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Sculpture by Douglas MacDonald



Welcome to the third edition of the 2016 magazine set.

Not a lot has visibly happened since the UK voted for Brexit, but we are assured that ‘Brexit means Brexit’ (que?); ‘we’ll get the best deal’ and ‘it will be a success’. A bit light on quantified objectives perhaps, but we mustn’t carp.

When I apply such super confidence to something practical like barbecue planning, results are more unpredictable. Saying that all will be sunny and convivial on Saturday might work in some countries, but not here. It more or less guarantees that Hurricane Matthew will veer north-east and extend what we term normality.

George Pyrich has analysed the fourth ICCF rating list of 2016 for us; another relatively stable period with some rating and games milestones for our active members.

John Hawkes returns to bring us a fine selection of Caro Kann games over the years. John also provides the third in his series of great CC miniatures, featuring our own David Jenkins, from the 1992-94 Olympiad.

George Pyrich also reports on the recent ICCF Congress held in Bremen during August. It all went very well, and our delegate had Honorary Membership bestowed on him by President Eric Ruch – a fine tribute for many years of excellent service to ICCF!

Bernard Milligan’s games column features contributions from Richard Beecham, Iain Mackintosh, Peter Bennett, Mickey Blake and Raymond Burrige.

George Pyrich once more publishes an extensive international report with x-tables aplenty and well-annotated games played by members Geoff Lloyd, Derek Price, Colin Macgregor, Ken Stewart and Dave Dempster.

Alan Borwell provides a further update from the Veterans’ World Cups. Peter Bennett continues to fly the flag for us and we are almost ready to herald the winners of VWC4, the last of the cycle sponsored by the SCCA.

ICCF partners with ChessBase who are interested in collaborating with individual federations like us. We’ll review their ideas over the next period.

SCCA Membership

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

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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 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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Notices

By Iain Mackintosh

ICCF Congress Proposals



Here is a summary of proposals accepted and rejected at the recent ICCF Congress in Bremen. For full details, please contact our delegate George Pyrich at:

international@scottishcca.co.uk

2	✓	Adjudicating deceased players' games
3	✓	Timing for tournament of approval submissions
4	✓	Clarification of tournament rule 10.4c
5	✓	The right to overrule a TD
6	✓	TD leave time for server-based games
7	✓	The right for officials to file an appeal
8	✓	Applying consistent rules to friendly matches
9	✓	New tournament TO manual
10	✓	NF opt-out of ICCF adjudication systems
11	✓	GDP-based fee structure for developing nations
12	✓	Changes to playing rules only once in 2 years
15	✓	Revised norm calculation
16	✓	Minimum opponent rating for Norms
17	✓	Revised ratings rules
19	✓	Revising TR 10.10
21	✓	Minimum rating requirements for GM/IM norm ¹
22	✓	Evaluation of the Glicko system
23	✓	Revert Champions League to its previous format
24	✗	Adjudicating deceased players' games
26	✓	Discontinuation of postal Olympiads
27	✗	GM Title norm recognition in previous tournaments
28	✓	New time control system. Server based games. Triple block block system
29	✓	Rationalise zonal subsidies
30	✓	New member federation application
31	✓	Reimbursement allowance for ICCF officials ²
32	✓	Official travel per diem expense calculation
33	✓	Reduce GM norm entry rating to 2400 and reduce term to enter
34	✓	Fixed start dates of ICCF Olympiads Final and Preliminaries
35	✗	Software mastering
36	✗	Identify ICCF Players by Database numbers in case of similar/identical names
37	✓	Identify ICCF Players by Name/ID number only
38	✗	Use only the standard 26 roman alphabetical letters A-Z in players name
39	✗	Congress Bangalore
40	✓	Congress duration and schedule
41	✗	(Withdrawn)

42	✓	Delegate sponsorship programme
43	✓	Establishment of a new team event
44	✗	Modification of proposal process
45	✓	Congress Sunny Beach
46	✗	Postal reflexion time
47	✗	Time control for WC30 Final

Notes

- ¹ 21a passed and therefore 21b was withdrawn
- ² 31a and 31b (separate votes) both passed

Petr Boukal



Josef Mrkvicka, ICCF Delegate for CZE, reports the sad loss of SIM Petr Boukal, after a short illness.

In deep sadness, I have to advise you that on 5th September, 2016, a very strong OTB and CC player, long-term official of the Czech CCA, chief columnist of the section "Correspondence Chess" in the monthly "Czecho-Slovak Chess", but above all a great person and friend, Mr Petr Boukal from Prague, left us forever after a short but lethal illness in the age of 69 years.

The Czech CCA thanks him for his long-term contribution to the correspondence chess movement, not only as a player and national team member, but also as a official and publicist.

The Things People Say



Geoff Lloyd contributes another quote in the spirit of Emanuel Lasker's observation that 'chess would be laughable, were it not so serious.'

An opponent of Geoff's replied to the draw offer thus: 'Just let me try some things' What did he mean?

If you've any printable quotes you'd like to share, please send them to

webmaster@scottishcca.co.uk

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 for more information. The usual method of subscribing is monthly standing order which spreads the annual cost.

Fernschach 2017 CC Database



Fernschach2017

Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach 2017 offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Database available since 2000
- Total 1,003,400 games (from 1991)
- Approximately 8,020 annotated
- Games from all main chess servers + post + email
- All tournaments marked correspondence so that CC games can be recognised in a larger database
- Editing improved and refined
- German letters ä, ö, ü and ß are not counted in names

The price is €13 (shipping within Germany) and €15 (shipping elsewhere).

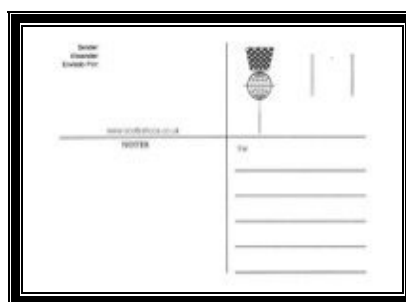
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CC Postcards



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 please. Royal Mail prices rose in April 2015, so check current p&p prices with Iain first.

ICCF Game Archive



The September update to the Archive has now been added, and all files may be downloaded by logging into: <https://www.iccf.com/> then selecting Games Archive from the menu.



2016/4 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The fourth ICCF grading list of 2016 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 June and 31 August 2016. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 October and 31 December 2016.

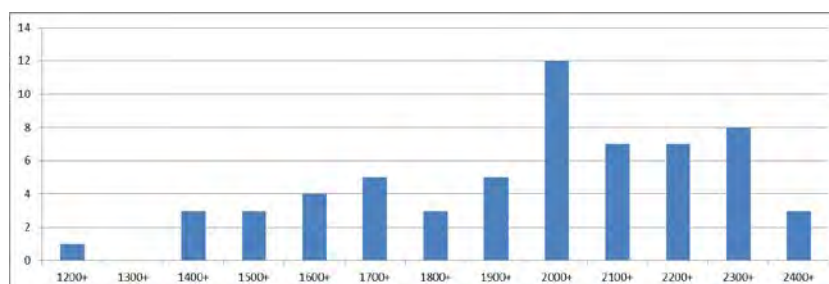
There were no additions to or deletions from this list. Movement across the grading bands featured David Cumming regaining 2300+; Raymond Burrige and Eoin Campbell reaching 2100+; Alan Armstrong hit 1900+ and Pat Moir climbed to 1600+.

Five new games centurions were recorded – David Cumming passed the 1100 games mark; Andrew Macmillen is now a 900+ player; Martin Hardwick vaulted 800+; and both Bill Cormack and Alastair Dawson climbed to 100+.

Our resident games addicts were relatively quiet (for them) – during this quarter, Andrew Macmillen totalled 52; Raymond Burrige and David Cumming 33; Martin Hardwick 32 and Eoin Campbell 23 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	1119	2136 ↔	063	Harvey, D	102	2053 ↔
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	286	2315 ↓	1013	Hilton, S H	175	1608 ↓
121	Anderson, J	266	1788 ↑	447	Jamieson, I M	82	1918 ↔
049	Armstrong, A	191	1904 ↑	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	329	2287 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	335	1528 ↓	260	Knox, A	233	1495 ↓
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	404	2470 ↔	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	758	2242 ↓
599	Bell, A D (SM)	191	2390 ↑	471	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	52	2095 ↔
501	Bennett, P G (SM)	328	2353 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	391	1927 ↓
	Beveridge, C	251	2180 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	659	2385 ↓
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	1034	2256 ↓	216	MacMillen, A N	942	1725 ↑
602	Burrige, R J	1040	2118 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	575	2051 ↓
435	Cairney, J	62	2076 ↔	434	Matheis, T (IM)	206	2458 ↔
601	Campbell, E S	452	2100 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	93	1491 ↓
038	Campbell, I S	293	1862 ↓	401	Moir, P J	185	1617 ↑
	Clark, S L	147	2043 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	269	2262 ↔
364	Coope, D W	730	1935 ↔	474	Murden, C (IM)	445	2435 ↑
247	Cormack, W H	104	1886 ↓	564	Murray, J S	53	2026 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	372	2323 ↔	440	Neil, C	233	1425 ↓
166	Cumming, D R (SM)	1122	2306 ↑	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	141	2093 ↑
422	Dawson, Prof A G	100	2085 ↑	604	Paine, Dr K A	173	2308 ↑
572	Dempster, D	782	1782 ↑	315	Petrie, A	105	1511 ↔
	Dunn, J	217	1618 ↑	432	Price, D	332	2015 ↑
	Dyer, M	105	2063 ↔	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	968	2120 ↑
371	Edney, D	214	1988 ↓	439	Smith, M J	55	2014 ↓
462	Gilbert, R	116	1795 ↑		Stewart, A G	34	2159 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	145	2241 ↔	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	173	2117 ↓
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	473	2398 ↔	1120	Taylor, W	68	2025 ↑
124	Goodwin, B J	314	1837 ↓		Thornton, J	35	1611 ↔
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	452	Toye, D T	77	1582 ↔
399	Grant, J	51	1731 ↑	530	Watson, J (IM)	151	2297 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	804	1284 ↓				



Statistical Analysis

Total listed	61
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	61
Provisional grades (<30 games)	0
Grading increases (↑)	22
Grading decreases (↓)	20
Grading static (↔)	19

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2470	Lloyd, G (SM)	2242
Matheis, T (IM)	2458	Gillam, S R (SM)	2241
Murden, C (IM)	2435	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2398	Beveridge, C	2180
Bell, A D (SM)	2390	Stewart, A G	2159
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2385	Almarza Mato, C	2136
Bennett, P G (SM)	2353	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2120
Craig, T J (SM)	2323	Burridge, R J	2118
Anderson, G M (SM)	2315	Stewart, Dr K W C	2117
Paine, Dr K A	2308	Campbell, E S	2100
Cumming, D R (SM)	2306	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	2095
Watson, J (IM)	2297	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	2093
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2287	Cairney, J	2076
Montgomery, R S	2262	Dyer, M	2063
Borwell, A P (IM)	2256	Harvey, D	2053

Top 30 Rated Games

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Almarza-Mato, C	1119	Craig, T J (SM)	372
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Campbell, E S	452	Edney, D	214
Beecham, C R (SIM)	404	Matheis, T (IM)	206

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



The Hawkes Files

By John E. Hawkes

Caro Kann

A selection of Caro-Kann games: one by its principal pioneer, Markus Kann. Perhaps a future column will feature his co-inventor Horatio Caro, especially if I can unearth a correspondence game of his with the defence.

My research taught me a lot: I now know of sidelines like: the Hillbilly attack 2.Bc4, the Prins attack 3.e5 Bf5 4.b4, the DeBruyker defence 2...Na6, and the Edinburgh Variation 1.e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3.Nd2 Qb6.

White: Csank, A

Black: Kann, M

Vienna, 1884

Caro-Kann Exchange Variation

[B13]

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 c6

2.d4 d5

3.exd5

Caro wrote an article on the defence published in October 1887 with this interesting line of play:

3.e5 Bf5 4.f4 e6 5.Nf3 Nh6 6.Be2

Be7 7.Nc3 Nd7

with the surprising comment: In this variation Black shouldn't castle, rather playing Nf8 and then Kd7, when his king will be totally safe.

3... cxd5

4.Bd3 Nc6

5.Ne2 e6

6.c3 Bd6

7.0-0 Nf6

8.Ng3 h5!?



9.h3 Qc7
10.f4 Bd7
11.Be3 h4
12.Ne2 Nh5
13.Nd2 a6
14.Qc1 Rc8
15.Nf3 Qd8
16.Ne5 Nxe5
17.fxe5 Be7
18.Qe1 Bg5
19.Qf2 Bxe3
20.Qxe3 Rh6
21.Rf3 Kf8
22.Raf1 Be8
23.Nf4

Or; 23.g4 hxg3 24.Nxg3 Nxg3

25.Rxg3

23... Ng3

24.R1f2 Kg8

25.Ne2 Nh5

26.Kh2 Rc7!

27.g4 hxg3+

28.Nxg3 f5

If 28...Bb5 29.Bxb5 axb5 White had

the stunning 30.Qxh6!! gxh6

31.Nxh5 when one continuation

could be; 31...Kf8 32.Nf6 Ke7

33.Ng4 Kd7 34.Rxf7+ Kc6

35.R7f6+-

29.exf6 Nxf6

30.Kg2 Rf7

31.Qg5 Rf8



Black sets up a sturdy k-side castling position using the queen's rook!

32.Rf4 Qd6

33.Rh4 Rxh4

34.Qxh4 b5

The traditional q-side minority

attack.

35.Qg5 a5

36.h4 b4

37.h5 Nd7

38.Rxf8+ Qxf8

39.h6

39.Qd8 bxc3 40.bxc3 Nf6 41.Qxa5 Nxb5 42.Ne2 Qf6 threatening Qg5+.

39... Qf6

40.Qxg7+ Qxg7

41.hxg7 Kxg7?

41...bxc3 42.bxc3 Kxg7 was correct play, but Black might still have a draw?

42.cxb4 axb4



43.Bb5 Nf6

44.Bxe8 Nxe8

45.Nh5+ Kg6

46.Nf4+ Kf5

47.Kf3 Nd6

48.Nd3 Nb5

49.Ke3 Nd6

50.b3

Now it is a clear win for White.

50... Kf6

51.Nxb4 Nf5+

52.Kd3 Ke7

53.Nc6+ Kd6

54.Ne5 Ne7

55.a4 Kc7

56.b4 Nc8

57.Kc3 Nd6

58.b5 Nf5

59.Nc6 Nd6

60.Kb4 Nb7

61.a5 Nd6

62.Ne5 Ne4

63.Nd3 Kd6

64.a6 Kc7

65.Ka5 Nd2

66.b6+ Kb8

67.a7+

1-0



White: Gunston, William Hewison
Black: Hamond, Francis Edward
 Caro-Kann Exchange Variation [B13]

Correspondence England, 1916
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

Reverend Francis Edward Hamond (Norwich) was the very first British Correspondence champion in 1921. William Hewison Gunston was born in London and was British Correspondence Champion in 1924 and 1928.

1.e4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.exd5	cxd5
4.Nf3	Nc6
5.c3	g6
6.Bb5	Qd6
7.0-0	f6
8.Re1	e6
9.Na3	Nge7
10.c4	a6
11.Ba4	h5!
12.c5	Qb8
13.Bd2	Kf7



Highly interesting play from the reverend gentleman. Caro would have loved this position!

22.Nd2	Nhg6!
23.Qc2	Nf4
24.g3?	

△24.Ndf1 for example; 24...h4
 25.Qd1 f5 26.Bc2 Qg5 27.Rb1 and Q-side counterplay ready. But his Bs are pointed the wrong way!

24...	Nh3+
25.Kf1	h4
26.Ng2	hxg3
27.hxg3	f5
28.Re5	f4
29.gxf4	Bxf4
30.Re2	Qg5

30...g3 was good too.
 31.Qd3



14.b4	Nf5
15.Nc2	g5
16.Bc3	g4
17.Nd2	Bh6
18.Nf1	Nce7
19.Nce3	Nh4
20.Bb3!?	
20.Bc2	
20...	Bd7
21.a4	Qg8!



31...	Ng1!
32.Ne4	

32.Kxg1 Rh1+ etc. will mate.
 32... Qh6
 33.Nxf4 Qxf4
 34.Nd6+ Kg7
 35.Rea2 Raf8
 36.Qd2
 36.Kxg1 Qh2+ 37.Kf1 Rh3+—
 36... Qf3
 37.Ke1 Rh1
 38.Qe3 Qxe3+

Leading to mate after Nh3+, but an awful shame the Rev missed the more artistic conclusion to his extraordinary display of virtuoso

original play: 38...Qe2+! 39.Rxe2 Nf3#

0-1



White: Przybyla, W
Black: Suder, R

35th Polish CC Ch. 1992–94
 Caro Kann, Bronstein-Larsen Variation [B16]

[Notes by John E Hawkes after Suder in CCYB–11]



Ryszard Suder was a member of the Polish team that was 1st ahead of the Ukraine and Russia at the recent IBCA European Team Championship in Warsaw. It was also Ryszard's birthday on the 29th September (b.1957) - and it so happened that I compiled the annotation to his game on that self-same day this year! On behalf of the SCCA, we wish you many happy returns, Ryszard.

1.e4	c6
2.d4	d5
3.Nc3	dxex4
4.Nxe4	Nf6
5.Nxf6+	gxf6
6.c3	

Koralewski - Suder, Polish corr. 1992/93 went 6.Nf3 Bf5 (6...f5)
 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.c4 Nd7
 10.d5 0-0-0 11.Be3 c5! (11...e5
 12.Be2 Kb8 13.Rc1 f5 14.c5! Suder)
 12.Be2 e6 13.b4! (13.Nh4? Nb6
 14.Rc1 exd5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.Qb3
 Nxe3∞ Dobosz-Suder, corr.1989/90)
 13...Bd6 14.Qa4 Kb8 15.Qa3 Rhg8
 16.Rfd1 Be4! 17.g3 h5 18.dxe6 fxe6
 19.Rd2 b6 20.b5 Ne5 21.Nh4 Ng4
 22.Rad1 Be5 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8

24.Rxd8+ Qxd8 25.h3 Nxe3 26.Qxe3 Qd4 27.Qxd4? (27.Ng2 had to be played.) 27...cxd4! 28.Kf1 Bc2! 29.f4 Bd6 30.Bxh5 d3 31.Nf3 Bd1 32.Ke1 Be2 33.Kd2 Bb4+ 34.Ke3 Kc7 35.Bg4 f5 36.Bh5 Bc5+ 37.Kd2 Kd6 38.Ke1 Be3! and White resigned. A beautifully played game by Black.

6... Bf5
7.Nf3 e6
8.Bf4 Bd6
9.Bg3 Qe7

Konstantinopolsky's alternative to the routine Qc7.

10.Be2 Nd7
11.0-0 0-0-0
12.Qa4 Bxg3

12...Kb8 13.Qa3! is an extraordinary cross-pin, but doesn't force Black to reply with an unfavourable ...c5.

13.hxg3 Kb8
14.Rfe1

14.d5?! cxd5 15.Qf4+ Ka8 16.Nd4 Bg6 17.Nb5 Ne5 18.Qe3 Nc6± was Ciesielski - Suder, 2nd Jurajski Tmt 92-94

14... Bg4

15.Nh4

⊔15.b4 Nb6 16.Qb3 Nd5 17.a4! and pressure on the Black K.

15... Bxe2

16.Rxe2 Qd6

17.Qa5 f5

18.Rae1 Rhg8

18...f4 19.gxf4 Qxf4 20.Re4±

19.Nf3 h5



20.Ng5!? Qe7

21.f4 Qf6

22.Kf2?

22.b4 Rh8 23.a4 h4 24.Re3∞

22... Qg6

23.Rh1!

On 23.b4 Black had prepared

23...Nf6 24.b5 b6 25.Qa4 Ne4+

26.Nxe4 fxe4 27.Re3 cxb5 28.Qxb5

Rd5!±

23... Nf6

24.Rh3 Rd5?!

25.Qb4

25.Qa4 c5 26.Rd2 h4! threatening

27...Ne4+

25... Ng4+

26.Ke1



Some very interesting variations occur after 26.Kf1 c5 27.dxc5 e5! (not 27...Rd1+ 28.Re1 Ne3+ 29.Kf2 Rxe1 30.c6!+-) For example 28.Nf3 Rd1+ 29.Re1 Qa6+ 30.c4 (30.Kg1 Qe2! mating.) 30...Ne3+ 31.Ke2 Rxe1+ 32.Nxe1 Nxc4 and Black has a strong initiative.

26... c5!

27.Qa4

27.dxc5 Rgd8 28.Qb3 e5 29.Nf3 Qa6

30.c4 Qxa2!

27... cxd4

28.cxd4 e5!

29.dxe5

The Black assault cannot be contained: 29.Nf3 e4 30.Ne5

(30.Nd2 e3 31.Nb3 Nf2 32.Rxe3

Nxh3 33.gxh3 h4+-) 30...Nxe5

31.fxe5 (31.dxe5 Qb6) 31...Rgd8

32.Rd2 e3 33.Rd1 f4+-

29... Qb6

30.Nf3 Rc8

And mate is inevitable.

0-1



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White: Jenkins, David M (2309)

Black: Leong, Chee Weng (2200P)

SCO v SIN, XII Oly Prelims 1992/94

Caro-Kann, Panov Variation [B10]

[Notes by John E Hawkes after those of George Pyrich in CCYB-12]

1.c4 c6

2.e4 d5

3.exd5 cxd5

4.cxd5

5.Nc3

6.d4

7.Nf3

8.Bd3

9.0-0

10.Re1

11.a3

12.Bg5

13.Bc2

Qxd5

Qd8

e6

Nf6

Be7

0-0

Nc6

b6

Bb7

h6?

14.Bh4

15.Qd3

16.Re4

The big test must be 16...Nxc3 when

17.bxc3 (17.Rg4 f5 18.Rxg6+ Kf7±)

17...f5 18.Rxe6 Bxh4 19.Rxg6+ Kh7

20.Re6 Bg5 21.Rae1± White still has work to do.

17.Rg4 Qe8

7...f5 18.Nxd5 Qxd5 19.Bb3+-

Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 3

By John E. Hawkes

18.Nxd5 exd5
19.Re1 Rc7



22.Rxg6+ Kf7
23.Bg3 Bd8
24.Rxh6



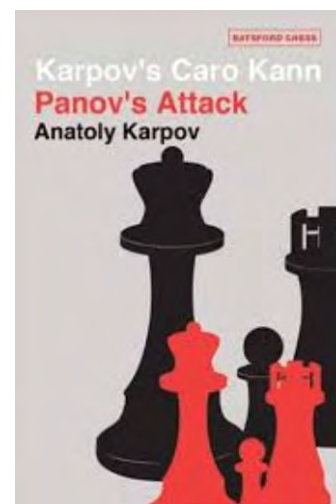
Or; 19...f5 20.Re6! g5 21.Rxh6
Ba6 22.Qxa6 fxe4 23.Qd3 Qf7
24.Rg6+ Kh8 25.Qe3! gxf3
26.Bxe5+- Fritz.]

20.Re6!! Bc8
21.Rexg6+ fxe6

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Chess Art



Maria Helena Vieira da Silva

The Portuguese-French painter and graphic designer Maria Eléna Vieira da Silva was born in Lisbon on 13th June 1908, to a Portuguese diplomat's family. She began drawing and painting at the age of eleven, and a short while later, began sculpting.

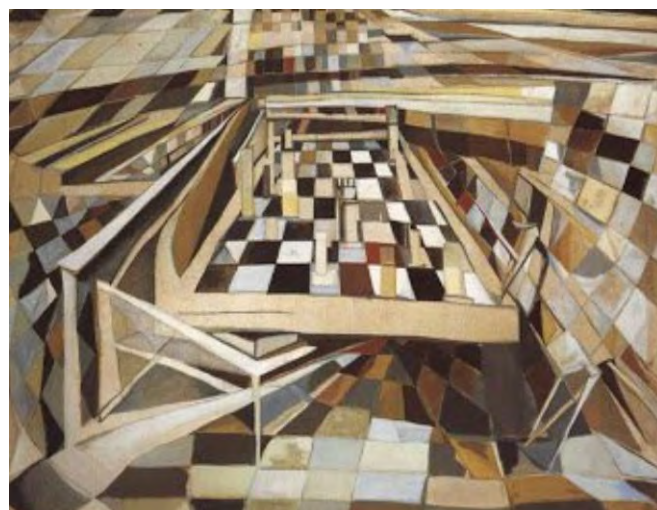
Maria Eléna Vieira first attended the "Academia de Belas-Artes" in Lisbon. In 1928, she went to Paris with her mother and studied painting under Antoine Bourdelle (1861–1929) and Charles Despiau (1874–1946). In 1930, Vieira married the Hungarian painter Arpad Szenès (1897–1985) and exhibited her work in Paris for the first time.

In 1939, just prior to the outbreak of World War Two, the artist and her husband fled to Portugal, and then Brazil. In 1947, they returned to Paris, and in 1956, Maria Eléna Vieira became a French citizen. She was the first woman to win the French "Grand Prix National des Arts" and in 1991 was made a knight of the Legion d'honneur. She died in 1992.

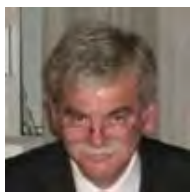
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1943 La partie d'échecs



1949 Xequemate



45th ICCF Congress – Bremen 2016

By George Pyrich

The 2016 ICCF Congress, hosted by the German CC Federation (“Bund deutscher Fernschachfreunde” now known as “Deutscher Fernschachbund” or most commonly as “BdF”) was held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, in the city centre near to the market square and town hall, as part of the celebrations to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the founding of the German Federation which now hosts ICCF Congress once every decade (1996 Bad Neunahr, 2006 Dresden and 2016 Bremen).



Bremen City Hall, Cathedral and Marktplatz

The official opening ceremony was preceded by an address from the President of the BdF and main congress organiser Dr. Uwe Staroske. Welcoming all the officials, delegates, accompanying persons and guests to the congress, he gave a brief summary of the historical development of Bremen – dating back to the 7th century and for brief periods during its history ruled by France and Sweden. The city has a very long history of seafaring and shipbuilding and also very prominent in international trade. Bremen, a city of 600,000 - , is situated in north-west Germany with a major port on the river Weser. Bremen is some 60 km (37 miles) south from the Weser mouth on the North Sea. With Bremerhaven right on the mouth the two comprise the state of the Free Hanseatic City of Bremen (official German name: Freie Hansestadt Bremen).



Uwe then made brief mention of Bremen’s chess traditions as home of Carl Carls (1880-1958) known as developer of the English Opening (1.c4) known in Germany as the Bremen Opening and also of Hermann Heemsoth (1909-2006), a great stalwart of both ICCF and the BdF of which he was President from 1956 until 1988 and who achieved the ICCF GM title in 1986 at the age of 77. Finally Uwe extended a very warm welcome to everyone and expressed his hopes for a successful congress.

Thereafter everyone was entertained by a local choir of retired seafarers. Colourfully dressed the old sea dogs delivered a medley of songs recalling tales of their adventures over the years.

The opening formalities were then concluded by the ICCF President, Eric Ruch, who warmly thanked hosts Uwe and his BdF colleagues before reporting on developments over the previous year. Eric made special mention of those who had sadly passed away during the year including George Livie, long-time SCCA stalwart and holder of Bertl von Massow Gold Medal and ICCF IM and IA titles. Eric then outlined the many highly significant achievements accomplished during the previous year including further refinements of the design of the ICCF server and the addition of several more languages.

Eric then outlined some of the important matters to be considered by the Congress which included the possible future implementation of specific ICCF laws of correspondence chess designed to increase the leadership of ICCF further over the world of correspondence chess, further modernisation of these rules with refinements of the roles and duties of Tournament Directors and Organisers and the continuation of on-going development of the server with the specific aims of increasing its potential with the aims of making CC more attractive not only for current and potential future players but also potential sponsors. Mention was also made of proposals to be presented to the Congress: new Norms/Ratings systems and a new Time Control method.

The congress then noted that, of the total of 102 officials, delegates and delegation members, accompanying persons and guests attending the Congress, a total of 27 of ICCF’s 56 member federations were represented in person with all others having registered votes prior to the Congress under a newly introduced “online voting scheme” (these votes were not revealed until after congress delegates had considered and voted upon congress proposals). Amongst those attending were 4 ICCF World Champions – (right to left) WCCC XI GM Fritz Baumbach (GER), WCCC XX GM Pertti Lehikoinen (FIN), WCCC XXIV GM Marjan Šemrl (SLO) and special guest of the congress new Champion WCCC XXVIII GM Leonardo Ljubičić (CRO).



The main items considered by the Congress were as follows:

Congress Awards

Following the adoption of the 2015 Congress Minutes, business began with the presentation of numerous awards which included Honorary Membership of ICCF to the long serving ICCF Ratings Commissioner Gerhardt Binder and myself! Also awarded were 4 Bertl von Massow medals (2 Gold and 2 Silver) in recognition and appreciation of length of service (15 and 10 years respectively) by various officials to ICCF.

Following modification of qualification requirements approved at the 2015 Congress in Cardiff Lifetime Achievement Awards were presented to Ragnar Wikman (FIN) and Gian-Maria Tani (ITA). The Congress also approved Induction to the newly formed ICCF Hall of Fame of its first President, Hans-Werner von Massow (GER) and the recently deceased former Finnish delegate, Esko Nuutilainen, host and organiser of several ICCF Congresses and long serving national delegate and ICCF Tournament Organiser. The Gold Medal and certificate were presented to special guest of the Congress the new 28th World Champion, Leonardo Ljubičić (CRO).



George receives Honorary Membership of ICCF from President Eric Ruch.

Additionally medals and certificates were presented to the winners of the ICCF 18th Olympiad (Gold – Germany, Silver – Slovenia and Bronze – Spain), the 16th World Cup Final (Uwe Nogg (GER)), the Direct Entry Webserver 5th Anniversary Final (Francisco Pessoa (POR)) and the 3rd ICCF Veterans World Cup (Fritz Bleker (GER)). Finally under this item Congress formally approved Individual Title Awards to those who had met the qualifications criteria, notably 4 GM's, 15 SIM's, 43 IM's, 3 LGM's and 2 LIM's. The Congress also noted the award of 2 of the new Individual Title of Correspondence Chess Expert (unfortunately there were no awards to any Scots players).

Membership Matters

The Congress noted with regret the suspension of the Tunisian Federation following non-payment of ICCF Fees.

ICCF Congress Working Group Summaries

Three Working Groups – Finance, Time & Leave Provisions and Rating and Norm Calculations had been approved at the 2015 and assigned remit of examining their areas of

expertise and reporting back to 2016 Congress with summaries of recommendations.

a) Finance A proposal to increase expenses paid to officials attending Congress to include all expenditure incurred approved as was introduction of new “per diem” allowance to cover other out of pocket expenses was approved. Additionally Congress approved proposal to reduce duration of Congress by one day (specimen programme was provided) and another to approve introduction of new scheme whereby delegate from “developing nation” or new member federation would receive full financial support in order to be able to attend Congress.

b) Time & Leave Provisions This group was charged with task of addressing longstanding problems associated with time controls (accumulation of vast quantities of time, “dead man’s defence” and event durations. The Group’s proposal to introduce a type of “Fischer clock” system was examined by the delegates who agreed that this new method be introduced on a trial basis in selected events from 1 January 2017. The table below perhaps explains the scheme: an organiser decides duration for the event. Player then receives basic allowance (Initial Clock) of 50 days in which to complete the game. Increment is added to Initial Clock for the first 50 moves but not thereafter. Also if player runs short of time then he may move days from the “bank” to his “Clock”, losing on time only if and when “Clock” reaches zero. The key provision not in the table however is that at no time may a player hold more than 50 days in the “Clock” – players moving quickly may not accumulate vast reserves of time as increments will not be added and hence duration of tournament cannot be exceeded. There is no provision for Leave or Special Leave. (My own view here is that whilst the system is good in principle there is the drawback that increments cease at move 50 with result that players reaching move 50 with only small amounts of days in reserve will find it difficult to avoid losing on time. Nevertheless all games in an event are guaranteed to completion within the planned duration.)

Duration of Tournament (Days)	Initial Clock (Days)	Initial Bank (Days)	Increment (Days)
300	50	50	1
350 (c.1 yr)	50	75	1
400	50	50	2
450	50	75	2
500	50	50	3
550	50	75	3
600	50	50	4
650	50	75	4
700 (c.2 yrs)	50	50	5
750	50	75	5
800	50	50	6
850	50	75	6
900	50	50	7
950	50	75	7
1000	50	50	8
1050	50	75	8
1100 (c.3 yrs)	50	50	9

c) Rating & Norm Calculations The third working group was set up following the acceptance of Proposal 2015-019, to rewrite Appendix II of the ICCF Tournament Rules (available at ICCF website) in consultation with a professional statistician with a remit to propose an enhanced method for defining norms in title tournaments based on individual performance rating rather than on average tournament rating. This work was completed, based on advice given to the group by Mark Glickman, a Harvard professor of statistics and a world authority in the field of chess ratings. The rationale behind the new system is that the current ICCF rating system is based on the seminal work of Arpad Elo 'The Rating of Chess Players, Past and Present' (1978). Elo's system has been used mostly unchanged by both ICCF and FIDE since the early 1980s; however the understanding of chess performance has become increasingly sophisticated, in particular following the work of Professor Glickman. Additionally, powerful computing resources not available in the 1980s are now readily available; complex statistical calculations which would have taken months of work by early Ratings Commissioners can now be completed by the server in a matter of minutes, allowing a much more statistically sophisticated approach towards rating calculations.

From the introduction to Glickman's paper:

The problem with the Elo system that the Glicko system addresses has to do with the reliability of a player's rating. Suppose two players, both rated 1700, played a tournament game with the first player defeating the second. Under the US Chess Federation's version of the Elo system, the first player would gain 16 rating points and the second player would lose 16 points. But suppose that the first player had just returned to tournament play after many years, while the second player plays every weekend. In this situation, the first player's rating of 1700 is not a very reliable measure of his strength, while the second player's rating of 1700 is much more trustworthy. My intuition tells me that (1) the first player's rating should increase by a large amount (more than 16 points) because his rating of 1700 is not believable in the first place, and that defeating a player with a fairly precise rating of 1700 is reasonable evidence that his strength is probably much higher than 1700, and (2) the second player's rating should decrease by a small amount (less than 16 points) because his rating is already precisely measured to be near 1700, and that he loses to a player whose rating cannot be trusted, so that very little information about his own playing strength has been learned.

After some discussion the Congress agreed that the Glicko rating system will be set up on the ICCF webserver before the 2017/1 rating list. This will be for evaluation purposes only and will run in parallel to the Elo system, Glicko ratings will only be available to the Ratings Commission and will not have any official status in ICCF. The working group will continue their work in evaluating the suitability of the Glicko system for correspondence chess and report back to Congress in 2017. Meanwhile those nerds interested in the computation of such things may consult Professor Glickman's paper at:

<http://www.glicko.net/glicko/glicko.pdf>

Advice also given to the Group by Professor Glickman concerned an enhanced method for defining norms in title tournaments based on individual performance rating rather than on average tournament rating (presently in a title norm

event the lowest rated player requires a higher performance rating than the others to achieve a title norm i.e. the current system favours the higher rated players). Following some discussion the Congress approved changes to the Tournament Rules effective from 1 January 2017: Title norms will no longer be calculated based on tournament category (Tournament category definition will be retained, but no longer will be used for calculating norm requirements) and the score required to achieve a norm in a particular tournament will be calculated separately for each player and will be based on the sum of the winning expectancies of their opponents. An online calculator will be provided for players to calculate the scores they require against different opponents to achieve a title norm, for example, <http://normcalculator.azurewebsites.net/> (please note that this is not a permanent application, the final version will be integrated into the ICCF webserver and could be linked to tournament cross tables so that the norm calculations would be open and available to all players).



Schnoor in Bremen

ICCF Finance

A deficit of some 27,422 euros was recorded for 2015, significantly more than the budgeted 9,430. Income received during 2015 rose by 6,420 euros (some 8%) over the previous year and Expenditure over the same period fell by 4,144 euros (3.51%). (A deficit of 37,985 euros, some 23,855 euros more than anticipated, was recorded during 2014). Income rose by 6,420 (8%) over the previous year as Entry Fees for Individual events rose by 9,266 (20.3%). Olympiad 21 was deferred to 2016 but the most recent cycle of the Champions League was commenced. Fees received in respect of events organised by Member Federations and Zones however fell by 3,770 euros (18%). Bank interest fell by 4,058 euros but a "one-off" contribution of 5,000 euros towards costs of Server Development by Zone 1 was received. Despite the increase from the previous year overall Income was 10,548 euros less than that anticipated in the Financial Plan. Expenditure was 4,144 euros less than in the previous year but 7,444 euros more than anticipated in the Financial Plan.

ICCF Webservice

The Services Director reported on the total of 63 developments and improvements carried out during the last year to the Webservice including the 35% rule for title norms agreed at the Cardiff Congress, the option of using the "Sofia Rule" (no agreed draws), introduction of the ICCF Hall of Fame, an online voting system for delegates unable to attend Congress and facility to recalculate a player's Rating History. The Congress also considered plans for a large number of further refinements to the server during the coming year, approving a budget of 20,000 euros in respect of these developments.



*The paintball team relaxes after finishing their fresco.
(From left) Per Soderberg (SWE), Eric Ruch (FRA), Andrew Dearnley (ENG), George Pyrich (SCO).*

ICCF Marketing

The Congress noted the numerous developments and future plans presented by the Marketing Director particularly those associated with various sponsors.

Firstly he reported on ongoing developments with **ChessBase** following a meeting in Hamburg with their Marketing Manager, Martin Fischer, who also attended as a guest of the Congress. These developments included publicity given to **ChessBase** products by means of ICCF mailings and a 'flash sale' of 25% discount day was promoted by ICCF with players offered massive discounts, especially on software and magazine subscriptions. The **ChessBase** logo on ICCF.com takes players straight to the **ChessBase** shop and is hugely important in that any purchases made by ICCF players will generate a future sponsorship prize fund for ICCF events. In return, it was agreed that **ChessBase** would promote correspondence chess with regular ICCF articles featuring on the **ChessBase** website. Recently the new ICCF World Champion, GM Leonardo Ljubičić (Croatia) provided a series of very well received articles on the **ChessBase** web site and there are plans in the offing for the Dutch FIDE GM Twan Burg to provide similar. Further, **ChessBase** had agreed to sponsor and provide prizes for the ICCF Direct Entry 10th Anniversary Tournament.

New in Chess continue to promote ICCF and Correspondence chess with commercial mailings continuing to be sent on behalf of *New in Chess* to all ICCF players and a meeting is planned the *NIC* marketing Director to further explore mutually beneficial ideas.

During the year **HIARCS** became an official ICCF partner and are sponsoring the 'Open Class' promotion tournaments with discounts on their products being available to all section winners. Unfortunately ICCF are still pursuing a sponsor for Chess 960 events. Finally it was noted that the players photograph feature on the server continues to be popular with now well over 1,200 photographs on the system.

ICCF Champions League

Congress agreed that the revised format of this event used in its previous cycle had proven to be unsuccessful and agreed that the event return to its initial format with 4 player teams competing in sections of 11 or 13 teams in the next cycle.

ICCF Rules

The Congress approved a number of proposals submitted by the Rules Commission the more significant of which being those to introduce adjudication of unfinished games by deceased players, introduction of a new Tournament Organisers Manual and the option for National Federations to opt-out of the newly revised ICCF Adjudication System.

Future Congresses

Submissions by the Indian and Bulgarian Federations to host the 2017 Congress were presented by their delegates and after due consideration the congress opted for the latter in Albena, Bulgaria (3 to 7 September).

Congress Activities

During the week there was the usual programme of chess activities – an ICCF team was able to secure a narrow win in the traditional team match against the hosts, 6-5. The hosts however gained a measure of revenge with one of the locals, Olaf Steffens, winning the traditional blitz tournament.



George playing versus Bremen

The customary Congress Excursion involved a trip to the nearby city of Hamburg to visit Miniaturwunderland (<http://www.miniatur-wunderland.de>) and also enjoy a tour of the harbour.

All in all, this was a truly memorable Congress held in a beautiful modern yet historic city with excellent facilities provided by gracious and generous hosts.



Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

Our SCCA team is performing well in the British Team Championship and is jockeying for top spot with Trophy Hunters as we go to press – it all hangs on the result of an adjudicated game.

Here are a couple more games from this event following our earlier coverage in edition 133. We start with the board 1 encounter between LIM Helen Sherwood of the Welsh Dragons against Richard Beecham.

White: Sherwood, Helen (2303)
Black: Beecham, Richard (2464)
 GB/TC2015/6 ICCF, 2015
 Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5

The Sveshnikov, named after GM Evgeny Sveshnikov, who was the main driving force in the development of the variation in the 1970s. The advantage lies in the imbalance of the position and the relative newness of the entire line.

6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6
8.Na3 b5
9.Nd5 Be7
10.Bxf6 Bxf6
11.c3 Rb8

11...0-0 continues the main line.

The move played is gaining in prominence among CC GMs, including recent World Champion Ron Langeveld.

12.Nc2 0-0

12...Bg5 has been tried more often, but castling is the fashion among the top CC players.

13.h4 Be7
14.Nce3 Be6
15.a4 Qd7
16.Be2 Bd8
17.axb5 axb5
18.h5 Bg5
19.0-0 h6

19...Rfd8 is the main alternative here.

20.Ra6 Bxe3



Again, 20...Rfd8 is the main alternative, but Richard prefers to follow a line used by the German GM Matthias Kribben against World Champion Ron Langeveld.

21.Rxc6!?

Helen opts for the bolder choice of capture. 21.Nxe3 allowed Langeveld to equalise against Kribben.

21... Kh8

Obviously not 21...Qxc6 22.Ne7+

22.Ra6 Ba7

23.Qd2 f5

This freeing move initiates the complications that Black is seeking.

24.Rfa1 Rb7

25.exf5 Bxf5

26.Ne3 Be4

27.Qxd6 Qxd6

28.Rxd6 Rbf7

29.Bxb5 Bc5N

At this stage, the players look to be breaking new ground according to the ICCF database. One or two later games have now followed this move order.

30.Rd2 Rxf2!

31.Rxf2 Bxe3

32.Raf1 g6



32...Rb8 was later tried by Ezequiel Martin Domancich against Mario Stoeckert in ICCF World Cup 40, leading to a draw after 50 moves.

33.hxg6

Only move. White is nearly in zugzwang because of the f2 pin and Black aims to force a weakening move.

33... Kg7

34.Be2 Bc2

35.g3 Be4

36.Bh5 Rf6

37.b4 Bd5

38.c4 Be4

38...Bxc4 39.Kg2 and White is back on terms.

39.c5?!

39.b5! was the better choice of pawn move, allowing White to hold the position.

39... Bd4



40.Be2?

And now the pressure tells - this just loses. 40.Bg4 would have allowed further shuffling.

40... h5!

Not the easiest to spot, but the pawn sac ties it up for Black.

41.Bxh5 Rf8

42.Kh2 Rxf2+

43.Rxf2 Bxf2

44.Kh3 Bd3

45.Kg2 Be1

46.c6 Bxb4

47.c7 Bf5

48.Bf3 Bd6

49.c8Q Bxc8

50.Be4 Bg4

51.Kf2 Bc5+

It'll take a while, but a two-bishop mate is the likely outcome, so...

0-1



Our second game from the British Team Championship features Iain Mackintosh in a board 3 tussle with Geoff Crook of HSBC. Iain establishes a positional bind and squeezes out the win.

White: Mackintosh, Iain (2416)

Black: Crook, Geoffrey (2136)

British CC Team Champ, 2016

French Exchange Variation [C01]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 e6
2.d4 d5
3.Nc3 Bb4

Geoff is aiming for a Winawer, but White decides to try a much less documented exchange variation rather than the usual 4.e5

4.exd5 exd5
5.Bd3 c6

5...Nc6 is more often tried here.

6.a3 Bd6
7.Qf3 Qf6
8.Nce2 Nd7
9.Bf4 Ne7
10.Bg3 Qh6
11.Nh3N

Nothing particularly adventurous about White's play, but it has the advantage of an early excursion into uncharted territory.

11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qg3 Qxg3
13.Nxg3 f6 14.Nf3 Kf7 15.Nh4 g6
16.0-0 Nf8 17.Rfe1 Ne6 18.c3 Nf4
19.Bc2 Bd7 20.Re3 Rae8 21.Rae1
Nc8 22.Rxe8 Bxe8 23.Ne2 Ne6
24.Nf3 Nd6 25.Nd2 Bd7 26.Nc1 g5
27.Nd3 h6 28.f4 b6 29.g3 a5 30.Rf1
Ke7 31.f5 Nxf5 32.Rxf5 Nxd4
33.Rf2 Nxc2 34.Re2+ Kd6 35.Nb3
Bf5 36.Ndc1 was Domont, A (2350)-
Stojanovic, M (2576) Geneve 2007,
0-1.

11... Bxg3
12.Nxg3 Nb6?!

Maybe not the best square with f6 or f8 also available. With hindsight, the placement of his minor pieces is a headache for Black throughout the game, helping White to construct a bind.

13.Qf4 Qxf4
14.Nxf4 0-0



15.Kd2!?

Having satisfied his fixation with exchanging queens, White now sets about exploiting his small positional advantage. Nikolai Gurtovoi, author of the series *Winning Without Castling*, would have approved of this move!

15... Ng6
16.Nxg6 fxg6
17.f3 Bd7

18.b3

Fixing the knight.

18... Kf7
19.h4 Rae8
20.h5 gxh5

20...Nc8 was a possibility in order to mobilise the knight, but Geoff may have wanted to avoid doubled g-pawns.

21.Rxh5 h6
22.a4 Kg8



23.c4!

White now tries to profit from the awkward placement of the Black minor pieces.

23... Be6
23...dxc4 24.bxc4 and White stands well.

24.c5 Na8
25.b4 Nc7
26.b5 Bd7
27.Rb1 Ne6
28.Bf5 Re7
29.bxc6 Bxc6

29...bxc6 allows 30.Rb7

30.Re1 Kf7
31.Bxe6+ Rxe6
32.Rxe6 Kxe6
33.a5 a6
34.Kd3 Re8
35.Nf5 Kf6
36.Ne3 Kf7



37.g4

White is winning now.

37... Re6
38.Ke2 Kf8
39.Kf2 Kg8
40.Nf5 Be8
41.Rh1 Bb5
42.Nd6 Re2+
43.Kg3

Only move - going to f1 or g1 lets Black equalise.

43... Bc6
44.Rb1 Re7
45.f4 Kh7
46.f5

White's squeeze is relentless.

46... Kg8
47.Kf4 Kf8
48.Rb3 Kg8
49.Re3 Rd7
49...Rxe3 50.Kxe3 g5 51.fxg6 Kg7
52.Nf5+ Kxg6 53.Kf4 and White marches through.

50.Re6 Rc7
51.f6 gxf6
52.Rxf6 Re7
53.Rxh6 Re1
54.Rg6+ Kf8
55.Rf6+

After the game, Geoff graciously wrote from his holiday home (coincidentally in Mackintosh country, near Inverness!): I never really got going in this one. I was going to try a Qa5 Winawer, but ended up in a position that I simply didn't get to grips with. When facing an exchange setup I usually try Bd6, Ne7 stuff and am very comfortable in those positions. This was a good choice from you and I might have a

look at these lines myself. Good luck to your team, hope you win it.

1-0



And now a miniature from Peter Bennett, who is our most consistent performer in the ICCF Veterans' World Cups. Here Peter faces a veteran rookie.

White: Bennett, Peter (2350)
Black: Tarrant, Johnny (1800)
 VWC9 /pr 48, 2016
 Philidor's Defence [C41]
[Notes by Peter Bennett]

1.e4 e5
 2.Nf3 d6
 3.d4 f6
 4.Bc4 Ne7



5.dxe5

Black finds to his horror that both pawn recaptures lead to disaster; so his kingside pawn cover is wrecked very early in the game. Further defensive inaccuracies follow...

5... Nbc6
 6.exf6 gxf6
 7.Nc3 a6
 8.0-0 b5
 9.Nd5 Be6
 10.Nxf6+ Kf7
 11.Ng5+ Kxf6
 12.Qf3+ Kg7
 13.Nxe6+ Kg8
 14.Nxd8+ Kg7
 15.Qf7#

It was curious to achieve a 1-0 result nine days ahead of the official start date (when 10 of the 55 games in our section hadn't even started), and even less common to have mated my opponent on move 15.

1-0



Finally, a good example of how useful the ICCF database can be in your choice of opening line. This game features Mickey Blake, now resident near Dumfries, and Raymond Burrige of Aberdeen, competing in our 2016 Challengers event.

White: Blake, Michael J (2199)
Black: Burrige, Raymond J (2148)
 SCO/Chall16/1 2016
 Modern Benoni [A70]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 c5
 The Benoni system doesn't have a great scoring record in CC - White stands at 60%+ in the ICCF database.
 3.d5 e6
 3...b5 The Benko fares little better!
 4.Nc3 exd5
 5.cxd5 d6
 6.e4 g6
 7.h3
 7.f4 and; 7.Nf3 are the two most popular choices here.
 7... Bg7
 8.Nf3 0-0
 9.Bd3 b5
 10.Nxb5 Re8
 11.0-0 Nxe4
 12.Re1 a6



13.Nc3

As favoured by Arild Haugen of Norway.

13... Nxc3
 14.bxc3 Bxc3
 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8
 16.Rb1 Nd7
 17.Qa4 Nf6
 17...Qd8 18.Rb3 Bg7 19.Qc6 Ra7
 20.Qxd6 Bf8 21.Qg3 a5 22.Bf4 Ba6
 23.Bxa6 Rxa6 24.Nd2 Qa8 25.Rd3

Qb7 26.d6 a4 27.Kh2 Ra8 28.Nc4
 Qb5 29.Ne5 c4 30.Rd1 Re8 31.Nxd7
 Qxd7 32.Qc3 Rc8 33.Be5 Rc6
 34.Rd4 ½-½ was Terreaux, Gilles
 (2437)-Cumming, David (2313)
 played in the Finnish 50th Jubilee
 Tournament, 2014.

18.Qc4 Ba5
 19.Bg5 Nh5
 20.g4 Ng7
 21.Qf4 Qd7



22.Bc2!

This line is known to theory and this move scores 100% in the ICCF database!

22.Nd2 has been tried twice before, both draws.

22... f5
 23.Ba4 Qc7
 24.Bf6 Rb8?N
 Innovative, but decidedly bad!
 25.Rxb8 Qxb8

26.Qh6

26.Qh6 Qb7 27.Ng5 Ne8 28.Bxe8 is curtains for Black.

1-0



Frank J Marshall, inventor of the Modern Benoni.



International Update

By George Pyrich

ICCF Olympiad 21 Preliminaries

CC021/S4, ICCF Olympiad 21 Preliminaries - Section 04

		TD Millstone, Dr. Michael (IA)										Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10							
1	Hong Kong		0.5	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	1.5	50	0	0	3	51	1
2	Romania	0.5		0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	2	52	2
3	Scotland	0	0		0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	1	50	0	0	2	52	3
4	South Africa	0	0.5	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	4
5	Argentina	0.5	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	5
6	Lithuania	0.5	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	6
7	Brazil	0	0	0.5	0	0	0		0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	7
8	Wales	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0		0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	53	7
9	Ukraine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	54	9
10	Norway	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	54	9

As anticipated, play started on 1 September with our team placed in Section 4 against opposition from Romania, South Africa, Hong Kong, Argentina, Brazil, Wales, Norway, Lithuania and Ukraine (top two finishers qualify to the Final). Thus far we stand on 50% with Peter Bennett on board 5 securing 2 draws.

NATT 7

NATT/7, North Atlantic Team Tournament VII

		TD Martello, Juan Alberto (IA)												Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12							
1	Wales		1.5	3	1.5	2	1.5	1.5	1	1.5	1	1	2	17.5	53	2	0	33	55	1
2	U.S.A.-II	1.5		0.5	2	0.5	2	1	1	1	0	2	2	13.5	51	1	0	26	62	2
3	España - Desafío	2	0.5		1.5	1	1.5	1.5	0.5	1	1.5	0.5	1	13	50	0	0	26	62	3
4	Norway	1.5	2	0.5		2	0	1.5	1	1.5	0.5	1	1.5	13	50	0	0	26	62	4
5	Portugal	2	0.5	1	2		1	0.5	1	1	0.5	2.5	0	12	52	1	0	23	65	5
6	U.S.A.	1.5	2	1.5	1	1		1.5	0.5	0.5	0	2	0	11.5	54	2	0	21	67	6
7	Canada	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	0.5	1.5		1	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	11.5	52	1	0	22	66	7
8	England	1	1	1.5	1	1	0.5	1		0	0.5	2	0.5	10	55	2	0	18	70	8
9	Iceland	1.5	1	0.5	1.5	1	0.5	0.5	0		0.5	1	0.5	8.5	50	0	0	17	71	9
10	España-Fortuna	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5		2	2	8.5	56	2	0	15	73	10
11	Scotland	0	1	1.5	0	1.5	1	0.5	0	1	1		1	8.5	34	-8	0	25	63	11
12	France	2	2	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0		7.5	41	-3	0	18	70	12

Our team's more than indifferent start mentioned last time has unfortunately continued – presently the team has 8.5 points from 24 completed games and is rooted firmly at the foot of the table. It should be mentioned however that our team is by some considerable margin the lowest rated in the event.

Current Friendly Internationals

GB/TriNat/2016, British Tri-Nations 2016

		TD Ylönen, Olli			Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3							
1	Wales		4.5	3	7.5	62	3	0	12	28	1
2	England		2.5	4.5	7	46	-1	0	15	25	2
3	Scotland		2	3.5	5.5	42	-2	0	13	27	3

After some 3 months play almost 1/3 of the games have been completed. Whilst the team presently lies 3rd thus far very little separates the teams.

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Jan 2016	25	USA	Server	21	23		
Oct 2015	25	Australia	Server	24½	21½		
May 2015	25	Netherlands	Server	17	31		loss
Apr 2015	9	Natcor	Server	8½	9½		loss
Jan 2015	20	Wales	Server	19½r	20½		loss

New matches against Canada and Italy are planned to start soon. In our current matches we trail Netherlands 17–31 (2 games remain) and USA 21-23 (5 games remain), but lead Australia 24½-21½ (4 games remain).

ICCF Champions League

The motion that this event revert to its old format of 4 divisions with either 11 or 13 teams each of 4 players was approved at the 2016 ICCF Congress and a new cycle of the event is anticipated to start sometime early in 2017.

NSTT 3

North-Sea/TT3, North Sea Team Tournament 3

		TD Doorn, Jos P. M. van											Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
1	Netherlands B	2256	0	1	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3.5	58	1	0	6	54	1
2	Netherlands A	2280	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	2.5	62	1	0	4	56	2
3	Denmark	2371	0.5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	75	1	0	2	58	3
4	Scotland	2164	1	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	1.5	21	-4	0	7	53	4
5	Sweden	2274	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100	1	0	1	59	5
6	England	2345	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	59	6
7	Belgium	2210	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	59	7
8	France	2302	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	59	7
9	Norway	2236	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1	59	7
10	Germany	2288	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	10
11	Iceland	2338	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60	10

The event started a little later than anticipated on 24 September with our team of 1. David Kilgour 2. David Cumming 3. Robert Montgomery 4. Eoin Campbell 5. Alastair Dawson and 6. Derek Price carrying the colours. Astonishingly 5 games were completed prior to the official start date with only 1.5 points scored. As before however our team is by some considerable margin the lowest rated in the event.

10th European Team Championship

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

		TD Glaser, Karel (IA)											Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
1	Estonia	2427	0	4.5	5	4	4	4.5	5	5.5	4	5.5	5	47	58	14	17	80	0	1
2	Romania	2455	3.5	0	4.5	3.5	4	4	4.5	4.5	5	5.5	5	44	55	9	14	79	1	2
3	Portugal	2372	3	3.5	0	5	5.5	4	4.5	5	4	4	5	43.5	54	7	13	80	0	3
4	Ukraine	2415	4	4.5	3	0	3.5	4	4.5	4.5	5.5	4.5	5	43	53	6	14	80	0	4
5	Netherlands	2389	4	4	2.5	4.5	0	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	41	51	2	14	80	0	5
6	Bulgaria	2420	3.5	4	4	4	4	0	4	3.5	5	3.5	5	40.5	50	1	9	80	0	6
7	Denmark	2340	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	4	4	0	3.5	3.5	5.5	5	39	48	-2	6	80	0	7
8	Lithuania	2361	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	0	4	5.5	4.5	38	48	-3	9	79	1	8
9	Turkey	2383	4	3	4	2.5	3.5	3	4.5	4	0	5	4.5	38	47	-4	9	80	0	9
10	Belgium	2360	2.5	2.5	4	3.5	3.5	4.5	2.5	2.5	3	0	4.5	33	41	-14	5	80	0	10
11	Scotland	2327	3	3	3	3	3.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	0	32	40	-16	0	80	0	11

Unfortunately our team, again the lowest rated, has been unable to avoid last place.

British CC Team Championship 2015/16

GB/TC2015/6, British CC Team Championship 2015/6

		TD Akrill, Richard										Total	FG	RG	Wins						
		Bd 1	Bd 2	Bd 3	Bd 4	Bd 5	Bd 6	Bd 7	Bd 8												
1	Scottish CCA	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1 ^E	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	11	16	0	6		
2	Trophy Hunters	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	. ^A	1	1	1	1	10.5	15	1	6		
3	Welsh Dragons	1/2	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	. ^A	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	8.5	15	1	4
4	Square Bashers	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1	0	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	8.5	16	0	3
5	CS Administrators	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	. ^A	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1/2	8	15	1	2
6	BCCA	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	7.5	16	0	2
7	HSBC	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	0	1	1/2	1/2	1	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	5.5	16	0	2
8	White Rose	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	0	5.5	16	0	1
9	SchemingMind	1/2	1/2	1/2	1	1/2	1/2	1/2	0 ^E	1/2	. ^A	1/2	0	0	0	0	0	5	15	1	1

Our team has done very well in this event and with play scheduled to end on 30 September is assured of at least 2nd place. The team's final score of 11/16 can be equalled or surpassed only by "Trophy Hunters" who stand on 10.5/15 with one last game certain to require adjudication.

General

A full list of available events is available at our web site www.scottishcca.co.uk. Members should note the substantial reduced entry fees to ICCF events as listed at our web site.

Geoff Lloyd scored a nice win in our match against Iceland.

White: Lloyd, Geoffrey (2259)
Black: Haraldsson jun., Haraldur (2381)
 ISL-SCO 2014
 King's Indian Classical [E98]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 g6
 3.Nc3 Bg7
 4.e4 d6
 5.Nf3 0-0
 6.Be2 e5
 7.0-0 Nc6
 8.d5 Ne7
 9.Ne1 Ne8
 10.Be3 f5
 11.f3 c5

11...f4 is almost invariably preferred here where thousands of games can be found in the databases.

12.Nd3 Nf6
 12...Rf7 13.a3 f4 14.Bf2 g5 15.b4 b6
 16.Rb1 Ng6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.Qa4
 was Schmidt v Kazoks, WC32 sf04 (1-0, 39)

13.b4
 Apparently saving a tempo on Schmidt v Kazoks.

13... b6
 14.a4 Rb8
 15.a5 fxe4
 15...Bd7 16.Qc2 Ra8 may have been better; but 15...cxb4 16.Nxb4 bxa5
 17.Nd3 is clearly better for White.

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16.fxe4 cxb4
 16...Bd7 was better.
 17.Nxb4 bxa5
 18.Nd3



18... Rb4
 Just about forced else White can soon play c5 with a pretty much overwhelming position.
 19.Nxb4 axb4
 20.Nb5 Nxe4
 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8
 22.Qb1
 22.Qc2 was better as Black now gets opportunity for some complications.
 22... Nc3
 23.Nxc3 bxc3
 24.g4 a6
 25.Qd3 h5
 26.h3 hxg4
 27.hxg4 Kg7
 28.Qxc3 Ng8
 29.Kg2

29.c5! would have been decisive as 29...dxc5 30.Qxe5+ Qf6 31.Qc7+ Qe7 32.d6 is crushing.

29... Be7
 30.Rh1 Nf6
 31.Bg5 Nh7
 32.Bh6+ Kh8
 33.c5 dxc5
 34.Qxe5+ Bf6
 35.Qe4 Bb7
 36.Bf3 Qd7
 37.Rb1 Bg7
 38.Bxg7+ Kxg7
 39.Qe5+

Now after ...Kg8 40.Rxb7! Qxb7
 41.d6 White wins easily so..

1-0



Derek Price produced a nicely controlled game in the match against the USA.

White: Price, Derek (1989)
Black: Thomas, Gerald K (1974)
 SCO-USA 2016
 Ruy Lopez, Archangelsk Defence [C78]
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4 e5
 2.Nf3 Nc6
 3.Bb5 a6
 4.Ba4 Nf6
 5.0-0 b5
 6.Bb3 Bb7

7.d3 Bc5
7...Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.a4 Na5 10.Ba2
b4 11.Ne2 d5 was good for Black in
Johansen v Millstone, NATT6 (0-1,
42)]

8.c3
8.Nc3 scores over 60% in the ICCF
database!

8... 0-0
9.a4 Re8
Maybe 9...h6 was better.

10.axb5 axb5
11.Rxa8 Qxa8

12.Bg5 Be7

13.Nh4 h6

14.Be3 d5

15.Nf5 dxe4

16.dxe4 Na5

17.f3 Bf8

Better was 17...Nxb3 when
18.Nxe7+ Rxe7 19.Qxb3 Qa4 is
about equal.]

18.Ba2 Bc8

19.b4 Nb7

20.Qc2 Be6

Better 20...Bxf5 21.exf5 Nd6 22.Nd2
Nd5 when Black stands well]

21.Bxe6 Rxe6

22.c4 bxc4

23.Qxc4 Ne8

24.Rc1 Bd6

25.Nc3



25... Kh7?

A strange choice – after 25...c6
26.Qxc6 Bxb4 he should have no
problems.

26.Nd5 Qd8

27.Qb5 Qb8

28.Qd7 Kg8

29.b5
[with the threat of 30.b6 - White is
now winning easily]

29... Qd8

30.Qxd8 Nxd8

31.Ra1 c6

32.Ra8! cxd5

33.exd5 Rf6

34.Rxd8 Kf8

35.b6 Rxf5

36.b7 Bc7

37.Bc5+

1-0



Colin MacGregor had a nice win in
the Netherlands match.

White: Rotte, Peter (1903)

Black: MacGregor, Colin A (1883)

NED-SCO 2015

Sicilian Four Knights [B45]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4 c5

2.Nf3 Nc6

3.d4 cxd4

4.Nxd4 Nf6

5.Nc3 e6

6.Nxc6

6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 (7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6

9.Na3 b5 is the main line of the
Sveshnikov) 7...a6 8.Na3 b5 is fine
for Black.

6... bxc6

7.e5 Nd5

8.Ne4 Qc7

9.f4 Qb6

10.c4 Ne3

11.Qd3 Nf5

Safer than the alternative 11...Bb4+

12.Bd2 0-0 13.Rc1 Nxf1 14.Rxf1

and White scores over 80% in the
ICCF database.

12.g4 Nh4



12...Nd4 13.Bg2 h5 is also unclear!

13.Bh3?!

13.b3; and 13.Be2 both look better.

13... Be7

14.Nd6+ Bxd6

15.exd6 0-0

16.Qc3 c5

17.Qg3 Qb4+

18.Qc3?

Better surely 18.Kf2 When Black is

only a little better after 18...Bb7

19.Rd1 Nf3 20.Bg2 Nd4

18... Qxc3+

19.bxc3 f5

20.g5 Bb7

And Black is winning!

21.0-0 Be4!

Denying White the b-file.

22.Kf2 Rfc8

23.Rd1 Rab8

24.Bf1 Rc6

25.Be3 Rb2+

The rest is very easy for Black.

26.Kg3 Nf3

27.h4 Nh2

28.Bd3 Bf3

29.Rg1 Rxd6

30.Rab1 Rxa2

31.Bf1 Be4

32.Rc1 Nxf1+

33.Rgxf1 Rd3

34.Rfe1 Rg2+

35.Kh3 Rf2

0-1



Ken Stewart provided a very smooth
positional win in the Netherlands
match.

**White: Stewart, Dr. Kenneth W C
(2100)**

Black: Smit, Frans P (2065)

NED-SCO 2015

Nimzo-Indian Sämisch [E25]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4 Nf6

2.c4 e6

3.Nc3 Bb4

4.f3 d5

5.a3 Bxc3+

6.bxc3 c5

7.cxd5 Nxd5

8.dxc5 f5

8...Qa5 is considered safer when one
line goes 9.e4 Nf6 10.Be3 0-0

11.Qb3 and White is maybe a little
better.

9.Qc2 0-0

10.e4 fxe4

11.fxe4 Qh4+

12.g3 Qf6

13.Bg2 Qxc3+

13...Nxc3 14.Nf3 Nxe4 15.Bb2 Qf5

16.Nd4 Qf2+ 17.Qxf2 Nxf2 18.0-0

Nd3 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.Bc3 was

better for White in Napalkov v
Pheby, 68th Euro Ch., sf02 (1-0, 42)

14.Qxc3 Nxc3

15.Bf4 Bd7

16.Ne2



16... **Na4?!**
 16...Nxe2 17.Kxe2 Bc6 18.Bd6 Rf7
 shouldn't be too bad for Black.

17.**Bd6** **Re8**
 18.**Rb1** **Na6**
 19.**e5** **N6xc5**
 20.**0-0** **Rec8**
 21.**Bxb7** **Nxb7**
 22.**Rxb7**

Suddenly White's position is
 overwhelming.

22... **Nb6**
 23.**Nd4** **h5**
 24.**a4** **Rd8**
 24...Bxa4? 25.Rff7!
 25.**a5** **Nd5**
 26.**a6** **g6**
 27.**h4**

Zugswang!

27... **Rac8**
 28.**Rxa7**

1-0



Dave Dempster had a quick win the
 British Tri-Nations event.

White: Woodhouse, Stephen
 (1740)
Black: Dempster, Dave (1772)
 GB/TriNat/2016
 Sicilian 2.c3 [B22]
 [Notes by George Pyrich]

1.**e4** **c5**
 2.**c3** **Nf6**
 3.**e5** **Nd5**
 4.**d4** **cxd4**
 5.**Nf3** **e6**
 6.**cxd4** **d6**
 7.**Bc4** **Nc6**
 8.**0-0** **Be7**
 9.**Qe2** **0-0**
 10.**Qe4**

10.Nc3 is the main move here when
 after 10...Nxc3 11.bxc3 dxe5
 12.dxe5 Qa5 13.Bd2 both sides have
 chances.

10... **Bd7**
 11.**exd6?!**
 11.Bd3 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 is unclear
 13.Qe2; whilst 11.Bb3 is another
 option.
 11... **Bxd6**



12.**Bxd5?!**
 Grabbing a very hot pawn.
 12... **exd5**
 13.**Qxd5** **Be6**
 14.**Qh5** **Qd7**
 14...Bc4 15.Re1 Nb4 16.Na3 Bd5
 was Koronowski v Dessauls, ICCF
 World Cup 18, (0-1,31)

15.**h3** **Bc4**
 16.**Rd1?**
 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.Bd2 is only a little
 better for Black.

16... **Be2**
 17.**Rd2** **Rfe8**
 18.**Nc3** **Bxf3**
 And Black is just winning!

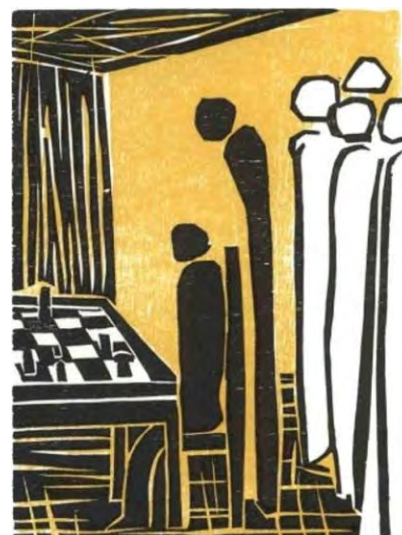
19.**gxf3** **Re1+**
 20.**Kg2** **Rae8**
 21.**b3** **R8e6**
 22.**Ne4** **Rg6+**
 23.**Ng3** **f5**
 24.**f4** **Bxf4**
 25.**Rc2** **Bxg3**
 26.**fxg3** **Qd5+**
 27.**Qf3** **Rg1+**
 28.**Kf2** **Rf1+**

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The Royal Game 2.



The Royal Game 6.



Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

Veterans World Cups 2 and 3 (both now concluded), & 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.

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

				TD Anderson, Gordon M. (1A)															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	GER	82320	IM	Sikorsky, Reinhard	2405	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	8.5	4	56	0	1
2	ITA	241016		De Filippis, Francesco	2415	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	1 ^E	½	½	1	8.5	3	56.5	0	2
3	CRO	900009	SIM	Ljubičić, Ante	2484	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	½	½	1	.	7.5	2	51.75	1	3
4	USA	511655	IM	Rodriguez, Keith A.	2327	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	0	7.5	2	53	0	4
5	CZE	130234		Leiner, Raimund	2357	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	½	½	7.5	1	51.25	0	5	
6	GER	85849	SIM	Kraft, Dieter	2466	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	7.5	1	51	0	6	
7	RUS	141402	IM	Kopeikin, Valentin Vasilievich	2436	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	7	1	47	0	7	
8	GER	85722		Felkel, Siegfried	2417	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	48.5	0	8	
9	RUS	140583	IM	Shulman, Boris Yakovlevich	2418	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	48.5	0	8	
10	USA	510993		Dessaules, Peter	2352	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	48.5	0	8	
11	RUS	141926		Evgrafov, Boris Nikolaevich	2341	½	0 ^E	0 ^E	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	6.5	1	43.25	0	11	
12	GER	85028	IM	Stieger, Dr. Helmut	2413	0	0 ^E	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^E	6	1	39.25	0	12		
13	NED	370283		Thierry, Rein D. J.	2326	0	½	½	½	0 ^E	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6	0	41	0	13		
14	BEL	40429	IM	Van tricht, Marcel	2385	½	½	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	5.5	0	38.25	0	14		
15	RUS	141943	IM	Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2435	0	0	.	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	0 ^E	0 ^E	½	½	5	1	34.75	1	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 104 games are finished with 1 ongoing. Reinhard Sikorsky (GER) will win the event on the Baumbach tie-break rule. Francesco de Filippis (ITA) has achieved an IM norm and should finish second. The outstanding game involves SIM Ante Ljubičić, currently in third place.

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 finished third in Group 07 also with a final score of 7.5/12 pts. Alas, only the winner in this group qualifies for the VWC5 Final.

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	ITA	240680	SIM	Boccia, Prof. Mattia Mario	2428	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	8.5	3	56	0	1
2	RUS	141768		Ananskikh, Evgeny Nikolaevich	2371	½	0	½	½	½	.	½	½	1	1	½	½	½	½	8	3	53.75	1	2	
3	AUS	30513		Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2350	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	7.5	2	48.5	0	3	
4	SVK	950496		Brudnak, Jozef	2177	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7.5	1	50.25	0	4		
5	GER	80433	IM	Koch, Hans-Georg	2257	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7.5	1	49.5	0	5		
6	FIN	460876		Teeriho, Tuomo	2342	½	.	½	½	½	.	½	1	½	½	½	½	1	7	2	45.5	2	6		
7	RUS	141762		Mishin, Anatoly Valentinovich	2328	½	½	½	½	½	.	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	7	1	47.25	1	7		
8	USA	514934		Cintins, Ivars	2337	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	47.5	0	8		
9	SLO	480032		Potrata, Janko	2296	½	0	½	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	6.5	2	42.75	0	9	
10	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2279	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	0	43.75	0	10		
11	GER	81312	IM	Dorer, Manfred	2339	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	0	43.5	0	11		
12	LTU	920078		Voveris, Gediminas	2237	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	.	6	0	42	1	12		
13	ESP	160254		Gómez-Galán Areense, Joaquín	2277	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	6	1	39	0	13		
14	GER	80616		Oppermann, Peter	2294	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	6	0	40.5	0	14		
15	RUS	141423		Gromov, Sergey Vasilievich	2257	½	½	0	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	.	0	½	4.5	0	31.75	1	15	

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

Alan Borwell is the only Scottish representative in the Semi-final stage. He currently sits 10th in VWC6/sf08, with 6.5/14.

The winners of each group and the 7 best runners-up qualify to the final of the Veterans World Cup 6.

VWC7/SF02, ICCF Veterans World Cup 7 - Semifinal 02

					TD Bartsch, Andreas (IA)											Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place				
Category	3	IM=10	CCM=7	CCE=5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15					
1	ISR	270063	IM	Oren, Itamar	2258															0	0	0	14	1
2	RUS	141709		Ryzhkov, Igor Mikhailovich	2356															0	0	0	14	1
3	GER	88392		Gnilka, Thomas	2292															0	0	0	14	1
4	GER	80949	IM	Weber, Karlheinz	2327															0	0	0	14	1
5	RUS	142155		Polyakov, Dmitry Evgenievich	2309															0	0	0	14	1
6	LTU	920078		Voveris, Gediminas	2330															0	0	0	14	1
7	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2350															0	0	0	14	1
8	CZE	131373		Binas, Jindřich (*1954)	2346															0	0	0	14	1
9	GER	80184	IM	Löffler, Werner	2354															0	0	0	14	1
10	GER	82112		Päßler, Hans-Dieter	2172															0	0	0	14	1
11	FRA	180258		Danzanvilliers, Patrice	2280															0	0	0	14	1
12	GER	80543	SIM	Gromotka, Harry	2316															0	0	0	14	1
13	ESP	160837		Durán Vallverdú, Joan	2304															0	0	0	14	1
14	POL	421068		Pećzkowski, Marek	2348															0	0	0	14	1
15	RUS	141634		Evstigneev, Sergey Aleksandrovich	2323															0	0	0	14	1

Veterans World Cup 7 The Semi-finals started on 19th September 2016 with 5 Groups.

Peter Bennett has started play in his Semi-Final Group, having finished second with 8/12pts in his Preliminary section. None of our other participants qualified from their sections.

VWC8 /pr 26, ICCF Veterans World Cup 8 pr 26

					TD Staroske, Dr Uwe											Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place				
Rated	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11													
1	GER	83145		Glatzel, Hans-Joachim	2182	½	1	½	½	1	1	1 ^E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	7	35	0	1
2	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2362	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.5	5	29.25	0	2
3	ENG	211454		Cade, Steven	2287	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	5	26.25	0	3
4	RUS	141075		Kuchеров, Dmitry Alekseevich	2220	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	4	27.75	0	4
5	CZE	131197		Valák, Alois	2323	½	½	½	½	½	0 ^E	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.5	4	25.25	0	5
6	LAT	910310		Plume, Gunars	2084	0	½	0	½	1 ^E	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	5.5	3	21.5	0	6
7	LTU	920304		Lukaševičius, Petras	2146	0	0	0	0	½	½	1 ^E	½	½	1 ^E	1	1	1	1	4	3	9.25	0	7
8	RUS	140925		Varlamov, Fedor Sergeevich	2254	0 ^E	0	½	½	½	0 ^E	0 ^E	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3.5	2	11.75	1	8
9	ESP	160575		Soto Palomo, Cecilio	1870	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	6.25	1	9
10	AUS	30013	IM	Hamilton, Douglas Gibson	2019	0	0	0	0	½	0 ^E	0	0	0	1	1.5	1	1	1	1.5	1	2.75	0	10
11	GER	80878		Wilshusen, Horst	1656	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11

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. The 7 Scottish CCA players participating are currently placed as follows:

- PR44 Geoff Lloyd 5.5/10 (4th)
- PR37 Eoin Campbell 6.5/10 (3rd)
- PR32 Derek Coope 2.5/10 (10th)
- PR16 Iain Campbell 2/10 (10th)

- PR40 Brian Goodwin 1.5/10 (10th)
- PR35 Alan Borwell 5.5/10 (4th)
- PR26 Peter Bennett 7.5/10 (2nd)

The winner and runner-up of each Preliminary Group will qualify for the Semi-final stage of VWC 8. The best ten of the third placed players will also qualify for the Semi-final stage. Peter Bennett is our only Semi-Final qualifier.



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General Information

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

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

World Individual (www.iccf-webchess.com)

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

World Team (www.iccf-webchess.com)

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

European Zone (www.iccf-europa.com)

- European Individual Championship.
- European National Team Championship.

Other

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

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

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

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2016

Theme 4/16: French, Winckelmann-Reimer, C15

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.f3
Entries by 15 November; play starts 1 December

Theme 1/17: Evans Gambit, C51

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4
Entries by 15 January; play starts 1 February

Webserver Events 2016

Theme 6/16 - Cozio Defence, C40

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5
Entries by 15 October; play starts 1 November

Theme 7/16 - Sicilian Scheveningen, Keres Attack, B81

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.g4
Entries by 1 December; play starts 15 December

Note there are no Email Events in 2016.

News

- ❑ The 2016 ICCF Congress in Bremen was successfully completed. Results of Proposals to Congress can be downloaded from: <https://www.iccf.com/> and are also summarised in the Notices section of the magazine.
- ❑ Josef Mrkvicka, ICCF Delegate for CZE, reports the sad news of the death of SIM Petr Boukal. Petr was a long-term player, official and columnist for CZE.
- ❑ ICCF President Eric Ruch announced the first two inductees to the ICCF Hall of Fame - Hans-Werner von Massow and Esko Nuutilainen.
- ❑ Russia has won the 9th European Team Championship by 2 points from Slovenia in 2nd. Italy finished 3rd.
- ❑ The 21st Olympiad started on September 1st. 50 countries are competing in 5 10-team sections, with average ratings 2364-2394 across the groups.
- ❑ The ICCF Games Archive is now available up to September 2016 and can be downloaded from: <https://www.iccf.com/> Note that you need to login first.

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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