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Welcome to the third and autumnal edition of the 2015 magazine set. It turned out that we didn't have a summer after all this year, but the weather gods have treated us to a fine September by way of recompense.

We sent three delegates to Cardiff for the ICCF Congress in August and all returned full of praise for Welsh hospitality and organisation! We met with the WCCF and EFCC to discuss the British CC Championship at the venue, and you can read more about that on the Notices pages.

On return from Congress, George Pyrich has analysed the fourth ICCF rating list of 2015 for us, with a few inactive players leaving the roll this time.

We were pleased to receive permission to include the interview between Gino Figlio and GM Ron Langeveld, the recently crowned 26<sup>th</sup> ICCF World Champion, and we've added one of Ron's games from the Final for good measure.

Peter Bennett picks up on one of Ron's themes – Time Management – and illustrates how he prioritises and manages his games workload.

Our regular Games Column is a bit slimmer this time, but sits alongside George's review of progress in our 3<sup>rd</sup> Webserver Open finals. Amongst the players featured are Raymond Burrige, Andrew Macmillen, David Cumming, Peter Bennett, Eoin Campbell, Derek Coope, and David Edney. Eoin deserves fulsome congratulations for his fine performance and win in the B Final!

Alan Borwell provides a further extensive report on the status of the ICCF Veterans' World Cups, including a nice annotated win against SIM Dieter Blau which brought up his 1,000 graded game!

Our Notices pages contain news of our 2015 Best Game Prize Competition which has a closing date of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2016 – we hope you have some gems to contribute!

Also under the Notices, Geoff Lloyd has started a feature entitled 'The Things People Say' – quotes from opponents during and after play. We'll publish your favourites, so we look forward to hearing from you!

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The 100 Club is an important revenue-earner for the SCCA and it helps us to keep our fees low and/or unchanged year on year. Responsibility for the 100 Club rests with our Treasurer, Gordon Anderson.

Units cost £1 with some members taking one unit while others take as many as 10 units per month. From the Association's perspective paying by Bankers Order is most convenient.

If you don't already subscribe to the 100 club please consider if you can help the SCCA by taking out units and make contact with Gordon whose contact details are shown below.

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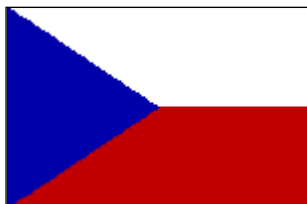
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## Czech Republic versus Rest of Europe



Marco Caressa, ICCF-Europa Zonal Director, writes to advise that a friendly match has been agreed between the Czech Republic and the Rest of Europe.

It will be played over at least 105 boards on the ICCF webservice. Each European Zone country may nominate 3 players to oppose the Czechs and it may be possible for a player to take more than one board. Each board will play two games in friendly match format.

The match is expected to start on 31st December, and registration completes on 30th November. Please email George Pyrich before 10th November for further details and to register your interest.

## British CC Championship



Prior to the recent ICCF Congress in Cardiff, a meeting was held between the Welsh, English and Scottish CC federations to review the current BCCC format, examine ways of enlarging participation and establish the principle that BCCC events are not the sole province of any one national federation.

Two main proposals were made as a result:

1. With effect from September 2016, the BCCC Final will include three (3) players nominated by the SCCA, and two (2) players nominated by the WCCF. These nominated players must be over a stipulated & agreed Rating, which was initially set at 2300. Nominations must reach the Tournament Organiser by 31 August (at the latest) annually. The organisers will try to make this event an ICCF Title tournament (with Title Norms) if possible.
2. The BCC Team Championship is currently contested by English & Welsh teams, and the meeting expressed a desire to see a Scottish team compete. The event is organised on the Hutton Pairing system (named after

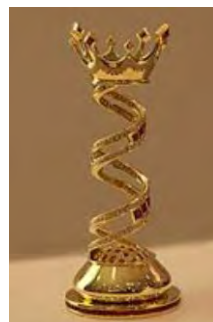
Rev. Hutton – a Scotsman!) where each team consists of 8 players & each player plays two games versus one opponent.

A number of organisational and administrative details were also discussed and agreed in support these proposals. An initial sub-committee was proposed as: Gordon Anderson (SCO), Russell Sherwood (WLS), Neil Limbert (ENG) and Phill Beckett (ENG- current TO).

Since the meeting, the Welsh and Scottish executive committees have fully endorsed the proposals, and we now await the decision of the EFCC executive.

So, it looks as though 2016 will herald new opportunities for Scottish players to contest British titles!

## SCCA Annual Best Game Prize



The SCCA Best Game Prize will once again operate this year, covering games completed during 2015.

The trophy (which won't look like the illustration!) will carry the inscription of its sponsor, Raymond Burridge, i.e.

**The R.J. Burridge Trophy  
SCCA Best Game Prize 2015  
(winner's name)**

To recap on the rules:

- Entries will be games which finish in a given calendar year (2015 in this case);
- Entries will be restricted to events organised by SCCA or ICCF;
- Only SCCA members can submit their games (wins or draws);
- Games may have been previously published;
- The submission period will close at the end of January 2016;
- The Committee will appoint a judge (who cannot submit a game!);
- The winner will be announced by end-March 2016 and we'll feature the game in a subsequent magazine;
- A trophy miniature and certificate will be awarded to the winner.

Please send your games to Iain Mackintosh at [president@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:president@scottishcca.co.uk) – multiple entries are allowed – to reach him by end-January 2016.

## SCCA 100 Club



Treasurer Gordon Anderson writes:

A number of members have actively subscribed to the Association's 100 club for a number of years and these contributions are very much appreciated. Recently, 3 long standing subscribers have retired and decided that they will no longer contribute to the 100 club. We urgently need some new subscribers.

If you have not been a subscriber or have previously subscribed but allowed your subscription to lapse, why not take up a unit or two or indeed three units (always happy to accept subscriptions for more units)?

If you are interested please contact Gordon on [treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk) for more information. The usual method of subscribing is monthly standing order which spreads the annual cost.

## SCCA Membership Renewals



Kevin Paine, our membership secretary, advises that renewal forms for 2016 will be available for download on the SCCA website from the first week in October.

There are two documents for you to complete and return: a membership form which contains all your eligibility and contact details, and an events form which allows you to specify the 2016 domestic tournaments you wish to enter. There's a third document which gives you background notes on events.

Visit <http://www.scottishcca.co.uk/membership.html> to access the forms. You can return them to Kevin by post or email and pay by cheque or bank transfer.

Annual membership remains a steal at £10, so please try to renew early so we can organise events with an early start date in 2016.

## The Things People Say



Geoff Lloyd writes in with an idea which might raise a chuckle or two. What are your favourite quotes from opponents?

To start the ball rolling, Geoff suggests remarks about the draw offer and its subsequent acceptance or refusal.

"Thanks but I would like to play on for a while."

"I agree this is as level as a snooker table."

"I've invested a lot in this pawn."

"I may live to regret this however."

And one of Geoff's favourites:

"Of course I accept for after your move h6 and bishop move I would be in Zugzwang. Thanks for the game."

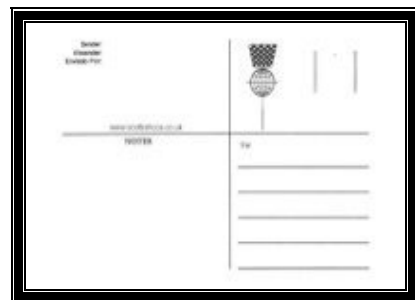
Geoff also proposes a categorisation, viz:

The Diplomat: "I just want to push some wood around."

The Patoniser: "Many thanks for your kind offer, however I can still see a possible way I can win."

If you've any printable quotes you'd like to share, please send them to [webmaster@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:webmaster@scottishcca.co.uk)

## 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 please. The cards are supplied at their production cost (£2.50/100) and p&p is also required.

Orders and payments to Iain Mackintosh at [chess@iainmack.co.uk](mailto:chess@iainmack.co.uk) please. Royal Mail prices rose in April 2015, so check current p&p prices with Iain first.



## 2015/4 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The fourth ICCF grading list of 2015 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 June and 31 August 2015. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 October and 31 December 2015.

There were five deletions in this list due to inactivity – Anton Davis, Hugh Flockhart, Michael Jessing, D Laing and Alan Robson. Membership numbers are retained for easy reinstatement should any previously removed players return to the board.

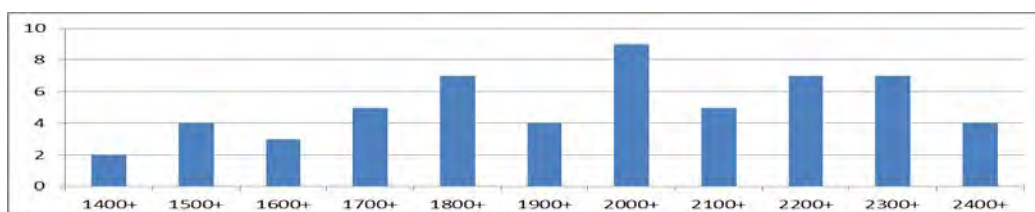
David Cumming moved up to 2400; Joe Watson reached 2300; Eoin Campbell passed 2200; Ian Marshall moved past 2100 and Mark Smith reached 2000 on this list – well done to all of them!

More century games milestones were reached in this quarter, with pride of place going to Carlos Almarza Mato who becomes our first player to pass 1000 graded games! Raymond Burrridge is now 800+, Geoff Lloyd 700+, Martin Hardwick 600+, John Armstrong and Derek Price are both 300+, David Edney 200+ and Allan Petrie 100+.

Our resident games addicts were again very active, with Raymond Burrridge completing 64 ties, ahead of Martin Hardwick on 52. Carlos Almarza Mato (37), Eoin Campbell (37), Andrew Macmillen (36) and Charles Neil (25) all kept busy.

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](mailto:grader@scottishcca.co.uk) if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	1008	2165 ↑	063	Harvey, D	100	2062 ↔
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	276	2325 ↑	1013	Hilton, S H	132	1637 ↑
121	Anderson, J	257	1743 ↑	447	Jamieson, I M	82	1918 ↔
049	Armstrong, A	174	1879 ↓	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	322	2301 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	302	1619 ↓	260	Knox, A	181	1521 ↓
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	399	2464 ↔	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	710	2252 ↓
599	Bell, A D (SM)	174	2396 ↓	471	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	49	2103 ↓
501	Bennett, P G (SM)	297	2372 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	376	1887 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	994	2288 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	628	2416 ↓
424	Burrridge, R J	852	2074 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	752	1700 ↓
435	Cairney, J	62	2076 ↔	566	Marshall, I H	523	2129 ↑
601	Campbell, E S	286	2220 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	198	2451 ↑
038	Campbell, I S	273	1860 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	88	1527 ↓
	Clark, S L	116	2067 ↓	401	Moir, P J	176	1608 ↓
364	Coope, D W	678	1876 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	253	2261 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	95	1908 ↓	564	Murray, J S	45	1991 ↓
527	Craig, T J (SM)	372	2323 ↔	440	Neil, C	184	1493 ↓
166	Cumming, D R (SM)	965	2400 ↑	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	117	2022 ↔
422	Dawson, Prof A G	89	2049 ↑	444	Paine, Dr K A	162	2299 ↓
572	Dempster, D	763	1831 ↑	315	Petrie, A	102	1525 ↑
371	Edney, D	200	1996 ↑	432	Price, D	313	2012 ↓
459	Fraser, R A	60	1853 ↔	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	941	2140 ↓
462	Gilbert, R	87	1780 ↑		Sedstrem, A	20	1686 ↔ *
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	141	2268 ↓	439	Smith, M J	51	2009 ↑
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	473	2398 ↔	463	Smith, P R	46	1737 ↔
124	Goodwin, B J	293	1873 ↓	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	167	2100 ↓
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	1120	Taylor, W	55	2028 ↓
399	Grant, J	43	1746 ↓	452	Toye, D T	77	1582 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	632	1480 ↔	530	Watson, J (IM)	149	2300 ↑



## Statistical Analysis

Total listed	<b>58</b>
New entrants	<b>0</b>
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	<b>5</b>
Full grades (30+ games)	<b>57</b>
Provisional grades (<30 games)	<b>1</b>
Grading increases (↑)	<b>20</b>
Grading decreases (↓)	<b>25</b>
Grading static (↔)	<b>13</b>

## Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	<b>2464</b>	Lloyd, G (SM)	<b>2252</b>
Matheis, T (IM)	<b>2451</b>	Campbell, E S	<b>2220</b>
Mackintosh, I (IM)	<b>2416</b>	Graham, S (SM)	<b>2202</b>
Cumming, D R (SM)	<b>2400</b>	Almarza Mato, C	<b>2165</b>
Giulian, P M (SIM)	<b>2398</b>	Pyrich, G D (IM)	<b>2140</b>
Bell, A D (SM)	<b>2396</b>	Marshall, I H	<b>2129</b>
Bennett, P G (SM)	<b>2372</b>	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	<b>2103</b>
Anderson, G M (SM)	<b>2325</b>	Stewart, Dr K W C	<b>2100</b>
Craig, T J (SM)	<b>2323</b>	Cairney, J	<b>2076</b>
Kilgour, D A (GM)	<b>2301</b>	Burridge, R J	<b>2074</b>
Watson, J (IM)	<b>2300</b>	Clark, S L	<b>2067</b>
Paine, Dr K A	<b>2299</b>	Harvey, D	<b>2062</b>
Borwell, A P (IM)	<b>2288</b>	Dawson, Prof A G	<b>2049</b>
Gillam, S R (SM)	<b>2268</b>	Taylor, W	<b>2028</b>
Montgomery, R S	<b>2261</b>	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	<b>2022</b>

## Top 30 Rated Games

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Lloyd, G (SM)	<b>710</b>	Campbell, E S	<b>286</b>
Coope, D W	<b>678</b>	Anderson, G M (SM)	<b>276</b>
Hardwick, M E	<b>632</b>	Anderson, J	<b>257</b>
Mackintosh, I (IM)	<b>628</b>	Montgomery, R S	<b>253</b>
Marshall, I H	<b>523</b>	Edney, D	<b>200</b>
Giulian, P M (SIM)	<b>473</b>	Matheis, T (IM)	<b>198</b>
Beecham, C R (SIM)	<b>399</b>	Neil, C	<b>184</b>
MacGregor, C A	<b>376</b>	Knox A	<b>181</b>

## 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](http://www.iccf-webchess.com)), click on the Rating list link then complete the search boxes.

Note that ICCF (Gerhard Binder) has now discontinued support for the Eloquetry program, previously available for download from [www.iccf.com](http://www.iccf.com)

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

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available at [www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com)



## 26<sup>th</sup> ICCF World Champion

By Gino Figlio

[Ed – Following our coverage of GM Fabio Finocchiaro's victory in the 25<sup>th</sup> World Championship (edition 122), I'm pleased to include coverage of the 26<sup>th</sup> Champion here. Many thanks to both Gino Figlio and GM Ron Langeveld for giving permission to publish this article – their interview was first published on the ICCF website in August 2015.



  
Ron Langeveld (NED)  
26<sup>th</sup> ICCF World Champion

**GF: Congratulations on your win and for obtaining the title of World Champion in the 26 Final. The event is finally over after 5 years but your win had been defined for a while now. How do you feel about being the Champion? What thoughts come to mind when you remember the Final?**

RL: Memories are often related to specific moments in time. Since the final took a long time, even before I finished my last game, I can't pinpoint any such moment that still lingers on in memory. At the start I knew I had better than average chances to win the title even though I expected every opponent to play more solid than they would otherwise. I don't think I received any favours by means of blunders that suddenly increased my chances, so in a way I gradually got more used to the idea of becoming champion. By the time this was finally realized I felt I needed a break from chess since the many hours of analysing did have their toll in terms of motivation and energy. Ironically this wish to forget chess for a while was countered by an increased interest in my result from quite a few people. Suddenly I had to tell about my hobby to friends and colleagues. Give an interview for a magazine. Attend ceremonies. This kind of attention caught me a little off guard and in a way this is what I mostly remember about winning WC26.

**GF: I have been following your correspondence chess career for a while, not only because we are friends but also because of your playing preferences. You play very few games but obviously excel. Besides the simple substitution of quantity for quality, how do you decide**

**the best number of active games to play? Do you ever see yourself playing more games at a time?**

RL: The secret to successful correspondence chess in my opinion is effective time management, and time management itself is largely effected by the number of active games. There is never enough time you could spend at a single game as long as there are ideas to try. Ideas need to be created behind the board and then have them refuted by the computer until you find an idea that sticks and makes the difference. This is how it should be yet I believe that most players approach it the other way around. The notion that correspondence chess nowadays may be all about an arms race can also be mitigated if you stick to the better approach. Of course you need a relatively modern computer to do the dirty work of refutation for you but in my opinion it is rather pointless to invest in more hardware in order to make a difference. How many ideas can you interactively throw at the computer in one hour is the key question you should ask yourself when trying to decide exactly what to invest in. The players that don't get to this stage or run out of ideas quickly might decide to expand in hardware instead of time. If increasing your game load compensates for this missing aspect then be my guest and check your bank account. Regarding number of games: for me the ideal number right now would be zero games. I could slowly work on my opening repertoire and prepare some head start in less explored territory. Unfortunately every ambitious tournament has its price in terms of game load. Given my preference for the ideal number I have strong objections against playing more games by starting another event earlier than necessary.

**GF: There have been informal discussions about the draw rate in high level correspondence chess, what is your view on this issue. Have you read GM Nickel's proposal?**

RL: I have read Arno's proposal and I understand and respect his effort to change something about the situation yet I cannot support the proposal for various reasons. For starters a clear definition of the problem is still lacking. A high draw ratio in itself is not a problem. It's not that game replay would suffer due to an increased draw ratio. Because wins occur less frequently it takes a longer time for the dust to settle and more players will compete for top spots for a longer time. And restating my point from the second question, it becomes abundantly clear that players that can make a difference in one more game by following the better approach will be rewarded. I do not believe Arno's proposal would rightfully reward players for their effort when they get stuck in a draw with bonus material under current rules. It takes chess wisdom to escape with a draw even though Stockfish and co have calculated 2+ scores most of the middle game. Eliminating this by changing the rules will change the nature of the game and mostly reward the players that can be classified as operators.

**GF: If I could grant you 3 wishes, what would you change in ICCF and why?**

RL: If I had to guess I would probably be labelled as a conservative within ICCF ranks. Let's assume for a moment this is true then I would probably also have a bit of a problem in stating three wishes but I will give it a try anyway. On various occasions during the three congresses I attended I got more than a little irritated when confronted with YADA (Yet Another DMD Appeal). Many of these proposals originated from players that were in a hurry to collect results. Since they did not need 50 days on average for ten moves to reach a won game then their opponent certainly shouldn't have more time to resign. I could throw in some more extravagant characterisations but what it boils down to in my opinion is that such players should be active on the Chessbase server and not on ICCF. If you don't want to spend more time on a single game to make a difference, fine, start another event with a draw surplus for all I care but don't change the rules to speed up the game for everyone. 50/10 May be too much for most games but it is not enough for the ones that matter. Let the players that are willing to go the extra mile have a chance to make this difference. Stop enforcing your own mediocrity upon all!

A second wish is closely related to the first: please don't accept any proposal to eliminate the free day calculation because this could be very easily implemented on the server. The rule may have originated from the postal era but the fact that time CAN be calculated differently now does not automatically imply that we MUST calculate it differently now. The free day calculation will keep players with a day time job happy within ICCF because there is always an opportunity to reply once a day without wasting reflection time due to arrival of the move at hours you are not able to reply. To the ambitious player the free day currently enables him to use up to 60/10 on average in do or die situations. Eliminating this would just be an ordinary speed up of the game and a no go for ICCF in my book. I have made my future ICCF participation dependent on this vote, meaning that if this proposal is accepted I will ask the rating commissioner to remove me from the rating list to never return.

On a less emotional level a third wish: in my opinion a relatively large amount of money is spend for a relatively small faction of ICCF people in order to organise and attend congresses. It's not that I don't appreciate these events. Quite on the contrary, I consider them wonderful opportunities to meet friends and have a good time while doing 'business', but I wonder whether it is really necessary to organise congress every year. It's difficult to find a federation willing and able to organize these events and the ones that can need financial support from ICCF. I would welcome a shift from congress expenses to server improvements and lower tournament fees. ICCF fees for tournaments are still rather high compared to competitive servers.

**GF: I want to thank Ron Langeveld for the interview. I believe his opinions are thought-provoking and reflective of the accuracy of his analysis.**

**Gino Figlio, ICCF Webmaster**

**White: Hamarat, Tunc (2624)**  
**Black: Langeveld, Ron A. H (2696)**  
ICCF WC26 Final, 2010  
Open Catalan [E04]  
*[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]*

Here Ron wins against Tunc Hamarat of Austria, a previous World Champion. Tunc won the 16th World Championship, the penultimate such event to be played by post.

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| <b>1.d4</b>                                   | <b>Nf6</b>  |
| <b>2.c4</b>                                   | <b>e6</b>   |
| <b>3.g3</b>                                   | <b>d5</b>   |
| <b>4.Nf3</b>                                  | <b>dxc4</b> |
| <b>5.Bg2</b>                                  | <b>a6</b>   |
| <b>6.0-0</b>                                  | <b>Nc6</b>  |
| <b>7.Nc3</b>                                  |             |
| 7.e3 is the more popular move in master play. |             |
| <b>7...</b>                                   | <b>Rb8</b>  |
| <b>8.e4</b>                                   | <b>Be7</b>  |
| <b>9.Qe2</b>                                  | <b>b5</b>   |
| <b>10.Rd1</b>                                 | <b>0-0</b>  |
| <b>11.Bf4</b>                                 |             |

11.d5 is the more frequent choice here.

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| <b>11...</b>   | <b>Re8</b>   |
| <b>12.a4</b>   | <b>Nb4</b>   |
| <b>13.axb5</b> | <b>axb5</b>  |
| <b>14.Ra7</b>  | <b>Rb7</b>   |
| <b>15.Rxb7</b> | <b>Bxb7</b>  |
| <b>16.Nxb5</b> | <b>Bxe4N</b> |

16...Nd3 was another CC game, IM Rawlings AJC (ENG) v IM Zehner M (GER), WC35 Prelims, 2011, Email, drawn after 30 moves.

**17.Qxc4**



17.Nxc7 Bd3 18.Qe5 Ng4 19.Qb5 Rf8 was the main alternative.

**17...** **Qb8**

This subtle move gives Black a small but enduring plus coming out of the opening.

**18.Nc3**

The c7 pawn can't be taken: 18.Bxc7 Qb7+ or 18.Nxc7 Rc8+ both favour Black.

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|----------------|-------------|
| <b>18...</b>   | <b>Bc6</b>  |
| <b>19.Ne5</b>  | <b>Bxg2</b> |
| <b>20.Kxg2</b> | <b>Qb7+</b> |

20...Nfd5 looks a credible alternative.

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|---------------|-------------|
| <b>21.f3</b>  | <b>Bd6</b>  |
| <b>22.Bd2</b> | <b>h6</b>   |
| <b>23.Na4</b> | <b>Rb8</b>  |
| <b>24.Rc1</b> | <b>Nbd5</b> |



**25.Nd3**

25.Nc6 would have echoed the notion of parking a knight in front of an isolated pawn, but the move played is more solid.

25... **Ne7**

26.Nac5 **Qa8**

Black continues to exercise a grip on the position. White's counter-measures now deliver the exchange of queens, but don't nullify the persistent Black initiative.

27.Rc3 **Nf5**

28.Ra3 **Qc6**

29.Kf2 **g5**

30.Ra6 **Rb6**

31.Nb4 **Qb5**

32.Qxb5 **Rxb5**

33.Ncd3 **Nd5**

34.Nc6 **Rb3**

35.Ke2

Only move.

35... **Kg7**

36.Ra4



36... **Bxg3!**

Smashing the White pawn structure and creating an imbalance where the Black pawns far outweigh the loss of the exchange.

37.Na5

37.hxg3? Nxg3+ 38.Ke1 (38.Kf2 Rxd3 39.Bc3 Nf5+)

38...Rxd3+

37... **Rxd3**

38.Kxd3 **Bxh2**

39.Nc6 **Nf4+**

Eschewing the more prosaic 39...Bd6

**WC26/final, World Championship 26 Final**

Category 13 GM=9½ SIM=7 IM=6 LGM=3 LIM=1½				TD Pynch, George D. (IA)																	Score	SB	RG	Place	
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17					
1	NED	370930	GM	Langeveld, Ron A. H.	2696	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	1	1	11	83.25	0	1
2	ROU	440534	SIM	Șerban, Florin	2616	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	1 <sup>D</sup>	10	75.75	0	2	
3	BRA	71140		Leitão, Rafael	2572	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	½	9.5	73.75	0	3
4	RUS	141280	GM	Perevertkin, Vladimir Viktorovich	2614	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	8.5	67.5	0	4	
5	SVK	950259	SIM	Povchanič, Dr. Daniel	2529	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	8.5	67	0	5
6	AUT	10543	GM	Rattinger, Friedrich	2658	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	8.5	67	0	5
7	GER	89932	GM	Bücker, Jürgen	2578	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	8	64	0	7	
8	ESP	169064	GM	Martin Clemente, Joel	2645	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	8	64	0	7	
9	CUB	690425	SIM	Santana Peñate, Guillermo	2512	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	8	62.25	0	9	
10	GUA	720001	GM	Blanco Gramajo, César Augusto	2531	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	½	1 <sup>D</sup>	8	62.25	0	9
11	FRA	180927	SIM	Jaulneau, Christophe	2551	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	½	½	7.5	60.25	0	11	
12	AUT	10362	GM	Hamarat, Tunc	2624	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	½	7.5	58.25	0	12	
13	BRA	70752	SIM	Almiron, Luis	2593	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1 <sup>D</sup>	7.5	57.5	0	13	
14	ESP	160740	SIM	Martí Pericot, Juan Manuel	2473	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	0	½	½	½	½	7	56	0	14	
15	ITA	240336	GM	Cardelli, Gabriel	2453	0	0 <sup>D</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	6.5	49	0	15	
16	GER	89970	SIM	Schuster, Peter	2451	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	6.5	48	0	16	
17	ARG	20377	GM	Walsh, Héctor	2580	0	0 <sup>D</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	½	½	½	½	½	½	0 <sup>D</sup>	½	½	0	½	½	5.5	43.75	0	17	

**40.Bxf4**

Forced. 40.Kc4 Nh4 and White is in trouble.; 40.Ke4?? Nd6+ 41.Ke5 Nd3#

40... **Bxf4**

41.Ke2?!

Maybe better was 41.d5 exd5 42.Ra5 Kg6 43.Rxd5 h5 44.Ne5+ Kf6 45.Nd7+ Ke6 46.Ra5 Kxd7 47.Rxf5

41... **h5**

42.Kf2 **Ne3**

Seemingly preparing to march the h-pawn...

43.Kg1



43... **g4!**

... but majoring on connected f- and g-pawns instead.

44.fxg4 **hxg4**

45.Ra6 **Bd6**

46.Na7 **Kf6**

47.Nb5 **Bf4**

48.Nc3 **Kg5**

49.Kf2 **Nf5**

50.Ne4+ **Kh5**

51.Ra4 **Be3+**

52.Kg2 **Nh4+**

53.Kf1 **f5**

54.Ke2 **Bc1**

55.Rc4 **Bf4**

56.Nc5 **g3**

56...g3 57.Nxe6 Bh6 58.Rc3 f4 59.d5 Kg4 60.Rc4 Nf3 61.Nd4 Ne5 62.Rc3 f3+ and White is done.

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## Time Management in Modern CC

By Peter Bennett



*“The secret to successful correspondence chess in my opinion is effective time management”*

*Ron Langeveld (CC World Champion)*

GM Ron Langeveld is clearly right. Those who have read his recent interview on the ICCF website [*and reproduced in this issue – Ed*] will also be aware that he plays very few games. During the last 9 years he has completed just 76 CC games, an average of 8 results a year; but his grading has never fallen below 2679 in the whole of that time, an astonishing accomplishment.

It would be nice, in principle, if the rest of us could follow Langeveld’s example, that is, concentrating our energies on a small number of games, instead of constantly taking on too many.

Actually, I know of at least two Scottish players who have also (whether consciously or not) employed the World Champion’s approach: SIM Richard Beecham and IM Tom Matheis (no doubt they will correct me, if I am wrong!).

Rating List	Beecham		Matheis	
2015/4	399	2464	198	2451
2015/3	398	2464	196	2449
2015/2	395	2472	196	2449
2015/1	394	2471	190	2445
2014/4	390	2457	187	2440
2014/3	387	2462	184	2438
2014/2	378	2461	183	2440
2014/1	369	2459	181	2437
2013/4	368	2461	179	2436
2013/3	368	2461	178	2435
2013/2	364	2468	174	2437
2013/1	363	2472	173	2436

Unfortunately, I cannot model my own approach on either of them for one simple reason: I am not a good enough player. Beecham and Matheis are much stronger and Langeveld is on a different planet.

Why should our level of competence matter so much? Well, it is an issue for me because I play chess in order to win, at least occasionally. My rule of thumb is this: in every quarterly batch of results which go towards my ICCF grading I expect to record at least one win. I don’t think that is expecting too much. Even three years ago, this was not too great a problem, as I was usually getting around 3 wins per quarter, say around 12 – 15 wins a year. This was satisfying enough.

The problem today is that my strike-rate of wins has dropped dramatically. Today I reckon I am lucky to get one win out of every ten games played: I just don’t have the competence to defeat my opponents’ Komodo 9, especially since I don’t even have the wretched software myself. I am about to complete two 13-player tournaments in which I have failed to register a single win in either of them. This state of affairs virtually signals the end of my CC career.

Even so, I am not quite yet ready to throw in the towel; and I have devised my own method of facing the contemporary challenges that CC poses. To get my 4 wins/year, I have to take on around 40 games per year, far more than either Langeveld, Beecham or Matheis would contemplate. At the same time, like them, I have only ever been able to concentrate properly on about six games at any one time.

To get 40 results a year I need to be able to play around 30 games simultaneously, at peak periods. As I write, I have exactly 30 games currently in progress. So, if I can only concentrate on six of them at once, what happens to the other 24? Not a lot – is the brief answer!

My technique is to prioritise whole tournaments. The table below, covering the period from August 2015 to, prospectively, May 2016 illustrates how I do this.

Around six games are in the ‘fast’ category: these are the games where my response time to my opponents’ moves is usually within 24 hours. A further 6 to 8 will be in ‘medium’ mode, where I reckon to respond typically within three days.

In the ‘slow’ group, also 6 to 8 games, I will only be playing an average of one move every ten days (hence eating into my reserves of playing time); and in the ‘on hold’ group (typically around 8 to 10 games), I only respond at the last moment, to avoid going on the ‘yellow clock’; and I make extensive use of annual leave to slow the games down still further.

This ultra-slow play may look to some people like DMD, but it is actually nothing to do with DMD at all. A lot of these slow games are actually heading for draws, whereas some of the games I am playing fast are games that I will eventually lose.

<b>Categories</b>				
<b>Pace</b>	<b>Fast</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Slow</b>	<b>On Hold</b>
<b>Response Time</b>	1 day	3 days	10 days	20 days + annual leave

<b>2015</b>				
<b>August</b>	SCO/Web	VWC8/pr26	WC38/PR13 ETC/S-F EWC/S-F	VWC7/pr29 MN125
<b>September</b>	VWC7/pr29 VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web	MN125	WC38/PR13 ETC/S-F EWC/S-F
<b>October</b>	VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web	MN125	WC38/PR13 ETC/S-F EWC/S-F
<b>November</b>	VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web	MN125	WC38/PR13 ETC/S-F EWC/S-F
<b>December</b>	WC38/PR13 ETC/S-F	MN125	VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web

<b>2016</b>				
<b>January</b>	ETC/S-F EWC/S-F MN125	Olympiad	VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web
<b>February</b>	(ETC/S-F) EWC/S-F MN125	Olympiad	VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web
<b>March</b>	Olympiad	VWC8/pr26	SCO/Web	MN125
<b>April</b>	SCO/Web	Olympiad	VWC8/pr26	(MN125)
<b>May</b>	VWC7/S-F	Olympiad	(SCO/Web)	VWC8/pr26 (MN125)

## **Key:**

Olympiad = ICCF Olympiad  
VWC = Veterans World Cup (7 & 8);  
SCO/Web = the Final of the Scottish Webserver Championship;  
ETC = European Team Championship;  
EWC = European Webserver Championship;  
WC38/pr26 = a preliminary round of the World CC Championship;  
MN125 = Master Norm section; () = if any left.

Let me illustrate what the table means in practice, with a few examples.

## Scottish Webserver Final

During July and August I have given this event my highest priority. Ideally, I would have liked to have completed all my games before the end of August. Failing that, I hope to complete them all by the end of November. At that stage, any outstanding games in which my opponents are still resolutely plugging away will be put “on hold” for the rest of the winter. I have, for example, already booked 65 days of annual leave (partly in 2015, partly in 2016) for this and one or two other tournaments. If the games are still running next April, then they will go back into my ‘fast’ group at that stage, with the aim of finishing them off quickly.

## Veterans World Cup 8

This new tournament section will be getting the highest priority treatment during September, October and November, while I build up reserves of playing time in all those games. After that, I will slow those games down considerably.

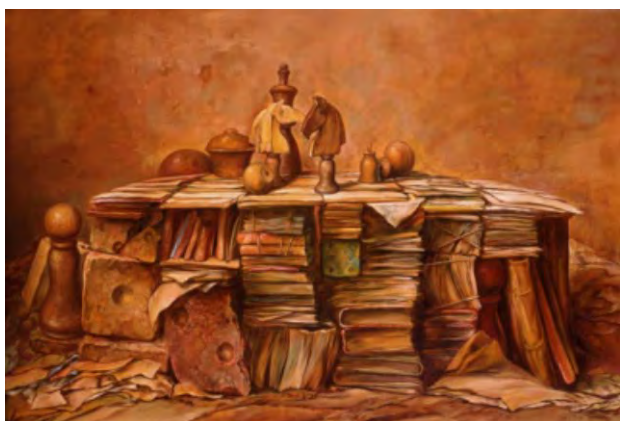
[Ed – just enough room for more chess images from Samuel Bak. You can find these images (and many others) on the University of Minnesota website: <http://www.chgs.umn.edu/museum/responses/bak/chess.html> ]

## Olympiad

If I am fortunate enough to be selected for the Scottish team, this will be my main priority in the New Year.

Another feature of my approach to time management is that nowadays annual leave and actual holidays are largely disconnected. I rarely use annual leave in different tournaments at the same time, more often I use it in sequence: that is, I use annual leave in one tournament to put it on hold while I concentrate on another and then reverse the arrangement at a later date. Some people bemoan the fact that available annual leave is now 45 days per calendar year, whereas I cherish this facility and make very full use of it.

The result of this elaborate set of arrangements is that I can take at least one little leaf out of Ron Langeveld’s book: in an average CC week, 90% of my analytical effort goes on just six games, even though I have 30 on the go. The technique works; and I do still get some wins. When even that approach fails it will be time to hang up my bishops.



*'Knowledgable' (oil on canvas)*



*'Uplifting' (oil on canvas)*



*'Quite Clear' (oil on canvas)*



*'Unexpected' (oil on canvas)*



## Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

Apologies for the smaller column this time, due to pressure on space.

We start with two fine games from Raymond Burrige, the first played in the SCCA Webserver League, and the second in the European Postal Championship.

**White: Burrige, Raymond (1986)**

**Black: Macmillen, Andrew (1739)**

SCCA Web League, Div 2, 2015

King's Gambit Accepted [C34]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

1.e4 e5  
2.f4 exf4  
3.Nf3 Ne7

The Bonch-Osmolovsky Defence - possibly a respectable line but not as popular as 3...g5 or 3...d5. It tries to equalise rather than refute the King's Gambit.

4.d4 d5

5.Nc3

With an open centre it's essential for rapid development.

5... dxe4

6.Nxe4 Nd5

7.Bc4 Be7

8.0-0 Be6

9.Bb3 0-0

10.Ne5 Nd7

11.Nd3

Aiming to regain the pawn without aiding Black's development.

11... g5

Maybe 11...N7f6 could have been tried here. The other alternative is 11...Ne3 12.Bxe3 Bxb3 13.Nxf4 Bc4 14.Re1

12.h4 h6

13.hxg5 hxg5



14.Bxf4! f5

If 14...Nxf4 15.Nxf4 gxf4 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Qg4+ Kh8 18.Rf3 is also good for White.

15.Qh5 Nxf4

16.Rxf4 Bxb3

17.Qg6+ Kh8

18.Nxg5!

I think that this now leads to a decisive attack resulting either in mate or material advantage.

18... Bxg5

19.Kf2 Bh4+

20.g3 Bg8

21.Rh1 Bh7

22.Rfxh4 Qxh4

23.Rxh4 Nf6

24.Nc5

Bringing the knight into the attack either via d7 or e6.

24... Rae8

25.Nd7 Ng4+

26.Kf1 Ne3+

27.Kg1

Black can't stop mate on h7.

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**White: Gronroos, Jukka (1809)**

**Black: Burrige, Raymond (2033)**

EU/PC-OR/019, 2015

Sicilian Najdorf [B95]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

1.e4 c5

2.Nf3 d6

3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 Nf6

5.Nc3 a6

6.Bg5 e6

7.Be2

Although a common square for this bishop in the Sicilian, I think that in this line then it's better for White to play f4 followed by Qf3 and O-O-O before committing his KB to e2.

7... Be7

8.0-0 0-0

9.Nf3 Nbd7

10.h3 b5

11.a3 Bb7

12.Bd3 Rc8

With Black fully developed, he has an ideal set-up in the Sicilian 'little centre' - maybe to the extent that he is now on the front foot.]

13.Qd2 h6

14.Bf4 Nc5

15.Rfe1 d5

16.exd5 Nxd3

17.cxd3 Nxd5

18.Nxd5 Bxd5

19.Ne5 Bb7

20.Ng4 h5

21.Ne3 Bf6

With the bishop pair and control of the centre, I am now aiming to use them for an attack against the White kingside, as will be seen to a deadly effect.

22.Rab1 Bd4

23.Bh2 f5

24.f4 e5

25.Kh1 exf4

26.Bxf4 Qh4



Time to get the heavy artillery into the fray.

27.Nf1 Qxh3+

28.Nh2 Rfe8

29.Rxe8+ Rxe8

30.b4 Re6

31.Qa2 Kh7

As mate is being threatened on g2, the Re6 is taboo.

32.Rd1 Rg6

33.Rd2 Rg4

34.Bd6 f4

35.Be7 f3

This mates, for example: 35...f3 36.gxf3 (36.Rf2 Qxg2+ 37.Rxg2 fxg2+ 38.Qxg2 Bxg2#) 36...Rg1#

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And now regular contributor David Cumming annotates his win against a German SIM, played in the semi-final of the Finnish 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Tournament.

**White: Cumming, David. R (2291)**

**Black: Achilles, Edgar (2409)**

FINJUB50, Semi Final 13, 2014

Nimzo-Indian Rubinstein [E46]

[Notes by David Cumming]

**1.d4 Nf6**  
**2.c4 e6**  
**3.Nc3 Bb4**  
**4.e3 0-0**  
**5.Nge2 d5**  
**6.a3 Be7**  
**7.cxd5 exd5**  
**8.Nf4 c6**  
**9.Bd3 Re8**  
**10.0-0 Bd6**  
**11.f3 b6**

11...Bxf4 12.exf4 b6 13.b4 Ba6  
14.b5 cxb5 15.f5 Nc6 16.a4 Bc8  
17.axb5 Nxd4 18.g4 Qc7 19.Bd2  
Bd7 20.Kg2 Qc5 21.Qb1 h6 22.Qb2  
Nxf3 23.Rxf3 Nxc4 24.Ne2 Ne3+  
25.Bxe3 Rxe3 26.Rc1 Tikkanen,H  
(2528)-Lindberg,B (2410)/Orebro  
2013/CBM 155 Extra/1-0 (47)

**12.b4 Bb7**

**13.Rb1 a5**

**14.Bd2N**

14.Nfe2 axb4 15.axb4 Na6 16.Na2  
Qc7 17.h3 c5 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nac3  
Bc6 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Bb5 Ne6  
22.Bd2 Bc5 23.Kh1 Bxb5 24.Nxb5  
Qd7 25.Rb3 Rab8 26.Qb1 Rb6  
27.Nbc3 Rxb3 28.Qxb3 d4 Sokolov,  
I (2654)-Vitiugov,N  
(2707)/Poikovskiy 2010/CBM  
137/1/2-1/2 (40)

**14... axb4**

**15.axb4 b5**

**16.Nce2 Nbd7**

Komodo 9.02 64-bit: 16...Na6  
17.Qb3 Qc7 18.Qc2 Qe7 19.Qc3 g6  
20.Bc2 Bc8 21.Rfe1 Qc7 22.h3 Nb8  
23.Rbc1 Na6 24.Rb10.00/25

**17.Qc2 Bxf4**

**18.Nxf4 Nb6**

**19.Rbe1 Nc4**

Logical and strong outpost for the  
knight, pressurising e3, and  
threatening to undermine protection  
of e3 by attacking my bishop on d2.

**20.Qc1 Bc8**

**21.Bc3 Nd6**

**22.Qc2 Qe7**

**23.g4**

Gaining space on the kingside,  
threatening to dislodge the Nf6 to d7  
and by doing so facilitating the  
central pawn push e4 because the  
light-squared bishop's attack on g4 is  
temporarily blocked by the selfsame  
knight. In other words, tempi and  
tactics to manufacture an  
advantageous move for White...

**23... h6**  
**24.h3 Bd7**  
**25.Qc1 Ra7**  
**26.Re2 Nc4**  
**27.e4 Rea8**  
**28.Bb1 Qd8**  
**29.e5 Nh7**  
**30.Rh2 Nf8**  
**31.Ne2 Ra3**  
**32.f4 Qh4**  
**33.Rf3 Rb3**

Komodo 9.02 64-bit: 33...Nh7  
34.Kg2 Nf8 35.Kh1 Nh7 36.Bd3 Ra2  
37.Be1 Qd8 38.Bb1 R2a4 39.Bc3  
R8a7 40.Bd3 Ra2 41.Qd1 Ra8  
42.Bb1 R2a4 43.Nc1 Nf8 44.Nb3  
Ra3 45.f50.39/22

**34.Rd3 Rba3**

**35.f5 R3a7**

**36.Rf3**



White's central and kingside spatial  
advantage are beginning to bite here,  
Komodo assesses this position as  
fully advantageous to White, largely  
because in addition Black's  
queenside counterplay has  
effectively been neutralised, he has  
doubled rooks on the a-file but no  
way to penetrate because my 2  
bishops control a1 and a2, and the  
3rd rank is solidly in White's control.  
His knight outpost on c4 isn't biting  
much into my position either...

**36... Nh7**

**37.Be1 Qd8**

**38.h4 Na3**

**39.Bd3 Nc4**

**40.Bc3 f6**

**41.e6!+-**

I now have a cramping, protected  
passed e-pawn, Black's position is  
cut in 2, he's desperately short of  
space and White has a strong  
kingside initiative, therefore  
Komodo assesses this position as  
winning for White...

**41... Be8**

**42.Nf4 Qb6**

**43.Rhf2 Ra3**

**44.Ng6 R3a7**

**45.Kh1 Qc7**

**46.Bb1 Ra3**

**47.Nf4 R8a7**

**48.Rg2 Qb6**

**49.Qe1 Ra8**

Komodo 9.02 64-bit: 49...Ra8

50.Bc2 Ra2 51.Nd3 Qb8 52.Qc1

Qb7 53.Rfg3 Qc7 54.Nc5 R8a7

55.Kg1 Ra8 56.Bb3 Rxc2+ 57.Kxc2

Qe7 58.Qf4 Nb6 59.Rf3 h5 60.Rg3

Na4 61.Bd2 Nxc5 62.dxc5

hxg41.91/25

**50.Rfg3**

**Qc7**

**51.Nh3**

**R8a7**



**52.g5!**

At last, g5 is pressurised enough for  
me to initiate this pawn push...

**52... h5**

**53.e7! Qd6**

**53...Qxe7?? 54.Re2!**

**54.g6! Rxe7**

**55.gxh7+**

Handy, capturing with check, means  
I can delay removing my own queen  
from attack for a move...

**55... Kh8**

**56.Qg1!**

Trebling down the g-file, now Black  
has to sacrifice the exchange  
further...

**56... Rxc3**

**57.Rxc3 Qxb4**

**58.Rc1 Nd2**

**59.Nf4 Nf3**

**60.Qf2 Nxd4**

**61.Rd1 c5**

**62.Nxd5 Qb3**

Black is now just playing for  
cheapos and trying to swindle  
something out of a lost game...

**63.Rxd4 Qxb1+**

**64.Rg1 Qb3**

**65.Nxe7 cxd4**

**66.Qg2 Qf7**

**67.Ng6+ Kxh7**

**68.Qe2**

Here Black's time expired, but he  
was clearly lost anyway,

**1-0**



[NB extra game after VWC report!]



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Webserver Open Finals

By George Pyrich

#### SCO/Open/3A/f, 3rd SCCA WS Open Final A

					TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)											
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2365	½	½	½	1	.	1	3.5	2	4.25	1	1
2	SCO	620184	SIM	Beecham, C. Richard	2472	½		1	.	½	½	2.5	1	4.5	2	2
3	SCO	629031		Lloyd, Geoffrey	2279	½	0		½	½	.	2	0	3	1	3
4	SCO	620345	IM	Mackintosh, Iain	2433	½	.	½		.	.	1	0	2.75	4	4
5	SCO	620426		Cumming, David R.	2375	0	½	½	.		.	1	0	2.25	3	5
6	SCO	620588	IM	Matheis, Thomas	2449	.	½	.	.	.		0.5	0	1.25	5	6
7	BRA	70104		Kover, Prof. Dr. Warner Bruce	2232	0	.	½	.	.		0.5	0	1	4	7

After almost 6 months play 11 of the 21 games have already been completed in this strong event containing almost all our elite players (when did we ever have a SCCA Ch. Final as strong as this?). Presently Peter Bennett on +2 heads the table but pre-tournament favourite Richard Beecham is on +1 with 2 games (1 more than Peter) unfinished. As the other fancied runners Iain Mackintosh and Tom Matheis have posted only 3 results between them to date, a close finish can be anticipated.

**White: Bennett, Peter G (2365)**  
**Black: Cumming, David R (2375)**  
 SCCA Web Open 3 Final A 2015  
 Modern Defence [B06]  
*[Notes by George Pyrich]*

- 1.e4 g6
- 2.d4 Bg7
- 3.Nc3 d6
- 4.Be3 a6
- 5.Qd2 b5
- 6.h4 h5
- 7.f3 Nd7

Very much a "Modern" opening. However, as White's Ng5 will soon dominate maybe going over to more normal Pirc setup with 7...Nf6 and if 8.Nh3 Bxh3!? was more circumspect.

- 8.Nh3 Bb7
- 9.Ng5 Ngf6
- 10.0-0-0 0-0
- 11.g4 hxg4?!

A strange choice, especially as the alternatives 11...c5 12.gxh5 Nxh5 13.dxc5 Nxc5; and 11...e5 12.gxh5 Nxh5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 look perfectly playable.

- 12.h5!  
The thematic break.
- 12... Nxf5
- The machine prefers the ugly 12...gxh5 13.Bg2 Nb6 14.b3 but White can simply build on the k-side at his leisure - whilst 12...gxf3?? is carnage after 13.hxg6
- 13.fxg4 Nhf6
- 14.Qh2 e5

- Forced as e4-e5 was a threat.
- 15.Bg2 Re8
  - 16.Rdf1 exd4
  - 17.Bxd4 Ne5
  - 18.Nd5 Bxd5
  - 19.exd5



Black now has to watch out for the thematic Rxf6 sac and also, due to White's Rf1, the Nxf7 idea (Kxf7 allows g5 and Nxf7 allows Bxf6 and Qh7+)]

- 19... Nexg4  
19...Nh5?! was maybe an interesting try but White stays well in control after 20.Ne6! fxe6 21.gxh5 Qg5+ 22.Kb1 Ng4 23.Qh3 Bxd4 24.hxg6 Qxg6 25.Rf4
- 20.Qh4 Ne5
- 21.Rxf6! Qxf6  
Leading directly to a fairly hopeless endgame but if instead 21...Bxf6 22.Be3! and Black can't defend everything 22...c6 23.Rf1! with Qh7+ and Ne6+ to follow.
- 22.Rf1 Qxf1+
- 23.Bxf1

- The rest is easy.
- 23... Bf6
  - 24.Qh7+ Kf8
  - 25.Bxe5 Bxg5+
  - 26.Kd1 dxe5
  - 27.Qh8+ Ke7
  - 28.Qxe5+ Kf8
  - 29.Qxg5 Rad8
  - 30.c4 bxc4
  - 31.Bxc4 Rd6
  - 32.Kc2 Re4
  - 33.b3 Re8
  - 34.a4 Kg7
  - 35.Qg1 Re7
  - 36.b4 f6
  - 37.a5 Rf7
  - 38.Qc5 Kh6



- 39.b5 axb5
- 40.Bxb5 f5
- 41.a6 f4
- 42.a7

1-0



SCO/Open/3B/f, 3rd Scottish CCA WS Open - Final B

				TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)												Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6						
1	SCO	620716	Campbell, Eoin S.	2113			1	½	1	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	9	8	30	0	1
2	SCO	620635	Burridge, Raymond John	2054	½	0			½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	5	1	17.25	0	2
3	SCO	210729	Coope, Derek William	1939	0	0	½	½			.	1	1	1 <sup>E</sup>	.	½	4.5	3	14.75	2	3
4	SCO	620522	Cormack, William H.	1914	0	0	½	½	0	.			½	½	1	.	3	1	9.5	2	4
5	SCO	30129	Dempster, Dave	1753	½	0	½	½	0 <sup>E</sup>	0	½	½			½	.	3	0	13.25	1	5
6	SCO	629036	Edney, David	1986	0	0	½	0	½	.	.	0	.	½			1.5	0	6.25	3	6

This event was able to be started some months before the other and has now almost been completed! As is evident from the table, Eoin Campbell has proved himself a class above the rest with a very impressive 90% score.

**White: Campbell, Eoin S (2113)**  
**Black: Coope, Derek W (1939)**  
 SCCA Web Open 3 Final B 2014  
 Pirc Defence, Austrian Attack [B09]  
*[Notes by George Pyrich]*

- 1.d4                   d6
- 2.e4                   Nf6
- 3.Nc3                 g6
- 4.f4                   Bg7
- 5.Nf3                 c5
- 6.Bb5+               Bd7
- 7.e5                   Ng4
- 8.Bxd7+

The alternative 8.e6 goes 8...fxe6  
 9.Ng5 Bxb5 10.Nxe6 Bxd4 when  
 there's a split:

(A) Whilst 11.Nxb5 is a real game  
 after 11...Qa5+ 12.Qd2 (12.Bd2??  
 Bf2+ 13.Kf1 Qxb5+ is check!)  
 12...Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Kd7 14.Nec7 a6  
 15.Nxa8 axb5 16.a4 Na6 V. Jones -  
 Eoin Campbell, 4th Jessie Gilbert  
 Memorial Open 2011 (1-0, 41));  
 (B) 11.Nxd8 is an amusing draw  
 after 11...Bf2+ 12.Kd2 Be3+

- 8...                    Qxd7
- Avoiding 8...Nxd7 9.e6
- 9.d5                   dxe5
- 10.h3                  e4
- 11.Nxe4               Nf6
- 12.Nxf6+             Bxf6
- 13.0-0                0-0
- 14.Be3



14...                    Rd8?

A wasted move as following White's  
 reply he can't take the pawn anyway  
 (Rad1). Both 14...Na6; and 14...Qc7  
 look plausible; and Black might even  
 get away with 14...Bxb2  
 15.Qe2                Bxb2  
 16.Rad1               Qd6  
 17.Ng5                Qa6?!  
 18.c4!                 Bf6  
 Clearly the a-pawn is untouchable.  
 19.f5                   Nd7



- 20.d6!                 Re8
- 20...exd6 21.Qg4 h5 (21...Ne5?
- 22.Qh4 Bxg5 23.Bxg5 wins easily)
- 22.Qf4 Be5 23.Qe4
- 21.fxg6               hgx6
- 22.Qg4                Qc6
- 23.Qf4                Rac8
- 24.Qh4                Bxg5
- 25.Bxg5               f6
- 26.Qh6                Qe4
- 27.Rf4                 Qc2
- 28.Rdf1               Qd3
- 29.dxe7               fxg5
- 30.Rf7                 Qd4+
- 31.Kh1                 Qg1+
- 32.Kxg1

1-0



**White: Burridge, Raymond (2054)**  
**Black: Edney, David (1986)**  
 SCCA Web Open 3 Final B 2014  
 Sicilian Poisoned Pawn [B97]

- 1.e4                   c5
- 2.Nf3                  d6
- 3.d4                   cxd4
- 4.Nxd4                Nf6
- 5.Nc3                 a6
- 6.Bg5                 e6
- 7.f4                   Qb6
- 8.Qd2                 Nbd7
- 9.0-0-0               Be7
- 10.Be2                0-0
- 11.Kb1                Qc7
- 12.Qe1                h6
- 13.Bh4                Re8
- 14.g4                  Nf8
- 15.g5                 hgx5
- 16.Bxg5               Ng6
- 17.f5                  Ne5
- 18.Rg1                b5
- 19.Qh4                Nh7
- 20.Bxe7               Qxe7
- 21.Qg3                Qf6
- 22.fxe6               Bxe6
- 23.Nf5                Bxf5
- 24.exf5               Rad8
- 25.Ne4                Qh6
- 26.Nxd6               Re7
- 27.f6                  Qxf6
- 28.Rdf1               Qxf1+
- 29.Bxf1               g6
- 30.Bxb5               Rxd6
- 31.Be2                Nf6
- 32.Qf4                Kg7
- 33.h4                  Rde6
- 34.a3                  Ned7
- 35.Bf3                Ne4
- 36.Ka2                Ndf6
- 37.h5                  Nd5
- 38.Qh4                Ndf6
- 39.hxg6               fxg6
- 40.Bxe4               Nxe4
- 41.Rh1                g5
- 42.Qh7+               Kf6
- 43.Rf1+               Ke5
- 44.Qf5+               Kd6
- 45.Rd1+               Kc7
- 46.Qa5+               Kb7
- 47.Qd8

1-0





## 10th European Team Championship

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

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1		Ukraine	2415	█	4	3	4.5	4	4.5	4.5	3	5	4	4	40.5	56	9	12	72	8	1
2		Estonia	2427	4	█	4	4.5	3	5	4.5	4	3.5	4.5	3	40	55	8	11	72	8	2
3		Portugal	2372	4	3	█	2.5	4	4	5	5	4	3.5	4	39	54	6	9	72	8	3
4		Romania	2455	3.5	3.5	4.5	█	3.5	3.5	2.5	4	5	5.5	3	38.5	54	6	7	71	9	4
5		Bulgaria	2420	3	3	4	3.5	█	4	3.5	4	5	3.5	4	37.5	50	0	6	75	5	5
6		Denmark	2340	3.5	3	3	3.5	4	█	3.5	4	3.5	5.5	4	37.5	48	-2	5	77	3	6
7		Lithuania	2361	3.5	2.5	3	2.5	4.5	4.5	█	2.5	4	5	2.5	34.5	50	0	7	69	11	7
8		Netherlands	2389	3	4	2	3	4	4	3.5	█	3.5	3	4.5	34.5	49	-1	5	70	10	8
9		Turkey	2383	2	3.5	3	3	3	4.5	2	3.5	█	4	3	31.5	44	-8	3	71	9	9
10		Belgium	2360	3	2.5	3.5	2.5	4.5	2.5	2	3	3	█	4.5	31	42	-11	4	73	7	10
11		Scotland	2327	2	3	3	3	3	3	3.5	2.5	3	3.5	█	29.5	44	-7	0	66	14	11

Disappointingly the team has fallen to the bottom of the table following a few more losses. Although the team still has 14 games to finish any hopes of qualification expired some ago.

## Current Friendly Internationals

### GB/TriNat/2015, British Tri-Nations 2015

TD Ylönen, Olli

					1	2	3	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1		Wales	2015		█	5	2.5	7.5	62	3	0	12	28	1
2		Scotland	2018		4	█	2	6	40	-3	0	15	25	2
3		England	2145		0.5	4	█	4.5	50	0	0	9	31	3

Play is progressing rather more sedately in this 10 board event where our team presently has 6 points from 15 completed games. As in the first such event last year, our Welsh friends lead the field!

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
May 2015	25	Netherlands	Server	8	11		
Apr 2015	9	Natcor	Server	7	6		
Jan 2015	20	Wales	Server	17½r	17½		
Dec 2014	27	Iceland	Server	11½	34½		loss
Nov 2014	25	Switzerland	Server	11	35		loss
May 2014	25	Venezuela	Server	17½	31½		loss
Mar 2014	23	France	Server	10	35		loss

A return match over 25 boards against Australia is planned to start shortly and hopefully we will have another new match against as yet unknown opponents before the end of the year. Our numerous current matches continue as before.

## 6<sup>th</sup> ICCF Champions League

Play is now well underway in these new events with both our teams have made solid starts. In Group 17 the Lewis Chessmen stand on 50% after 13 results with 19 games unfinished. The Scottish Claymores in Group 19 are similarly placed but with already 75% of games completed!

## CL/2015/PL17, Promotional League 2015 Gr17

			TD Jansen, Joop (IA)					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
			1	2	3	4	5							
1		The Black Knights	2209	3.5	1.5	1.5	0	6.5	59	2	0	11	21	1
2		Lewis Chessmen	2320	1.5	2	2.5	0.5	6.5	50	0	0	13	19	2
3		LOS IMPERTERRITOS	2148	1.5	1	1.5	0.5	4.5	44	-1	0	10	22	3
4		Rochade 5171 Chessfriends	2134	0.5	1.5	1.5	0	3.5	38	-2	0	9	23	4
5		64for4	2302	1	0.5	0.5	0	2	66	1	0	3	29	5

## CL/2015/PL19, Promotional League 2015 Gr19

			TD Martín Sánchez, Carlos					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
			1	2	3	4	5							
1		WE BREAK FOR GAMBITS!	2314	4	2.5	2.5	5	14	66	7	3	21	11	1
2		Scottish Claymores	2211	2	3	2.5	5	12.5	52	1	2	24	8	2
3		Memento Gambit	2192	2.5	3	1	5	11.5	63	5	2	18	14	3
4		Volga - Moscow	2285	2.5	3.5	1	3.5	10.5	61	4	0	17	15	4
5		CCI II	2069	0	1	0	0.5	1.5	7	-17	0	20	12	5

## Adrian Hollis Memorial

### MT-Hollis, Adrian Hollis Memorial

						TD Limbert, Neil (IA)											Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Rated						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11					
1	ENG	211305	GM	Robson, Nigel	2602	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	1	½	8	6	35.25	0	1
2	SCO	620184	SIM	Beecham, C. Richard	2459	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	1	5.5	2	24.25	0	2
3	ENG	210773	GM	Hall, Richard V. M.	2640	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	.	½	.	1	5	2	24	2	3
4	ENG	211500	SIM	Burne, Nigel G.	2489	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	.	1	5	2	21.5	1	4
5	ENG	211655	SIM	Williamson, Harvey D.	2508	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	5	2	20.5	0	5
6	ENG	210300	SIM	Pegg, Russell M.	2471	0	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	1	22.25	0	6
7	ENG	210405	SIM	Donnelly, Dr. Mike J.	2468	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	0	19.75	0	7
8	ENG	211431	GM	Pugh, John	2472	½	0	.	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4	0	18.75	1	8
9	ENG	210701	SIM	Rhodes, John D.	2413	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	4	1	16.5	0	9
10	ENG	210425	GM	Brookes, John G.	2511	0	½	.	.	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	3	0	13	2	10
11	ENG	210217	SIM	Timson, Paul F.	2506	½	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	3	0	14.75	0	11

Richard Beecham has now completed his games and remains second in the table with +2, =7, -1.

**White: Cacko, Ing. Jozef (2199)**

**Black: Bennett, Peter G (2319)**

VWC7/pr29 ICCF, 2014

Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

Peter Bennett finished in 2nd place in VWC7 Prelim. 29 to qualify for the Final. This excellent game helped him on his way!

1.e4  
2.Nf3  
3.d4  
4.Nxd4  
5.Nc3  
6.Ndb5  
7.Bf4

c5  
Nc6  
cxd4  
e6  
Nf6  
d6  
e5

8.Bg5  
9.Na3  
10.Bxf6  
11.Nd5  
12.Bd3  
13.0-0  
14.exd5  
15.Nxb5?!

a6  
b5  
gxf6  
f5  
Be6  
Bxd5  
Ne7

Very much a hot pawn as we saw in Coplin-Dorer and Canibal-Michael both in VWC2 Final back in Bulletin 125.

15...  
16.Nc3

Bg7  
e4



17.Be2  
17...  
18.Rb1  
19.Qd2  
20.Rfe1

0-0  
Ng6  
Re8  
f4

### 21.Bh5 Bxc3

Played so that the e3 advance can be reserved until he's ready, as the immediate 21...e3 leads to something like 22.fxe3 fxe3 23.Qd3 Qg5 24.Bxg6 hxg6 25.Ne2 when there's no apparent breakthrough and White may get his q-side pawns rolling soon.

### 22.bxc3?!

A strange choice as there appears nothing wrong with 22.Qxc3 and the likes of 22...Qg5 23.Bxg6 hxg6 24.Qd2]

### 22... Qg5

### 23.Bxg6

The knight has to be removed before it can come to h4.

### 23... hxg6

### 24.Rb4 Qf5

### 25.c4 Re5

### 26.Rb6 Rae8

### 27.Rb3

A humble retreat as 27.Rxd6? e3! and Black wins quickly after say 28.fxe3 fxe3 29.Qe2 Qf2+!

### 27... f3

### 28.h3 Kg7

### 29.gxf3 exf3

### 30.Rxe5 Rxe5

### 31.Kh2 Qe4

Despite the pawn deficit Black dominates the position and is as good as winning.

### 32.a3 a5

### 33.c5 Qe2!

The alternatives 33...Rxd5 34.Qc3+ Re5 35.Qxf3 Qxf3 36.Rxf3 Rxc5; and 33...dxc5 34.Qe3 Qxd5 35.Qxf3 Qxf3 36.Rxf3 come to much the same where Black still has a lot of work for any win.

### 34.Qd4 dxc5

### 35.Qxc5 Kh7

Avoiding any pin.

### 36.Qd4 Rxd5!

### 37.Qh4+ Kg7

### 38.Rb8 Qe5+

### 39.Qg3 Qd4

### 40.Rb3 Rg5!

### 41.Qxg5



41.Qxf3? Qe5+ 42.Kh1 Qe1+ and  
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### 41... Qxf2+

Before embarking on all this at move 36 Black had to calculate far ahead accurately.

### 42.Kh1 Qe1+

### 43.Kh2 Qe2+

### 44.Kg3

Instead 44.Kh1 f2 45.Rb1 f1Q+ 46.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 47.Kh2 Qf2+ 48.Kh1 Qf3+ 49.Kh2 Qxa3 and Black is winning.

### 44... f2

### 45.Rb1 Qe1

### 46.Qc1 f1N+!

46...f1Q+ is obviously no good.

### 47.Kf4

47.Kg2 Qe2+ 48.Kg1 Nd2 49.Rb3 else Nf3+ mates.

### 47... Qf2+

### 48.Ke5

48.Ke4 Nd2+ 49.Kd3 Nxb1 50.Qxb1 Qf3+ 51.Kd4 Qxa3 and the a pawn quickly touches down.

### 48... Nd2

### 49.Rb5

Forced, as the likes of 49.Ra1 is met by 49...Qc5+! and Black wins after say 50.Kf4 f6 51.h4 Qf2+

### 49... Qf5+

### 50.Kd6 Qxb5

### 51.Qxd2 Qb6+

### 52.Kd7 Qe6+

### 53.Kc7 f5!

In such endgames it's not the number of pawns but how quickly they advance.

### 54.Qxa5 Qe7+

### 55.Kb8 f4

And now White is helpless.

### 56.Qc3+ Qf6

### 57.Qf3 Qe5+

### 58.Kc8 Qe8+

### 59.Kb7 Qe3

### 60.Qf1 f3

### 61.Qa1+ Kf7

### 62.Qa2+ Qe6

### 63.Qa1 f2

### 64.Qf1 Qe7+

### 65.Kb8 Qf8+

### 66.Kb7 Kg7

### 67.Kb6 Qd6+

And after a couple of checks Black's Q will arrive on e1 so...

0-1



White: Bell, Alan D (2396)

Black: Hauenstein, Hans (2421)

SCO-SUI 2014

Sicilian 3.Bb5 [B30]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

One of our top players, Alan Bell, produced a very smooth performance in our current match against Switzerland.

### 1.e4 c5

### 2.Nf3 Nc6

### 3.Bb5 e6

### 4.Bxc6 bxc6

### 5.b3 f6

### 6.0-0 Ne7

### 7.Nh4

This is supposedly opening theory these days! 7.Bb2 Ng6

### 7... g6

7...e5 as in Venzacqua-Vecek, WS M Class 2014 makes sense to me 8.f4!? exf4 9.Bb2 was John Shaw-Middleburg, Groningen 1999 eventually 0-1.

### 8.Ba3

Not in the database!

### 8... Qa5

### 9.Bb2 Bg7

### 10.d3 e5

### 11.f4 exf4

### 12.Rxf4 0-0

12...g5?? 13.Qh5+ Kf8 14.Rf1! is crushing.

### 13.Rf2 d5

### 14.Nf3 Bg4

### 15.Nbd2 Rae8

### 16.h3 Bd7

### 17.c4 Qb6

### 18.Re2 d4

### 19.a3 a5=

### 20.b4!? axb4

### 21.axb4 cxb4

### 22.c5!? Qxc5

### 23.Bxd4 Qd6

### 24.Nc4 Qb8

### 25.Ba7 Qc7

### 26.Be5 Nc8



### 27.Qe1!

Of course 27.Bxf8 wins the exchange but doesn't give much after 27...Bxf8 28.Rea2 Be6

### 27... Rf7

### 28.e5 fxe5

### 29.Nfxe5 Rf5

### 30.d4 b3

31.Rb1 Rd8  
 32.Rxb3 Be6  
 33.Rb1 Bxc4  
 34.Nxc4

Black is now in serious difficulty.

34... Qd7  
 And 34...Rxc5 35.Re8+! loses instantly.

35.Kh1  
 Alan has gradually outplayed his opponent to emerge with a very nice position - btw my friend Fritz missed a number of his moves but now begins to sense the danger facing Black.

35... Bf8  
 36.Ne5 Qd5  
 37.Ng4 Qf7  
 38.Bxf8 Qxf8  
 39.Re6 Nd6  
 39...Rxd4?? again 40.Re8!  
 40.Qe3 Kh8  
 41.d5!



Now a check at c3 will cause Black severe problems.

41... c5  
 41...Rxd5 42.Qc3+ Qg7 43.Nf6 Rf5  
 44.Rd1+-  
 42.Re1 Rxd5  
 43.Qc3+ Rd4  
 44.Qxc5

Despite material equality and very few pawns on the board White is winning.

44... Nf5  
 45.Qe5+ Ng7  
 46.Rf6 Qe8  
 47.Qxe8+ Rxe8  
 48.Rxe8+ Nxe8  
 49.Rf8+ Kg7  
 50.Rxe8

Black might have spared us the rest.

50... h5  
 51.Ne5 Kf6  
 52.Nf3 Ra4  
 53.Rf8+ Kg7  
 54.Rc8 Kf6  
 55.Rc6+ Kf5  
 56.Kh2

1-0



**White: Mobius, Manfred (2082)**

**Black: Marshall, Ian (1982)**

EU/PC-OR/006, 2014

Giuoco Piano [C54]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

International postal play has witnessed a small revival since the restructuring in early 2014 of the European events structure. Since the introduction of the new format one of our most longstanding members, Ian Marshall, has played in 9 Open Class Postal sections with his best achievement being a 100% score and 1st place Postal Open 6. Here is one of his games from the event.

1.e4 e5  
 2.Nf3 Nc6  
 3.Bc4 Bc5  
 4.c3 Nf6  
 5.d3

Nowadays much more popular than the older and livelier 5.d4

5... d6  
 6.b4

6.a4 also threatens the bishop when an interesting but untried setup is 6...a6 7.Be3. The more restrained 6.Bb3 has its adherents but rarely accomplishes much. 6...0-0 7.Nbd2 Ne7 8.h3 Ng6 9.0-0 c6 10.Re1 Elwert - Rause, ICCF 50 Jubilee elite GM, 2002 saw Black achieve the same setup as in this game.

6... Bb6

7.0-0

7.a4 a5 8.b5 Ne7 9.0-0 Ng6 was about equal in Cardelli - Voss, World Ch. Final.

7... 0-0

8.Nbd2



8... Ne7!

Black finds the ideal setup.

9.Bb3 c6  
 10.Nc4 Bc7  
 11.a4 Ng6  
 12.Re1 Re8  
 13.Be3 d5

Already Black is slightly better.

14.exd5?!

14.Ncd2

14... cxd5

15.Na3 h6

16.h3 Bd7

17.Rc1 b6

18.Qd2 a6

19.Qa2?

Constructive moves are hard to find but this hardly helps.

19... Bf5

20.Rcd1 Qd7

21.d4



21... Bxh3!

21...e4 was also strong.

22.Nxe5

22.gxh3 loses quickly when one pretty line is 22...Qxh3 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Qxd5 e4 25.Ne5 Bxe5 26.dxe5 Nh4 and wins.

22... Bxe5

23.dxe5 Bxg2

24.f4

24.Kxg2 Nh4+ 25.Kf1 Rxe5 is also crushing.

24... Nh4

25.Qf2 Qh3

26.Qxh4 Qxh4

27.Kxg2 Ne4

28.Bxd5?

He was lost anyway.

28... Qg3+

29.Kh1 Nxc3

30.Nc2 Nxd5

0-1





## Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

**Veterans World Cups 2 (now concluded), 3 & 4** are all sponsored by the Scottish CCA.

**Veterans World Cups 5, 6 & 7** are being organised by German Federation BdF.

**Veterans World Cup 8** is being organised by the English Federation ECCF.

### VWC3/Final, ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 Final

				TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						
1	NOR	360220	SIM Klausen, Tor-Arne	2456	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	8	2	50.5	0	1	
2	GRE	220159	IM Bleker, Frits	2407	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	7.5	3	47	2	2	
3	USA	514137	Coplin, Lawrence	2387	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	7.5	1	48.25	0	3	
4	RUS	141799	Ibragimov, Viktor Aroslanovich	2416	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7	2	47.25	2	4	
5	NED	370601	IM Tienhoven, Richard M. van	2417	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	7	2	45.25	2	5	
6	RUS	141943	Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2391	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	1	45.75	1	6	
7	SVK	950110	Hudák, Dušan	2311	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	7	1	45.25	0	7	
8	SWE	450858	SIM Andéer, Stefan	2474	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	7	1	45	0	8
9	EST	930112	GM Siigur, Jüri	2411	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	46	0	9	
10	GER	80915	IM Zapf, Herbert	2442	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	46	0	9	
11	CZE	130306	SIM Teichmann, Čeněk	2386	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	6	0	40.25	0	11	
12	ITA	240971	IM Alderisio, Piero	2428	½	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	5.5	0	37.25	0	12	
13	RUS	141920	Butov, Yury Alekseevich	2311	½	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	36	0	13	
14	ESP	160828	Aupí Royo, Juan Ignacio	2371	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	5	2	32	3	14	
15	GER	85698	Gunkel, Wolfgang	2377	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	0	33.25	2	15	

**Veterans World Cup 3** Final (TD George Pyrich) started on 15/2/2014 with 13 players and it should end soon, hopefully before the end of 2015. There are currently 99 finished games with only 6 still in progress. So far there have been only 15 conclusive games in a 15 player Final. The leader with 8pts from his 14 games is SIM Tor-Arne Klausen (NOR) but he could be overtaken by IM Frits Blecker (GRE) who has 7.5/12pts. Lawrence Coplin (USA) finished with 7/14pts but three other players could reach medal places depending on the outcomes of remaining games.

### VWC4/f, Final - 4th ICCF Veterans World Cup

				TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15					
1	USA	510993	Dessaules, Peter	2352	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	0	30.5	1	1	
2	CZE	130234	Leiner, Raimund	2357	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	0	29.5	1	2	
3	GER	82320	IM Sikorsky, Reinhard	2405	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	5.5	2	29	5	3	
4	RUS	141926	Evgrafov, Boris Nikolaevich	2341	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 <sup>E</sup>	5.5	1	25.5	4	4	
5	RUS	140583	IM Shulman, Boris Yakovlevich	2418	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	27.75	3	5	
6	GER	85722	Felkel, Siegfried	2417	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	27.25	3	6	
7	NED	370283	Thierry, Rein D. J.	2326	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	24	2	7	
8	USA	511655	IM Rodriguez, Keith A.	2327	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	0	26.25	4	8	
9	BEL	40429	IM Van tricht, Marcel	2385	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	0	25.5	4	9	
10	GER	85849	SIM Kraft, Dieter	2466	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	0	24	5	10	
11	RUS	141402	IM Kopeikin, Valentin Vasilievich	2436	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	4.5	0	22.25	4	11	
12	CRO	900009	SIM Ljubičić, Ante	2484	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	3.5	0	19	7	12	
13	GER	85028	IM Stieger, Dr. Helmut	2413	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	3	0	16.75	8	13	
14	ITA	241016	De Filippis, Francesco	2415	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2.5	0	14.25	9	14	
15	RUS	141943	IM Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2435	½	½	½	0 <sup>E</sup>	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2.5	0	14.5	8	15	

**Veterans World Cup 4** Final (TD Gordon Anderson). The Final of 15 players started on 15/1/2015 with no closing date. Both SIM and IM title norms are available. So far 71 games are finished with 34 ongoing. Two players lead each with 6.5/13 pts (all drawn!) but 4 other players could reach the medal places.

**VWC5/sf02, ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 - Semifinal Group 02**

				TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe													Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 3 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
1	GER	85849	SIM Kraft, Dieter	2455	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	8.5	5	45.5	0	1
2	USA	514934	Cintins, Ivars	2301	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	8.5	5	44.5	0	2
3	ENG	210108	Wharrier, Jo A.	2364	½	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	7.5	4	38.25	0	3
4	EST	930112	GM Siigur, Jüri	2416	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	7.5	3	41	0	4
5	SCO	620098	IM Borwell, Alan P.	2248	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	7.5	3	38.75	0	5
6	GER	81368	IM Vetter, Gerhard	2309	0	½	0	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	7	4	35	0	6
7	BEL	40444	Vertongen, Willy	2329	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	7	3	35.5	0	7
8	POL	421200	Sanner, Zdzisław	2293	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	7	3	35.25	0	8
9	GER	81514	Arnold, Horst	2291	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	1	1	5.5	2	26.75	0	9
10	RUS	142044	Presnyakov, Vladimir Sergeevich	2276	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	5	1	24.75	0	10
11	CZE	130482	Glaser, Karel	2262	½	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	4.5	1	22	0	11
12	RUS	140234	Khorunzhy, Mikhail Filippovich	2171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	1.5	0	5.25	0	12
13	ESP	160720	Llorach Gracia, Tomás	2225	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	4.5	0	13

**VWC5/sf07, ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 - Semifinal Group 07**

				TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe													Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 3 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
1	CRO	900117	Lovaković, Franjo	2343	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	8.5	6	44.75	1	1
2	SCO	211558	Bennett, Peter G.	2306	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	7.5	3	39.25	0	2
3	GER	81312	IM Dorer, Manfred	2334	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	7	3	37.75	1	3
4	RUS	141634	Evstigneev, Sergey Aleksandrovich	2344	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	7	3	36.5	0	4
5	AUS	30513	Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2313	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	6.5	3	35.25	2	5
6	USA	511655	IM Rodriguez, Keith A.	2361	0	½	½	½	½	1 <sup>A</sup>	½	½	0	1	1	½	6.5	3	35	0	6
7	GER	81942	Kühne, Ralf	2247	0	½	½	½	½	0 <sup>A</sup>	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	1 <sup>A</sup>	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	6	2	33	0	7
8	ENG	210514	SIM Pheby, Ian M.	2327	½	½	0	½	½	½	0 <sup>A</sup>	½	½	½	1	1	6	2	31.25	0	8
9	GER	82857	Zylla, Johannes	2378	0	½	½	½	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½	0	1	1	6	2	31.25	0	8
10	BUL	50055	IM Sergiev, Stefan	2336	½	½	0	0	0	1	0 <sup>A</sup>	½	½	½	½	1	5	2	26.5	0	10
11	POL	421093	IM Nowak, Ireneusz	2237	0	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	½	0	4.5	2	23.5	0	11
12	LTU	920109	Rimkus, Bronius I.	2107	0	0	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	1	½	3.5	1	17.75	0	12
13	RUS	471758	Silin, Viktor Aleksandrovich	2275	0	0	0	0	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	0	0	0	0	½	2	0	11.25	0	13

**VWC6/sf08, ICCF Veterans World Cup 6 - Semifinale Group 08**

				TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 3 IM=10				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15					
1	GER	80433	IM Koch, Hans-Georg	2257	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	10.75	3	1	
2	SLO	480032	Potrata, Janko	2296	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	5	2	9.75	5	2	
3	FIN	460876	Teeriaho, Tuomo	2342	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	3.5	1	12.25	8	3	
4	SVK	950496	Brudnak, Jozef	2177	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	3.5	0	10.25	7	4	
5	GER	81312	IM Dorer, Manfred	2339	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2	0	8.75	10	5	
6	ITA	240680	SIM Boccia, Prof. Mattia Mario	2428	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2	0	7.5	10	6	
7	SCO	620098	IM Borwell, Alan P.	2279	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	2	0	7.25	10	7	
8	AUS	30513	Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2350	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1.5	0	6	11	8	
9	RUS	141768	Ananskikh, Evgeny Nikolaevich	2371	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	3.75	12	9	
10	ESP	160254	Gómez-Galán Arense, Joaquín	2277	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	0	4.5	11	10	
11	RUS	141762	Mishin, Anatoly Valentinovich	2328	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0.5	0	2.75	13	11	
12	USA	514934	Cintins, Ivars	2337	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0.5	0	2.75	13	11	
13	RUS	141423	Gromov, Sergey Vasilievich	2257	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0.5	0	1	13	13	
14	GER	80616	Oppermann, Peter	2294	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0.5	0	2.75	12	14	
15	LTU	920078	Voveris, Gediminas	2237	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	0	0	14	15	

**Veterans World Cup 5** There are 9 Semifinal Groups of 13 players. Alan Borwell played in Group 02, finishing with 7.5/12pts, winning 3 and drawing 9 games. However, he was unable to win his last game and will not qualify for the Final. Peter Bennett sits second in Group 07 also with a final score of 7.5/12 pts. He is also unbeaten but will have to wait until two other challenging players have finished their games, before knowing if he will qualify for the VWC5 Final.

**Veterans World Cup 6** with 42 groups started 1/9/2013 –Closing Date 28/2/15.

There are 9 Scottish CCA participants playing in 12 different preliminary groups and Richard Beecham finished in top place with a very impressive 10/12 score! However, he has elected not to take up his Semi-final place. Alan Borwell (8/12) has also qualified for the Semi-final stage by finishing with 8/12 pts as group runner-up on tie break, having scored 5 wins in his games. The VWC6 Semifinals were started in April this year.

**VWC7/pr29, ICCF Veterans World Cup 7 pr 29**

				TD Bartsch, Andreas (1A)													Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13						
1	FRA	180638	Audie, Alain	2227	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	9	6	47.25	0	1	
2	SCO	211558	Bennett, Peter G.	2319	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	8	4	41.5	0	2	
3	NOR	360493	Friis, Jon	2238	½	½	½	½	½	1 <sup>E</sup>	½	½	½	½	1	1	7.5	3	40.25	0	3	
4	FIN	460957	Mujunen, Martti	2226	0	½	½	½	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	1	½	1	1	7	3	35.5	0	4	
5	USA	514934	Cintins, Ivars	2349	½	½	½	½	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½	½	1	1	7	2	37.25	0	5	
6	CAN	90723	Jean, Pierre	1884	½	½	½	½	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	.	½	½	1	1	6.5	2	34.75	1	6	
7	RUS	141641	Kurdyukov, Aleksandr Vladimirovich	2255	½	½	0 <sup>E</sup>	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6.5	2	33.75	0	7	
8	GER	81942	Kühne, Ralf	2247	½	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½ <sup>A</sup>	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½ <sup>A</sup>	6	0	35.5	0	8
9	GER	80543	SIM Gromotka, Harry	2268	0	½	½	½	½	.	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	1	5.5	1	28.75	1	9	
10	SVK	950244	Čačko, Ing. Jozef	2199	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	½	1	½	1	5.5	2	26.5	0	10
11	CZE	131125	Stružka, Vlastimil	2215	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½ <sup>A</sup>	0	4	0	24.5	0	11	
12	LAT	910169	Bitmanis, Valdemars	1841	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½ <sup>A</sup>	½ <sup>A</sup>	½ <sup>A</sup>	½	1	3	1	12	0	12	
13	RUS	140326	Efimov, Albert Nikolaevich	1883	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½ <sup>A</sup>	0	0	1	0	1.5	1	7	0	13	

**Veterans World Cup 7** started on 1st September 2014 with 33 Preliminary Groups.

There are 6 Scottish CC participants playing in 8 groups. After only 10 months of play, most Groups have more than 75% of games finished. Peter Bennett has qualified for the VWC7 Semifinals, finishing second with 8/12pts in his section. Alan Borwell with 6.5/11 and 8/13 is unlikely to reach a top 2 placing, whilst Eoin Campbell finished with a creditable 7/12 in his group.

**Veterans World Cup 8** is being organised by the English CCF and it started on 1st September 2015. There are 55 preliminary groups of 11 players, with the top two from each guaranteed qualification to the semi-finals. There are 7 Scottish CCA players participating – more details will be provided in the next magazine.

**White: Borwell, Alan (IM) (2250)**

**Black: Blau, Dieter (SIM) (2213)**

VWC7–PG02, 2015

Sicilian Richter-Rauzer [B63]

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

This game on completion was my 1000th ICCF rated result! I have actually reached nearly 1400 CC games (all recorded!) in total since 1959. Many of the earlier games were in non-ICCF events and not included in the ICCF rating system which was started in the early 1980's.

- 1.e4                   c5
- 2.Nf3                 Nc6
- 3.d4                   cxd4
- 4.Nxd4               Nf6
- 5.Nc3                 d6
- 6.Bg5                 e6
- 7.Qd2                 Be7
- 8.0-0-0              Qb6

Not played much nowadays as the queen is better placed on c7 or a5 in

support of a pawn advance. It also leaves the d-pawn vulnerable without much compensation.

- 9.Bxf6                Bxf6
- 10.Nxc6              bxc6
- 11.Na4                Qb7
- 12.Qxd6              Be7



Here White has choice of Qf4, Qg3 or Qe5

- 13.Qe5                0-0
- 14.Bc4

Kb1 or b3 are favoured by some chess engines but Bc4 looks like the more natural developing move.

- 14...                   c5
- 15.b3                   Bf6
- 16.Qf4
- Black's bishop looks strong on the diagonal but it is not easy for him to exploit it.
- 16...                   Bd4
- 17.Qd6                 Qxe4
- 18.Nxc5                Bxc5
- 19.Qxc5



19... a5  
 19...Qxg2 20.Rdg1 Qe4 21.Rxg7+  
 Kxg7 22.Rg1+ and it is either mate  
 or the Black queen falls.  
 20.a4 Bb7  
 21.f3 Qf4+  
 22.Kb1 Rfc8  
 23.Qd6

Of course 23 ... Rxc4 fails to 24 Qd8  
 mating.

23... Qf6  
 Maybe 23... Qg5 was best.  
 24.Rhe1  
 24.Qd4 Qe7 25.Qd7 Kf8 26.Qxe7+  
 Kxe7 27.Rd2 Rd8 was worth  
 considering.

24... Bc6  
 25.Rd3 h6  
 26.h3  
 White does not need to hurry as  
 Black's position is very passive.

26... Kh8  
 27.Qd4 Qe7  
 28.Re5

Now the a-pawn becomes a target as  
 well as the possibility of a k-side  
 advance by White.

28... Kg8  
 29.Rc5 Qf8  
 30.Rc3 Qe7  
 31.Kb2 Bb7  
 32.Bd3 Rd8



33.Qe5  
 White's heavy pieces are now well  
 placed for both attack and defence of  
 his own king.

33... Bd5  
 34.Rc7 Qf8  
 35.R3c5 Ra7  
 36.Qc3 Rxc7  
 37.Rxc7 Ra8  
 38.Rd7 g6  
 39.Bb5 Rc8  
 40.Qf6

The kingside threats will now force a  
 queen exchange with a winning  
 endgame.

40... Ba8  
 41.c4 h5  
 42.Ka2 Qg7  
 43.Rd8+ Rxd8



44.Qxd8+ Qf8  
 45.Qxf8+ Kxf8  
 46.b4 axb4  
 47.Kb3 Ke7  
 48.c5

And Black resigned as he no longer  
 has any counter-chances and White  
 will promote one of the passed  
 pawns.

1-0



[Ed – a fine game by Alan against a  
 strong opponent, and a fitting way  
 for him to achieve his 1,000 game  
 milestone. Many congratulations!]



## Games Column (continued)

White: BurrIDGE, Raymond (2054)  
 Black: Jakobi, Wilfred (1916)  
 ICCF WT/H/1104, 2015  
 King's Gambit Accepted [C34]  
 [Notes by Raymond BurrIDGE]

1.e4 e5  
 2.f4  
 Thought I would have a change and  
 play the King's Gambit.  
 2... exf4  
 3.Nf3 d6

4.d4 Bg4  
 A bit unusual. More normal would  
 have been 4...g5; or even 4...h6

5.Bxf4 a6  
 In my mind unnecessary, and as with  
 his 9th move, much better to develop  
 his minor pieces.

6.Nc3 Nc6  
 7.Qd2 Qd7  
 8.0-0 0-0-0  
 9.Be2 f6  
 10.h3 Bxf3



11.gxf3  
 I felt that this gave me the option of  
 playing for f4 then e5.

11... Nge7  
 12.d5 Ne5  
 13.Be3 c5  
 14.dxc6

I am already eying my opponent's  
 king.

14... N5xc6  
 15.Na4 Kb8  
 16.Bb6 Qe6

Maybe 16...Nc8 would prolong the  
 game for a bit.

17.Bxd8 Qxa2??  
 Definitely a blunder.



18.Qxd6+  
 18.Qxd6+ Ka8 (18...Ka7 19.Bb6+  
 Ka8 20.Qd8+ Nb8 21.Rd7 and mate  
 to follow.) 19.Nc3 Qa1+ 20.Kd2 Ng6  
 21.Qc7 Qxb2 22.Rb1 with a winning  
 advantage.

1-0







## General Information

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

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

### World Individual ([www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com))

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

### World Team ([www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com))

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

### European Zone ([www.iccf-europa.com](http://www.iccf-europa.com))

- European Individual Championship.
- European National Team Championship.

### Other

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

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

Current tournament fees are shown on the Fees page of the SCCA website, and all Scottish players competing in ICCF events have bookmarks from the SCCA site to the relevant ICCF cross-table for easy checking of results.

## Thematic Tournaments

### Postal Events 2015

#### Theme 5/15: From Gambit, A02

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3

Entries by 15 November; plays starts 1 December

#### Theme 1/16: Budapest Gambit, A51

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5

Entries by 15 December; plays starts 2 January

### Webserver Events 2015

#### Theme 7/15 - Sicilian Accelerated-Breyer, B39

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Ng4 8.Qxg4 Nxd4

Entries by 15 November; plays starts 15 December

#### Theme 1/16 - Staunton Gambit, A43

1.d4 c5

Entries by 15 December; plays starts 15 January

Note there are no Email Events in 2015.

## News

- ❑ The 21<sup>st</sup> World Cup will start on 1<sup>st</sup> October. The organisers received 928 qualified entries from 718 players across 52 countries, including 93 entries from titled players, with the top rating 2507 and average rating 2132. There will be 72 preliminary sections.
- ❑ Markus Hömske (FRA) has resigned as Non-Title Tournament Commissioner (NTTC) for personal reasons. His replacement is Guido Bresadola (ITA).
- ❑ The ICCF Congress in Cardiff elected the following:  
President: Eric Ruch (FRA)  
General Secretary: Michael Millstone (USA)  
Finance Director: George Pyrich (SCO)  
World Tournament Director: Frank Geider (FRA)  
Services Director: Austin Lockwood (WLS)  
Marketing Director: Andrew Dearnley (ENG)  
Auditor: Josef Mrkvicka (CZE)  
They will serve from Jan 2016 – Dec 2019.
- ❑ ICCF Congress minutes have still to be published. We'll summarise the main points when available.

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](mailto:international@scottishcca.co.uk)

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