1. Management of the Association shall be carried out by an Executive Committee consisting of: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, International Secretary, Membership Secretary and up to three Committee Members.
3. The organisation of domestic tournaments, leagues and matches will be controlled by a sub-committee(s) chaired by the Secretary.
4. The organisation of international tournaments and matches, including team selection will be controlled by a sub-committee(s) chaired by the International Secretary.
6. The Association, through its Executive Committee, shall be empowered to allocate duties to other Committee Members, appoint sub-committee members and co-opt temporary officers to carry out special duties.

Procedure

AGM (Item 7), SGM (Item 3), Executive Committee (Item 2)
 A quorum of four shall be required at the AGM/SGM/Executive Committee meeting.

The above proposals were agreed unanimously by those present, and passed with additional proxy votes from Gordon Anderson and George Livie.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected to office for 2009-10:

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Iain Mackintosh	Jim Anderson	George Pyrich
Vice President	George Pyrich	Alan Borwell	Kevin Paine
Secretary	Jim Anderson	George Pyrich	Alan Borwell
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine	Jim Anderson	Iain Mackintosh
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson	George Pyrich	Kevin Paine
Committee Members	Alan Borwell George Livie Colin Macgregor	Iain Mackintosh Iain Mackintosh Kevin Paine	Jim Anderson George Pyrich Jim Anderson

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Jim Anderson, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed the following w.e.f. 1st September 2009:

SCCA Membership Subscriptions

Patron Member £125 (currently £100)

(Life subscription, free entry to all domestic events for life, printed Magazine free if requested for 1st year, e-magazine)

Life Member £100 (£80)

(Life subscription, entry to domestic events each year per Annual members, printed magazine free if requested for 1st year, e-magazine)

Annual Member £10 (£8) with additional benefits:

(Annual subscription, free entry to one Championship cycle event, free entry to all friendly international and Challengers events, additional Championship entries and League chess per published rates, e-magazine)

Associate Member £nil (£nil)

(100 Club member, magazine subscriber, and/or Team League player)

ICCF Entry Fees

Individual 7 player £5 (£4)

Individual 11 player £8 (£6)

World individual preliminaries £30 (£20)

World individual semi-final £30 (£20)

World individual candidates £15 (£10)

Grand Master Norm £36 (£24)

Master Norm £25 (£20)

Thematic £8 (£6)

World Cups £12 (£8)

Webserver Open £7 (£5)

All the proposals were adopted unanimously by those present.

AOCB

Alan Borwell proposed a vote of thanks to Iain Mackintosh for his work as president, webmaster and magazine editor, which was unanimously agreed.

If you were unable to attend the AGM, but would like to help in some way, then please get in touch with any of the committee members. You don't have to hold an official position to help - maybe you can do some part-time things like controlling an event, helping with administration or publicity, or backing up somebody who is otherwise very busy!

[Editor's Note]

Subsequent to the AGM, the Committee reviewed ICCF team entry fees. The SCCA will continue to pay the fees of players selected to represent Scotland in Olympiads and European Team Championships. Organising federations are expected to continue to cover the fees of players in the North Sea and North Atlantic team tournaments. This left one remaining team event which was revised w.e.f. 1st September 2009 as follows:

Champions League £9/board (£5)

For reference, the SCCA website now carries summaries of:

Subscriptions www.scottishcca.co.uk/membership

Entry Fees www.scottishcca.co.uk/fees



SCCA Accounts 2008-09

By Gordon Anderson

2007-08			Profit & Loss	2008-09		
Income	Expenses	Net		Income	Expenses	Net
			General			
310.00			Annual Members (@£5)	233.00		
8 0.00			Life Members (@£80)	240.00		
0.00			Patron Members (@£100)	0.00		
230.00			Donations	263.00		
560.00			Chess Scotland Grant	560.00		
294.88			Bank Interest	281.23		
	0.00		Cheque Stopped		0.00	
	83.73		Committee Expenses		191.50	
	30.00		Chess Scotland Affiliation Fee		35.00	
	101.72		ICCF Affiliation Fee		60.80	
	70.00	<u>1189.43</u>	Auditor's Fee		70.00	<u>1219.93</u>
			Domestic Competitions			
103.00			Individual Entry Fees	100.00		
50.00			Team League Fees	72.00		
	79.35		ICCF Webservice Fees		30.40	
	269.00		Prizes & Trophies		77.00	
	0.00	<u>-195.35</u>	Controllers' Expenses		0.00	<u>64.60</u>
			International Competitions			
82.00		<u>82.00</u>	International Match Fees	28.00		<u>28.00</u>
			ICCF Competitions			
94.00	192.53		Individual & Team Fees	182.00	147.82	
	14.00	<u>-112.53</u>	Bank Transfer Fees		14.00	<u>20.18</u>
			Magazine			
186.00			New Magazine Email (@£3)	135.00		
120.00			New Magazine Printed (@£5)	115.00		
	242.80	<u>63.20</u>	Printing & Postage		235.20	<u>14.80</u>
			Website			
62.92	62.92		ISP Connection Fees (Donation)	61.58	61.58	
0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	Domain Registration (Donation)	6.42	6.42	<u>0.00</u>
			100 Club			
981.00			Units Bought	999.00		
	540.00		Prizes		540.00	
	72.00	<u>369.00</u>	Repayment of Units		0.00	<u>459.00</u>
			Other			
	20.00		Hire of Hall for AGM		18.00	
	0.00		Raymond Baxter Presentation		35.00	
	800.00	<u>-820.00</u>	ICCF Delegate Travel		800.00	<u>-853.00</u>
<u>3153.80</u>	<u>2578.05</u>	<u>575.75</u>	Surplus/Deficit	<u>3276.23</u>	<u>2322.72</u>	<u>953.51</u>

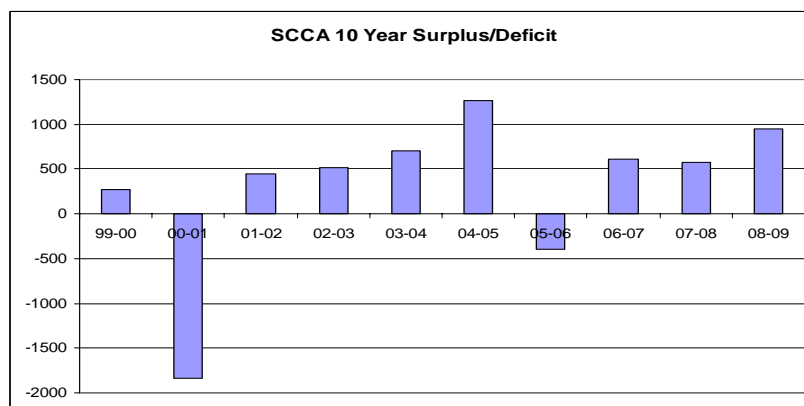
Balance Sheet 2008-09

Bank Summary	Opening	Payins	Withdrawn	Written Off	Transfers	Closing	2007-08
BoS Current	2705.40	2915.41	1974.60	0.00	0.00	3646.21	
Standard Life	5665.87	254.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	5920.69	
	8371.27	3229.99	2694.22	0.00	0.00	9566.90	8371.27
Net Opening/Closing	<u>1195.63</u>						
Liabilities		Creditor	Debtor				
100 Club Uncashed Cheque		15.00					
100 Club Fees Received		152.00					
Accrued Prizes – Domestic		63.00					
Accrued Prizes – Webserver Open		200.00					
Accrued Prizes – 100 Club		135.00					
Cheques Not Banked			82.00				
Cheque Not Presented		164.12					
Subtotals/Net		<u>729.12</u>	<u>82.00</u>			<u>-647.120</u>	<u>-405.00</u>
Net Assets at March 31, 2009						<u>8919.78</u>	<u>7966.27</u>
Capital Account							
Balances b/f						6966.27	6390.52
Surplus/Deficit						953.51	575.75
Subtotal						<u>7919.78</u>	<u>6966.27</u>
Less Allocation to Development Account						0.00	0.00
Balances c/f						<u>7919.78</u>	<u>6966.27</u>
Development Account							
Balance b/f						1000.00	1000.00
Allocation from Capital Account						0.00	0.00
						<u>1000.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
Account Totals						<u>8919.78</u>	<u>7966.27</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained such explanations as I considered necessary. In my opinion these accounts have been properly prepared from the accounting records of the Association and are in agreement therewith.

Alan Hind, May 2009





Colin Macgregor

Biopic

[Ed – Colin was formally elected to our Executive Committee at the recent AGM in Stirling. He was very obliging when I asked him for some notes, so I may try this out on other Committee members in future editions – it could net Max Clifford some business...]

I'm 45 years, old, being born on 1 February 1964 in Glasgow. My parents returned to Dundee a couple of years later. In 1972, a couple of major events took place in the chess world- the Fischer- Spassky world championship match, and I started to "play" chess (for want of a better verb), being taught at St Ninian's Primary, Dundee by that brilliant chess teacher, Nina Fugaccia, who taught at the school at the time.

In 1982, I started studying for my Chemistry degree at Dundee University, and I joined the SCCA, just for the duration of my degree (!) when I wasn't able to get to my chess club (Castlehill in Dundee) - 27 years later, and I'm still "playing"- sorry, I can't think of a better verb yet.

In the early 1990s, I had my first stint on the SCCA committee as Assistant International Secretary, responsible for arranging the SCCA's friendly internationals. One of the surprises I had in this role was the surprise arrival on my doorstep one Saturday morning of Jerzy Jabłoński, my opposite number in the Poland- Scotland friendly international, complete with his son. As his English was poor, and my Polish was non-existent at that time, we talked to each other with the aid of a German-English dictionary I had in my house at the time.

During this time, I controlled two international events, including the SCCA Ladies' Invitational Tournament, the first such tournament arranged within ICCF. This was arranged by Phil Giulian and others on the SCCA committee. As a result of this, I became an ICCF International Arbiter.

I left the SCCA committee when the children (Joe, Andrew and Sarah) made their appearances on an unsuspecting world, and now that the children are a bit older, I now have some time to give to the SCCA.

For the last 2 years, I have been studying languages part-time at Glasgow University (Polish, Russian and Italian), but am currently only fluent in 2 languages- English and Dundonian...

[Ed – Bernard has included one of Colin's games in this issue, but here's another for you to enjoy...]

Ling,A J (1905) – Macgregor,C A (1769) [C16] ICCF EU/WS/H/002, 2008

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Bd7 5.Qg4 g6 6.Nf3 c5 7.Bd2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bf8 9.Qf4 Bh6 10.Qf3 Bxd2+ 11.Kxd2 Qg5+ 12.Qe3 Qxe3+ 13.Kxe3 a6 14.Rd1 f6 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.f4 0-0 17.Be2 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Bxc6 19.Rhe1 h6 20.g3
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Rae8 21.Kd4 g5 22.Rg1 Nd7 23.h3 Rf6 24.a3 Kf8 25.Ke3 Kc7 26.a4 a5 27.h4 Ref8 28.Rd4 Rf5 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.b4 e5 31.fxe5 Rxe5+



32.Kd2 axb4 33.Rxb4 Rf2 34.Re1 Rh2 35.Kd1 Kd6 36.Nb5+ Kc5 37.Rb3 Nb6 38.Rc3+ Nc4 39.Bxc4 Rxe1+ 40.Kxe1 dxc4 41.Kd1 Bxb5 42.axb5 Kxb5 43.Re3 Kb4 44.Rf3 g4 45.Re3 Rf2 46.Kc1 b5 47.Kb2 Rf3 48.Re4 Rxc3 49.Re2 Rg1 50.Re8 g3 0-1

[Ed – Colin is thinking about organising a knockout event for members. Here's how it might look, and he'd appreciate your feedback – good, bad or indifferent! You can email him on colin.macgregor@scottishcca.co.uk]

Proposed Knockout Tournament

This tournament is basically designed for 8 players and would be run as a free, continuous entry event, with non-members being encouraged to play to give them an introduction to CC.

If you win your first match, you carry on until you lose. First round losers could play in a 4 player tournament to resolve 5th to 8th places, and losing semi-finalists could play for 3rd/4th place.

This would be a non-rated webserver event, with fast time controls (e.g. 15- 20 days for 10 moves). The semi-finals and final would start 14 days after the completion of the previous round.

Two games (one with white, 1 with black) would be played in each game, with 1-1 draws being decided by lot, unless one of the players feels that s/he can't continue in the tournament.

The draw would be posted in advance. This means that the winner of the match between players 1 and 2 will play the winner of the match between players 3 and 4, and so on.

Standard SCCA playing rules would apply, apart from the time control. I would be prepared to organise and control such a tournament, if there is enough interest.



George Pyrich ICCF Financial Director

Biopic

[Ed – one of the first announcements made by Eric Ruch (FRA) following his election as ICCF President in May this year was as follows:

Dear friends,

During the recent call for elections for the Finance Director position, there were unfortunately no candidates presented by the Member Federations. One of my first duties as ICCF President was to find a volunteer for this very important position.

I am pleased to announce that **George D. Pyrich (SCO)** was appointed as Finance Director by a unanimous vote of the Executive Board and will take effect immediately. George will have the important task to prepare the financial documents to be presented to the ICCF Congress that will take place in Leeds on 12th – 19th September, 2009.

We congratulate the newly appointed Finance Director and wish him good luck and much success in his work.

Amici sumus,
Eric Ruch
ICCF President
7 June 2009]

George Pyrich is married to Catherine, lives in Balfarg near Glenrothes, and works as an accountant for Fife Council. He's a long-standing member of Kirkcaldy and Glenrothes chess clubs, and one of the most experienced players and administrators in the SCCA. [Ed – as I recall, the surname Pyrich has Polish origins, the family coming from the Kraków area.]



George and Catherine relax at the 2007 Benalmadena Congress

George joined the SCCA in 1979, and played his first international games in 1980 as part of the Scotland-Norway match (drawing 1-1 against his opponent Roald Berthelsen, the distinguished Norwegian administrator and long-time ICCF delegate).

George served as SCCA treasurer from 1985-92 and as ICCF delegate from 1992. His current portfolio is Swinney-like in extent, and includes vice president, international secretary and grading officer! He also acts as TD for a number of events, including the Websaver Open.

A strong player both OTB and CC, George has clocked up the most graded games of any SCCA member (722 at the last count), and was awarded the IM title in 1995.

His record of service for ICCF is equally impressive. He was Qualifications Commissioner from 1996-2003 and held the post of Deputy President & Development Director from 2006-07 (including being in overall charge when then president Med Samraoui was detained by the authorities).

George has been ICCF Games Archivist from 2005 to date and member of just about every committee going! He received his Bertl von Massow gold award for 15 years meritorious service at the 2007 ICCF Congress in Benalmadena in Spain.



George resplendent in Raith Rovers tie at the 2006 Dresden Congress

George's extensive knowledge of ICCF people and practices is invaluable in securing SCCA friendly matches with other ICCF members, including our 25th and 30th anniversary jumbo challenge events.

On the personal side, George is a committed supporter of Raith Rovers FC, whose moment of glory in 1994 (they won the Scottish League Cup beating Celtic 6-5 on penalties after a 2-2 draw) was immortalised by a BBC commentator who said: "There will be dancing in the streets of Raith tonight!"

Raith drew Bayern Munich in the 1995 UEFA Cup and contrived to lose the first leg 0-2 at home. George still has fond memories of the half-time scoreline in the return leg reading: Bayern Munich 0 Raith Rovers 1 (the final score of 2-1 being a mere detail).



[Ed – all the best to George in his new post!]



How to Beat Younger Players By Nigel Davies



A great number of our Correspondence players still enjoy playing over the board chess and can find it frustrating when they get duffed up by the younger generation. This DVD will help to give you a strong edge when facing the hyper fast superstars.



As Chessbase say Chess is turning into a young man's game. Time limits are faster, sessions last longer and computer databases and playing engines seem to dominate opening preparation. Add the fact that older players often have jobs and families that take most of their time and it's no surprise they suffer painful defeats at the hands of spotty youths. Nigel Davies is no stranger to this situation; a more mature Grandmaster who refuses to grow old with dignity he is still slugging it out with young players in tournaments and matches. On this DVD he argues that an older player with very little time can nonetheless remain competitive, but only if he uses guile and common sense rather than bluster and machismo. There are several aspects to Davies' plan, for example using 'low maintenance openings', seeking out particular types of position, making the endgame your hunting ground and looking after your health. He goes on to show how several great players have used such techniques to make outstanding results in their 60s and even 70s. At 57 Viktor Korchnoj played the following game so there is hope for all of us.
Korschnoj,V (2600) - Tiviakov,S (2668) [E17] 9th Open Banyoles ESP (8), 23.08.2006
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 b6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 [5.d4 Bb4+] 5...Be7 6.d4 c6 7.Nc3 d5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Qa4+ Nfd7 [9...Nbd7 10.Ne5; 9...Qd7 10.Qc2; 9...Bc6 10.Qc2] 10.Bf4 a6 11.Rfc1 0-0 12.Qd1 b5 13.a4 b4 14.Nb1 Nc6 15.Nbd2 Qb6 [15...a5

16.Nb3] 16.a5 Qa7 [16...Nxa5 17.Bc7] 17.Nb3 Rac8 18.Rc2 Ncb8 19.Rac1 Rxc2 20.Rxc2 Bc6 21.Bxb8 Nxb8 22.Qc1 Bb7 23.Ne5 [23.Rc7 Bd6] 23...Bd6 24.Bh3 Ba8 25.e3 Qe7 26.Nd3 Qe8 27.Ndc5 Bxc5 28.Nxc5 e5 29.dxe5 Qxe5 30.Bg2 Qf5 31.Nb3 Qd7 32.Nd4 Qd6 33.Bh3 Nd7 [33...g6] 34.Rc8 Bb7 35.Rc7 1-0

Video runnig time: 3 hours. System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard

The ABC of Chess Openings 2nd Edition By Andrew Martin



If nothing else Correspondence Chess means we come across a wide and diverse number of openings. Unless you are super rich it is probably not practical to buy reference material covering every opening system.

This DVD is well put together and will provide you with sound advice on how to proceed even if you are unfamiliar with a particular opening system.



In the all new 'ABC of Chess Openings' International Master Andrew Martin explores the diverse possibilities available to everyone in the opening phase of the game. The material is broken down logically into Open Games, Semi-Open Games, Closed and Semi- Closed Games, Flank and Irregular Openings. Invaluable advice is given about what to look for and how to play each specific category, and the instruction is enhanced by the use of recent, thematic master games to compliment this advice.

The DVD also contains the whole training course in audio-format for Pocket Fritz 3. System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.

How The Scheveningen Sicilian By Lubomir Ftacnik



The name Sicilian Defence (1.e4 c5) describes a number of systems, each of which could easily be considered as an independent opening. The problems in the Paulsen, Richter Rauzer or Sveshnikov are complex, but the Sicilian pawn structures tie them all together. The Scheveningen Sicilian is central to an understanding of all the individual versions of the most popular response to the move 1.e4 - including the related Najdorf system.

GM Ftacnik sets out to explain the vitality of the key Scheveningen line, a rich position offering scores of different plans for both sides. Players will learn to respect the importance of Black's central pawn structure d6, e6 and its deep and essential relationship to the different d6, e5 formation. All the grand attacking plans for White, led by the aggressive g2-g4 idea in the form of the Keres attack or currently by the wildly popular English attack, are explained with the help of the games by the world's best players.

The Scheveningen DVD will enhance the way you see and understand all Sicilian systems.

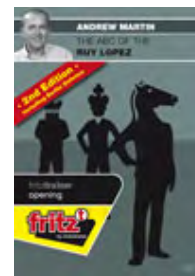


A great example of the analytical coverage of this DVD is the following game which Lubomir Ftacnik devotes about half an hour to.

Leko, Peter (2763) - Topalov, Veselin (2788) [B80]
FIDE-Wch San Luis (1), 28.09.2005 [Modern line 9...b4]
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3
b5 8.Qd2 b4 9.Na4 Nbd7N Topalov has prepared a very sharp
line at home, that is very risky. [9...Bd7!-] 10.0-0-0 [10.Bc4
Qa5 11.b3 Bb7 12.a3 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.0-0 Nxe3 15.Qxe3
Qe5 16.Qd2 Qd6 17.f4 bxa3 18.Rad1 Nb6 19.Qa5 Nxc4
20.bxc4 Qb4 21.Qxb4 Bxb4 22.Rb1 0-0-0 0-1 Ewaldt, M-

Ftacnik, L/Hamburg 2005/ (31)] 10...d5 11.exd5 [11.Bf4 Bb7
12.e5 Nh5 13.b3 Nxf4 14.Qxf4 Nc5 15.Nxc5 Bxc5 16.Qd2
Qb6 17.Kb1 a5 18.Bb5+ Kf8 19.Ba4 Rc8 20.f4 Bxd4 21.Qxd4
Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Bc6 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 24.a3 Rb6 25.axb4 axb4
26.Kb2 Ke7 27.Ra1 Rc8 28.Ra4 Rbc6 29.Rd2 Rb6 30.Ra7+
Kf8 31.g3 Ke8 32.Ra4 Kd7 33.Rd4 ½-½ Teo Wei Xing-Wee,
Singapore 2004] 11...Nxd5 12.Bc4 N7f6 [12...Bb7 13.Rhe1
Qa5 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Bb6 Qxa4 16.Bxd5 Be7 17.Bxb7 Nxb6
18.Rxe6 0-0 19.Rxe7 Qxa2 20.Qd4 Rf6 21.Bxa8 1-0 Wang
Hao-Nava, R/Istanbul 2005/] 13.Bg5 Qc7 [13...Bb7 14.Rhe1
Be7 15.Nf5! 0-0 16.Bxd5 Bxd5 17.Nxe7+ Qxe7 18.Nb6 Rad8
19.Nxd5 Rxd5 20.Qxd5+-] 14.Bxd5 White could have
contemplated also other dangerous idea 14.£e2!? [14.Qe2!?
Bd6! 15.Nxe6 (15.Nf5 Bf4+ 16.Kb1 Bxg5 17.Bxd5 Rb8)
15...Bxe6 16.Bxf6 (16.Bxd5? Nxd5 17.Rxd5 0-0-+) 16...Nxf6
17.Bxe6 Bf4+ 18.Kb1 fxe6 19.Qxe6+ Kf8 20.g3 Bh6÷] 14...Nxd5
15.Rhe1 Bb7 16.Qe2 Qd6 17.Kb1 [17.f4!, Nxf4
18.Qg4 Nd5 19.Nxe6+-] 17...h6 18.Bh4 Nf4 19.Qf2 Qc7
20.Nf5? The opening experiment by black has failed and white
could have capitalized on his centralized pieces with the
winning jump 20.£b6! [20.Nb6!, Rb8T a) 20...Qxb6 21.Nxe6
Qxf2 (21...Qxe6 22.Qa7!+-) 22.Nxg7#; b) 20...Qxb6; 21.Nf5
Bc6 22.Qd4 Rg8 (22...Ng6 23.Bg3 Qxb6 24.Qxb6 Rxb6
25.Bc7+-) 23.Nc4!/? g5 24.Bg3 Rd8 25.Ncd6+ Bxd6 26.Nxd6+
Rxd6 (26...Kf8 27.Bxf4 gxf4 28.Rxe6+-) 27.Qxd6 Qxd6
28.Rxd6+-] 20...g5! 21.Bg3 Rc8 22.Qd4 [22.Rd2 Rd8 23.Bxf4
gxf4 24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.Nc5 Bd5?] 22...Rg8 23.c3? Leko
played very badly in time trouble and transformed the position
into difficult ending. [23.Qf2!] 23...Rd8 24.Qxd8+ [24.Qe3
Bc6µ] 24...Qxd8 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8µ 26.Ne3 Bc6 27.Nb6 bxc3
28.bxc3 Bg7 29.Bxf4 gxf4 30.Nd1 Bb5 31.a4 Bd3+ 32.Kc1
Kc7 33.a5 Bh8 34.Kd2 Bb5 35.Rg1 Bc6 36.Ke2 Be5 37.c4
Bd4 38.Nf2 Bc3 39.Ne4 Bxa5 40.c5 f5 0-1

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Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

I received a nice mix of games for this Magazine. They range between games annotated by players involved in the game, to games annotated by players who not playing the game felt it was worth their effort to annotate it themselves. I even received one un-annotated game. I do receive un-annotated games from time to time. A lot of these are very interesting but stand a much lower chance of being published. Even adding a few lines of comments at relevant points can greatly increase their chance of being published.

Anyway time for you to get out the board and play through some enjoyable games.

SCCA Championship, 2008

White:- Prof. Alastair Dawson

Black:- David R Cumming

English Defence [A34]

[Annotator Prof. A Dawson]

1.c4	c5
2.Nc3	Nf6
3.g3	d5
4.cxd5	Nxd5
5.Bg2	Nc7

This move makes some sense in respect of Black trying to reach a Maroczy Bind with colours reversed, but White has a plan!

6.d3 **e5**



7.f4!

These days when matches are often against both opponent and analysis engines, it is vital to outwit your adversary. In this case, I chose an obscure line based on some analysis by Zoltan Ribli and inspired by Uhlmann. The value

of the move is that it takes the opponent out of the "book" straight away and sets him difficult choices right from the outset. In this game this strategy pays rich dividends.

7...	Bd6
8.fxe5	Bxe5
9.Nf3	

White already has 3 pieces developed, an open "f" file plus a diagonal for the Bc1.

9...	Bf6
10.Ne4	Be7
11.Be3	Nba6
12.0-0	f5
13.Nc3	0-0
14.Qb3+	Kh8



The plan here is simple, just develop pieces and exert pressure. Whites first rank is now clear for his Rooks, the same cannot be said of the Black position.

15.Ne5	Qe8
16.Nc4	Nb4
17.Bd2	Nc6
18.Rae1	Qd8
19.Rf2	Nd4
20.Qd1	

And now Black is troubled by the weakness on b7, a factor that White seeks to exploit.

20... **Be6**

If 20...Bf6 21.Bf4 Ne8 22.e3 Nc6 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Qa4 Bd7 25.Qa6 Not nice.

21.Na5	Rb8
22.Bf4	

Ouch - the effect of the pin is quite painful.

22...	b6
23.Nb7	Qd7
24.e3	

This little tactic wins the exchange!

24...	Ndb5
25.Nxb5	Nxb5
26.Bxb8	Rxb8
27.Qa4	Bf6
28.Qa6	



Setting another trap with the simple theme of Nc5 and Bc6.

28...	h5
29.Nxc5	bx c5
30.Bc6	Qe7
31.Bxb5	Rb6
32.Qa4	Bc8
33.Ree2	Kh7

With the exchange and a pawn ahead, all White has to do is reorganise his pieces to cover the weakness on e3. But first White ought to swap off a Bishop to get rid of pressure created by the Black Bishop pair.

34.Bc4	h4
35.Bb3	g6
36.Qf4	h3
37.Qf3	Kg7
38.Qa8	Be6
39.Bxe6	Rxe6

With one pair of Bishops off, White needs just to cover e3 sufficiently while at the same time keeping control of the h1-a8 diagonal.

40.Qf3	c4
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41.dxc4 Re4
 42.b3 Bg5
 43.Rf1 a5
 44.Rd1 a4
 45.Rd3 Qe5
 46.Re1 Qe8
 47.Kf2 Qe5
 48.Qe2 Qe8
 49.Qf1

The Black position is in tatters if he tries to hang on to the h-pawn with Qe8.

49... Qe7
 50.Qxh3 1-0



SCCA Premiers Section A, 2009
White:- Chris Dowell
Black:- David R Cumming
 Semi-Slav [A40]
 [Annotator David R Cumming]

1.d4

Van Wely

1... d5
 2.Nf3 Nf6
 3.c4 c6
 4.Nc3 e6
 5.Bg5 dxc4
 6.e4 b5
 7.e5



My silicon monster assesses this position as fully advantageous to White, but this judgement is premature, as Black invests a pawn for the sake of superior development and the safety of his own King!

7... h6
 8.Bh4 g5
 9.Nxg5 hxg5
 10.Bxg5 Nbd7
 11.exf6 Bb7
 12.g3 c5=
 13.d5 Bh6!

13...Qc7 14.Bg2 b4 15.d6 Qb6 16.Ne4
 (16.Na4 Qa6 17.Bxb7 Qxb7 18.0-0 0-0-0
 19.Rc1 Qa6 20.Re1 Bxd6 21.Re4 Qc6
 22.Qc2 Ne5 23.Be3 Nd3 24.Rxc4 Rxh2
 25.Kf1 Nxc1 0-1 Ovod, E (2410)-
 Smirnov, P (2621)/Moscow 2007/CBM
 116 ext.) 16...0-0-0 17.0-0 Bd5 18.Qe2
 Qc6 (18...Ne5; 18...Bxd6) 19.b3 Nb6 A)
 RR 20.Rfc1

a) B) RR 20.a3 cxb3 21.axb4 (RR
 21.Qa6+ Qb7) B1) RR 21...Bc4 (B2) RR
 21...c4 22.Rxa7 Bxd6 B2a) RR 23.Nxd6+
 (B2b) 23.b5 Qxb5 24.Nc3 Qc6 25.Nxd5
 exd5 26.Rxf7) 23...Rxd6 24.Bxd5 Nxd5
 (RR 24...Rxd5 25.Bf4; RR 24...Qxd5
 25.Bf4 Rd7 26.Ra5) 25.Rfa1 Rhd8)
 22.Qd1 Bxf1 23.Qxf1 c4 24.Rxa7 Rd7
 (RR 24...Bxd6 25.Qa1 Qb5 26.Nc3 b2
 27.Qa2 b1Q+ 28.Qxb1 Qxb4 29.Qe4)
 25.Nc5;
 b) C) 20.Bf4 Bxd6 (RR 20...c3 21.a3)
 21.Bxd6 Bxe4 22.Bxe4 Qxd6 23.Rfd1
 (RR 23.Rad1 ; RR 23.bxc4 Qd4 24.Qf3
 Nxc4 25.Ba8 Rd7 26.Rfd1 Nd2 27.Qc6+
 Kb8) 23...Qc7 24.bxc4 Na4 25.Qe3 (RR
 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.Bg2 Qxf6 27.Re1 Nc3
 28.Qe3 Rh5 29.g4; RR 25.Bg2 Rxd1+
 26.Qxd1 Qe5) 25...Rxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Nc3
 27.Re1 (RR 27.Rd2 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Kxd8
 29.Qh6 Qd6 30.Bg6) 27...Nxa2 28.Bg2
 Van Wely, L (2676)-Agrest, E (2557)/
 Fuegen 2006/CBM 115/[Van Wely]/1-0.
 28...Nc3 29.Qf3 (RR 29.h4) 29...Rd8
 30.h4 a5 31.h5 a4 32.h6 a3 33.h7 Qa7
 34.Qh5; 20...c3 21.a3 Kb8 22.axb4 cxb4
 23.Bf4 Bh6

14.Nxb5



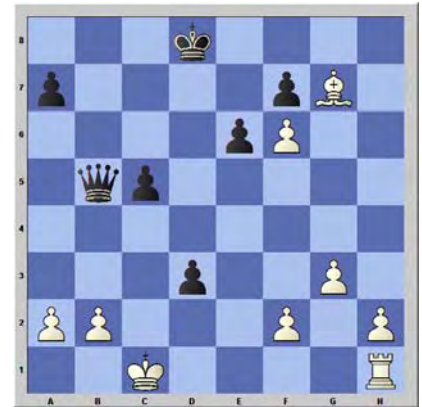
RR 14.dxe6 Ne5 15.exf7+ Kf8 16.Bxh6+
 Rxh6 17.f4 Nf3+ 18.Kf2 Nd2 0-1
 Savinov, M (2210)-Romdall, T/Norway
 1999/EXT 2003.; RR 14.Qd2 Bxg5
 15.Qxg5 Qxf6 16.Qxf6 Nxf6 17.Nxb5 0-
 0-0 (RR 17...Ke7 18.Bxc4 exd5 19.Be2 d4
 20.f3 Ng4 21.h4 Ne5 22.Kf2 Bc6 23.Rhe1
 Kf6 24.f4 Nd7 25.Nd6 Nb6 26.Bf3 Rad8
 27.Ne4+ Bxe4 28.Rxe4 Nc4 29.b3 Ne3
 30.Rc1 Rc8 31.h5 Nd5 32.Re5 Van
 Ginkel, M, M-Van Prooijen, J/Netherlands
 1996/EXT 2000/0-1.) 18.Nxa7+ Kc7

19.Nb5+ Kb6 20.Nc3 exd5 21.Bg2 Rhe8+
 22.Kf1 d4 23.Na4+ Kc7 24.Nxc5 Bxg2+
 25.Kxg2 Kb6 26.Na4+ Kb5 27.b3 c3
 28.Rac1 Kb4 Ahling, M-Oberbarnscheidt,
 L/Ruhrgebiet 1998/EXT 2002/0-1.

14... Qa5+!#
 15.Qd2 Qxb5
 16.Bxh6 Bxd5
 17.Bg7??

At least Chris can rest easy in the knowledge that this blunder is not unknown in this variation!

17... Bxh1
 18.Bxh8 0-0-0+
 19.Bg7 Ne5!
 20.Qxd8+ Kxd8
 21.0-0-0+ Nd3+!
 22.Bxd3 cxd3
 23.Rxh1N



23.b3 Bf3 0-1 Isgro, T-Marine, S/ICCF
 email 1996/E-mail 2000.

23... Qc4+
 24.Kb1??

A blunder in a totally lost position. Now White will be mated shortly!

24... d2

Deep Junior 10: 24...d2 25.Rd1 Qe4+
 26.Ka1 Qe1 27.a3 Qxd1+ 28.Ka2 c4
 29.Bh6 Qb3+ 30.Kb1 c3 31.a4 Qxb2# -
 #8/15. 0-1



Scottish CCA League Division 1, 2009
White:- C Jonathan Lennox
Black:- David R Cumming
 Queen's Gambit Declined D41]
 [Annotator David R Cumming]

1.Nf3 Nf6
 2.c4 c5
 3.g3 d5
 4.cxd5 Nxd5

5.Bg2 Nc6
 6.Nc3 e6
 7.0-0 Be7
 8.d4 0-0
 9.e4 Nb6
 10.d5 exd5
 11.exd5 Nb4
 12.Ne1 Re8N



The dark-squared Bishop had to remain guarding the d6 square to prevent White from advancing it further in the near future, as the square in front of the d5-prawn it had to be kept "under observation" at all times!

12...Nc4 13.a3 Na6 14.Nd3 (14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Nc2 Bxe4 16.Bxe4 Nd6 17.Bg2 Re8 18.Rb1 Bf6 19.Bf4 Be5 20.Bxe5 Rxe5 21.Ne3 Re8 22.Qd3 b5 23.b3 Qf6 24.Rbc1 Rac8 25.Rfd1 h5 26.Rc2 g6 27.Qd2 Rb8 28.a4 bxa4 Kortschnoj,V-Kuzmin,G/Moscow 1973/MCL/1-0)

14...Bf5 15.Ne4 Re8 16.Re1 Bf8 17.b3 Nb6 18.Nf4 Qd7 19.Bb2 Rad8 20.Rc1 Kh8 21.Qh5 Nxd5 22.Nxd5 Bg6 23.Nef6 Rxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Bxh5 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.Re8 Kg8 27.h3 Filip,M-Tatai,S/Enschede 1963/EXT 2001/1/2-1/2;

12...c4 13.Qf3 (13.Bf4 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nc2 Bf5 16.Ne3 Bd3 17.Re1 f5 18.a3 Na6 19.b3 Qf6 20.Rc1 f4 21.Nxc4 fxc3 22.fxc3 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Nxc4 24.Kh1 Nd6 25.Re6 Qd8 26.Ne4 Nxe4 27.Bxe4 Rc8 Mohr,G (2492)-Farago,I (2486)/Bled 2000/EXT 2001/1-0;

13.a3 Na6 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qd4 Bf5 17.Nf3 Rad8 18.Nd2 Qc6 19.Qf4 Bd3 20.Rfe1 Rd7 21.Re5 f6 22.Re3 Nc7 23.Nb3 Qd6 24.Qxd6 Rxd6 25.Nc5 Nbx5 26.Nxd5 Nxd5 27.Re6 Rfd8 Gulko,B (2480) - Alburk,L (2420)/Yerevan 1975/URS-ch/1-0)

13...Qd6 14.a3 Na6 15.Be3 Qg6 16.h3 Bd7 17.Rd1 Nc5 18.Rd2 Rad8 19.Bxc5 Bxc5 20.Ne4 Bd6 21.Nxd6 Qxd6 22.Nc2 Rc8 23.Re1 Na4 24.b3 Nb2 25.bxc4 Nxc4 26.Rde2 Rfe8 27.Rxe8+ Kortschnoj,V (2615)-Lautier,J (2645)/Horgen 1994/CBM 043/1-0

13.a3± Na6

14.Bf4 c4!?

I had no choice but to make this positional prawn sac to activate the c5 square for my pieces, as White was in serious danger of suffocating my position with his advanced d-prawn!

15.a4 Bd6
 16.Bxd6 Qxd6
 17.a5!± Nd7
 18.Ne4 Qf8

Keeping an eye on the important f8-b4 diagonal, as well as the secondary roles of guarding g7 and the ...Re8, as my back rank on the Queenside was blocked for the moment.

19.Qd4 Ndc5
 20.Qxc4 Nxe4
 21.Bxe4 Bd7
 22.Nd3 Rac8
 23.Qd4 Nc7
 24.Bg2?!



I was under the cosh for long enough in this game, this move let slip White's full advantage, and eased the pressure on myself.

Deep Junior 10: 24.Rac1 h6 25.Bf3 Bf5 26.Nc5 Nb5 27.Qb4 b6 28.Qxb5 bxc5 29.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 30.Rxe1 Qd6 0.77/19

24... Bf5!±
 25.Nf4 Nb5
 26.Qa4 Qc5! =

Perhaps a very slight pull for White here, but not big enough to register for a slight advantage according to my silicon monster's assessment!

27.Rfe1 Nd6

Blocking the d-prawn, a la Nimzowitsch!!

28.a6 Rxe1+
 29.Rxe1 b5!

After this move I could finally see light at the end of the tunnel!

30.Qa1 h6
 31.Bf3 Qd4!
 32.b3 Qxa1
 33.Rxa1 Rc3

It would have been something of an injustice had I chosen to play on and had White erred further and eventually lost, and as I was winning the other game anyway, a draw in this game was a perfectly reasonable result from such a highly-graded opponent, in my eyes!

33...Rc3 34.Bd1 Be4 35.Ne2 Rc5 36.Rc1 Rxc1 37.Nxc1 Bxd5= 1/2-1/2



WT/H/1074, 2009

White:- G Bohme

Black:- C Macgregor
 Caro-Kann Defence [B18]
 [Annotator C.R.Beecham]

Bernard sent me the following game and I enjoyed it so much that I thought it should be annotated. I do not wish to do a "fernsic" analysis and be exposed by those people who simply don't understand real chess and use computers to make moves that are not their own. A real chess game can only be experienced by two people and an outsider annotating the game is only second best.

1.e4 c6
 2.d4 d5
 3.Nc3 dxe4
 4.Nxe4 Bf5
 5.Ng3



The move 5.Nc5! is very interesting. I think it was introduced into serious practice by David Bronstein; the second Knight on c5 attacks the b pawn and can retreat to d3 where it controls e5 and c5. When you look at 5.Ng3 it's not doing much here and 9 times out of 10 it returns

to e4 anyway.

5... **Bg6**
6.h4 **h6**
7.h5 **Bh7**
8.Bd3

More usual is 8.Nf3. White's problem is that the Caro-Kann is a tough nut to crack and one of the few ultra-solid openings, so White goes on a sacrificial path in an attempt to gain an advantage.

8... **Qxd4!?**

The presence of Her Majesty in the centre could cost Colin a good few tempi.

9.Nf3 **Qd5**

The most popular continuation is 9...Qd8 10.Bxh7 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 Rxh7] **10.0-0?! This is not right.** [Play would be a good deal more interesting for White had he played 10.Rh4! Bxd3 11.Rd4 Bxc2 (11...Qa5+ 12.b4 Bxc2 13.Qxc2 Qb5 14.a4 Qb6 15.Be3 e6 16.0-0) 12.Qxc2 Qb5 13.a4 Qb6 14.Be3 c5 15.a5 and Colin's Queen has a few "personal" problems.

10... **Bxd3**
11.cxd3 **Nf6**
12.b4 **Nxh5**

The surgical solution, however I would be tempted to try 12...e6 or 12...Nbd7.

13.Nxh5 **Qxh5**
14.Bb2 **e6**
15.Qb3 **Nd7**
16.Rfe1 **Nb6**



Colin might have been tempted to play 16...Bd6 when after 17.Bxg7 Rg8 18.Rxe6+ Be7 19.Rxh6 Qg4 Black is winning.

17.Re5 **Qg6**
18.Rc1 **Be7**
19.Re3 **Bg5**

20.Nxg5

Unpleasant nut necessary as 20.Ne5 fails to 20...Qh5 21.g4 Qh4 22.Ng6 Qxg4+.

20... **hxg5**
21.Be5 **g4**
22.f4 **Qh5**
23.Kf2 **Nd5**
24.Rg3 **f6**
25.Bd4 **Qf5**
26.Be3 **Nxf4**
27.Rf1 **Nd5+**

Colin continues with merciless consistency. Finishing with a nice mate!

28.Kg1 **Rh1+**
29.Kxh1 **Qxf1+**
30.Kh2 **Kf7**
31.Be5 **Rh8+**
32.Rh3 **g3+**
33.Kxg3 **Qf4#**
0-1



SCCA Championship, 1999
White:- C Richard Beecham
Black:- Frank Teunisse
Dutch Defence[A80]
[Annotator C R Beecham]

I have been trawling through my chess archives looking for the shortest games played in the Scottish Championship. By Its nature as a miniature they loser must have made a bad blunder but they are fun to play through! I give you two games, which I think qualify as the shortest and second shortest. Apologies to the players on the wrong side of the result.

1.d4 **f5**
2.Bg5 **Nf6**

In Olympiad 16 sf3-Board 1 my opponent Gary Kubach (USA) who is a very strong S.I.M. and an expert on the Dutch played 2...h6 3.Bh4 g5 4.Bg3 Nf6 5.e3 Bg7 6.h4 g4 7.h5 d6 8.Nc3 c6 9.Bd3 Qa5 and the game was level.

3.Nc3 **d5**
4.Bxf6 **exf6**
5.e3 **c6**

In Finjub30 the game between the two heavyweights C.Meleghegyi - A.Lanc continued 5...Bb4 6.Qf3 Nc6!? 7.Bd3 Ne7 8.Nge2 c6 9.a3 Bd6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nf4 Bxf4 12.Qxf4 Qd7 13.0-0-0 Rd8?! 14.g4! and White won in another 12 moves!

6.Bd3

g6

Another way to play is 6...Qb6!? as in S.Volkov - S.Guliev from EU.ch. Istanbul 2003 but after 7.Na4! Qa5+ 8.c3 b5 9.Nc5 Bxc5 10.dxc5 b4 11.a3! b3 12.Qxb3 White went on to consolidate his extra pawn.

7.Qf3 **Bd6**
8.Nge2 **Be6**
9.h3 **Nd7**
10.g4 **fxg4**
11.hxg4 **Bf7**
12.Nf4 **Nf8**



The game between Joseph Redpath - Chris Sykes in the Edinburgh FIDE "B" event 2002 went 12...Bxf4 13.Qxf4 Qb8 14.Qf3 Qd6 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.Rh6 Rdg8 17.Rdh1 Rg7 18.Qh3 Nf8 19.f4 Qd7 20.Kd2 Qd6 21.g5+ f5 22.Bxf5+ winning.

13.0-0-0 **Qc7?**

After 13...Qe7 14.e4 dxe4 15.Bxe4 0-0-0 16.d5 Black is in trouble.

14.Nfxd5!

Black resigns. I leave it to the reader to find the winning lines! 1-0



SCCA Championship, 2003
White:- Dr Alan C Brown
Black:- David R Cumming
Queen's Fianchetto Defence [B00]
[Annotator C R Beecham]

Now to the "runner-up", The winner of this game Dr. Alan Brown will be Sunning himself on a Spanish beach as he retired out there last year!

1.e4 **Nc6**

The Scottish I.M. Tim Wickens told me he used to play this move to avoid the

King's Gambit but it has always struck me as a chess interpretation of scenes from "Theatre of the Absurd" by Samuel Beckett.

2.d4 **e5**
3.d5 **Nce7**
4.Nf3 **Ng6**
5.h4! **H5**
6.Bg5 **Be7**

In the 1996 USA Championship the game Alex. Ivanov - Joel Benjamin went 6...Nf6 7.Nc3 Bc5 8.Na4! Bb4+ 9.c3 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.d6 with signs that something has gone wrong already in Black's game.

7.d6 **cxd6**
8.Nc3 **Qa5?!**

Usual in this position is 8...Nf6 but after 9.Nd2! 0-0 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Nc4 White is well on top.

9.Bxe7 **N8xe7**
10.Qxd6 **a6**



A better try was 10...Rh6 11.0-0-0 Nc6

11.0-0-0 **0-0?**

Mr. Cumming has underestimated White's attacking potential, again 11...Rh6 was probably best.

12.g4! **Hxg4**
13.h5 **gxf3**

Opening up the h-file for White's Rook - not a good move. 13...Nf4 14.Nxe5 Ne6 was called for.

14.hxg6 **Nxg6**
15.Bc4 **Nf4**

The move 15...Qb6 was better!

16.Rh8+!

Its mate in six so Black Resigns. 1-0



WT/H/1074, 2004

White:- David Edney
Black:- David R Cumming
 Caro-Kann Defence [B12]
 [Annotator C.R.Beecham]

We saw Mr. Cumming's win against David "E" in Magazine No. 104 so to redress the balance here is a brilliant win in the Advance Variation of the Caro-Kann, which had fallen through the net.

1.e4 **c6**
2.d4 **d5**
3.e5 **Bf5**
4.Nf3 **e6**
5.Be2 **c5**

Nigel Short is the author of this variation with 4.Nf3 5.Be2 and it is proof that the Caro-Kann is inferior to the French Defence: the undermining of the pawn chain can only be achieved with the loss of tempo.

6.0-0

A more ambitious move here would be 6.Be3 trying to force Black to open up the position, as 6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Ne7 8.Nc3 Nbc6 9.Ncb5 leaves Black with problems.; More interesting after 6.Be3 is 6...Qb6 but then we have a very surprising novelty with 7.Nc3 Qxb2 8.Qb1!! Qxb1+ (8...Qxc3+ 9.Bd2 Qxc2 10.Qxb7; or 8...Qxc2 9.Qb5+! Nc6 10.Rc1! trapping the Queen.) 9.Rxb1 and a huge lead in development.

6... **Nc6**
7.c3 **cxd4**
8.cxd4 **Nge7**



An interesting idea is 8...Bb4!? when after 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bb6 the Bishop exerts strong pressure on d4.

9.Be3 **Qb6**
10.Qd2 **Bg4**
11.Nc3 **Nf5**
12.Rfd1 **Nxe3**

I can understand why Black played this move. The Rook has moved away from a potentially half open f-file, but the Knight is a better piece than White's Bishop and all 12.Nxe3 does is release the pressure on the d4 square if White plays fxe3.

A much better plan was 12...Be7 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 0-0

13.Qxe3 **Rc8**
14.a3 **Bxf3**
15.Bxf3 **Na5?**

This is "really silly", Black must get his King into safety with 15...Be7!

16.Rac1 **Nc4**
17.Qf4 **Rd8**
18.Bh5!!



A brilliant move. Yes it will be chased away but it weakens the position around the Black King and is a prelude of things to come...

18... **g6**
19.Be2 **Qxb2?**

Mr. Cumming swallows "Leander serratus" whole! A lesser evil was 19...Bg7 20.Na4 Qb5 21.Nc5 Qb6

20.Qf6 **Rg8**
21.Nxd5!!

A rather excellent move!

21... **exd5**

Black can't save himself with 21...Rxd5 either viz... 22.Bxc4 Be7 23.Qf4 Rd8 24.d5!

22.e6 **Rg7**
23.Bxc4 **dx4**

An equally embarrassing line is 23...fxe6 24.Rb1 Rf7 25.Qxe6+ Re7 26.Qg8 Qxb1

24.e7!

A nice finish to a great game by the tax

inspector!!

24... Rc8
25.Rxc4 1-0



Scottish CCA League Division 1, 2009

White:- D R Cumming
Black:- C Jonathan Lennox
Bogo Indian Defence [E11]
[Annotator D R Cumming]

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 Nc6
3.Nf3 e6
4.g3 Bb4+
5.Bd2 Qe7
6.Nc3 Bxc3
7.Bxc3 Ne4
8.Rc1 d6
9.d5 Nxc3
10.Rxc3 Nd8
11.Qc2 0-0



11...b6 12.Bg2 Bb7 13.0-0 e5 14.b4 0-0
15.e4 c5 16.bxc5 bxc5 17.Bh3 g6 18.Rb1
Bc8 19.Bxc8 Rxc8 20.h4 f5 21.exf5 gxf5
22.Rcb3 Qf6 23.Qd2 h6 24.h5 f4 25.Qd3
Rc7 26.Nh4 Halkias,S (2551) -
Rozenalis,E (2605) / Kavala 2006/CBM
113 ext/1-0.

12.Bg2± c5!?N

12...e5 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Qd2
Bg4 16.Ne1 Nd4 17.f3 Be6 18.Nc2 ½-½
Psakhis,L (2570) - Adams,M (2610)/
Chalkidiki 1992/CBM 032.;
12...Bd7 13.0-0 e5 14.c5 dxc5 15.Rxc5 c6
16.Nxe5 cxd5 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Rxd5
Qe6 19.e3 Rc8 20.Qa4 a6 21.Rfd1 Qb6
22.Qd4 Qxd4 23.R5xd4 Ne6 24.R4d2 Rc7
25.Rd7 Rxd7 26.Rxd7 Rd8 27.Rxd8+
Chernin,A (2645) - Becker,M (2430) /
Germany 1998 / GER-chT2/1-0.

13.dxc6!? Bxc6
14.Re3 Rb8
15.c5! D5
16.0-0 f6

17.Nd4 Qb7?!

Losing a couple of tempi and in the
process missing out on a chance to narrow
the gap slightly on the advantage front, to
reduce Whites advantage from full to only
slight! [Deep Junior 10: 17...Rb4 18.Nf5
Qc7 19.Nd6 Nf7 20.a3 Rb7 21.Nxc8
Qxc8 22.Rb1 e5 23.b4 Qg4 24.Qa4 Qd7
0.69/19

18.Rb3 Qc7
19.e4± e5??



This was the decisive blunder from Black!
Deep Junior 10: 19...Rxb3 20.Nxb3 a5
21.Rd1 a4 22.Nd2 f5 23.exd5 cxd5
24.Qxa4 Bd7 25.Qa6 Nc6 26.b3 d4
27.Nf3 0.81/23

20.exd5!+- cxd5

20...exd4? walks into 21.d6 Qf7 22.Rxb8
Deep Junior 10: 22...Ba6 23.Rc1 d3
24.Qb3 Qxb3 25.Rxb3 Re8 26.Rd1 Kf7
27.Ra3 d2 28.Re3 Rxe3 29.fxe3 Ke6
30.Rxd2 Nb7 4.80/17

21.Bxd5+ Kh8
22.Nb5 Rxb5
23.Rxb5 Ba6
24.Qa4 Bxb5
25.Qxb5 f5
26.Rd1 e4
27.b4 Qe5
28.Qd7 f4
29.Qd6 Qxd6
30.cxd6 e3
31.fxe3 fxe3
32.Rf1 Rf6
33.Kg2 e2
34.Rxf6 gxf6
35.Kf2 1-0



WT/H/1074

White: Patrick Moir (1800)
Black: John M Armstrong (1618)
Ruy Lopez ,[C62]
[Annotator Colin Macgregor]
I enclose a recently completed game from

the SCCA Open, Section C, 2009, which
I'm sending in because of the unusual
checkmate (2 Knights). Hope it's good
enough for the SCCA magazine.

1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Nc3 d6
4.Bb5 Bd7
5.0-0 Nb8
6.d4 Bxb5
7.Nxb5 a6
8.Nc3 exd4
9.Nxd4 g6
10.f4 Bg7
11.Nf3 Ne7
12.Ne2 0-0
13.c3 Nd7
14.Be3 Nf6
15.Ng3 Kh8
16.Bd4 Neg8
17.Qd3 c5
18.Bf2 b6
19.Rad1 Ne8
20.f5 Bf6
21.fxg6 fxg6
22.Qd5 Rb8
23.Be3 Be7
24.Ng5 Rxf1+
25.Rxf1 Bxg5
26.Bxg5 Ngf6
27.Qf7 Qd7
28.Qf8+ Ng8
29.Bf6+ Nexf6
30.Qxb8 Kg7
31.Qxb6 Ng4
32.Qxa6 h5
33.Rd1 N8f6
34.Rxd6 Qe7
35.Re6 Qd8
36.Qa7+ Kh6
37.Qxc5 h4
38.Nf1 Nh5
39.Qb4 Nf4
40.Rd6 Ne2+
41.Kh1 Nf2#



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2009 Grading List Summer Update

By George Pyrich

A second ICCF grading list for 2009 has been published, with the third and final list expected in September. In 2010, a quarterly schedule is planned. The new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 March to 31 May 2009, and will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 July and 30 September 2009.

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

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	342	2126 ↓	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	146	2311 ↔
518	Anderson, G M	154	2297 ↔	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	178	2334 ↓
121	Anderson, J	152	1711 ↑	264	Lloyd, G	308	2170 ↑
049	Armstrong, A	111	1896 ↑	337	Loughran, R	53	1763 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	77	1597 ↑	441	MacCaellich-Young, Ms J	15	1517 ↔ *
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)	59	2332 ↔	367	MacDonald, P H	39	1952 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	299	2503 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	195	1890 ↑
599	Bell, A D	36	2296 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	430	2293 ↑
022	Bird, A G E	10	0 ↔ *	216	MacMillen, A N	377	2004 ↑
520	Bird, Prof G H	47	2078 ↔	457	Mahony, J	2	0 ↔ *
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	646	2206 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	297	2065 ↔
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	25	1887 ↑ *	434	Matheis, T (SM)	117	2414 ↔
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	2318 ↓	083	Maxwell, A	43	2181 ↔
424	Burridge, R J	14	1744 ↑ *	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↔
435	Cairney, J	6	0 ↔ *	352	McDonald, G R	78	1923 ↓
423	Calder, H	81	2079 ↑	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↔
096	Campbell, A W I	32	1798 ↔	525	McKerracher, D	4	0 ↔ *
038	Campbell, I S	210	1873 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	28	1559 ↑ *
585	Collins, S	22	1828 ↔ *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↓
173	Cook, W M	55	1984 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	23	1613 ↑ *
364	Coope, D W	364	1925 ↑	001	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144	2452 ↔
247	Cormack, W H	13	1963 ↔ *	409	Miller, S	18	1657 ↑ *
527	Craig, T J (SM)	316	2372 ↑	178	Milligan, B (SM)	154	1933 ↔
332	Crawley, J	13	1912 ↔ *	401	Moir, P J	23	1730 ↑ *
166	Cumming, D R	288	2128 ↔	438	Montgomery, J	7	0 ↔ *
422	Dawson, Prof A G	44	2230 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	137	2278 ↑
422	Dawson, J	2	0 ↔ *	338	Morrow, J	10	0 ↔ *
572	Dempster, D	436	1623 ↓	564	Murray, J S	19	1930 ↑ *
430	Doherty, T	19	1706 ↔ *	440	Neil, C	45	1741 ↔
595	Domnin, M	6	0 ↔ *	453	Newton, A	15	1818 ↑ *
371	Edney, D	124	2003 ↓	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	54	1931 ↑
340	Finnie, D S (SIM)	193	2538 ↔	444	Paine, Dr K A	50	2095 ↑
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	120	2361 ↓	379	Phillips, G H	205	2104 ↓
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	432	Price, D	70	1945 ↑
124	Goodwin, B J	90	2050 ↓	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	722	2254 ↑
445	Graham, S	112	2125 ↑	343	Rawlinson, J	2	0 ↔ *
399	Grant, J	10	0 ↔ *	136	Reeman, I F	127	2306 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	82	1489 ↓	437	Roberts, A	110	1836 ↔
556	Hartford, Mrs E A	168	1912 ↔	407	Ross, D W	26	1920 ↔ *
063	Harvey, D	65	2047 ↑	398	Rough, R E	23	1893 ↔ *
597	Hind, A	32	2205 ↔	522	Savage, D J	68	1988 ↑
510	Hislop, A T	169	1936 ↔	449	Scott, A	40	1912 ↔
515	Jack, J P E	22	1794 ↓ *	439	Smith, M J	17	1820 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	15	1997 ↔ *	454	Sheridan, N	3	0 ↔ *
514	Jenkins, D M	76	2232 ↔	448	Sreeves, C	9	0 ↔ *
322	Jessing, M	24	2096 ↔ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	117	2123 ↓
415	Kerr, A	10	0 ↔ *	442	Swan, I	55	2394 ↓
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	274	2394 ↓	452	Toye, D T	8	0 ↔ *
260	Knox, A	59	1674 ↔	065	Young, S M	44	1900 ↔
419	Lees, J A	77	2070 ↔				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	99
New entrants	20
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	11
Full grades (30+ games)	66
Provisional grades (<30 games)	33
Grading increases (↑)	31
Grading decreases (↓)	16
Grading static (↔)	52

Top 30 Grades

Finnie, D S (SIM)	2538	Bell, A D	2296
Beecham, C R (IM)	2503	Mackintosh, I (IM)	2293
McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	2452	May, M A	2283
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Montgomery, R S	2278
Matheis, T (SM)	2414	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2254
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2394	Jenkins, D M	2232
Swan, I	2394	Dawson, Prof A G	2230
Craig, T J (SM)	2372	Borwell, A P (IM)	2206
Gillam, S R (SM)	2361	Hind, A	2205
Livie, G W G (IM)	2334	Maxwell, A	2181
Baxter, R W M (SM)	2332	Lloyd, G	2170
Brown, Dr A C (SM)	2318	Cumming, D R	2128
Lennox, C J (SM)	2311	Almarza Mato, C	2126
Reeman, I F	2306	Graham, S	2125
Anderson, G M	2297	Stewart, Dr K W C	2123

Top 30 Games Played

Pyrich, G D (IM)	722	Phillips, G H	205
Borwell, A P (IM)	646	MacGregor, C A	195
Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	Finnie, D S (SIM)	193
Dempster, D	436	Livie, G W G (IM)	178
Mackintosh, I (IM)	430	Hislop, A T	169
MacMillen, A N	377	Hartford, Mrs E A	168
Coope, D W	364	Anderson, G M	154
Craig, T J (SM)	316	Milligan, B (SM)	154
Lloyd, G	308	Anderson, J	152
Beecham, C R (IM)	299	Lennox, C J (SM)	146
Marshall, I H	297	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144
Cumming, D R	288	Montgomery, R S	137
Kilgour, D A (GM)	274	Reeman, I F	127
Campbell, I S	210	Edney, D	124
Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	Gillam, S R (SM)	120

Other Notes

This list has reinstated a number of our members who are registered with other countries. Also included this time are members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating.

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

The main ICCF website (<http://www.iccf.com/>) allows you to download a free program which allows you to analyse your previous and future rating performance.

Go to ICCF Ratings on the main menu then click on the Download Eloquery link. Various zip files are available, containing the program, ratings database, historical and tournament data.



SSKK 70 Years

The Swedish Federation (SSKK) celebrated their 70th Anniversary by holding a friendly match against a Rest of the World select over 70 boards and two of our members, Jonathan Lennox and Hugh Calder are taking part. The event started in February 2008 and Jonathan, playing by post on board 28 has already completed both his games with a win and a draw whereas Hugh, playing on the ICCF server on board 58, still has both games in progress! We can provide Jonathan's win, a nice positional effort.

Lennox, C J – Ferm, S [E05]

SSKK 70 Years, 2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

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

By transposition reaching what is nowadays the main line of the Catalan [5...Bb4+; 5...Nc6 and; 5...a6 are the alternatives here]

6.0-0	0-0
7.Qc2	a6
8.Qxc4	b5
9.Qc2	Bb7
10.Bd2	

Nowadays more popular than the older 10.Bf4 when one example is 10...Nd5 11.Nc3 Nxf4 12.gxf4 Nc6 13.e3 Nb4 14.Qe2 c5 15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Rfd1 Qe7 17.Ne5 as in Pyrich v. Macecek, 3rd European Team Ch., 1991 (1-0, 46)

10... Bd6?!

Instead 10...Ra7 looks odd but allows Black to untangle 11.Rd1 Nbd7 12.Ba5 Qa8 13.Nbd2 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Rac1 h6 as in Shields v. Bokar, ICCF NFL Ch. 2008 when Black had no problems; 10...Be4 and; 10...Nc6 are also playable here.

11.Bg5	Be7
12.Nbd2	Nbd7
13.Nb3	Be4
14.Qc1	Rc8
15.Bxf6	Bxf6
16.Qe3	Bd5
17.Rad1	Qe7?!

Missing the opportunity for 17...c5 when after 18.Nxc5 Nxc5 19.dxc5 Bxb2 Black looks ok.

18.Ne5	Bxg2
19.Kxg2	Nb8
20.Rc1	

Stopping c5 for ever – now White simply builds up his position

20... Qd6



21.Rc5	Be7
22.Rfc1	Qb6
23.R5c2	Bd6
24.Nc6	Rfe8
25.f4	Nxc6
26.Rxc6	Qb7
27.Qf3	f6

27...f5!? 28.e4 fxc4 29.Qxc4 is good for White.

28.e4	e5
29.dxe5	fxe5
30.f5!	b4
31.Qg4	Rf8
32.Na5	Qb5
33.f6	g6



34.Rxd6!

Winning instantly as 34... Qxa5 allows 36.Qe6+ Kh8 37.Qe7 – so, Black resigned.

1-0



SCCA 30 Years

Our own 30th Anniversary friendly match SCCA v. Rest of the World now nears completion. Only a handful of games remain in the 38 board server section which began in May 2008 where we currently trail 27½ - 43½.

However, we're faring a little better in the 12 board postal section where the score is currently 4-4. We now present a couple of the server games – in the first Alan Bell wins emphatically after some dubious opening play from his opponent and in the second Alan Armstrong scores a nice win, neatly switching play from one side of the board to the other.

Bell, A D – Henderson,G (2128) [A40]

Scottish CCA v. RoW (Server) ICCF, 12.05.2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	g6
3.d4	Bg7
4.c4	Qb6?!

A move with a justifiably dubious reputation, whilst 4...Qa5+ is little better: Lennox v. Pyrich, SCCA 21st Anniversary, 2001 saw the continuation 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.d5 Nd4 7.Bd2 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 d6 9.Qd1 Nf6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 when White stood better (although 0-1, 37). Soundest is 4...cxd4 when 5.Nxd4 Nc6 is one of the main lines of the Accelerated Dragon.

5.dxc5	Qxc5
6.Nfd2	

6.Be2 was played in Boonet v. Borwell, ICCF World Cup 14, 2004 with the continuation 6...d6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Bd4 Kf8 10.Nc3 Nc6 11.Nd5 when White stood very well (1-0, 37)

6...	d6
7.Be2	Qc7
8.0-0	Nc6
9.h3	Be6
10.Re1	Nh6

Another dubious choice as there seems little wrong with 10...Nf6.

11.Nf3	0-0
12.Na3	Rac8
13.Bf4	f5?!

Obviously not 13...Bxb2 14.Nb5. However he has to try to do something about the Nh6.

14.Ng5



14...	Bd7?
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He had to play 14...Bf7

15.c5!	e5
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Another error: 15...Nd4 had to be tried although 16.cxd6 exd6 17.Bc4+ Kh8 18.Be3 looks very good for White.

16.cxd6	Qb8
17.Qd5+	

The rest is easy for White.

17...	Kh8
18.Bd2	Nd4
19.Bb5	b6
20.Rac1	Rcd8
21.Rc7	Bxb5
22.Rxg7!	Kxg7
23.Nxb5	Nf7
24.Nxf7	Rxf7
25.Qxe5+	Kg8
26.Qxd4	

Now, faced with the imminent Bc3, Black resigned.

1-0



Armstrong, A (1857) – Silfver, T (2066) [B08]

Scottish CCA v. RoW (Server) ICCF, 12.05.2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4	Nf6
2.Nc3	d6
3.e4	g6
4.Nf3	Bg7
5.Bg5	0-0
6.Qd2	c6
7.Bd3	b5

Maybe 7...Qc7 is playable.

8.0-0	Re8!?
9.Rfe1	

Maybe White should go with 9.e5 here when 9...b4 10.Ne2 Nd5 11.Bh6 when White appears to stand well.

9...	e5
10.Ne2	Qc7
11.Bxf6	Bxf6
12.d5	



12...	Bd7
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12...a6 looks better here as with the text Black's pieces seem to get in each other's way.

13.a4	bxa4
14.Nc3	c5
15.Nxa4	Bxa4?!

15...a5 with Na6 to follow is interesting.

16.Rxa4	Nd7
17.Bb5	Re7
18.Rea1	Nb6
19.Ra6	

Black stands passively but he has only one real weakness – the a7 pawn - but playing such positions is not much fun.

19... Rc8
 20.Qh6 Qb8
 21.Ng5 Bxg5
 22.Qxg5 Rcc7
 23.Bc6 Kg7



24.R6a3!

Neatly switching to the K-side.

24... h6
 25.Qh4 h5
 26.Rf3 Qd8
 27.Qf6+ Kh7
 28.h3

Threatening g4 and opening things up. However Black now blunders:

28... Qh8??
 29.Qxd6

Now, faced with loss of a second pawn and also a wretched position, Black resigned.

1-0



Friendly Internationals

Our other current events include matches against the “auld enemy” (England) with 20 server boards and 8 postal. This match started in October 2008 and already nears completion. Sadly, our performances on the server boards serve to provide memories of Scots goalkeepers at Wembley in days gone by as we currently trail 8½ - 20½. However we are presently faring better on the postal boards where the deficit is only 4 – 6. Happily we’re doing much better overall in our match against USA which also started in October 2008 – in the 16 board server section we currently lead 11½ - 9½ and also enjoy a 2-0 lead in the 5 board postal section.

We end with a selection of games from these matches. David Cumming always scores well in such events and we have 2 of his recent wins. In both games David successfully employs the slightly unconventional Chigorin defence with great effect. In our final game, Kevin Paine scores a nice tactical win in a sharp opening line.

Thompson, G – Cumming, D R [D07]
 SCO v. USA Postal, 2008
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4 d5
 2.c4 Nc6
 3.cxd5 Qxd5
 4.e3 e5
 5.Nc3 Bb4
 6.Bd2 Bxc3

As is common in this opening, Black gives up the 2 B's to secure good piece development.

7.bxc3

7.Bxc3 exd4 8.Ne2 Nf6 9.Nxd4 0-0 10.Nb5 is interesting although Black should be ok after 10...Qg5 11.Nxc7 Rd8

7... Nf6

8.Qb3

Not the strongest test of Black's set-up with the critical choice being 8.f3

8... Qxb3
 9.axb3 Be6
 10.b4 a5



11.Bb5!?

Already Black is at least equal – the text turns out badly because of White's follow-up – both 11.b5; and 11.bxa5 were better.

11... 0-0!
 12.bxa5?!

12.Bxc6 looks almost forced when White is still in the game after 12...axb4 13.Rc1 (13.Rxa8? is to be avoided as after 13...Rxa8 14.Bxb7 Ra1+ 15.Ke2 b3! it's all over)

12... Nxa5
 13.f3?

After this White loses quickly. 13.Ne2 had to be tried although it's very difficult for White.

13... Nb3!



14.Rd1 e4

15.h4 Ra2
 16.Nh3 Rfa8
 17.Nf2 Rb2

Faced with the joint threats of Raa2 and Nxd2,Rxb5 White resigned.

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Ackley, P – Cumming, D R [D02]

SCO v. ENG Postal, 2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4 d5
 2.c4 Nc6
 3.Nf3 Bg4
 4.Nc3 e6
 5.Bf4

5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 (or 6.Bg5) are probably better choices for White.

5... Nf6
 6.e3 Bb4
 7.Rc1 0-0
 8.h3 Bh5

8...Bxf3 was preferred in the game Robert Montgomery v. Kjartansson, NATT 6, 2007 9.Qxf3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Qe7 11.cxd5 Nxd5 12.Bc4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Rad8 and 1/2-1/2, 37

9.a3 Bxc3+
 10.Rxc3 Ne7

Black has a comfortable position with no problems.

11.Bd3 h6
 12.Qc2 c6
 13.Nd2

13.Ne5 is a bit more ambitious.

13... Bg6
 14.0-0 Re8
 15.Rb3 b6
 16.Rc1 Rc8
 17.Rc3 c5
 18.dxc5 bxc5
 19.Rd1 d4!



After White's rather aimless play, Black begins to assume the initiative.

20.Rb3 Bxd3
 21.Qxd3 Nc6
 22.exd4 Nxd4
 23.Rb7 e5
 24.Be3 Qd6

25.Bxd4

25.Rxa7 Qb6 26.Ra4 Qxb2 and Black is slightly better.

25... Rcd8
 26.Nb3 exd4
 27.Rxa7 Re5
 28.Rb7

28.Qf3 with possibilities of Ra8 or Qb7 looked better.

28... Rde8
 29.Nd2 Nh5



Suddenly White is under serious pressure.

30.Nf3

30.g3?? allows 30...Nxc3!

30... Nf4

31.Nxe5

More or less forced as 31.Qf1 Re2 32.b4 Qg6 looks pretty bleak for White.

31... Nxd3
 32.Nxd3 Rb8

32...Qe6 with the idea of Qe2 looks stronger but Black's position is already very strong. In the following end-game, the White R and N do not co-ordinate well as they require to guard against the Black d-pawn.

33.Rxb8+ Qxb8
 34.Rd2 Qc7
 35.Kf1 g5
 36.Rc2 h5
 37.f3 Qb6
 38.Rc1 Kg7
 39.Kf2 g4
 40.hxg4 hxg4
 41.fxg4 Qa6
 42.Kf1 Qh6
 43.g5 Qh7
 44.Nf2 Qg6
 45.a4 Qb6
 46.Nd3 Qb3

And here White, rather generously resigned with the win for Black still a way off. Black will pick off the a, b and g4 pawns and then advance the K eventually forcing decisive material gain.

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Paine, Dr K A (2010) – Ackley, P (2053) [C06]

ENG – SCO ICCF, 11.10.2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4 e6
 2.d4 d5
 3.Nd2 Be7

Now a fashionable choice here.

4.Ngf3 Nf6
 5.e5 Nfd7
 6.Bd3 c5
 7.c3 Nc6

7...b6 8.Qe2 a5 is interesting.

8.0-0 a5

8...g5?! is rightly considered bad for Black after 9.dxc5 Ndx5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Nb3; 8...0-0 9.Qc2

9.Re1 cxd4
 10.cxd4



10... Qb6

10...g5?! is distinctly dodgy: 11.h3 h5 12.Nf1 g4 13.hxg4 hxg4 14.N3h2 Nxd4 15.Nxg4 Bb4 (better 15...Nc6) 16.Bd2 Qh4 17.Nfh2 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 f5 19.exf6 Nxf6 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Rad1 and Black is busted in Thierry v. Pyrich, ICCF Rapidplay, 2008 (1-0, 28)

11.Nb1 Nxd4
 12.Nxd4 Qxd4
 13.Nc3 Bc5
 14.Nb5!

14... Qxf2+
 15.Kh1 0-0
 16.Bg5 Bb4
 17.Rf1 Qxb2
 18.a3 Bc5
 19.Bf4 Nxe5
 20.Bxh7+ Kxh7
 21.Qh5+ Kg8
 22.Bxe5 Qc2
 23.Nc7 Ra7

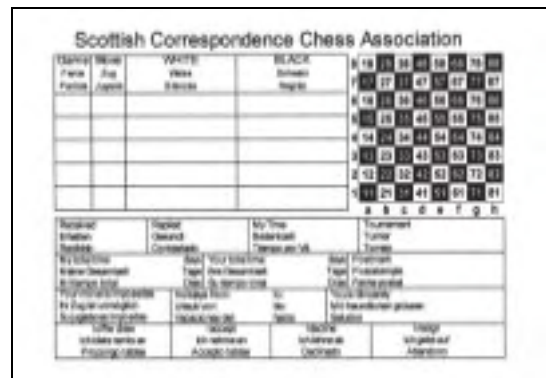
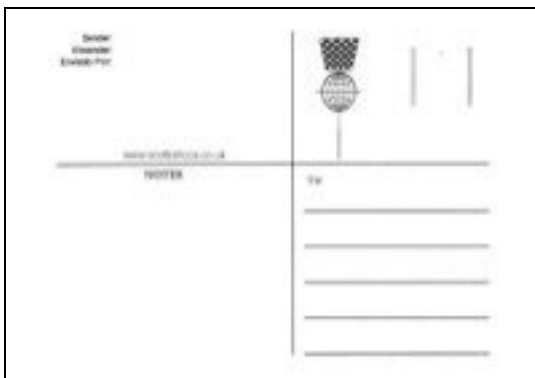
Varying at last from Petrovic v. Champion, ICCF Champions League, 2007 which went 23...Rb8 24.Bxg7! and Black resigned!

24.Bxg7 Kxg7
 25.Ne8+ Kg8
 26.Rf6 b6
 27.Qg5+
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Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2009

Theme 5/09: Grünfeld, D85

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nd2

Entries by 1 September; play starts 15 September

Theme 6/09: Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, A45

1.d4 Nf6 2.f3 d5 3.e4 dxe4

Entries by 15 October; play starts 1 November

Webserver Events 2009

Theme 5/09: Caro Kann Panov Variation, B13

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Theme 6/09: King's Gambit Hungarian Defence, C39

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 d6

Entries by 1 November; play starts 15 November

Note there are no Email Events in 2009.

News

- ❑ Eric Ruch (FRA) is the new ICCF president, polling 34 votes ahead of Tunc Hamarat (AUT) who received 4 in the May election.
- ❑ George Pyrich (SCO) has been appointed financial director with effect from June (see profile in this edition).
- ❑ Duncan Chambers (ENG) has been appointed chairman of the Tournament Rules Commission, subject to approval at the Leeds Congress.
- ❑ This year's ICCF Congress will take place in Leeds from September 12-19.
- ❑ Some 45,000 webserver games have now been added to the ICCF games download. file.
- ❑ Alan Borwell is collecting entries for the 2nd Veterans' World Cup, due to start in September. The SCCA is providing TDs and is sponsoring the prizes.

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