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A healthy, happy and successful 2012 to all our members and readers! After last year's winter, we all invested a fortune in snow shovels, road grit and tyre chains here, but instead of snow, we seem to have imported the hurricane season en bloc from the Caribbean. Ah well...

I've some sad news to start the bulletin with the passing of founder member Allan Hislop (86) on December 21st. A short obituary is on page 13. He'll be much missed by everyone connected with the SCCA.

This is the last magazine of the 2011 set, and we kick off with Colin Macgregor reviewing the domestic results from last year. George Pyrich analyses the first ICCF rating list of 2012 and it's good to see that our high activity rate persists.

Bernard Milligan hasn't been keeping well again and I've ghosted both his columns this time. The CD/DVD Reviews include studies by Ari Ziegler, Sergei Tiviakov, Andrew Martin, Valeri Lilov and ChessBase themselves. The Games Column features members David Cumming, William Cormack, Richard Longden and Pat Moir.

Our feature article this time is from Alan Borwell, who has provided an update on the various ICCF Veterans' World Cup cycles which we are sponsoring, including some well-annotated games from Geoff Lloyd and himself.

George Pyrich provides a varied international round-up including games by Geoff Lloyd and Derek Coope. New friendly international matches against Netherlands, Italy and the Czech Republic are currently being organised.

It took us a while to get organised on the membership renewal front as Kevin Paine's job resulted in him spending lengthy periods outside the UK. Happily, everybody responded quickly to his call and we hope to have all this year's events up and running in January as usual.

We still haven't received any applications for our secretary vacancy, so I've repeated the notice inside. If you are interested in helping out, please get in touch. We are still in the market for ruthlessly efficient candidates with iPhones (bring your own), steely glares and serviceable teeth (we can supply if necessary).

SCCA Membership

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

Life: £100 gets you annual membership for the rest of your days (plus a year's worth of printed magazines to try out).

Patron: £125 (+ any further donation you care to make) gets you life membership and your name on something commemorative.

SCCA 100 Club

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

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

Recent 100 Club Winners

2011	1st	2nd
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October	I Mackintosh	G W G Livie

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



36th ICCF World Championship



Marco Caressa, ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner, writes to announce the Preliminaries stage of the 36th World Championship.

This event will be played in sections of 13 players (or 15/17 at the organisers' discretion), with entries closing on 31st January and play commencing on 10th March.

Entry must be made through national delegates and each member federation is allowed to nominate entries - SCCA is entitled to 3 places in the 2012 cycle.

Notice has been short, so if you are interested, please contact George Pyrich as soon as possible and before end-January.

On marriage and chess.....



As the wife of a player once said,
"There's nothing but chess in his head:
Until he has won
Married life is no fun,
When he's still thinking chess in our bed!"

This was hardly the end of her ire,
For she then put him right in the mire:
"Who could share your elation
For wild combination
Unless you are holding me, sire?"

Peter Bennett

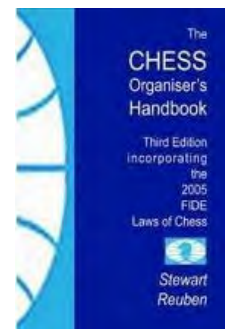
SCCA Secretary

Colin Macgregor demitted office as secretary last year due to his many commitments, so we are looking for someone to fill the vacancy. The main parts of the job are:

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

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

It is possible to share some elements of the job across committee, though we do require a designated secretary to be appointed. If you can help, please get in touch with Iain at president@scottishcca.co.uk.



SCCA on Facebook

Your unprincipled editor has now succumbed to the all-pervasive Facebook [mostly to spy on his children – Ed] and is maintaining an SCCA page.



Imaginatively entitled 'Scottish Correspondence Chess Association', the page contains news items and general chat. The idea is to complement our website rather than replace it, so lengthier website items are referenced by links.

Facebook is a rich source of chess players at home and abroad, so plenty of opportunity for you to consolidate friendships begun through playing CC.

The SCCA page can't be your friend, but if you visit it, be sure to 'Like' it!



2011 Results

By Colin Macgregor

Championship

SCO/C2011		Scottish CCA Championship 2011/12			TD Maxwell, Alistair												
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2288	■	0	1	1	.	1	1	1	5	9.5	1	1
2	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2374	1	■	½	1	.	1	.	1	4.5	11.75	2	2
3	ENG	620577		Price, Derek	2035	0	½	■	½	0	½	1	1	3.5	5.75	0	3
4	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	2038	0	0	½	■	.	½	1	1	3	3.75	1	4
5	SCO	620529		Montgomery, Robert S.	2290	.	.	1	.	■	.	.	1	2	3.5	5	5
6	SCO	620353		Marshall, Ian H.	2081	0	0	½	½	.	■	.	1	2	3.25	2	6
7	SCO	620522		Cormack, William H.	1986	0	.	0	0	.	.	■	1	1	0	3	7
8	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1842	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	0	0	0	8

SCO/C2010		Scottish CCA Championship 2010/11			TD Maxwell, Alistair												
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	SCO	211664		Graham, Stuart	2210	■	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6	16.75	0	1
2	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2276	½	■	½	½	1	1	1	1	5.5	15.25	0	2
3	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2325	½	½	■	½	1	1	½	1	5	14.75	0	3
4	SCO	620522		Cormack, William H.	2005	0	½	½	■	0	½	1	1	3.5	8.25	0	4
5	SCO	210729		Coope, Derek William	1939	0	0	0	1	■	½	1	1	3.5	6.5	0	5
6	SCO	620410		Goodwin, Brian J.	2035	0	0	0	½	½	■	1	1	3	5	0	6
7	SCO	620639		Jamieson, Ian M.	2035	0	0	½	0	0	0	■	1	1.5	2.5	0	7
8	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1998	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	0	0	0	8

The 2010-11 tournament is fully completed with Stuart Graham winning his first title. David Cumming was runner-up in that event and is leading the 2011-12 competition, though can still be caught by Iain Mackintosh and Robert Montgomery.

Premier

SCO/Prem2011/A		SCCA Premier 2011 Section A			TD Dawson, A. G.												
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2288	■	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	15	0	1
2	SCO	620639		Jamieson, Ian M.	1987	0	■	1	½	1	1	1	1	4.5	9	0	2
3	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1842	0	0	■	1	1	0	1	1	3	5.5	0	3
4	SCO	620637		Brooksbank, Kenneth	1881	0	½	0	■	½	1	1	1	3	5.5	0	4
5	SCO	620393		MacGregor, Colin A.	1902	0	0	0	½	■	1	1	1	2.5	3.5	0	5
6	SCO	620603		Armstrong, John M.	1643	0	0	1	0	0	■	1	1	2	3	0	6
7	SCO	620559		Young, S. M.	1903	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	0	0	0	0	7

SCO/Prem2011/B		SCCA Premier 2011 Section B			TD Dawson, A. G.												
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2288	■	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	5.5	13.25	0	1
2	ENG	620577		Price, Derek	2035	0	■	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	10.5	0	2
3	SCO	629036		Edney, David	1932	½	0	■	1	1	1	1	1	4.5	8.75	0	3
4	SCO	620668		Fraser, Roland A.	1918	0	0	0	■	½	1	1	1	2.5	2.25	0	4
5	SCO	620454		MacMillen, Andrew N.	1842	0	0	0	½	■	1	1	1	2.5	2.25	0	4
6	SCO	620597		Moir, Patrick	1598	0	0	0	0	0	■	1	1	0	0	0	6
7	SCO	620559		Young, S. M.	1903	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	0	0	0	0	7

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

Open

SCO/Open2011/A		SCCA Open 2011 Section A		TD MacGregor, Colin A. (IA)														
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place	
1	ENG	210951	Longden, Richard A.	1719			1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	7	21.75	0	1
2	SCO	620597	Moir, Patrick	1598	½	0			1	1	1	1	1	6.5	16.5	0	2	
3	SCO	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1643	0	0	0	0		1	1	1	1	3.5	5.5	0	3	
4	SCO	620660	Toye, Daniel T.	1713	0	½	0	0	0	0			½	1	2	5	0	4
5	SCO	211319	Neil, Charles	1746	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½		1	2.75	0	5	

Just one section this year with newcomer Richard Longden just managing to pip Pat Moir to first place by half a point.

Challengers

2010-11 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Anderson, J	2	2	0	1
Armstrong, J McK	8	8	0	2½
Brooksbank, Dr K	8	8	0	4
Cumming, D R	18	18	0	14½
Fraser, R A	8	8	0	3½
Graham, S	22	22	0	17½
Hardwick, M E	8	8	0	0
Macgregor, C A	2	2	0	0
Moir, P J	14	14	0	4½
Neil, C	0	0	0	0
Roberts, A	6	6	0	1
Smith, M J	6	6	0	3½
Toye, D T	14	14	0	6

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

In the 2010-11 cycle, Stuart Graham scored 17½/22 to take the medal, edging David Cumming into 2nd spot. Daniel Toye finished 3rd.

The 2011-12 Challengers cycle has been completed. Disappointingly only 14 matches were played in this cycle, down from 28 and 29 in 2009-10 and 2010-11 respectively. David Cumming, the rating favourite by over 400 points, regained the title he last won in 2009-10 with an unbeaten 8/8. However, Arthur Knox also finished unbeaten on 6/6. Daniel Toye finished third for the second cycle running.

The 2012-13 cycle will be starting shortly and hopefully a larger number of matches will be played. Players may join the cycle any time before 31 December 2012 and all matches are free.



Postal League Division 1

2011		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Pts.
A	Perth Correspondents				8½
1	Mackintosh, I	D1	1	1	2
2	Borwell, A P	C2	1	1	2
3	Flockhart, H S	B3	1	1	2
4	Paine, Dr K A	D4	1	½	1½
5	Harvey, D	C5	½	½	1
B	Social Dragons				½
1	Brown, S	C1	0	0	0
2	Rosser, G	D2	½	0	½
3	Ash, G	A3	0	0	0
4	Ross, G	C4	0	0	0
5	Dowell, C	D5	0	0	0
C	Social Stars				7
1	Doye, P	B1	1	1	2
2	Cairney, J	A2	0	0	0
3	Sanderson, P	D3	1	1	2
4	Pallett, R	B4	1	1	2
5	Ackley, P	A5	½	½	1
D	Civil Service Chess A				4
1	Hyde, K	A1	0	0	0
2	Scuffam, D	B2	½	1	1½
3	Twitchell, N	C3	0	0	0
4	Lewyk, I	A4	0	½	½
5	Ryan, R	B5	1	1	2





Postal League Division 2

2011		Opponent	GameA	GameB	Opponent	GameA	GameB	Pts.
A	Knights of the Board A							12
1	Cumming, D R	B1	1	1	C1	1	1	4
2	Phillips, G H	B2	1	1	C2	1	½	3½
3	Maude, D	B3	0	0	C3	w/d	w/d	0
4	Moir, P J	B4	1	½	C4	½	½	2½
5	Anderson, J	B5	1	1	C5	0	0	2
B	Social C							5½
1	Gifford, M	A1	w/d	w/d	C1	0	0	0
2	Hardwick, M E	A2	0	0	C2	½	½	1
3	Morgon, P	A3	1	1	C3	0	1	3
4	Dare, P	A4	0	½	C4	0	0	½
5	Dare, Ms L	A5	0	0	C5	½	½	1
C	Civil Service Chess B							12½
1	Bicknell, G D	A1	0	0	B1	1	1	2
2	White, R	A2	0	½	B2	½	½	1½
3	Pickering, P	A3	1	1	B3	1	0	3
4	O'Hare, A	A4	½	½	B4	1	1	3
5	Pomeroy, R	A5	1	1	B5	½	½	3

Back to two divisions this year, with regular adversaries Perth Correspondents and Social Dragons fighting for the spoils in Division 1 – Perth coming out on top after Alan Borwell's pivotal win on board 2.






In Division 2, the Civil Servants B just pipped Knights of the Board A in a nail-biter of a finish. The Knights were ½ point behind with two games to finish, but managed to lose them both.

Webserver League Division 1

SCOWLeague1/11		SCCA Web League Div 1 2011					TD MacGregor, Colin A. (IA)							
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	 Perth Correspondents	2189	█	2.5	3	3.5	4	13	81	10	8	16	0	1
2	 Social stars	2135	1.5	█	3	3.5	3.5	11.5	71	7	6	16	0	2
3	 Black Knights	2135	1	1	█	2.5	4	8.5	53	1	4	16	0	3
4	Hounds of the Scheming Mind	1918	0.5	0.5	1.5	█	3	5.5	34	-5	2	16	0	4
5	 Social Dragons	1951	0	0.5	0	1	█	1.5	9	-13	0	16	0	5

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Perth Corresp	Mackintosh, I	Borwell, A P	Paine, Dr K A	Harvey, D
Social Stars	Vivante-Sowter, J	Ewan, R	Lloyd, G	Pallett, R
Black Knight	Bell, A D	Pyrich, G D	Marshall, I H	Dempster, D
Scheming Mind	Insolia, R	Brühan, W	Valverde Tores., A	Dyson, G
Social Dragons	Cairney, J	Ackley, P J E	Bailey, G	Rosser, G C

Webserver League Division 2

SCOWLeague2/11		SCCA Web League Div 2 2011					TD MacGregor, Colin A. (IA)							
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	 Knights of the Board A	2022	█	3	2.5	3	4	12.5	78	9	8	16	0	1
2	 Civil Service	1974	1	█	2.5	3	3.5	10	62	4	6	16	0	2
3	 Brutal Realism	1912	1.5	1.5	█	2.5	3	8.5	53	1	4	16	0	3
4	 Dundee Correspondents	1878	1	1	1.5	█	2	5.5	34	-5	1	16	0	4
5	 Knights of the Board B	1744	0	0.5	1	2	█	3.5	21	-9	1	16	0	5

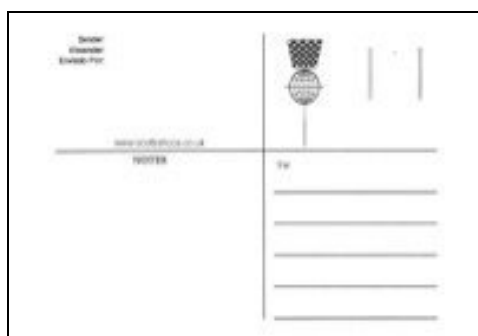
Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Knights Board A	Cumming, D R	Jamieson, I M	Edney, D	Brooksbank, Dr K
Civil Service	Sargent, J M	Pomeroy, R J	Bicknell, G	Ryan, R
Brutal Realism	Taylor, W	Macmillen, A N	Murray, J S	Grant, J
Dundee Corresp	Stevenson, F	Paulin, A	Robertson, J	Whyte, N
Knights Board B	Anderson, J	Moir, P J	Maude, D	Freeman, A

The third year of the Webserver League was again well supported.

In Division 1, Perth Correspondents managed to win outright over Social Stars with Black Knight again in third. The promoted teams found it hard going

In Division 2, Knights of the Board A bounced straight back up to Division 1 in emphatic style, while Civil Service managed to hold off Brutal Realism to secure the second promotion spot.

CC Postcards



The SCCA has a stock of cc postcards showing the SCCA logo and website address. They are suitable for domestic and international use (English, German and Spanish used). Orders in units of 100. The cards are supplied at their production cost (£2.50/100) and p&p is also required. As a guideline, 200 cards delivered in August 2011 cost £7.61 - £5 for the cards, and £2.61 UK second class postage. Orders to [Iain Mackintosh](mailto:Iain.Mackintosh@scca.org.uk) please.



2012/1 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The first ICCF grading list of 2012 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 September to 30 November 2011. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2012.

Further players have been deleted from this list due to inactivity or lapsed membership. Steve Murray has now played sufficient games for a full rating. Iain Mackintosh joins the small band that has played 500+ rated games.

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	578	2032 ↑	419	Lees, J A	83	2055 ↔
518	Anderson, G M	196	2310 ↑	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	155	2273 ↔
121	Anderson, J	211	1751 ↑	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	194	2337 ↔
049	Armstrong, A	136	1888 ↑	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	488	2323 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	159	1618 ↓	337	Loughran, R	104	1555 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	342	2498 ↔	584	MacGregor, C A	286	1900 ↑
599	Bell, A D	95	2365 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	505	2395 ↑
501	Bennett, P G	117	2277 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	522	1787 ↓
431	Binnie, J	28	1626 ↑ *	566	Marshall, I H	330	2107 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	779	2217 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	162	2443 ↑
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	75	1820 ↓	083	Maxwell, A	45	2183 ↔
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	2318 ↔	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↔
424	Burridge, R J	75	1797 ↓	352	McDonald, G R	79	1921 ↔
435	Cairney, J	27	2083 ↓ *	525	McKerracher, D	4	0 ↔ *
423	Calder, H	96	2055 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	57	1601 ↓
	Clark, S L	12	1968 ↔ *	401	Moir, P J	123	1644 ↓
173	Cook, W M	69	1926 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	181	2286 ↓
364	Coope, D W	472	2129 ↑	564	Murray, J S	30	1979 ↑
247	Cormack, W H	56	1937 ↓	440	Neil, C	66	1668 ↓
527	Craig, T J (SM)	340	2356 ↔	453	Newton, A	24	1773 ↔ *
166	Cumming, D R	490	2298 ↑	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	84	1979 ↑
422	Dawson, Prof A G	67	2151 ↓	444	Paine, Dr K A	117	2258 ↓
572	Dempster, D	631	1809 ↔	1012	Paulin, A	34	2043 ↓
030	Dyer, M T	97	2098 ↔	379	Phillips, G H	215	2110 ↓
371	Edney, D	161	1943 ↓	432	Price, D	122	2047 ↑
372	Flockhart, H	27	2133 ↑ *	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	779	2192 ↑
459	Fraser, R A	48	1868 ↓	136	Reeman, I F	127	2306 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	123	2340 ↔	437	Roberts, A	146	1711 ↔
124	Goodwin, B J	151	2020 ↓	398	Rough, R E	29	1880 ↔ *
445	Graham, S (SM)	310	2333 ↑	522	Savage, D J	74	1956 ↔
399	Grant, J	26	1767 ↔ *	449	Scott, A	46	1871 ↔
327	Hammersley, C	18	1753 ↔ *	454	Sheridan, N	12	1535 ↔ *
596	Hardwick, M E	157	1369 ↔	439	Smith, M J	29	1885 ↔ *
063	Harvey, D	80	2059 ↔	1125	Spencer, E A	12	1877 ↔ *
515	Jack, J P E	28	1766 ↓ *	448	Sreeves, C	15	1918 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	40	2042 ↑		Stevenson, F	14	1776 ↔ *
322	Jessing, M	27	2094 ↔ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	136	2115 ↑
1126	Kelly, J	12	1728 ↔	1120	Taylor, W	22	2062 ↓ *
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	292	2347 ↔	452	Toye, D T	57	1641 ↓
260	Knox, A	71	1685 ↔	530	Watson, J (IM)	141	2291 ↔
1117	Laing, D	18	2084 ↔ *	065	Young, S M	58	1772 ↔

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	82
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	64
Provisional grades (<30 games)	18
Grading increases (↑)	23
Grading decreases (↓)	21
Grading static (↔)	38

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2498	Montgomery, R S	2286
Matheis, T (IM)	2443	May, M A	2283
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2395	Bennett, P G	2277
Bell, A D	2365	Lennox, C J (SM)	2273
Craig, T J (SM)	2356	Paine, Dr K A	2258
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2347	Borwell, A P (IM)	2217
Gillam, S R (SM)	2340	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2192
Livie, G W G (IM)	2337	Maxwell, A	2183
Graham, S (SM)	2333	Dawson, Prof A G	2151
Lloyd, G (SM)	2323	Coope, D W	2129
Brown, Dr A C	2318	Stewart, Dr K W C	2115
Anderson, G M	2310	Phillips, G H	2110
Reeman, I F	2306	Marshall, I	2107
Cumming, D R	2298	Dyer, M T	2098
Watson, J (IM)	2291	Cairney, J	2083

Top 30 Games Played

Borwell, A P (IM)	779	Phillips, G H	215
Pyrich, G D (IM)	779	Anderson, J	211
Dempster, D	631	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206
Almarza-Mato, C	578	Anderson, G M	196
MacMillen, A N	522	Livie, G W G (IM)	194
Mackintosh, I (IM)	505	Montgomery, R S	181
Cumming, D R	490	Matheis, T (IM)	162
Lloyd, G (SM)	488	Edney, D	161
Coope, D W	472	Armstrong, J McK	159
Beecham, C R (SIM)	342	Hardwick, M E	157
Craig, T J (SM)	340	Lennox, C J (SM)	155
Marshall, I H	330	Goodwin, B J	151
Graham, S (SM)	310	Roberts, A	146
Kilgour, D A (GM)	292	Watson, J (IM)	141
MacGregor, C A	286	Stewart, Dr K W C	136

Other Notes

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

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

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

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

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



Modern Benoni for Advanced Players
By Ari Ziegler



The Modern Benoni is perhaps the most dynamic approach to meeting 1.d4 without sacrificing a pawn. A lot of legendary players have had a sincere love affair with this opening. The most imaginative world champion of all time, Michail Tal is perhaps the player who has done most to popularise the opening.

In this DVD International Master Ari Ziegler is giving you a fighting repertoire against all White systems in the Modern Benoni. The target audience is club players with Elo 1500-2400.

Thanks to Ziegler's research you will find many surprisingly simple solutions in some lines, while in the critical lines which are being debated he gives new moves or reevaluates underrated systems.



With this DVD to back up your repertoire in the Benoni you will combat White from the beginning with counter-blows, strikes, positional traps or deep strategic plans, all that is necessary to hunt White down! Video running time: 4 hours 57 min.

No Fear of 1.d4! – Nimzo-Indian
By Sergei Tiviakov



Constancy and a striving for solid positions are what define Sergei Tiviakov's opening repertoire. On his two repertoire DVDs against 1.d4 the top Dutch grandmaster presents to you exactly those variations and ideas with which he himself has been successful in tournament chess for many years.

On the two DVDs all important systems which are available to White after 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 are dealt with in detail. Also, in many areas Tiviakov offers you a choice between alternative variations for Black, between which you can decide according to your temperament.



A further highlight of the DVDs is Tiviakov's collection of all the games which he has played during his career with the Catalan, the Queen's Indian and the Nimzo-Indian. Many of these are published on these DVDs for the very first time. Video running time: 5 hrs 36 min.

First Steps in Positional Play
By Andrew Martin



A strong command of middlegame skills often makes the difference between winning and losing a game of chess. The art of positional play must be included in any list of those skills. 'First Steps in Positional Play' attempts to equip the viewer with all the information he or she needs to begin to tackle this aspect of chess.

Players below 1500 will benefit from this basic advice. Players above 1500 will enjoy the detailed examination of many current master games. This is an enjoyable tour of positional play from which everyone can learn. Video running time: 3 hours 20 min.

System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.

The Dutch Stonewall By Valeri Lilov



Want to learn a stable opening in no time and crush all the top players in the club? If your answer is yes, the Dutch Stonewall is for you!

FM Valeri Lilov will teach you the typical plans and ideas for this amazing opening through studying key master games that reveal how the system works in practice.

The Dutch Stonewall is especially suitable for the average club player and the pawn skeleton which arises is the very reason for that. As a result, you do not need to study a lot of theory but just a few key plans and ideas that will successfully meet all possible replies by White!



While this DVD covers most of the best lines for black, FM Valeri Lilov explores in more detail the Classical Stonewall with Be7, as well as the Modern Stonewall with Bd6. Video running time: 4 hours 38 min.

Fritz Powerbook 2012 By ChessBase



The current openings theory with 1,5 million games The Fritz Powerbook 2012 contains 27 millions opening positions, derived from 1,5 million high class tournament games.

Together with each position all relevant information is stored: all moves that were played in the position, by players of what average rating, with what success and performance results. The games from which the Fritz Powerbook 2012 were derived are also included on the DVD.

This means that in any position of the openings tree you can load and replay the games in which the position occurred. The Fritz Powerbook 2012 represents the state of the art of current openings theory.

Discover exciting and tricky new lines and practice them against Fritz. In addition the DVD has a small but very exclusive book with the strongest GM games (ELO >= 2550) from the past 100 years (2 Mio positions).

System requirements: Pentium PC, 32 MB RAM, Windows Vista, Windows 7 or XP and Fritz13/Fritz12, DVD drive.

ChessBase offers an upgrade from Fritz Powerbook 2011 in addition to buying 2021 new.

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Amongst the star authors on the DVD there are Carlsen, Karjakin, Polgar, Eljanov, Caruana, Gashimov, Volokitin, Vitiugov, Sutovsky, etc.

In addition to that you will find 12 up-to-the-minute openings articles with extensive analysis and ideas for your repertoire.



Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

[Ed - Bernard isn't enjoying the best of health at present, and will have to call time on the Games Column. He sends New Year greetings to you all and I'm sure we all reciprocate his good wishes.

Meantime, I've edited some of the games he had pending for this edition and hope he's fully fit again soon!]

First up is regular annotator David Cumming who describes one of his victories in our current friendly international against Romania.

Scotland vs. Romania, 2011

White: Uifelean, Andrei (2226)

Black: Cumming, David R. (2288)

Sicilian Defence [B31]

[Notes by David Cumming]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5 g6
4.O-O Bg7
5.Nc3 e5
6.d3 Nge7
7.Bc4 O-O
8.Bg5

8.Ne1 a6 9.a3 d6 10.Ba2 b5 11.Rb1 Rb8 12.Be3 h6 13.Qd2 Kh7 14.b4 f5 15.f3 cxb4 16.axb4 a5 17.bxa5 Qxa5 18.Rb2 f4 19.Bf2 g5 20.Nb1 b4 21.Qd1 d5 22.Nd2 Be6
Morozevich,A (2732)-Ivanchuk,V (2716)/Monaco MNC 2004/OM 2.04/1-0 (41)

8... h6
8... d6 9.Nd5 h6 10.Nxe7+ Nxe7 11.Bh4 Bd7 12.a4 Kh7 13.c3 a6 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Bd5 Bc6 16.a5 Bxd5 17.exd5 f5 18.Nd2 Rad8 19.Nc4 Bf6 20.Rb1 Qe8 21.Re1 Qb5 22.Ra1 Rfe8 23.Kf1 Pessoa,F (2515)-Oliveira,M (2566)/ICCF 2010/OM 2.04/1/2-1/2

9.Bxe7 Nxe7

10.h3
10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 d6 12.c3 Kh7 13.Nd2 Rb8 14. a4 h5 15.Rb1 Bg4 16.Qc2 Bh6 17.b4 cxb4 18.Rxb4 b6 19.Nc4 Rc8 20.a5 bxa5 21.Rb7 Rc7 22. Rfb1 Bc8 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Ra1 h4 {Aronian,L (2649)-Starostits,I (2431)/Lausanne - Hôtel

Alpha Palmie 2003/OM 2.04/1/2-1/2 (37)

10... d6
11.a4 Be6

12.Nd2N
12.Re1 a6 13.Qd2 (13.Qe2 Qd7 14.Qd2 Rad8 15.a5 Rfe8 16.Qc1 Qc6 17.Nd2 d5 18.Bb3 Qc7 19.exd5 Nxd5 20.Nxd5 Bxd5 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Qb1 Rd4 23.Re3 h5 24.Re2 Qc6 25.Qe1 Qb5 26.b3 f6 27. Nf3 Rb4 {Mary,P (2411)-

Biedermann, T (2402)/ICCF 2008/OM 2.04/1/2-1/2 (64))

13... Qc7 14.a5 Rad8 15.Re3 Kh7 16.Qe1 Nc6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 Nd4 19.Qd1 Nxf3+ 20.Qxf3 f5 21.c3 Bf6 22.Bb3Rb8 23.Ra2 Rbe8 24.Re4 fxe4 25.Qxe4 Bg5 26.f3 Qf7 {Cakl,M (1963)-Pommrich, R (2222)/ICCF 2009/OM Corr/0-1 (35)

12... a6
Simple prophylaxis. I didn't want White's minor pieces getting a foothold on b5 or d5.

13.Bxe6 fxe6
14.a5+/=
Highlighting the hole on b6.

14... Nc6

15.Qg4 Rf6

16.Nc4 h5

17.Qg5 Kh7

18.f3?!



This allows Black to equalise. Better was to retreat the queen to d2. Now White has potentially serious dark-squared weaknesses around his king. [Deep Junior 10: 18. Qd2 Bh6 19. Qe1 Rb8 20. Na4 Bf4 21. b3 h4 22. Nab6 d5 0.32/21]

18... Bh6=
19.Qg3 Nd4
20.Qf2 g5
21.Qg3 Nxc2

22. Rac1 Nd4=/+
23.Ra1 Qe7!-/+

Clearing the way for Black to bring up his other rook in support of the kingside action.

24.Rf2 g4!
25.hxg4 hxg4
26.fxg4 Rxf2
27.Kxf2 Rf8+ -+



Black's pieces are well co-ordinated on the kingside for the attack, whilst White's pieces are far away on the queenside, and will take time to come to the aid of the White king.

28.Kg1 Bf4
29.Qh3+ Kg7
30.g3 Nf3+
31.Kg2 Ng5
32.Qh2 Bc1!

This not only clears the f-file for the forthcoming assault, but it prevents the White rook from coming to the aid of the White kingside, so aiding Black's attack.

33. Rxc1 Qf6
34.Nb1 Qf2+
35.Kh1 Rh8
36.Qxh8+ Kxh8
37.Ncd2

Otherwise ...Nf3 leads to mate.

37... Nh3
38.Rf1 Qxg3
39.g5 Nf4

Threatening mate on g2, thereby forcing White to exchange his rook for the knight. A strong alternative here was 39...Nf2+, also forcing White to sacrifice the exchange.

40.Rxf4 exf4
41.Nf1 Qf2
42.Nbd2 Kg7
43.d4 f3



43... f3 44.Nxf3 Qxf1+ 45.Kh2 Qf2+
46.Kh3 Qxf3+ 47.Kh4 cxd4 48.b3 d3
49.g6 d2 50.b4 d1=Q 51.b5 Qg4#

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David's domestic performances have been consistently good over the last year. Here he features a game against William Cormack in the current Championship final.

SCCA Championship, 2011-12

White: Cormack, William.H (1986)

Black: Cumming, David R. (2288)

Sicilian Najdorf, Poisoned Pawn [B97]

[Notes by David Cumming]

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| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | d6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | Nf6 |
| 5.Nc3 | a6 |
| 6.Bg5 | e6 |
| 7.f4 | Qb6 |
| 8.Qd2 | Nc6 |
| 9.O-O-O | Qxd4 |
| 10.Qxd4 | Nxd4 |
| 11.Rxd4 | Be7 |
| 12.Be2 | Bd7 |
| 13.e5 | dxe5 |
| 14.fxe5 | Nd5 |
| 15.Ne4 | |

15.Bxe7 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Kxe7 17.Bf3 Ra7 18.Rd6 Rc8 19.Rb6 Rxc3 20.Kb2 Rc7 21.Rb1 Bc6 22.Kc1 f6 23.exf6+ gxf6 24.R1b4 Kd6 25.Bxc6 bxc6 26.Rd4+ Ke5 27.Ra4 a5 28.Rb3 f5 29.Kd2 Rd7+ {Djuric,N (2119)-Galyas,M-(2486)/Senta 2007/CBM 119 ext/1-0 (53)}

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| 15... | Bxg5+ |
| 16.Nxg5 | Bc6 |
| 17.Bh5 | Ke7 |
| 17... O-O | 18.Rf1 g6 19.Bf3 Ne3 |
| 20.Re1 Nf5 | 21.Rd3 Rac8 22.g4 Nh4 |
| 23.Bxc6 Rxc6 | 24.Rh3 h6 25.Ne4 g5 |
| 26.Rd3 Rfc8 | 27.c3 Ng6 28 Rd7 |

R6c7 29.Nf6+ Kf8 30.Rxc7 Rxc7 31.Kc2 Rc4 32.h3 {Marasli,T (2185)-Ari,Z (2184)/Konya TUR 2010/OM 2.04/1/2-1/2 (35)}

18.Re1 Nb6N
18... Raf8 19.Ne4 b5 20.g3 Rd8 21.Ne5 a5 22.Be2 h6 23.a3 b4 24.axb4 Nxb4 25.Rg4 Rd5 26.Nd3 Nxd3+ 27.Bxd3 Rg8 28.Rc4 Bb5 29.Rc7+ Rd7 30.Rxd7+ Bxd7 31.b3 Rb8 32.Kd2 a4 33.bxa4 Mezera,L (2285)-Aguilar Melián,A (2234)/ICCF 2010/OM Corr/1/2-1/2 (33)

19.g3 Raf8+/=



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| 20.Rf4 | g6 |
| 21.Bf3 | Bxf3 |
| 22.Nxf3 | Nd5 |
| 23.Rfe4 | h6 |
| 24.Rd1 | Rc8= |
| 25.Red4 | Rc5 |
| 26.R1d3 | Rhc8 |
| 27.c3 | b5 |
| 28 a3 | a5 |
| 29.Kd1 | Nb6!/=+ |

Black has a strong queenside initiative going for him here.

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| 30.Kc2 | a4 |
| 31.Re4 | Nc4 |
| 32.g4?! | |



It was wrong of White to tempt Black to block up the kingside here, better to keep things fluid and give his pieces a chance to infiltrate.

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| 32... | g5-/+ |
| 33.h3 | R8c7 |
| 34.Re2 | Ke8 |
| 35.Re4 | Rd7 |
| 36.Rxd7 | Kxd7 |
| 37.b3 | axb3+ |

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| 38.Kxb3 | Kc6 |
| 39.a4 | bxa4+ |
| 40.Kxa4 | Na5 |
| 41.Nd2 | Rd5 |
| 42.Nf3 | Nb7 |
| 43.Nd4+ | Kb6 |
| 44.Ka3 | Na5 |
| 45.Kb4 | Rc5 |
| 46.Nf3 | |

It's all around about this point that Black's advantage increases from full to winning. In the knight, rook and pawn endgame manoeuvring Black very firmly has the upper hand, partly because White's king is confined to the a and b files, and partly because all of Black's pawns are on the kingside and are all next to each other, whilst White's pawns are split into 3 islands. Also, because Black's king is much freer and has superior mobility to its White counterpart.

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| 46... | Rb5+ -+ |
| 47.Ka4 | Nc6 |



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| 48.Nd2 | Rd5 |
| 49.Nc4+ | Kc5 |
| 50.Nb2 | Rd2 |
| 51.Kb3 | Kd5 |
| 52.Re3 | Na5+! |

Black, having the winning positional advantage, forces the exchange of knights, further restricting the mobility of the White king.

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| 53.Kb4 | Rxb2+ |
| 54.Kxa5 | Rb7 |
| 55.Rd3+ | Kc5 |
| 56.Ka6 | Rb3 |
| 57.h4 | Kc4 |
| 58.Rf3 | Rxc3 |
| 59.Rxf7 | gxh4 |
| 60.Rf6 | Kd5 |
| 61. Rxb6 | Kxe5 |
| 62.Rxb4 | Kf4 |
| 63.Kb5 | e5 |
| 64.Kb4 | Rc1 |
| 65. Kb3 | Kg3 |
| 66.Rh5 | e4 |
| 67.Kb2 | Rc6 |
| 68.Re5 | Kf4 |
| 69.Re8 | Rc5 |

70.Kb3 e3
 71.g5 Rxb5
 72.Kc3 Rd5
 73.Kc4 Rd7
 74.Kc3 Kf3
 75.Rf8+ Ke2
 76.Re8 Kf2
 77.Re6 e2
 78.Rf6+ Ke1
 78... Ke1 79.Kc2 Rc7+ 80.Kb3 Rc5
 81.Rf7 Kd2 82.Rd7+ Ke3 83.Rh7
 e1=Q 84.Re7+ Kd2 85.Rxe1 Kxe1
 and from thereon in it's a simple
 method of king and rook vs. king and
 White will be mated soon.
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Finally, here's the game which
 decided last year's SCCA Open.
 Richard Longden, newly arrived in
 Strathpeffer, takes on Pat Moir of
 Scone in a well-contested struggle.

SCCA Open 2011

White: Longden, Richard A (1719)
Black: Moir, Patrick J (1598)
 Caro Kann Defence [B10]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 c6
 2.Bc4!?
 Richard departs well-trodden lines
 straight away. This line doesn't score
 too well, but it certainly forces
 players out of the book! 2.d4 d5 is
 more conventional.
 2... e6
 2...d5 3.Bb3 dxe4 4.Qh5 g6 5.Qh4
 Bg7 6.Nc3 a5 7.Nxe4 a4 8.Bc4 b5
 9.Be2 Nh6 10.g4 a3 11.Rb1 Qd5
 12.Nc3 Qxh1 13.Kf1 Be5 14.Bf3
 Qxh2 15.Nh3 Nxb4 16.Bxb4 Bf6 0-
 1 was a nice little GM miniature in
 Williams, Simon (2513)-Jones,
 Gawain (2635), 4NCL, 2011.
 3.Nc3 d5
 4.exd5 cxd5

5.Bb3 Nc6
 6.d3 d4
 6...Bd6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 a6 looks
 solid for Black.
 7.Ne4 Bb4+
 8.Bd2 Nf6
 9.Nf3 Bxd2+
 10.Qxd2 0-0
 11.0-0 Nxe4
 12.dxe4 e5
 13.h3 Qf6
 14.c3?



14.Qg5 Qxg5 15.Nxg5=
 14... Bxh3!
 Pat spots the tactic!
 15.Nh2 Bd7?!
 15...Qg6!
 16.f4 Qh6
 Black has established a clear
 advantage after the opening
 exchanges. 16...Be6 17.Bxe6 Qxe6
 18.f5 Qf6+
 17.Qc1?!
 17.Nf3 Bg4 18.Ng5 Be6 19.Bd5
 Rad8 20.c4 looks better for White.
 17... Rad8?!
 17...dxc3 18.bxc3 exf4 19.Qxf4 Qxf4
 20.Rxf4+ with a promising endgame
 for Black.
 18.fxe5 Qxc1?!
 18...Qg6 Keeping the queens on
 gives Black more options.
 19.Raxc1 d3
 20.Nf3
 20.Bd5 is also useful for White.
 20... Bg4=
 Both players have overlooked
 interesting continuations. Black's d-

pawn seems a threat, but White can
 defend against it, so the game is level
 here.
 21.Bd5 Bxf3
 22.gxf3 Nxe5
 23.Rcd1 b6
 24.f4 Nd7
 25.Rxd3 Nf6
 25...Nc5 looks better for Black.
 26.Rfd1 Rde8
 27.Rd4 Nxd5
 28.exd5 Rd8
 28...Re2! gives Black counterplay.
 29.c4 Rfe8
 30.Kf2 Kf8
 31.b4 f5?!



31...Ke7! gets the king into the thick
 of things and helps blockade the
 dangerous White pawns.
 32.d6+
 White has now turned things round
 and has a winning position.
 32... Re4?
 Consistent with Black's 31st, but the
 exchange allows White to establish
 double connected passed pawns.
 33.Rxe4 fxe4
 34.c5 bxc5
 35.bxc5 Ke8
 36.c6
 The final position is impossible for
 Black to defend.
 1-0



Allan Hislop

Sad news to start the New Year as Ian Hislop reports his father's death just before Christmas. Allan was 86 and had been diagnosed with lung cancer in February 2011. He passed away peacefully in Mearns Kirk Hospital on 21st December. Ian reports that Allan's mind was still sharp to the finish, which the family put down to his chess - they remember him in his chair for hours every night playing chess and trying various moves, then out to the post box in time for the next collection. Allan's passion for chess was mentioned at his funeral. With Bernard Partridge, Allan was a founder member of SCCA, became life member no. 10, and was an active organiser for the Association over many years. He worked as a GPO technical officer in Glasgow and was responsible for setting up SCCA telephone chess rules. He ran the Handicap and other tournaments, introduced the Candidates stage to the Championship cycle, played in the Championship final and represented Scotland in numerous friendly international matches. Allan was still playing League chess for the Black Knight team which finished 1= in division 1 during the 2008 season. Allan preferred to avoid the limelight, but he was well respected by all who knew him for his love of chess, organising ability, hard work, friendly manner and devotion to his family. Allan will be much missed within the SCCA, and our thoughts and sympathies are with his family.



ICCF Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

In the Spring 2010 edition of the Magazine (no. 109), I provided information about the inaugural ICCF Veterans World Cups and in the Winter edition (no 112) gave an update about VWC2, reported on the start-up of VWC3 and plans for starting VWC4.

ICCF Veterans World Cup 1 was organised by our Czech friends, in memoriam of Stanislav Volgar, a famous Czech CC player, and the Final has now been concluded, with the winner being Rob Kruis (NED) with Claude Oger (FRA) second and Auno Siikaluoma (FIN) third.

VWC1/f		ICCF Veterans World Cup I, Final		TD Nývřt, Zdeněk (IA)													Score	SB	RG	Place	
Category 5 SIM=8½ IM=8 LGM=5½ ILM=3				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
1	NED	371002	Kruis, Rob P.	2445	■	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	8	46	0	1
2	FRA	181128	Oger, Claude	2368	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	7.5	43	0	2
3	FIN	460917	Siikaluoma, Auno	2533	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	1	6.5	38.5	0	3
4	GER	84208	Witzschel, Peter	2372	½	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	1	½	6.5	38.25	0	4
5	NED	370959	Leemans, Robert	2353	½	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6	36	0	5
6	CZE	130709	SIM Svoboda, František (*1936)	2432	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	6	35	0	6
7	GER	80949	IM Weber, Karlheinz	2288	½	½	½	0	½	½	■	0	½	1	½	½	1	6	34.75	0	7
8	RUS	141318	Kurgansky, Vitaly Ivanovich	2448	0	½	½	½	½	0	1	■	½	½	½	½	1	6	34.25	0	8
9	ITA	240302	Pecis, Gianfranco	2379	½	½	0	1	½	½	½	■	0	½	½	½	½	5.5	33.5	0	9
10	POR	390188	SIM Morais, Gustavo João F. S.	2337	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	■	½	½	½	5.5	32.25	0	10
11	ROU	440105	Florea, Mihail	2458	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	1	½	½	5.5	30.75	0	11
12	ROU	440008	Chiricută, Ing. Marius	2208	0	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	■	0	4.5	27.75	0	12
13	BUL	50451	IM Davidov, Alexandar	2249	½	0	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	1	■	4.5	26	0	13

This article is a progress report on the three ICCF VWC events being organised by the Scottish CCA, where each stage is being completed in an 18 month playing schedule. The Scottish CCA will provide Cups and prizes to 3 medallists in each tournament.

The 2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup was started in September 2009 and attracted 273 entries, played in 21 groups with the top three from each group guaranteed places in the Semi-finals stage, which were started in June 2011, with 63 players in 5 groups.

The 3rd ICCF Veterans World Cup began in September 2010 with a record entry of 364 players in 28 groups of 13 players and we had several reserves. As with VWC2, the top placed 3 players in each group progress to 7 Semi-final groups of 13 players, which will start in May 2012. Many of the preliminary groups are concluded with qualifiers already decided, although play does not finish until 29th February 2012.

In September 2011, the 4th ICCF Veterans World Cup saw yet another record of 403 entries that began play in 31 groups in June 2011, with a closing date of 28/2/2013.

We have six SCCA tournament directors for VWC's (Alastair Dawson, Alistair Maxwell, Jim Anderson, Colin MacGregor, Kevin Paine and Gordon Anderson). George Pyrich is TD for VWC Semi-finals, with George Livie is the Appeals Judge. A few adjudications have been needed and IM Iain Mackintosh has kindly done them. I am grateful to all these SCCA friends for agreeing to help with these tournaments.

2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup – Report on Semi-finals (which started in June 2011)

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The tournament is in Memoriam of Gerhard Radosztics, distinguished friend of ICCF.

Although the Semi-finals started only some 7 months ago, 65% of games are already finished which is surely clear evidence that a 10/40 rate of play over a fixed 18 month schedule works well and could be a format which would benefit other ICCF events.

3rd ICCF Veterans World Cup – Report on Preliminary Groups (to finish 29/2/12).

Half of the 28 Preliminary Groups were completely finished at the end of 2011, with qualifiers decided and apart from 10 groups, qualifiers were clear in another 4 groups. With another 2 months remaining, most unfinished games were very well advanced.

There will need to be 7 Semi-finals, each of 13 players to accommodate the 84 players who are guaranteed places, so therefore there will places for best placed 4th finishers. Geoff Lloyd and myself are already assured of a top three placing and are guaranteed places in VWC3 Semi-finals. Some of our games from the event are annotated below.

4th ICCF Veterans World Cup – Report on Preliminary Groups (to finish 28/2/13).

The record number of 31 Preliminary Groups is proceeding smoothly, with only a few problems, which is quite remarkable with so many veteran players – let us hope this will continue! Certainly, the popularity of the VWC events is evidenced by the enthusiastic support and comments received from many of the elderly participants!

Although groups began on 1st September, only 4 months before this report was being written, a significant number of them are well advanced with many games completed. I am playing in 2 groups and in one of these, almost 50% of all games are finished!

Derek Coope (2), Derek Price, Chris Fordham-Hall, Brian Goodwin & Peter Bennett are also SCO participants. I will provide further progress reports in future Magazines.

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



Geoff writes:

After failing to qualify at the first two attempts, it became obvious to me that at least 8 plus points would be needed in order to reach the semi-final stages. I did consider concentrating on the lower

graded players and trying for draws against the higher rated

players. However the grades of many players can often be a poor reflection of their current form.

Let's not forget that CC is a different world than OTB chess. There is so much quality material available in today's marketplace, even if a player is 200 or more points lower than you are in the grading list, he or she may very well have access to high quality databases and books. Just in ChessBase alone you can access on line openings trees and the latest GM games in seconds.

With that kind of thinking, I decided not to play the man but to play the board, yet at the same time always to bear in mind that the letters GM and SIM are a very good indication of a player's consistent playing strength. I invested over £100 in quality openings books, and spent a great deal of time making notes in my games, moving through the chapters and variations always knowing at the next move what page and which book to refer to.

The process is very time consuming and often trying, but it seems to have paid off for me.

VWC3/pr17		ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 - Preliminary Group 17				TD MacGregor, Colin A. (IA)																
		Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	SB	RG	Place
1	USA	514167		Michael, Dennis	2298	█	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	10	51	0	1	
2	RUS	140583	IM	Shulman, Boris Yakovlevich	2419	½	█	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	9.5	47.5	0	2	
3	SCO	629031		Lloyd, Geoffrey	2257	½	½	█	0	½	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	8.5	41.5	0	3	
4	POR	390188	SIM	Morais, Gustavo João F. S.	2323	0	0	1	█	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	38.25	0	4	
5	GER	80857		Opitz, Peter	2173	½	½	½	½	█	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	8	40.75	0	5	
6	NZL	380023		Kinchant, Kevin D.	2209	½	½	½	½	½	█	0	½	1	1	1	1	8	38	0	6	
7	FRA	180280		Vuillemin, Gaston	2237	0	½	0	½	½	1	█	½	1	½	1	1	7.5	35	0	7	
8	ARG	20865		Arditi Rocha, Luis Félix	2067	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	█	1	½	½	1	4.5	16.5	0	8	
9	GER	82413		Walther, Joachim	2118	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	█	0	1	½	1	3.5	13.25	0	9
10	POL	421363		Kuśnierz, Janusz	2075	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	█	½	0	1	3.5	11.5	0	10
11	ITA	240062		Cottarelli, Franco	1894	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	█	½	1	3	10	0	11
12	AUS	30119		Ramsden, Jim E.	1768	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	½	█	½	3	9.25	0	12
13	NED	379094		Schutte, Frank	2000 ^F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	█	0.5	1.5	0	13	

Cottarelli F (1894) - Lloyd G (2257) [A00]
VWC3, Preliminary Group 17, 2010
Irregular Openings [A00]
[Notes by Geoff Lloyd]

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One finds from time to time that a few players attempt to avoid the well-known main lines and begin with unusual moves. This game is a typical example. However I found over 10,000 games in my main reference base !!

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|---------------|-------------|
| 1... | e5 |
| 2.Bb2 | Bxb4 |
| 3.Bxe5 | Nf6 |
| 4.Nf3 | d5 |
| 5.e3 | 0-0 |
| 6.Be2 | c5 |
| 7.0-0 | Nc6 |
| 8.Bb2 | Re8 |
| 9.d3 | |

9.d4 c4 10.c3 Bd6 11.Nbd2 Bb8 12.Re1 Qd6 13.g3 Ng4 14.Nh4 Nf6 15.Ng2 Bf5 16.f3 Bc7 17.e4 dxe4 18.Nxc4 Qd8 19.Nce3 Bh3 20.f4 Bb6 21.Nc4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Nd5 23.Bg4 Bc7 Althoff,G (2147)-Mueller,T (2068)/Kaufungen 2003/EXT 2004/1-0 (53)



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|----------------|-------------|
| 9... | Qe7 |
| 10.Nbd2 | d4 |
| 11.e4 | Be6N |

11...b5 12.a4 Bxd2 13.Nxd2 b4 14.Re1 a5 15.Bf1 Ne5 16.g3 Bg4 17.f3 Bd7 18.Bg2 Ra6 19.h3 g5 20.Rf1 Kh8 21.Kh2 Rg8 22.Nb3 Ne8 23.Bc1 Nc7 24.f4 gxf4 25.Bxf4 f6 26.Rf2 Nogues,P-Kovarcik,G (2100)/Avoine 1995/EXT 97/½-½



12... h6 13.Nxe6 Qxe6 when Black is about equal.
12.Ng5 **Bd7**
13.a3 **Ba5**
14.Rb1

I was expecting the knight to retreat here.

14... **b5**
15.Nb3 **Bc7**
16.Bh5?

Once again Nf3 would have been better.

16... **Nxh5**
17.Qxh5

Threatening mate that is easily answered.

17... **h6**
18.Nf3

Black can now gradually improve the position of his pieces.

18... **Bd6**
19.Rfe1 **Be6**
20.Nbd2 **Rab8**
21.Bc1



21... e5 Bc7 22.h3 Bd5 might have been better.

21... **c4**
22.Ra1 **Qd7**
23.h3

Black is in control.

23... **f6**
24.Nh4 **g5**
25.Qg6+ **Qg7**
26.Qxg7+ **Kxg7**

I had no problem in exchanging queens.

27.Nhf3 **Bf7**
28.Nf1 **f5**
29.exf5 **Rxe1**
30.Nxe1 **Re8**

Opening lines for rooks and bishops is always to be sought.

31.Nf3

31... f6+ Kxf6 is losing.

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31... **c3**
32.Ng3 **Bxg3**
33.fxg3 **Re2**
34.Kf1 **Rxc2**
35.Ne1 **Ra2**
36.Rxa2 **Bxa2**
37.Nf3 **Bd5**
38.Ke2 **a5**

Rook on the seventh rank, out of the book "My System".



White resigned here. The endgame is clearly won for Black. I must conclude that the move 1...b4 was not so bad, causing me to search in databases and online openings books. I do think however to play such opening moves requires a chess mind similar to the late, great Tony Miles.

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Lloyd,Geoff (2257) – Vuillemin,Gaston (2237)
VWC3, Preliminary Group 17, 2010
Catalan Opening [E04]
[Notes by Geoff Lloyd]

This game is main line and on this occasion I did not use databases or online opening books. The Catalan is a good opening and the book I used is one from my collection in the "Grandmaster series".

1.d4 **d5**
2.c4 **e6**
3.Nf3 **Nf6**
4.g3 **dxg4**
5.Bg2 **Nc6**
5...Bd7 **6.Ne5** **Bc6** **7.Nxc6** **Nxc6** **8.0-0**
6.Qa4 **Bb4+**
7.Bd2 **Nd5**



7...Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 0-0 9.Qxc4 Qd5 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.Qc3 Qb5 13.dxe5 Nd5 14.Bxd5 Qxd5 15.Rfd1 Bc6

8.Bxb4 **Ndxb4**
9.0-0 **Rb8**
10.Na3 **0-0**
11.Qb5 **b6**
12.Qxc4 **Ba6**

Also playable is 12...a5

13.Nb5 **Qd5**
14.Qxd5 **exd5**
15.Nc3 **Rfe8**
16.Rfd1 **Ne7**
17.a3N



17.Rac1 c5 18.a3 Nbc6 19.dxc5 bxc5 ½-½ Berebora,F (2390)-Rabiega,R (2525)/Berlin 1998.

17... **Nbc6**
18.b4

Threatening to fork bishop and knight.

18... **Bb7**
19.e3 **a6**
20.Ne5 **Nd8**

20...Nxe5 21.dxe5 Red8 22.Rd2 h6 23.Rad1 when White is better.

21.a4 **Ne6**
22.a5 **b5**

23.h4 **Rbd8**
24.Rac1 **Bc8**
25.Nd3 **c6**
26.Ne2



Black's [a] and [c] pawns are weak targets.

26... **g6**
27.Rc3 **Kg7**
28.Rdc1 **f6**
29.Rxc6!

My opponent overlooked this move.

29... **Nxc6**
30.Rxc6 **g5**
31.hxg5 **fxg5**
32.Nc3 **Bb7**
33.Rb6 **Re7**
34.Nc5 **h5??**
35.Nxe6+

Black resigned here. The conclusions remain the same as the previous game. Slowly improve the position of ones pieces. Get your rooks and minor pieces on good squares, gain space with pawn moves.

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VWC3/pr06				ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 - Preliminary Group 06				TD Maxwell, Alistair														
Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	SB	RG	Place		
1	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2182	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	1	8	43.5	0	1	
2	NED	370968		Dubbeldam, Adri C.	2350	½	1	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	8	41.5	0	2	
3	ENG	210709		Sutton, Alan B.	2285	0	½	1	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	7	33.75	0	3	
4	ITA	240971		Alderisio, Piero	2434	½	½	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	½	1	6.5	33.5	2	4	
5	GER	81353	SIM	Blau, Dieter	2205	½	0	½	.	1	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	6.5	32.75	1	5	
6	NOR	360171		Taksrud, Vidar	2087	½	½	½	.	0	1	½	0	1	1	½	1	6.5	31.75	1	6	
7	RUS	140109		Shchebenyuk, Mikhail Pavlovich	2122	0	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	½	0	1	6.5	34.25	0	7	
8	GER	81434		Groß-Winter, Günter	2274	0	½	½	0	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	6.5	32.25	0	8	
9	ESP	161153		Llagaria Vidal, Eduardo	2000 ^P	½	0	½	1	½	0	0	½	1	.	1	½	1	5.5	27.5	1	9
10	CZE	130429	IM	Canibal, Jaromír	2332	½	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	.	1	1	1	5	24.25	1	10	
11	AUS	30392		Stubbs, Mike	1968	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	0	½	1	1	5	24.25	0	11	
12	RSA	550062		Snoek, Arie	1916	½	0	0	½	½	0	1	0	½	0	1	1	4	19.75	0	12	
13	JPN	580165		Tago, Shunnichi	1691	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	

Alan writes:



Having failed to qualify from VWC2 to the Semi-finals (lost 2 games in each group) and having seen how other players had advanced, I concluded that in any 13 player group, it was necessary to score at least 8 points to have a

chance of a top 3 placing.

This requires +4 score and with very competitive games and groups, one is unlikely to qualify if you lose even only one game.

So the key pre-requirement was to identify which opponents were likely to be toughest to beat and ensure to play with a draw in hand and look to win games against the lesser (lower rated) opponents.

In this group, there were three players rated over 2300 and four players under 2000. However, I could not manage to find wins against three of the bottom four rated but achieved draws against the top three! Everyone beat the lowest rated player from Japan, so it was necessary for me to win half of the games against the players rated 2100-2300.

Here are games with 2 of these players which eventually assured my semi-final place.

Borwell,Alan (2182) - Sutton,Alan (2285)
VWC3, Preliminary Group 8, 2010
Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack [B75]
[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	g6
6.Be3	Bg7
7.f3	a6
8.Qd2	Nbd7
9.g4	b5

After this move, White has the interesting idea of Nc6 followed by Nxe7!? but Black has the option of taking the sacrificed knight or just playing 11.....Bb7!? to get quick development.

10.0-0-0	Bb7
11.h4	h5
12.g5	Nh7
13.f4	Qa5
14.Kb1	

Here I anticipated 14.Kb1 Nc5 15.Bg2 b4 16.Nd5 Nxe4 17.Bxe4 Bxd5 18.Nb3 Bxb3 19.axb3 Rc8 20.Qe2

14...	Rc8
15.Bg2	

White is already better, so Black tries the common exchange sacrifice on c3 to try to generate complications.



15...	Rxc3
16.bxc3	0-0
17.e5	

I looked at 17.e5 Bxg2 18.Qxg2 dxe5 19.Nc6 Qxc3 20.Rd3 Qc4 21.Rxd7 exf4 22.Nxe7+ Kh8 23.Bd2 Rb8 24.Rf1±

17...	Bxg2
18.Qxg2	Qxc3
19.Rd3	Qc4

The tricky choice now for White is either Nb3, Nc6 or exd6 My analysis for playing Nb3 was 19...Qc4 20.Nb3 Re8

21.Qd2 Nhf8 (21...Nc5 22.Nxc5 dxc5 23.Qg2 Nf8 24.Qc6 Rb8 25.Qxc5 Qxc5 26.Bxc5 Ne6 27.Be3 Rc8 28.Rd7) 22.exd6 e5 23.Na5 Qe4 24.Rf1 Ne6 25.Bf2 Qxf4 26.Nc6 Qxd2 27.Rxd2

20.Nb3	Re8
21.Qd2	Qc7

21...Qc7 22.exd6 exd6 23.Rd1 Nhf8 24.Rxd6 a5 25.Rd5 a4 26.Nc5 Nxc5 27.Bxc5 Re4 28.Bd6 Qc4 29.Rc5 Qe6 30.Bxf8 Rd4 31.Qe1±

22.exd6	exd6
23.Rd1	

After 23.Rd1 if 23...Bf8 then 24.Bd4 Nb6 25.Bxb6 Qxb6 26.f5 gxf5 27.Qf4 Re5 28.Qf3 d5 29.Rxd5 Qc6 30.Na5 Qa8 31.Qh1 Rxd5 32.Qxd5 Qxd5 33.Rxd5 f4 34.Nc6 Ba3 35.Rf5 Kg7 36.Rxf4 f6 37.gxf6+ Nxf6 38.Ne5 Bd6 39.Rf5 Bb4 40.Rg5+ Kh7 41.Kb2 Bd2 42.Rf5 Kg7 43.Kb3 Be3 44.a4 bxa4+ 45.Kxa4 Bd2 46.c4+-

23...	Nhf8
24.Rxd6	a5
25.Rd5	a4

25...a4 26.Nc5 Nxc5 27.Bxc5 is better than Rxc5 as it releases rook attack on B on e3 and affords protection to b4, restraining pawn advance.

26.Nc5	Nxc5
27.Bxc5	Re4
28.Bd6	Qc4
29.Rc5	Qe6

29...Qe6 30.Be5 (30.Rxb5 is also good but more secure is 30.Rd5 Qg4 31.Re1 Rxe1+ 32.Qxe1 Qf3 33.Rd3 Qg4 34.Be5 Bxe5 35.fxe5 Ne6 36.a3 Qf4 37.Rd7 Kg7 38.Kb2 Kg8 39.Rb7 Qd4+ 40.Kb1 Nf4 41.e6 Nxe6 42.Rxb5) 30...Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Rxe5 32.fxe5 Qxe5 33.Qb4 Ne6 34.a3 Qf5 35.Rd7 Qe5 36.Qe7 Qe1+ 37.Ka2 Qf2 38.Kb2 Qf5 39.Qf6 Qxf6+ 40.gxf6 g5 41.hxg5 h4 42.Rd3 Kh7 43.Rh3 Kg6 44.Rxh4 Kxg5 45.Rb4 Kxf6 46.Rxb5 Kg6 47.Re5 and White is winning.

30.Rd5	b4
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Critical moment in game 30...b4 31.Qd3

a) I concluded that best was 31.Bxf8 Bxf8 32.Rd8 b3 (32...a3 33.Rb8 Kg7 34.Qd8 Qe7 35.Qxe7 Bxe7 36.Re8 f6 37.Rf1) 33.Qd5 bxc2+ 34.Kxc2 Re2+ 35.Rd2 Qe3 36.Qc4 Rf2 37.R8d3 Qe1 38.Qxa4 Rf1 39.Rd1 Qf2+ 40.Kb1 Bg7 41.Qb4 Rxd1+ 42.Rxd1 Qxh4 43.a4 Qh3 44.a5 h4;

b) alternatively 31.Be5 Bxe5 32.Rxe5 Rxe5 33.fxe5 b3 34.cxb3 axb3 35.a4 Qxe5 36.Re1 Qf5+ 37.Kb2 Ne6 38.a5 Nc5 39.Re8+ Kh7 40.Rd8 Ne6 41.Rd5 Qf1 42.Kxb3;

c) 31.Bc5 Kh7 32.f5 gxf5 33.Qf2 Kg8 34.Qf3 Rxh4 35.Rxf5 Rc4 36.Bxf8 Bxf8 37.Rf6 Qe4 38.Qxe4 Rxe4 39.g6 a3

40.Rxf7 Rg4 41.Rh7 h4 42.Rh1 Rxc6 43.R7xh4 Rf6 44.Rh7 Bg7 45.R7h3 Kf7 46.c4;
d) 31.Qd3 b3 32.cxb3 Re3 33.f5 gxf5 34.Qxf5 axb3 35.Qxe6 bxa2+ 36.Kxa2 Nxe6 37.R5d3 not easy to win with pawns only on one side of board.

31.Bxf8 Bxf8

32.Rd8 Kg7

Black had other options eg a3, b3 or Qe7

33.Ra8

Preferred to Qd5

33... a3

34.Qd8

Simplifying.

34... Qe7

35.Qxe7 Bxe7

35...Bxe7 36.c3 bxc3 37.Rd7 Bc5 38.Rdd8 f5 39.Rd7+ Re7 40.Rxe7+ Bxe7 41.Kc2 Bb4 42.Kb3 Bd6 43.Ra4 Kf7 44.Kxc3 wins.

36.c3! bxc3

37.Rd7

Black resigned. This proved to be a key victory as Englishman Alan Sutton eventually reached 7pts. compared with my 8pts. total.

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Gross-Winter,Gunter (2274) - Borwell,Alan (2182)

VWC3, Preliminary Group 8, 2010

Nimzo-Indian Classical [E32]

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	e6
3.Nc3	Bb4
4.Qc2	0-0
5.a3	Bxc3+
6.Qxc3	b6
7.Bg5	Bb7
8.e3	d6
9.f3	Nbd7
10.Bd3	h6
11.Bh4	c5
12.Ne2	Rc8



A game Bareev-Leko in 2002 continued with 13.Qb3. The same two players had previously played a game in the line used by my German opponent in this game. After 13.0-0, Ba6 did not work out well for Black.

13.0-0 cxd4

14.Qxd4 Ne5

In more recent games, Black has scored well with this continuation.

15.Rfd1?

Overlooking Black's next.

15... Bxf3

16.b3 Bh5

17.Ra2 g5

18.Be1 Nxd3

19.Rxd3 Bg6

20.Rd1



Choice now is between e5, Ne4, Rc6 or Rc7 [20.Rd1 e5 not best (better 20...Rc7 21.Bb4 Rd7 22.Ng3 e5 23.Qd2 Re8±) 21.Qxd6 Ne4 22.Qd5 Qxd5 23.Rxd5 Rfd8 24.Ng3 Rxd5 25.cxd5 Rd8 26.Nxe4 Bxe4= leaves bishops of opposite colour.

20... Rc7

21.Nc3 e5

22.Qd2 Rd7

23.h3 Qa8

24.Qf2 Kg7

25.Qg3



25.Qg3 Bh5 26.Rc1 needed to improve on 26...Ne4 27.Nxe4 Qxe4 28.Bc3 f5 29.Rd2 Re8 30.Rf1 Kh7 31.Bb4 f4 32.exf4 gxf4 33.Re1 Qf5 34.Qh4 Rg7 35.Kh2 Reg8 36.Bxd6 f3 37.Rg1 Be8 38.Rf2 Bc6 39.g4 Qe6 40.Rd1 Re8 41.Rfd2 Rg6 42.Bb4 Qf7 43.Rd6 Qf4+ 44.Kg1 Qe3+ 45.Qf2 Qxb3 46.R1d2 Rxd6 47.Rxd6 Qxc4 48.Rxb6+ Kxb6 49.Qh4+=

25... Bh5

26.Rc1 Ne4

27.Nxe4 Qxe4

28.a4 Rc8

29.Bc3 f6

30.Rd2 d5

31.Rf1 **Rc6**
32.Qf2 **Bf7**
33.Rfd1 **Rb7**
34.Kh2 **dxc4**
35.b4 **a6**
36.Rd6 **Be6**
37.Rf1 **Rf7**
38.Rd8 **b5**
39.a5



Although there are bishops of opposite colour to give White some drawing chances with pawn deficit, Black has good chances whilst major pieces remain on the board.

39... **Bc8**
40.Rfd1 **h5**
41.Re8 **Bd7**
42.Rb8 **h4**
43.Rd2 **Be6**
44.Rbd8 **Rfc7**
45.Qe1 **Rc8**
46.Qe2



Here are some possible continuations 46.Qe2 Rxd8 47.Rxd8 Rc7 48.Rd6 (48.Qh5 Bd5 49.Qh8+ Kg6 50.Qe8+ Kf5) 48...Bc8 49.Qf2 Rf7 50.Qd2 Kg6 51.Rd8 Bb7 52.Qf2 Re7 53.Rd6 Qf5 54.Qd2 Re6 55.Rd8 Qe4 56.Qf2 Kf7 57.Qd2 Re7 58.Qf2 Bc6 59.Rd1 Bd5 60.Rd2 Rc7 61.Rd1 Ke7 62.Rc1 Rc6 63.Re1 Qd3 64.Rc1 Rd6 65.Rc2 Bc6 66.Rd2 Qg6 67.Rxd6 Kxd6 68.Kg1 Ke6 69.Qe1 Qe4 70.Qe2 f5 71.Be1 f4 72.Bd2 Qb1+ 73.Kh2 f3 74.gxf3 Qc2 75.Qg2 Bxf3 76.Qxf3 Qxd2+ 77.Kg1 Qe1+ 78.Kg2 Qg3+

46... **Rxd8**
47.Rxd8 **Rc7**
48.Rd6 **Bc8**

Here White resigned as the Black bishop comes on to the a8/h1 diagonal and, after preparation, a Black pawn advance on the opposing King will be decisive.

0-1





International Update

By George Pyrich

ICCF World Championship Cycle 2012

Stuart Graham and Peter Bennett have recently entered Preliminary Sections of the 36th World Championships with play scheduled to start on 12 March 2012. Presently we have two unused places available to anyone who wishes a place in a Preliminary Section. Anyone interested should contact George Pyrich without delay as nominations close on 31 January!

Witold Bielecki Memorial Events

Play begins 25 January on the ICCF server in this new team event dedicated to the memory of the long serving ICCF Delegate for Poland and World Championship Tournament Director, Witold Bielecki. Our team comprising Ian Jamieson, William Cormack, Colin Macgregor, Alan Armstrong, Raymond Burrige and Andrew MacMillen has been drawn in Section 1 against opposition from Finland, Belarus, Portugal, Austria, Germany and England. Restricted to players rated less than 2050, the event is similar to the Harro Otte Memorial Team Tournament held several years ago.

The new ICCF Delegate for Poland, Mariusz Wojnar, is also the main organiser of another event, "Friendly Match: Witold's Friends v. Rest of the World" which is scheduled to start on 1 March 2012. The match will be held along similar lines to friendly international matches and features both server and postal boards. Anyone can enter free of charge on the ICCF server although entries close on 1 February with play commencing on 1 March. Thus far, the SCCA will be represented by Alan Borwell, Raymond Burrige, Colin Macgregor, George Pyrich, Richard Weston and Murdo MacDonald.

ICCF 19th Olympiad Preliminaries

CCO19/S1		ICCF Olympiad 19 Preliminaries - Section 01										TD Flores Gutiérrez, Carlos (IA)					
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Poland	2446	3.5	4	3.5	3	4	4	2.5	24.5	66	12	3	37	19	1	
2	Austria	2510	2.5	1.5	3	1.5	2	5.5	1	17	62	7	2	27	29	2	
3	England	2391	2	2.5	1	3	3	3	2	16.5	53	2	0	31	25	3	
4	Canada	2423	1.5	2	1	1	3.5	3	2	14	53	2	0	26	30	4	
5	Scotland	2270	2	0.5	3	1	3	1.5	0.5	11.5	46	-2	0	25	31	5	
6	Italy	2297	2	1	2	2.5	2	0.5	0.5	10.5	37	-7	0	28	28	6	
7	Argentina	2218	1	0.5	1	1	2.5	1.5	1	8.5	29	-12	0	29	27	7	
8	Spain	2359	1.5	0	2	0	0.5	0.5	3	7.5	44	-2	0	17	39	8	

After almost a year's play, our team is mid-table, ticking along at just below 50%

Europa Postal Cup

EU/PC/pr2		European Postal Cup - Preliminary Group 2								TD Hömske, Markus							
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Scottish Claymores	2138	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4	100	4	2	4	24	1
2	A. D. Scacchi Rocca Priora	2247	0	0.5	0	0	0	2	0	1	3.5	87	3	1	4	24	2
3	CASPA-ROV	2005	0	0.5	0	0	0	1	0	1	2.5	83	2	0	3	25	3
4	Dutchess	2076	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	100	1	0	1	27	4
5	Veterans	2373	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	100	1	0	1	27	4
6	White Rose Exiles	1879	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	-4	0	6	22	4
7	Germany B	2159	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	100	1	0	1	27	4
8	Arc-en-ciel / Rainbow / Regnbåge	1854	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-8	0	8	20	8

Our team lead the way in this, another postal event, with a 100% score! Early days and several of the wins have been defaults.

Forthcoming ICCF Events

The next cycle of the popular Champions League is expected to start June/July 2012, around the same time as the Semifinals of the 69th European Championships whilst the Preliminaries of the 20th ICCF Olympiad (server) will start autumn 2012. Other new events scheduled to start during the 3rd quarter of 2012 are the Preliminaries of the 5th ICCF Veterans Cup (to be organised by the German Federation, the Deutscher Fernschachbund) and the Preliminaries of 5th ICCF Webchess Open.

Thor Løvholt Memorial

MT-Løvholt /sf1		Thor Løvholt Memorial U-2300 Team Tournament SF1										TD Pheby, Ian M. (IA)							
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Austria	2235		3.5	3	2.5	2.5	3	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	27.5	56	6	10	49	5	1
2	Poland	2216	2.5		1.5	2.5	2.5	3	2	3	5	4	26	59	8	6	44	10	2
3	France	2183	3	1.5		2	1.5	2.5	3.5	3	3.5	5	25.5	57	7	8	44	10	3
4	Czech Republic	2203	3.5	2.5	2		3	1.5	1.5	3.5	4	3.5	25	59	8	9	42	12	4
5	Spain	2239	1.5	1.5	2.5	2		3	2	3	3.5	4	23	58	7	6	39	15	5
6	Belarus	2166	3	2	2.5	1.5	2		2	3.5	3.5	3	23	52	2	6	44	10	6
7	Latvia	2211	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	1	3		1.5	2.5	4	21.5	51	1	3	42	12	7
8	Bulgaria	2184	1.5	3	2	1.5	1	1.5	3.5		4	2.5	20.5	46	-3	5	44	10	8
9	Scotland	2124	2.5	1	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	1		3.5	15	32	-16		2	46	8	9
10	Cape Verde	1935	1.5	1	1	1.5	1	2	2	1.5	1.5		13	28	-20	0	46	8	10

Thankfully this event where we are just about staying out of last place is almost over.

White: Rovchakov, Vladimir Petrovich (2221)

Black: Lloyd, Geoffrey (2313)

Løvholt Memorial, 2011

Sicilian Scheveningen [B84]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 d6
 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 a6
 6.Be2 e6
 7.f4 Be7
 8.0-0 0-0
 9.Be3

9.a4 is more usual here when 9...Qc7 10.Be3 Nc6 is usual.

9... Qc7
 10.Qe1 b5
 11.Bf3 Bb7
 12.a3 Nbd7

With a comfortable position for Black.

13.Rd1

The attacking 13.Qg3 was seen in the game Sarink v. Isigkeit, ICCF World Ch. 28 sf, 2004 13...Nc5 14.f5 e5 15.Nb3 Na4 16.Nxa4 bxa4 17.Nd2 d5 18.exd5 Bxd5 and Black eventually won after a long struggle.

13... Rac8
 14.Nb3

14.Qg3 likely transposes to the previous note.

14... Nb6
 15.Na5 Ba8
 16.Rf2



16... d5!
 17.Bd4 Rfd8

17...dxe4 18.Nxe4 Nfd7 19.g3 e5 20.fxe5 Nxe5 21.Bg2 Rcd8 also looks good for Black; whilst 17...b4 is unclear 18.Be5 (18.e5!?)

18.b4?!

Instead 18.e5 Nfd7 19.f5 looks dangerous for Black.

18... dxe4
 19.Nxe4 Nxe4
 20.Bxe4 Bxe4
 21.Qxe4 Bf6

Now Black has no problems

22.Rfd2 Bxd4+
 23.Rxd4 Rxd4
 24.Rxd4 Qc3
 25.h3 g6

Why not 25...Qxa3 ?

26.Rd3 Qb2
 27.Nb3 Nd5
 28.Nc5 Qc1+
 29.Kh2 Qxf4+
 30.Qxf4 Nxf4
 31.Rd6 a5
 32.Rb6 axb4
 33.axb4 Nd5
 34.Rxb5 Nxb4
 35.Nxe6!

White has just enough to hold the draw.

35... Nxc2
 36.Rc5 Rxc5
 37.Nxc5 Nd4
 38.g4 f6

½-½



Geoff Lloyd's performance on board 2 was remarkably solid, managing to draw all his games!

Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Feb 2012	30	Netherlands	Server/Post				
Mar 2011	20	Romania	Server	9	21		loss
Mar 2011	32	France	Server/Post	9½	33½		loss
Jan 2011	10	Hong Kong	Server	9	11		loss
Nov 2010	15	Cape Verde	Server	23	6		win
Nov 2010	30	Finland	Server/Post	19	34		loss
Sep 2010	32	Sweden	Server/Post	21½	38½		loss
Apr 2010	10	Lithuania	Server	8	12		loss
Mar 2010	20	Scheming Mind	Server	10½	29½		loss
Feb 2010	20	Ecuador	Server	29½	10½		win

The new friendly match against Netherlands starts on 1 February over 24 server and 6 postal boards whilst other new matches against Italy and Czech Republic are expected to start on 1 March.

Derek Coope had a nice win in the match against France.

White: Derek Coope (2108)
Black: Pascal Brisson (2178)
Scotland v France, 2011
 English Opening [A22]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.c4	e5
2.g3	Nf6
3.Bg2	d5
4.cxd5	Nxd5
5.Nc3	Nb6
6.d3	Be7
7.Qc2	

7.Be3 is similar to the game after 7...0-0 8.Rc1 Nc6 9.Bxc6

7...	0-0
8.a3	a5
9.Be3	Nc6
10.Bxc6	bxc6
11.Nf3	f6
12.d4!?	

12.0-0 looks safer.

12...	Nc4
13.Qa4	Ba6?

It's difficult to see what was wrong with 13...Nxe3 14.fxe3 Rb8 when Black surely stands well.

14.Qxc6	Qd6
15.Qe4	Nxb2
16.dxe5	fxe5
17.0-0	Bf6
18.Rfb1	Rab8
19.Ba7	Rb7
20.Ra2	Rxa7
21.Raxb2	c6
22.Rb6	



22... Kh8?

Quite an interesting joust thus far with moves for both sides hard to guess - however Black now goes badly wrong - 22...Qxa3 23.Qxc6 Rd8 was surely better.

23.a4!	Rc8
24.Nb5!	Bxb5
25.axb5	a4

25...Rac7 26.Ra6 Qc5 27.b6 was no better.

26.Rxc6	Rxc6
27.Qxc6	Qd8
28.b6	Ra8
29.Rc1	

Now Black is defenceless against b7 and Qc8 and so..

1-0



SCCA Webserver Events



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, 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.

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



General Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2012

Theme 2/12: Sicilian, Alapin Variation, B22

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4

Entries by 1 March; play starts 15 March

Theme 3/12: Elephant Gambit, C40

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 Bd6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Be2

Entries by 15 April; play starts 1 May

Webserver Events 2012

Theme 2/12: Queen's Indian, E17

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d5

Entries by 15 February; play starts 1 March

Theme 3/12: English, Botvinnik Variation, A25-6

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Ne2

Entries by 1 April; play starts 15 April

Note there are no Email Events in 2012.

News

- ❑ The 2012 ICCF Congress will be held in South Africa during November – the first time the event has been hosted in Africa.
- ❑ A first version of a calendar of events has been introduced to the ICCF website – the link is at the top of the home page. The idea is to show start dates of important ICCF and Zonal events for 3 years.
- ❑ Entries for the 36th World Championship Preliminaries close on 31st January with play expected to start on 10th March.
- ❑ Registration is now open for the 2nd Junior World Cup, sponsored by ChessBase.
- ❑ Following the success of the first Chess960 World Cup, ICCF plans to hold regular Chess960 events.
- ❑ Gerhard Binder has stopped supporting the Eloquary system after 16 years – the software is outdated and the online facilities on the ICCF Webserver do the job.

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

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