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Welcome to the last edition of 2006, and best wishes for 2007 to all our readers!

This is always the busiest time of our year, with 2006 events coming to a close, membership renewals to process, and 2007 events to organise. This year we've compounded the problem by changing the structure of our 2007 domestic events, plus introducing mixed-mode play, with no shortage of teething problems!

Jim Anderson gives his usual summary of the 2006 events overleaf, with some nostalgia, as a few of them are being posted for the last time.

I've had a crack at summarising how the domestic events will look in 2007. We had a lot of trouble mapping our traditional pairing methods on to the webserver, resulting in a less than an ideal outcome for Premier players. The Open and Championship events fared better, but we've postponed webserver play in Leagues and Challengers until 2008.

Bernard's Games Column includes some George Pyrich games which he omitted last time, and he also provides his normal round up of ChessBase DVDs and CDs.

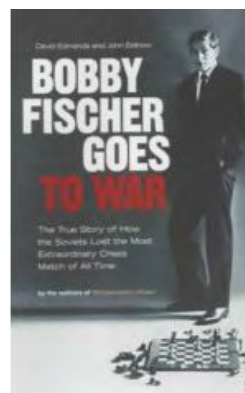
This issue features the third instalment of Geoff Lloyd's serialised book, and brings to a conclusion the main tactical motifs which Geoff illustrates so well. Lots more to come!

George Pyrich provides an account of the ICCF Congress in Dresden, at which he was elected Deputy President.

Our Webserver Open tournament is starting later this month, so if you haven't already entered, please get in touch with Alan Brown as soon as you can. The event is free for Scots players, and is a great opportunity to try out the technology and meet some new opponents. As it's a new tournament, we promise there won't be any technical pairing difficulties!

Sam Collins won't be able to sponsor the Championship any more as he is running down the Chess Suppliers business. Our thanks to Sam for all his support to date!

Finally, many thanks to Peter Jack who is standing down as League Controller this year, though he may still make the odd cameo appearance as our literary correspondent!



### Bobby Fischer Goes to War

By David Edmonds and John Eidinow, Faber

This is a good read, particularly for those of us old enough to be around at the time. The hardback retails at £14.99, but I found the paperback selling for just £3 in Fopps.



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

See page 19 for full details of the SCCA Webserver Open - if you haven't yet tried webserver play, this is free and fun!  
Entries to: [membership@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:membership@scottishcca.co.uk)

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## 2006 Results

By Jim Anderson

### Championship

2005/2006		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Pts
1	Dawson, A G	■	½	½	0	½	1	1	3½
2	Goodwin, B	½	■	½	0	½	1	½	3
3	Lloyd, G	½	½	■	½	0	1	½	3
4	<b>Mackintosh, I</b>	1	1	½	■	½	1	½	4½
5	May, M A	½	½	1	½	■	½	½	3½
6	Norris, Rev A C	0	0	0	0	½	■	0	½
7	Reeman, I F	0	½	½	½	½	1	■	3

2006/2007		1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	<b>Beecham, C R</b>	■	1	1	1	1	1	5
2	Dawson, A G	0	■					0
3	Goodwin, B	0		■	½	½		1
4	Lloyd, G	0		½	■		0	½
5	Mackintosh, I	0		½		■	0	½
6	May, M A	0			1	1	■	2

The 2005-06 event was tightly contested, with Iain Mackintosh emerging from the pack at the finish. Mark May and debutante Alastair Dawson both played well. The 2006-07 tournament was another showcase for 100% specialist Richard Beecham, who had finished all his games almost before anyone else appeared on the scoreboard! Mark May is having another good tournament.

### Candidates

2005/2006		1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	Crawley, J	■	1	0	1	½	1	3½
2	Cumming, D R	0	■	0	0	0	1	1
3	<b>Edney, D</b>	1	1	■	1	0	1	4
4	Lees, J	0	1	0	■	½	1	2½
5	<b>Montgomery, R S</b>	½	1	1	½	■	1	4
6	Young, S M	0	0	0	0	0	■	0

2006/2007		1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	Anderson, J	■	0	0	0	½	0	½
2	Cook, W M	1	■	0		0		1
3	Cumming, D R	1	1	■	1	0	1	4
4	Lees, J	1		0	■			1
5	<b>Matheis, T</b>	½	1	1	1	■	1	4½
6	Young, S M	1		0		0	■	1

David Edney and Robert Montgomery shared the honours in 2005-06, with Robert victorious in their head-to-head, and David scoring 100% in his other games. John Crawley performed well also, finishing just a half point in arrears. Tom Matheis has prevailed over David Cumming by a narrow margin in the 2006-07 event.

## Premiers

2006		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Pts
1	Armstrong, J McK	■	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2
2	<b>Cormack, W H</b>	1	■	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	7½
3	Crichton, D	1	0	■	0	1	½	0	1	0	3½
4	Cumming, D R	1	0	1	■	1	½	0	1	½	5
5	Farrell, V	0	0	0	0	■	0	0	1	0	1
6	Macgregor, C A	1	½	½	½	1	■	½	1	1	6
7	Marshall, I H	1	0	1	1	1	½	■	1	1	6½
8	McAinsh, T F	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	■	0	decd
9	Moir, P J	1	0	1	½	1	0	0	1	■	4½

A hotly contested event, with Bill Cormack and Ian Marshall vying for top spot all the way. Things were settled by their individual game where Bill came good. Colin Macgregor also scored very well.

## Majors

2006		1	2	3	4	5	6	Pts
1	Armstrong, J McK	■	½ 0	½ ½	1 0	0 0	1 1	4½
2	Burridge, R J	½ 1	■	0 ½	½ ½	½ 0	½ ½	4½
3	Dowell, C	½ ½	1 ½	■	1 0	0 0	½ ½	4½
4	Grant, J	0 1	½ ½	0 1	■	0 1	1 1	6
5	<b>Kennedy, G</b>	1 1	½ 1	1 1	0 1	■	0 0	6½
6	Moir, P J	0 0	½ ½	½ ½	0 0	1 1	■	4

This event was a great contest, with everybody liable to take points from everyone else. Gordon Kennedy just edged out John Grant in the finale.

## Minors

2006 Section A		1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	Armstrong, J McK	■	0 0	0 0	1 1	1 1	4
2	<b>Brooksbank, K</b>	1 1	■	1 0	1 1	1 1	7
3	Domnin, M	1 1	0 1	■	0 1	1 1	6
4	MacDonald, M	0 0	0 0	1 0	■	0 0	1
5	Montgomery, J	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1	■	2

2006 Section B		1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	Cairney, J	■	1 1	1	1 1		5
2	Doherty, T	0 0	■	0 0	0 1	0 0	1
3	Kennedy, G	0	1 1	■	0 0		2
4	Moir, P J	0 0	1 0	1 1	■	0 0	3
5	Rough, R E		1 1		1 1	■	4

In section A, Kenneth Brooksbank came out on top over the improving Michael Domnin. In section B, hospitalisation issues have delayed the posting of results, and we'll update the website once everything is resolved.

## Challenge

Geoff Lloyd was the sole medal winner, repeating last year's achievement – congratulations to him! Kenneth Brooksbank and Derek Price both won promotion from class 3 to class 2.

## Quartets

2006 Q214		1	2	3	4	5	Pts
1	<b>Cumming, D R</b>	■	1 1	0 1	1 1	1 1	7
2	Dawson, J	0 0	■	0 0			0
3	Moir, P J	1 0	1 1	■	1 1	1 ½	6½
4	Neil, C	0 0		0 0	■		0
5	Wright, A	0 0		0 ½		■	½

The quartet was a quintet, with David Cumming and Pat Moir stretching the field. They tied their individual tussle, but David prevailed narrowly after scoring a maximum in his other games.

## League Division 1

2006		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Points
<b>A</b>	<b>Perth Correspondents</b>				<b>8½</b>
1	<b>Mackintosh, I</b>	<b>E1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
2	<b>Brown, Dr A C</b>	<b>D2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
3	<b>Borwell, A P</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>1</b>	½	1½
4	<b>Harvey, D J</b>	<b>B4</b>	<b>1</b>	½	1½
5	<b>Paine, K</b>	<b>F5</b>	<b>1</b>	½	1½
<b>B</b>	<b>Social Dragons</b>				<b>3</b>
1	Price, D	D1	0	½	½
2	Rosser, G	C2	0	½	½
3	Pomeroy, R	F3	0	0	0
4	Dowell, C M	A4	0	½	½
5	Ross, G	E5	½	1	1½
<b>C</b>	<b>Knights of the Board A</b>				<b>3</b>
1	Gillam, S R	F1	½	½	1
2	Macgregor, C A	B2	1	½	1½
3	Norris, Rev A C	A3	0	½	½
4	Burnett, R	E4	0	0	0
5	Grant, J	D5	0	0	0
<b>D</b>	<b>Black Knight</b>				<b>7½</b>
1	Pyrich, G D	B1	1	½	1½
2	Lennox, C J	A2	0	0	0
3	Reeman, I F	E3	1	1	2
4	May, M A	F4	1	1	2
5	Hislop, A T	C5	1	1	2
<b>E</b>	<b>Brutal Realism</b>				<b>2½</b>
1	Murray, J S	A1	0	0	0
2	MacDonald, M	F2	0	0	0
3	Thomson, D	D3	0	0	0
4	Taylor, W	C4	1	1	2
5	Hobbs, C	B5	½	0	½
<b>F</b>	<b>Social Stars</b>				<b>5½</b>
1	Doye, P	C1	½	½	1
2	MacKellar, L D	E2	1	1	2
3	Sanderson, P	B3	1	1	2
4	Lloyd, G	D4	0	0	0
5	Pallett, R F	A5	0	½	½

In Division 1, Perth Correspondents scored well on all boards, winning from last year's co-champions Black Knight. Alan Brown's two wins against Jonathan Lennox were pivotal.

## League Division 2

2006		Opponent	Game A	Game B	Pts.
<b>A</b>	<b>Knights of the Board B</b>				<b>3</b>
1	Dawson, J	D1	0	0	0
2	Anderson, J	C2	0	0	0
3	Cumming, D R	B3	0	½	½
4	Burridge, R J	D4	0	½	½
5	Moir, P J	C5	1	1	2
<b>B</b>	<b>Civil Service A</b>				<b>7</b>
1	Laing, D	C1	1	1	2
2	Ryan, R	D2	0	0	0
3	Barrow, P	A3	1	½	1½
4	Duddy, C	C4	1	1	2
5	Bauld, R	D5	½	1	1½
<b>C</b>	<b>Social Roses</b>				<b>2</b>
1	Ash, G	B1	0	0	0
2	Gifford, M	A2	1	1	2
3	Czyrski, P	D3	0	0	0
4	Richardson, D	B4	0	0	0
5	Blackwell, E	A5	0	0	0
<b>D</b>	<b>Civil Service B</b>				<b>8</b>
1	<b>Hyde, K</b>	<b>A1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
2	<b>Scuffam, D</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
3	<b>Bicknell, G D</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>
4	<b>O'Hare, A</b>	<b>A4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>½</b>	<b>1½</b>
5	<b>Hubbuck, V</b>	<b>B5</b>	<b>½</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>½</b>

In Division 2, Civil Service B beat their A team to top spot. As in Division 1, the board 2 encounter between Ryan and Scuffam proved to be the decisive result.

## Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void
Nov 2006	28	Germany	Server/Post	0	3	
Mar 2006	28	Sweden	Server/Post	8½	29½	
Sep 2005	27	Denmark	Server/Post	14½	32½	
Jul 2005	21	Australia	Server/Post	19½	15½	
Mar 2005	24	Netherlands	Post/Email	13½	18½	2
Feb 2005	20	BCCS	Post/Email	18½	5½	8
Jan 2004	20	Romania	Email	11	27	
Jul 2003	23	Finland	Post/Email	14½	29½	2
Jun 2003	24	Canada	Post/Email	13½	32½	2
Dec 2002	129	ICCF	Post/Email	100½	147½	10

After our welcome win against BCCS, we're more or less back to established ways, with the North Sea countries in particular re-enacting their pillaging of yore....



Following my article in edition 94 (Summer 2006), the Executive Committee have pursued the proposals for this year's domestic events. We are now ready to implement the new structure, and this update brings you the latest information.

## Playing Modes

We've gone for the most flexible arrangements (i.e. postal, email and webserver all available to players within an event), but have elected to implement this *only* in the Championship Cycle this year. We encountered some difficulties in achieving this (see below), and it proved impractical to modify the Challengers and Leagues formats before their start dates. We hope to move all events to mixed mode by 2008.

## Playing Rules

In order to accommodate the mixed playing modes, we had to sit down and bring our barnacle-encrusted rules up to date. This involved separating out the rules, the events to which they apply, and the techniques for playing under each mode. Revisions were made to three main pages on the SCCA website as follows:

- ❑ **CC Rules** – the basic rule set
- ❑ **Tournaments** – the events, including time controls
- ❑ **How to Play CC** – the techniques for sending moves

Please familiarise yourself with these pages before starting your games! Most of the content should be familiar to you, but there is one important modification regarding loss of a game by overstepping the time limit.

Under old postal and email rules, a game was *not* forfeited after the first etl (i.e. exceeded time limit), but was after the second infringement. The webserver forces the issue after the first etl, so we have standardised that **a game is forfeit (subject to a claim by your opponent) after the first etl for all modes of play.**

## Championship Cycle

### Championship

Duration 2 years  
 1 section of 7 or 9 players to equalise colours  
 Grading guideline 2000+  
 1 game per opponent

Full mixed mode play will operate this year (see players' preferences table below), but we haven't been able to completely reverse colours from previous individual encounters as the webserver insists on its own pairing rules.

### Premier

Duration 1 year  
 1+ sections, ideally 7-9 players  
 Grading guideline 1750+  
 1 game per opponent

This was the first event we set up (its start date being earlier than the Championship), and we hit problems in making the white/black colour allocations on the webserver after making the pairings. The only way we could enter the webserver table was by completely changing the draw, and by this stage we had written to the players advising them of the pairings. We reluctantly concluded that the best option was to proceed without webserver, but allowing the players to choose between email and postal. Apologies to everyone who had indicated a webserver preference – it is probably small consolation to note that the other events got the benefit of our experience here. Next year's draw will be full mixed mode, and this year's revised preferences are listed below.

### Open

Duration 1 year  
 1+ sections, typically 4-6 players  
 No grading restrictions  
 2 games per opponent

Full mixed mode play will operate this year (see players' preferences table below). Because of 2 games per opponent, there were no pairing problems with colours in this event.

## Challengers and Leagues

These events will run unchanged this year.

## Openings, Endings and Quartets

Per last summer's proposals, these events have been discontinued.

## Tournament Directors

We welcome a number of new faces and roles this year:

- ❑ **Championship** – Alistair Maxwell
- ❑ **Premier** – Geoff Lloyd
- ❑ **Open** – Alastair Dawson
- ❑ **Challengers** – Bernard Milligan
- ❑ **Leagues** – Dave Savage

Please don't hesitate to get in touch with your TD or Jim Anderson in the event of problems.

## Playing Mode Preferences

<b>Championship</b>		p	e	w	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
1	Beecham	y	y			e	p	p	e	e	p	e	e
2	Brown	y	y	y	e		p	p	w	w	p	w	e
3	Dawson	y			p	p		p	p	p	p	p	p
4	Goodwin	y			p	p	p		p	p	p	p	p
5	Lloyd	y	y	y	e	w	p	p		w	p	w	e
6	Mackintosh	y	y	y	e	w	p	p	w		p	w	e
7	May	y			p	p	p	p	p	p		p	p
8	Montgomery	y	y	y	e	w	p	p	w	w	p		e
9	Reeman	y	y		e	e	p	p	e	e	p	e	

<b>Premier A</b>		p	e	w	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Cook	y	y	y		w	p	w	w	w	e
2	Cormack	y	y	y	w		p	w	w	w	e
3	Cumming	y			p	p		p	p	p	p
4	Graham	y	y	y	w	w	p		w	w	e
5	McArainn		y	y	w	w	p	w		w	e
6	Macmillen		y	y	w	w	p	w	w		e
7	Moir	y	y		e	e	p	e	e	e	

<b>Premier B</b>		p	e	w	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	Armstrong	y	y	y		w	p	p	w	e	w	e
2	Calder		y	y	w		p	p	w	e	w	e
3	Crichton	y			p	p		p	p	p	p	p
4	Cumming	y			p	p	p		p	p	p	p
5	Graham	y	y	y	w	w	p	p		e	w	e
6	Knox	y	y		e	e	p	p	e		e	e
7	Macmillen		y	y	w	w	p	p	w	e		e
8	Venn	y	y		e	e	p	p	e	e	e	

<b>Open A</b>		p	e	w	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Armstrong	y	y	y		e	e	p	w	e
2	Domnin	y	y		e		e	p	e	e
3	Grant	y	y		e	e		p	e	e
4	Hughson	y			p	p	p		p	p
5	Macmillen		y	y	w	e	e	p		e
6	Moir	y	y		e	e	e	p	e	

<b>Open B</b>		p	e	w	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	Burridge	y				p	p	p	p	p
2	McCaellich-Young	y	y	y	p		w	e	w	w
3	Macmillen		y	y	p	w		e	w	w
4	Moir	y	y		p	e	e		e	e
5	Paine		y	y	p	w	w	e		w
6	Price		y	y	p	w	w	e	w	

<b>Open C</b>		p	e	w	1	2	3	4	5
1	Armstrong	y	y	y		e	w	p	e
2	Brooksbank	y	y		e		e	p	e
3	McCaellich-Young	y	y	y	w	e		p	e
4	Rough	y			p	p	p		p
5	Venn	y	y		e	e	e	p	

1. Due to the technical problems we encountered, Premier A and B sections should substitute email for webserver – apologies again to those unable to use webserver this year.
2. We have had to allocate postal-only players in sections where some players would prefer not to play postal – please bear with us and contact your TD if you are unable to resolve problems.
3. The tables represent the ideal playing modes, but please confirm the mode with your opponent on your first move as individual circumstances may have changed.
4. Remember that it is possible to switch easily from postal to email and vice versa (remember to change the time control), but once you start a webserver game, you can't switch from it!





## The Path to Tactical Strength A World Champion's Guide to the King's Indian by Rustam Kasimdzhanov



Two excellent training DVD's from the former FIDE world champion Rustam Kasimdzhanov. In *The Path to Tactical Strength* uses 22 of his own games to provide first class tuition in the tactics of the middle game. The lectures will help you to recognise tactical motifs so you won't have to concentrate on memorising hundreds of positions and game moves.

In *A World Champion's Guide to the King's Indian* Rustam shows with a number of examples how realistic Black's chances are in this opening to get a complex structure with the most serious attacking potential. Apart from theoretical information, the disk also contains structural insights and an array of ideas which will enable you to include this opening into your repertoire – immediately and with tangible success! Both DVD's should help improve the arsenal in your chess play.

## Mega Database 2007 By ChessBase



As always this is one of my favourite DVD's of the year and I would think a serious must for Correspondence Chess Players. Nowadays you need to have game information instantly available to avoid being trapped into playing poor lines. This database is up to date, well organised and always well prepared. Well worth the money compared to some of the free stuff you can pick up on the net.

The exclusive annotated database contains more than 3.5 millions games from 1560 to 2006 in the highest ChessBase quality standard. 60,000 games contain commentary from top players, with ChessBase opening classification with more than 100,000 key positions, direct access to players, tournaments, middle game themes, endgames. The largest topclass annotated database in the world. The most recent games of the database

are from the middle of November 2006. Mega 2007 also features a new edition of the playerbase. As usual, this is where most of the work was done. As the player index now contains already more than 180,000 entries, it made sense to use an adapted playerbase which includes about 200,000 names. Doing this, the photo database was extended as well to contain 27,000 pictures now.

## Fritz Powerbook 2007 By ChessBase



The current openings theory with 1 million games *The Fritz Powerbook 2007* contains 18 millions opening positions, derived from 1 million highclass tournament games. Together with each position all relevant information is stored: all moves that were played in the position, by players of what average rating, with what success and performance results. The games from which the *Fritz Powerbook 2007* were derived are also included on the DVD. This means that in any position of the openings tree you can load and replay the games in which the position occurred. The *Fritz Powerbook 2007* represents the state of the art of current openings theory. Discover exciting and tricky new lines and practice them against Fritz. In addition the DVD has a small but very exclusive book with the strongest GM games from the past 100 years (900,000 positions).

## My Best Games in the Petroff Defence By Alexei Shirov



With this DVD on the Russian Defence (Petroff Defence) Alexei Shirov continues the successful and highly praised series of his best games. Since many players look on the Russian Defence with the suspicion that it is a drawish opening, and one which at the same time is both dry and boring, Shirov has in this DVD set himself the specific task of countering this view of matters. Thus he begins the DVD with a game featuring the Cochrane Gambit. Then of course Shirov concentrates on the solid and recognised lines, and in doing so continually manages to explain their deeper content. But the

spectator will draw benefit not only from his remarks on the opening, because Shirov understands so brilliantly how to explain instructively and profitably for the student every phase of the game, with the result that at the end of the DVD on the Russian Defence, you will even have learned a lot about endgames.

I found this to be a thoroughly instructive DVD on this opening especially as I was never quite sure how to handle it in the past.

## Fritz 10



**New in FRITZ 10:** enhanced and improved chess engine developed especially for the 2006 Kramnik vs Fritz match; extended openings book; updated database; dynamic graphic tips for attack and defence; improved graphics and move entry on the 2D board; new high resolution 3D piece sets in classical wood; live display of the thinking process on the chessboard; more efficient position analysis.

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## How to play the Queen's Indian by Dmitri Oleinikov



With his previous publications (ChessBase-CDs: Budapest Gambit, Bird's Opening, Colle System) the author has already demonstrated, that he is particularly interested in passing on ideas, typical structures and plans. His new work is no exception. But how can that work with such an enormous opening as the Queen's Indian? This is how he goes about things:

- . a database which provides an overview and contains 16 texts and 368 carefully chosen sample games, over 100 of which he has annotated himself
- . a chapter which explains the basic strategy
- . 2 texts with appropriate introduction for 12 brilliant games by Black and by White
- . a chapter on typical tactics including opening traps
- . 2 chapters on "typical pawn structures" and on "piece behaviour"
- . a further database "Strategy" with 33 game extracts and 54 training questions
- . another database "Tactics and traps" with 33 game extracts and 55 training questions
- . classic Queen's Indian games with lots of explanations
- . theory in the usual sense, i.e. variations and sub-variations, is kept to a minimum
- . The work is supplied with a large database of over 78,000 games.

About the author:

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# Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

My postman hasn't been overtaxed with delivering games for the magazine yet. Fortunately I can always rely on our regular contributors to provide sufficient games to fill the column. Still it would be nice to see some fresh contributors from time to time, or even some more games from old contributors who haven't sent in anything for a while.

Anyway enough of the regular moaning. We kick off with a couple of games sent in by George Pyrich which should have appeared in the last Magazine. Unfortunately last time out I opened the wrong file on my computer which resulted in my re publishing two games which had appeared about a year earlier. Did anyone notice?

Stephen Tatlow Memorial, 22.06.2004

**White:** George Pyrich, -  
**Black:** Algirdas Misiunas

Sicilian Defence [B80]  
[Annotator G Pyrich]

- 1.e4 c5
- 2.Nf3 e6
- 3.d4 cxd4
- 4.Nxd4 Nf6
- 5.Nc3 d6
- 6.g3

An interesting alternative to the usual options of 6.Be2; and 6.g4

- 6... Nc6
- 7.Bg2 Bd7
- 8.0-0 Be7
- 9.Nb3 0-0
- 10.Kh1



Played in preference to 10.f4 b5!?!; but 10.g4 might be a move.

- 10... a6
- 11.f4 b5

- 12.a3
- 13.Be3

A fairly standard manoeuvre in such positions.

- 14.g4
- 15.Qe2

Immediate aggression with the likes of 15.g5 Nb6 16.Qh5 Nc4 17.Rf3?! walks into 17...f6 when Black stands very well.

- 15... Nb6
- 16.Rad1 Qc7
- 17.Bc1

However 17.g5 Nc4 18.Bc1 with the idea of f4-f5-f6 looks promising for White.

- 17... Na4
- 18.Nxa4!?

18.Rd3 Nc5 19.Rh3 was played in Benjamin v. Johansen, Sydney, 1999 which White won easily. However 18.... Bf6 looks better for Black.

- 18... bxa4



19.Na1

I suppose I would have looked a bit silly if I'd lost after this. In any case 19.Nd4 loses outright after 19...Nxd4 20.Rxd4 Bb5.

- 19... e5

I expected 19...Na5 when 20.Qf2 is likely better than both 20.Rf3 Bb5 21.Qf2 Qc4 when White is in trouble; and 20.Qxa6? Rb8! 20...Qc4 21.c3 Bb5 22.Rfe1 Qc7 23.Nc2 Nc4 24.g5 with chances for both sides.

20.Qf2

- Rc8
- Be8

Nd7

- Nb6
- Qc7

This seemed the best. Most of the alternatives were clearer better for Black (i) 20.c3?! exf4 21.Bxf4 Ne5 22.Qf2 Bb5 23.Rg1 Nd3 24.Qd2 Rb8 when Black is clearer better;

(ii) 20.Qc4?! exf4 21.Bxf4 Ne5 22.Qxc7 Rxc7 23.h3 Nc4 24.Bc1 Bb5 when again Black is clearly better;

(iii) 20.g5 Nd4 21.Qe1 Nxc2 22.Nxc2 Qxc2 23.f5 f6 24.Rf2 Qb3 might be about equal;

(iv) 20.Qxa6? Nd4 21.Rxd4 exd4 is hopeless for White; (v) 20.Be3 exf4 21.Rxf4 Ne5 22.h3 Bb5 23.Qe1 Qb7 24.Bd4 Ng6 and Nh4 to follow is virtually winning for Black.

- 20... exf4

20...Nd4 21.Be3 Bb5 22.Rfe1 is about equal.

- 21.Bxf4 Ne5
- 22.Qg3

Clearly better than 22.g5? when after 22...Bb5 23.Rfe1 f6! 24.Qg3 fxg5 25.Bxg5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 Rf2 White can consider resignation.

- 22... f6
- 23.Bc1

The b-pawn will require to be defended but maybe 23.Be3 Qb7 24.Bd4 Bg6 was better.

- 23... Bd7



I'd expected 23...Bg6 when 24.c3 Qc4 25.Nc2 Bxe4 26.Ne3 Bxg2+ 27.Qxg2 Qb5 28.Nf5 Rfe8 29.h4 Qc6 30.Rf4 is about equal; However 23...Qb6! looks stronger when 24.c3 Bb5 is surely good for Black.



**24.h3** **Rb8**  
**25.c3**

25.b4? a5 was clearly bad for White; but 25.b3!? might have been ok after 25...axb3 26.cxb3 Rfc8 27.Bb2 Be6 28.Rd2.

**25...** **Be6**

And here I'd expected 25...Nc4 However, after say 26.Rf2 Rfe8 27.Bf1 Ne5 28.Nc2 Bc6 my position isn't so bad - so, I wasn't so pessimistic any more!

**26.Nc2** **Bc4**  
**27.Rfe1** **Bb3**  
**28.Rd2**



**28...** **d5?**

This looks natural but turns out badly - he had to settle for 28...a5 29.Ne3 Rfe8 and near equality.

**29.Nd4!**

Suddenly the N is the best piece on the board!

**29...** **dx e4**  
**30.Bxe4** **Bc4**

I expected 30...Bd6.

**31.Rg2**

Playing for the attack as 31.Nc6 Rb6 32.Nxe5 fxe5 leads nowhere.

**31...** **Kh8**  
**32.Bf4** **g5**

If 32...Bd6 simply 33.Nf5.

**33.Bxe5**

Now the N will dominate the position.

**33...** **fxe5**  
**34.Nf5** **Bf6**  
**35.Qf3**

With no immediate attack against the K, White will head for an endgame where the f5 N dominates and the Black pawns are weak.

**35...** **Rbd8**  
**36.h4!** **Be7**

36...gxh4? 37.g5 Bg7 38.Qh5 and White does have an attack.

**37.h5**

This advance restricts Black and further improves White's endgame prospects.

**37...** **Bc5**  
**38.Rd1** **Bb3**



**39.Rdd2**

The next stage of the plan, exchanging R's - with almost no tactical opportunities, Black can do little.

**39...** **Qf7**  
**40.Qg3** **Qf6**  
**41.Qe1** **Bc4**  
**42.Rxd8** **Rxd8**  
**43.Rd2** **Ba7**  
**44.Rxd8+**

Avoiding 44.Qd1 Rxd2 45.Qxd2 Qb6 when Black may still have chances.

**44...** **Qxd8**  
**45.Bg2!** **Bb8**



45...Qc7 is hopeless after 46.Qe4 Qc5 47.Qa8+ Bg8 48.Kh2.

**46.Qe4** **Bb3**

46...Bd3 47.Qxa4 Bxf5 48.gxf5 e4 49.Bxe4 Qd6 50.Qd4+ is winning for White.

**47.c4** **Qc8**  
**48.Ne3** **Bd6**  
**49.Qd5** **Qf8**  
**50.Be4** **Qf6**  
**51.Qb7** **Be7**  
**52.Bf5** **Qg7**  
**53.Nd5** **1-0**

Eventually White simply advances the c-pawn and so 1-0.



Stephen Tatlow Memorial, 22.06.2004

**White:** Luz Marina Tinjaca Ramirez (ITA)

**Black:** GeorgePyrich (SCO)  
 King's Indian Defence [E94]  
 [Annotator G Pyrich]

**1.d4** **Nf6**  
**2.c4** **g6**  
**3.Nc3** **Bg7**  
**4.e4** **d6**  
**5.Nf3** **0-0**  
**6.Be2** **Na6**

Suggested by Joe Gallagher in one of his "King's Indian" books. However, I'm not convinced that it's better than the usual 6...e5.

**7.0-0** **e5**  
**8.Be3**



In the Friendly International against BCCS, Ian Mason played the other main line here with 8.Re1 when after 8...c6 9.Bf1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Ng4 11.h3 Qb6 12.hxg4 Qxd4 13.Qf3 Qe5 14.g5 Qe7 15.Qg3 Be5 16.f4 Bg7 17.Be3 (17.f5 Be5 18.Bf4 was comfortable for Black in Tepper (ARG) v. Sergel (USA), Olympiad XIV Final 18...Bd7) 17...f6 18.f5 White stood better although I was able to draw on move 40.

8... Ng4  
 9.Bg5 Qe8  
 10.dxe5 dxe5  
 11.h3 f6  
 12.Bd2 Nh6  
 13.Be3 c6  
 14.c5



14... Nf7

14...Nc7 avoids White's next. Vaindl (CZE) v. Sergel (USA), Olympiad XIV Final went 15.Qb3+ Nf7 16.Rad1 Qe7 17.Rfe1 Kh8 18.Bc4 Bh6 and White was clearly better.

15.Bxa6 bxa6  
 16.Qa4 Rb8  
 17.b3

17.Rab1 is possibly a better try for White. Pansier (FRA) v. Benko (SLO), 2nd Mare Nostrum TT continued 17...f5 18.Rfd1 f4 19.Bc1 g5 20.b4 h5 21.Rb2 Bf6 22.Nd2 g4 with equal chances (although White later won).

17... f5

I felt that this was better than a slower build-up with [17...Kh8 when after say 18.Rad1 Rg8 19.Rd3 f5 20.Rfd1 f4 21.Bc1 g5 22.Ba3 h5 23.Nd2 g4 24.hxg4 hxg4 25.Nc4 White has consolidated and is surely better.

18.Rad1?!

Much safer is 18.exf5 keeping things fluid. Berclaz (SUI) v. Buraschi (ARG), Olympiad XIV Final went 18...gxf5 19.Rad1 Rb7 20.Rfe1 e4 (20...Re7 also looks interesting as the R can later go to e6 and g6) 21.Bd4 Nd8 22.Bxg7 Rxg7 23.Re3 Qe7 24.Ne2 Ne6 25.Nfd4 and eventually drawn.

18... Rb7  
 19.Rfe1

19.Qxa6 Rxb3 20.Qa5 Rb7 is unclear.

19... f4!

Here, with the White pawn at h3, this is good for Black as the pawn rush will "arrive" earlier (hence White would have been wiser to exchange on f5 earlier.

20.Bc1 g5  
 21.Rd3

Maybe 21.Qc4 Kh8; or 21.Nd2 immediately were better. Black's position is relatively easy to play - advance the pawns and open the h-file.

21... h5  
 22.Red1 Bf6

This seemed safer than the likes of 22...g4 23.hxg4 hxg4 24.Nh4 Ng5 25.Rd8 Qh5 26.Qxc6 Qxh4; and 22...Kh7 23.Nd2 g4 24.hxg4 hxg4 25.Nc4 Rh8 26.g3 f3 27.Be3 Nh6 28.Rd8 Qh5 29.Rxh8+ when White is very much in the game in both lines.

23.Nd2

Not 23.Qxa6? when Black is winning easily after 23...g4 24.hxg4 hxg4 25.Nd2 Ng5.

23... g4  
 24.hxg4 hxg4  
 25.Nc4



25... Kg7

25...Ng5 was tempting but I couldn't find a mate after the likes of 26.Nd6 Qh5 27.Nxb7 Nf3+ 28.gxf3 gxf3 29.Qxc6.

26.Na5

26.Nd6 Nxd6 27.Rxd6 Rh8 28.Qxc6 Qh5; and 26.Qxa6 Rh8 27.Qa4 Ng5 28.Kf1 Qh5 29.Ke2 Qh2 are both losing for White.

26... Rc7  
 27.Nc4?

Now White loses fairly easily. A better try is surely 27.Rd6?! when after 27...Nxd6 28.cxd6 Rcf7 29.Qxc6 Qxc6 30.Nxc6 Bd7

31.Ne7 it's by no means all over.

27... Rh8  
 28.Kf1 Ng5  
 29.Qa5

Both 29.Nd6 Qh5 30.Qa5 Ne6 31.Ke2 Qh2 32.Nxc8 Rxc8 33.Rd7+ Kg6 34.R7d6 Ng5; and 29.Ke2 Qh5 30.Kd2 Qh2 fail to save White.

29... Re7  
 30.Nd6

Similarly, both 30.Rd8 Qh5 31.Rxh8 Qxh8 32.Nd6 Bd7!; and 30.Ke2 Qh5 31.Nd6 g3+ 32.Kd2 gxf2 33.Rf1 Qh2 34.Rxf2 f3 are insufficient.

30... Qh5  
 31.Nxc8 Rxc8  
 32.Qxa6 Rh8  
 33.Ke2 g3+  
 34.Kd2 Qh2



.... and wins. Black simply has to be careful now.

35.Kc2

Black has all the fun in lines such as as 35.Qxc6 Qxg2 36.Kc2 gxf2 37.R3d2 f1Q 38.Rxf1 Qxf1 39.Nd5 Rf7 40.Nxf6 Rxf6 41.Qd7+ Nf7; 35.fxg3 Qxg2+ 36.Ne2 Nxe4+ 37.Kc2 Qxe2+ 38.Kb1 Nc3+.

35... Qxg2

Now it's largely a case of "mopping up" whilst avoiding any traps.

36.R3d2 gxf2  
 37.Qf1 Rh2  
 38.Qxg2 Rxg2  
 39.Rf1 Nh3  
 40.Rd3 Rg1  
 41.Rdd1 Kh7  
 42.Nb1 Reg7  
 43.Nd2 R7g3  
 44.b4 Re3  
 45.Bb2 Re1

Forcing simplification at last.

46.b5            **Bd8**  
 47.Bxe5        **Ba5**  
 48.Bd4         **Rxd1**  
 49.Kxd1        **Bxd2**  
 50.Rxg1        **fxg1Q+**  
 51.Bxg1        **Ba5**  
 52.Bd4         **cxb5**  
 0-1



Next we have a nice game from Richard Beecham. Richard has already won the 2006/07 Championship with a perfect all winning score. Well done Richard.

SCCA Championship 2006/07, 2006

**White:** C R Beecham

**Black:** G Lloyd

Modern Defence [B06]

[Annotator C R Beecham]

Preparing to play Geoff is relatively easy. With White he plays a King's Indian Attack and with Black its a Modern/Pirc. The Germans have an interesting way of expressing "the policy of postponed Kings Knight development" in the Modern Defence it's

"königsspringerzurückhaltungspolitik" and in doing so they have provided me with the longest word ever to appear in the SCCA magazine!!

1.d4            **g6**  
 2.e4            **d6**  
 3.Nc3         **Bg7**  
 4.f4            **c6**  
 5.Nf3         **Qc7!?**

An unusual move. I think this is premature, as the Queen may have been better placed on b6 or a4 later.

**6.Be3**

I played this hoping Geoff would play 6...Bg4?! as this leads to an inferior book line due to Black's Qc7.

6...            **b5**



Some nasty things can happen to Black in

the Pirc?Modern when pawns are developed before pieces for example 6...Nd7 7.Qd2 a6 8.Bd3 b5 9.0-0 b4 10.Na4 Rb8 11.a3 c5 12.dxc5 dxc5 13.Bc4 Qc6? 14.axb4 cxb4 15.Bd5 Qc7 16.Bxf7+! Kf8 17.Ng5 Ndf6 18.Nc5 1-0 S.Joachim - M.Emami, Badzwesten 2002.

7.Bd3            **Nd7**  
 8.0-0           **Ngf6**

If Black had gone 8...Nh6 I had prepared 9.Qe1 0-0 10.Qh4 f5 11.exf5 Nxf5 12.Bxf5 gxf5 13.Qxe7 Bb7 14.Qe6+ Kh8 15.Ng5 Rf6 16.Qe7 b4 17.Ne2 Ba6 18.d5! Bxe2 19.Bd4 Bxf1 20.Ne6 Rg8 21.Nxc7 as the main line.

**9.e5**

Also promising was 9.Qe1 0-0 10.Qh4 Nb6 11.a4 b4 12.Nd1 d5 13.e5 Ne4 (13...Ng4 14.Bd2 c5 15.f5 Bxf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.h3) 14.c3 a5 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 h6 17.Nxe4 when White has a substantial advantage. However I had a different idea in mind which I intended to uncork 2 moves later!

9...            **Ng4**  
 10.Bd2

Perhaps at move 6 I should have played 6.Bd3 and not 6.Be3 then I would not have had to waste a tempo on retreating this Bishop. I will look at the position again at move 6.

10...           **0-0**



**11.e6!**

A typical pawn sacrifice in this type of position, White disrupts the harmonious development of Black's pieces and at the same time creates weaknesses around the Black King.

11...           **fxe6**

Refusing the pawn by 11...Nb6 is no better. 12.f5 gxf5 13.Bxf5 Bxe6 14.Bxh7+! Kh8 (14...Kxh7 15.Ng5+ Kg8

16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Qxg4) 15.Qe1 Nc4 (15...d5 16.Qh4 Bf6 17.Bg5 Kg7 18.Rae1 Qd6 19.Ne5 adding more fuel to the fire.) 16.Bc1 Kxh7 (16...d5 17.Qh4) 17.Ng5+ Kg8 18.Qe4 Bxd4+ 19.Kh1 f5 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Nf7+ Rxf7 22.Qxf7 Nf2+ 23.Rxf2 Bxf2 24.Bh6 Rg8 25.Rf1 Ne5 26.Qh5 wins.

12.Ne4           **Ndf6**  
 13.Ng5           **h6**

The alternative was 13...e5 14.Qe1 h6 15.Bxg6! hxg5 16.fxg5 exd4 17.Qh4 e5 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Ng5 Qg7 20.Qh5 Bxg5 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Bxg5 Be6 23.Rf1+ Kg8 24.Bf5 Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Rf8 26.Qxg4 - not nice for Black.

**14.Qe1**

During our "chats" in this same event Alistair Dawson mentioned that he had quite a lot of info on the Modern/Pirc and he kindly sent it to me. What a friend! playing in the same event and helping an opponent. this is what correspondence chess is all about.

14...           **e5**

I was hoping for 14...hxg5 15.fxg5 d5 16.gxf6 Rxf6 17.Qh4 e5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 19.Ng5 Ng4 20.Qh7+ Kf8 21.Bc3 Qb6+ 22.Kh1 Nf2+ 23.Rxf2 Qxf2 24.Bxf6 exf6 25.Qxg6 winning.

15.Bxg6         **hxg5**  
 16.fxg5         **e4**

Taking on d4 with 16...exd4 comes up against 17.Qh4 e5 18.gxf6 Bxf6 19.Ng5 Qg7 20.Qh5 Bxg5 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Bxg5 Be6 23.Rf1+ Kg8 24.Bf5 Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Rf8 26.Qxg4 winning a piece.



17.Qh4!         **exf3**  
 18.Rxf3         **Qb6**  
 19.Be3           **Nxe3**  
 20.Rxe3         **e5**

Black plays very logically, working on the weak h1 - a7 diagonal and exchanging



pieces whenever possible making the defence as easy as he can. White's d4 must be propped up.

**21.c3** **Be6**  
**22.Rf1**



**22...** **Nh5!**

The very best defence! After either 22...Qd8 23.Ref3 e4 24.Rxf6!; or 22...Bf7 23.gxf6 Bxg6 24.fxg7 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Qd8 26.Qh8+ Kf7 27.Rf3+ the win is very simple.

**23.Qxh5** **Rxf1+**  
**24.Kxf1** **Bd5!** Preventing the Rook coming to the f-file. Black's position would not be relieved by 24...Rf8+ 25.Kg1 Rf4 26.Bh7+ Kf8 27.Qg6 threatening the Bishop on e6 and behind it the Q check on d6!

**25.b3**

Threatening to dislodge the Bishop covering my f3 square with c4.

**25...** **Rd8?**

Such a pity! The best defence was 25...Rf8+ 26.Kg1 Rf4! 27.g3 Rxd4! 28.cxd4 Qxd4 29.Bf7+ Kf8 30.Qe2 but even then White is only half a step away from his goal. The position is extremely complex but the 3 King side pawns will be more powerful than Black's central pawns in the long run. Black's 25...Rd8 was played to defend the 7th rank from d7.

**26.Qh7+** **Kf8**  
**27.Re2** **Rd7**  
**28.Rf2+** **Bf7**  
**29.Bh5** **b4**

Chasing the King up the field of play is no better viz... 29...Qa5 30.g6 Qxc3 31.gxf7 Qa1+ 32.Ke2 Qxa2+ 33.Kf3 Qxb3+ 34.Kg4 Qe6+ 35.Rf5 wins.

**30.g6**

Geoff's next move was a nice surprise. He gave the next ten moves I had planned as a conditional ending with Black Resigns!

**30...** **Qa6+**  
**31.c4** **Qa3**  
**32.gxf7** **Qc1+**  
**33.Ke2** **Qb2+**  
**34.Kf3** **Qxf2+**  
**35.Kxf2** **Rxf7+**  
**36.Bxf7** **Kxf7**  
**37.c5** **dxc5**  
**38.dxe5** **c4**  
**39.Qh5+** **Ke7**  
**40.Qh4+** **1-0**



Now we have a game from David Cumming where his opponent played one of David's old favourite openings as Black.

SCCA Candidates 2006/07, 2006

**White:** **D R Cumming**  
**Black:** **J Anderson**  
**Dutch Defence [A87]**  
[Annotator D R Cumming]

**1.d4** **f5**  
**2.g3** **Nf6**  
**3.Bg2** **g6**  
**4.Nf3** **Bg7**  
**5.0-0** **0-0**  
**6.c4** **d6**

Ah, the Leningrad Dutch, which I used to play the Black side of myself 14-15 years ago in postal chess.

**7.Nc3** **Qe8**  
**8.Re1** **Qf7**  
**9.Ng5!?**



A gambit line which took my fancy for this game.

**9...** **Qxc4**  
**10.Bf1**

"This is a very critical point in the 08.Re1 line. Black has to chose a square for the Queen very carefully." - Steffen

Pendersen.

**10...** **Qc6**

Not the only option. Two more moves have been tried, 10...Qb4, & 10...Kh8!?.

**11.e4**

11.Qb3+!? d5 12.Bf4 is a suggestion of Neverov.

**11...** **fxe4**  
**12.Bb5** **Qb6**  
**13.Bc4+** **Kh8**  
**14.Nf7+** **Rxf7**  
**15.Bxf7** **Bf5**



Black could consider 15...Bg4!?.

**16.Be3** **c6**

16...Nbd7 has been suggested by M.Gurevich.

**17.d5!** **c5!?**

Taking me out of theory.

**18.Qe2** **a6**  
**19.Bf4** **Nbd7**  
**20.Qd2**



I decided to open up the e-file, better a Rook on it than a Queen with all Black's pieces in such close proximity.

**20...** **Nf8?!**

Surely this square should be reserved for a Rook or Bishop.

21.f3!                exf3  
 22.Rxe7              Ng4!  
 23.Na4!              Qa7!?

Black's dark-squared Bishop is powerful, but in serious danger of being overloaded between attack & defence, so this is the key feature here!

33.Rg7+              Kh8  
 34.Rxg4+            Qe5  
 35.Bxe5#            1-0

23...Qb5 24.Nc3 Qb6 25.Na4 Qb5 26.Nc3 Qb6 with a threefold repetition & draw perhaps? But both sides were after the full point.

24.Bxd6              Bd4+

25.Kh1

25...                Kg7??  
 26.Be6+!           Kh8  
 27.Bxf5             gxf5  
 28.Rf1!             Rd8  
 29.Bc7             Rc8  
 30.Bb6!            Qb8  
 31.Qxd4+!!



A thunderbolt from the blue!

31...                cxd4  
 32.Bxd4+           Kg8??

A blunder in a lost position. Black had to play 32...Q (or N) e5, 33.Bxe5+ N (or Q) xe5, 34.Rxe5 & Black has a lost game. Instead we have a forced mate.....



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## How to See Ahead in Chess Part 3

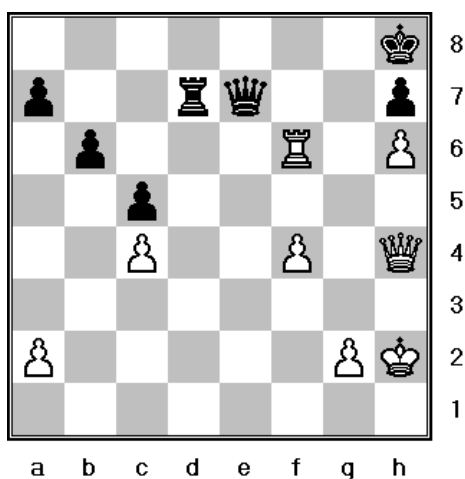
By Geoff Lloyd

### The Author

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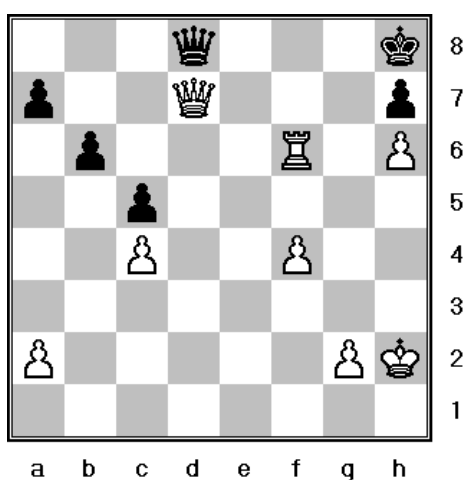
### 8. Overload

This is a most common element and by far, one of the most important. A piece is said to be overloaded when it is performing two or more tasks at the same time. It may be protecting two pieces or a single piece and an important square. Take a look at the next position:



White to play:

- |                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| <b>1.Qe1</b>            | <b>Qd8</b> |
| <b>2.Qe5</b>            | <b>Kg8</b> |
| If 2... Re7 3.Rf8 mate. |            |
| <b>3.Qe6+</b>           | <b>Kh8</b> |
| <b>4.Qxd7</b>           |            |

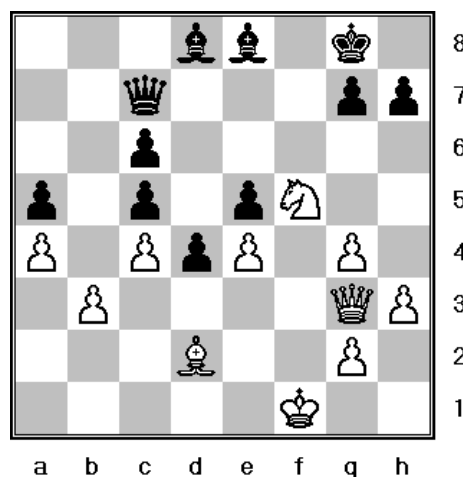


And now White wins, for the defence of f8 prevents the queen from capturing on d7. The game would end as follows:

- |              |            |
|--------------|------------|
| <b>4...</b>  | <b>Qg8</b> |
| <b>5.Qe7</b> | <b>Qg4</b> |

- |                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| <b>6.Rf8+</b>     | <b>Qg8</b> |
| <b>7.Qg7 mate</b> |            |

The next position is taken from the world championship between Fischer and Spassky, Reykjavik, 1972. Again take into account that the elements of basic combinations can be found at the highest levels of the game.



Fischer sees that Black's queen is overloaded and played to exploit its weakness. At the moment it defends three pawns and a bishop. Play continued:

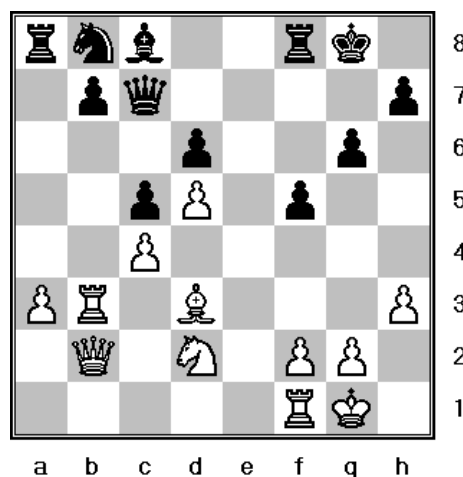
- 1.Bxa5**

If 1... Qb8 2.Bxd8 Qxd8 3.Qxe5 is winning.

- |               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| <b>1...</b>   | <b>Qxa5</b> |
| <b>2.Qxe5</b> | <b>Kf7</b>  |
| <b>3 Nd6+</b> |             |

And White is winning.

Developing the ability to spot such weaknesses during play is not so difficult - you just have to keep doing what you are doing now. Keep using the study method, impressing the patterns and ideas on your long-term memory.



From the above position, Black moved his rook to control the open file, but by neglecting the defence of the pawn on f5, his bishop became overloaded.

1... Re8

And White takes full advantage with:

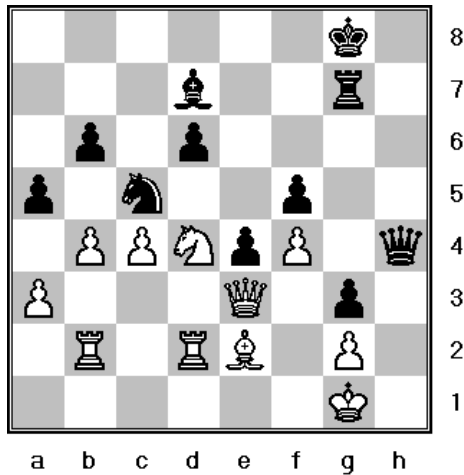
2.Bxf5

If 2... gxf5 3.g3+ Kf8 4.Qh8+ Ke75.Re1+ Be6 6.Rxe6+ Kd7 or Kd8 7.Qxe8 mate.

2... Bxf5

3.Rxb7

With the multiple attack against the Queen and mate at g7.



This position is taken from the game between Keres v Petrosian, Candidates, Belgrade, 1959. Black cleverly sees that the White queen is overloaded with the task of defending the f pawn and the intersecting square g1:

4... Rh7

Threatening mate.

5.Kf1

Qxf4+!

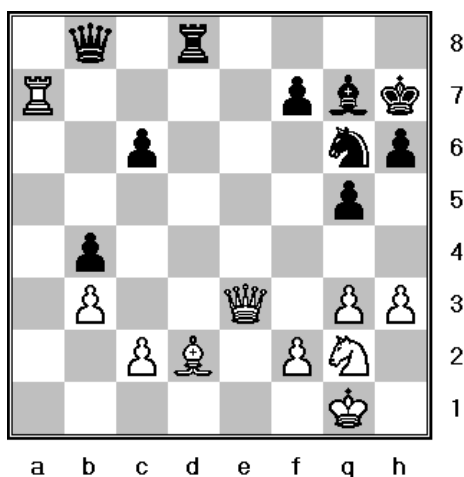
6.Qxf4

Rh1 mate

If White had played 6.Bf3 then Black wins with 6... Qxe3 7.Bh5 Qf4+ 8.Ke2 Rxe5 and White is caught in a mating net.

Now an exercise on the idea of overload: it is Black to play.

### Exercise 17



### Solution

White's queen is overloaded defending two pieces. A simple win of the exchange follows with:

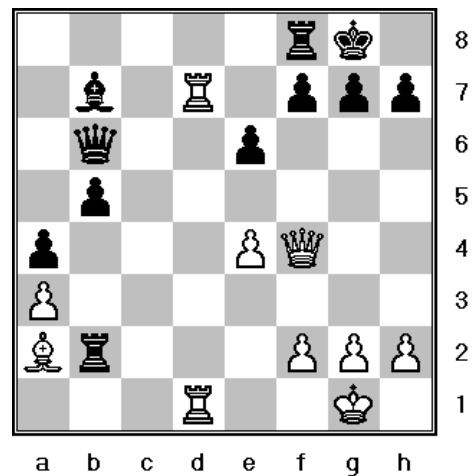
1... Rxd2

2 Qxd2 Qxa7

And Black wins.

### Exercise 18

The following position is a little more difficult; however this is the way forward in your studies. Taken from a correspondence game I played in 1982, Lloyd v Watkins, it is White to play:



### Solution

The Black rook on f8 is overloaded. I spotted this and played:

1.Rxf7

Rxf7

If 1... Rd8 2.Rxd8+ Qxd8 3.Rf8+ Qxf8 4.Bxe6+ Qf7 5.Qxf7+ Kh8 6.Qg8 mate.

2.Bxe6

Qxe6

If 2... Qxf2+ 3.Qxf2 and White soon wins.

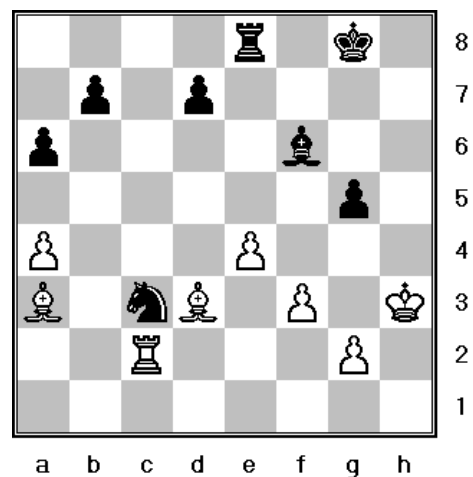
3.Rd8+

Rf8

4.Qxf8 mate

### Exercise 19

White to play:



### Solution

Black's bishop is overloaded and the way to exploit this is:

1.Bb2

Rc8

2.Kg4

Kf7

3.Bxc3

Rxc3

4.Rxc3

Bxc3

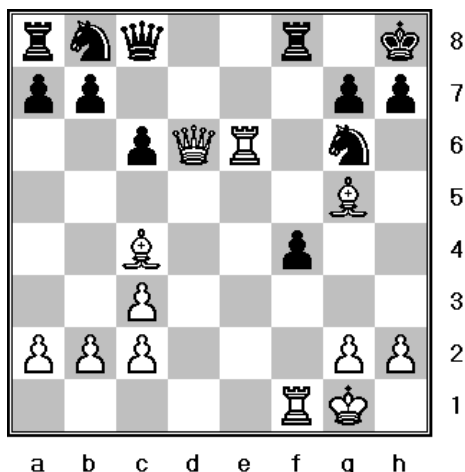
5.Kxg5

And White has a winning endgame.

## 9. Discovered Check

This is the last subject in our study of the elements and also a very important one. A discovered check on the enemy king is given as a result of a piece moving, and at the same time unmasking an attack from another piece it was previously obstructing. A thorough knowledge of this element will be of great value to you. It is also an introduction towards an understanding of how the pieces co-operate together [a subject you will soon be studying].

Our first example is taken from a game played between, Paul Morphy v ANO, New Orleans 1858, White to play:

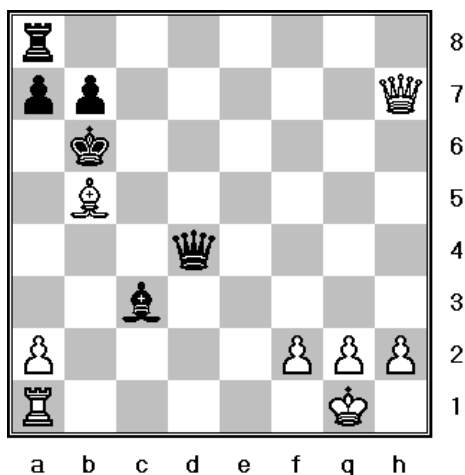


1.Rxg6            hxd6  
 2.Qxg6            Qf5  
 3.Rxf4            Qxg6  
 4.Rxf8+          Kh7  
 5.Bg8+  
 5...                Kh8  
 6.Bf7+            Kh7  
 7.Bxg6+

Unmasking the rook.

And Black resigned.

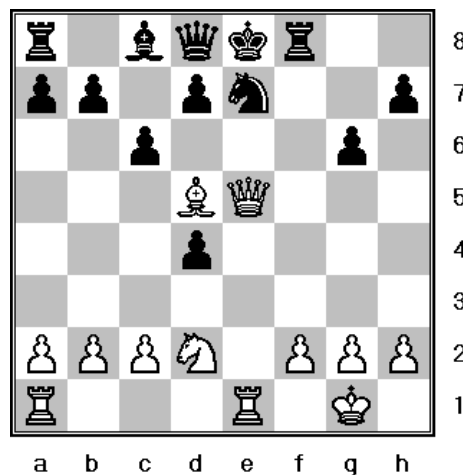
Your ability to calculate should be slowly improving, but don't try too hard as this will improve without much conscious effort. I suggest analysing 3 or 4 moves ahead unless there is only one forced line. At this stage you are arming yourself with knowledge that is essential in your progress along the learning curve.



Making a huge effort to retain the elements and applying them to your games is most important right now. Here, it is White to play:

1.Rb1                Rd8  
 2.Ba6+            Ka5  
 3.Rb5+            Ka4  
 4.Qc2+            Ka3  
 5.Qb3 mate

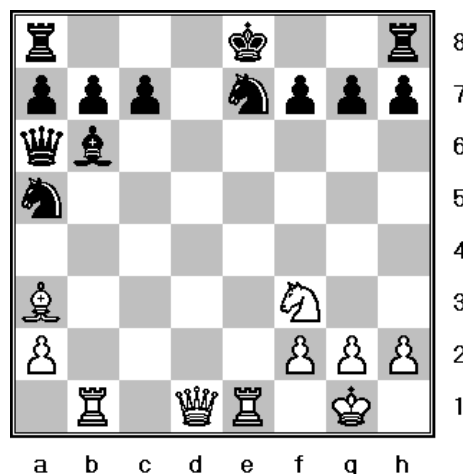
If 2... Kc6 3.Qg6+ Qf6 4.Qe4+ Kc7 5.Qc4+ Kb8 6.Rxb7+ Ka8 and it's all over.



This position was reached in the game between Morphy v Dominguez, Havana, 1864. White played:

1.Ne4  
 Threatening to smother the king with Nd6.  
 1...                d6  
 2.Nxd6+          Kd7  
 If 2... Qxd6 then 3.Qxd6 leads to mate.  
 3.Be6+            Kc7  
 4.Nxc8+          Qd6  
 5.Qxd6 mate

A wonderful combination.



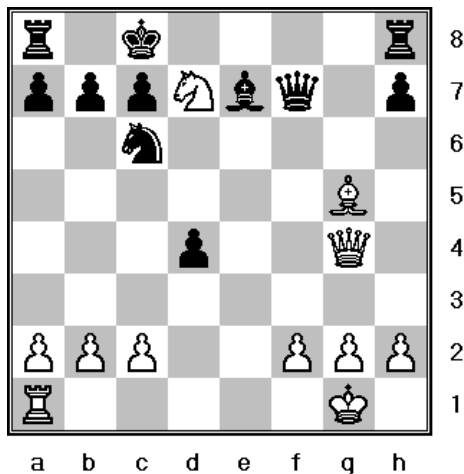
You should by now have noticed that there are often several ideas playing a role in combinations and often several pieces working together in order to make the combination successful. However you must not allow yourself to become concerned just yet, concentrate on the specific element under the microscope for the moment, and the seeds will be sown for the future. From the above position White played:

**1.Rx7+**            **Kf8**  
**2.Qd5**            **Qc4**

If 2... Bxf2+ 3.Kxf2 Qe6 4.Rxe6+ Kg8 5.Re7 and mates in three.

**3.Rxf7+**            **Kg8**  
**4.Rf8 mate**

### Exercise 20



Taken from the game Morphy v Sigour, Paris 1859, with White to play.

### Solution

**1.Nb6+**            **Kb8**

If 1... Kd8 2.Qd7 mate.

**2.Qc8+**            **Rxc8**

**3.Nd7 mate**

Our old friend smothered mate [Philidor's legacy].

That concludes your study of the basic elements of combinations. You are now ready to travel a little further along the learning curve. The next chapter looks at the heavy pieces in combinations. The two strongest pieces on the board are the queen and rook, so we will study them in our next instalment.



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## ICCF Congress – Dresden, Germany

By George Pyrich

The 2006 ICCF Congress, in conjunction with meetings of the ICCF Executive Board and Management Committee, took place in the Ramada Hotel, Dresden from 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006. Unlike last year's Congress in Argentina, the Scottish CCA delegation of George Pyrich and Alan Borwell arrived safely following an uneventful journey.

The Congress was arranged and hosted by the Deutscher Fernschachbund (BdF) as part of its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations and held in the ancient historic city of Dresden which is presently celebrating its 800<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.



Opening the Congress, BdF President and former World CC Champion Fritz Baumbach welcomed a total of 111 delegates, officials and accompanying persons to Congress before handing over to Herr Lehmann, Mayor of Dresden who extended a warm welcome to Dresden – next Alfred Schlya, President of the German Chess Federation spoke of chess in Dresden, mentioning the 2007 European Championship and the 2008 FIDE Olympiad, both events scheduled to be held in Dresden. Thereafter ICCF President Med Samraoui formally declared the Congress open, wishing for a successful and constructive Congress.

Prior to proceeding with the normal business of the Congress, delegates observed 2 minutes silence in the memory of those who had sadly passed away during the last year. Delegates were especially saddened to remember the passing of 96 year old Hermann Heemsoth, a very distinguished chess player and author and the grand old man of German correspondence chess.

The Congress also noted the passing of Alfonsino Lannaioli (ITA), GM (both FIDE and ICCF) Enrico Paoli (ITA), Gaspar Darwin Soria (ARG), Mrs. Raimondi (FRA), Gary Abram (USA), Shigeo Hayakawa (JPN), Paul Darmogray (UKR) and GM Czsaba Meleghegy (HUN).

In his opening remarks, the ICCF President also noted the significant progress made during the year in the development of the ICCF server, acknowledging the substantial efforts of Alan Borwell and his colleagues in the Web Server Development Steering Group, and the ICCF Direct Entry system.

The ICCF President also noted the excellent tutorial and web server guidelines prepared by Franklin Campbell (USA) and the Help Desk Administration which is now fully  
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operational, thanks to tremendous work this year by Gino Figlio (PER)

The Minutes of the 2005 Congress were formally approved following a few small modifications and Algeria and Ghana were welcomed as 65<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> members of the ICCF family. ICCF Honorary Memberships were granted to President Med Samraoui and long serving Hungarian delegate and ICCF historian Ivan Bottlik. Bertl von Massow Gold awards were presented to Gianni Mastrojeni (ITA), Per Soderberg (SWE), Georg Walker (SUI) and Fritz Baumbach (GER).

Silver awards were presented to Pedro Hegoburu (ARG), Zdenek Nyvlt (CZE) and Karel Glaser (CZE). The Congress was delighted to welcome World Champion Ivar Bern (NOR) who received his gold medal and certificate. Prizes were awarded to the successful teams in the Rochade 5171 team event by TD Joachim Walther (GER) – 1st Czech Republic, 2nd Germany II and 3rd Germany I.

Delegates were greatly impressed when they were able to hear the new "ICCF Anthem" prepared by CC Grandmaster and professional musician Dmitry Lybin (BLR).

Next on the Agenda was ICCF financial affairs – North American Zonal Director Ruth Ann Fay (USA) had bravely taken on the unenviable task of preparing ICCF accounts for 2004 and 2005 following the resignations of 2 finance directors in 2 years.

Unfortunately the 2004 accounts have still not received the unqualified approval of the ICCF Auditor and the 2005 accounts were not submitted to the Auditor in time for scrutiny for congress. However, ICCF finances remain healthy with ICCF assets increasing by some 15,000 SF in the 12 months to 31.12.2005 in the accounts presented by Ruth Ann.



Thereafter several vacant positions were filled – Deputy President and Development Director Max Zavanelli (USA) and Finance Director Michael Millstone (USA) had both announced their retirements and were replaced by George Pyrich (SCO) and Hans-Jurgen Isigkeit (GER) respectively with both newcomers scheduled to serve until the 2007 Congress when the 4 yearly elections for the ICCF Executive Board are scheduled to be held.

Dmitry Lybin (BLR) was appointed to the post of Chairman of the Arbiter's Commission, replacing Ragnar Wikman who had also retired and Per Soderberg (SWE) became the new Chairman of the Appeals Commission (Other Rules) whilst Gino Figlio (PER) was appointed as Webserver Commissioner. Finally, Marco Caressa (ITA) was appointed Title Tournaments Commissioner, replacing Daniel Finkelstein (ARG) who had also recently retired.

The Congress listened with interest to a very interesting presentation on the ICCF Webserver by WDSC Chairman Alan Borwell (SCO), Ratings Commissioner Gerhard Binder (GER) and technical systems designer Martin Bennedik (GER). Martin offered numerous up to date statistics – thus far around 1.8 million moves have been played on the server in 92,327 games by 4,145 registered users! Congress approved budget of 15,000 SF for new web server developments during 2007. Gerhard reported that the ICCF Rating System will be fully operational on the server during 2007.



Thereafter interesting discussions were held on proposals put forward by the President's Council. Ideas discussed involved the concepts of "Money" Tournaments whereby entrants paid higher entry fees in order to compete for substantial cash prizes, possibly under faster time controls and also the possibility of remuneration to persons for performing specialist technical tasks.

In both instances Congress approved the formation of a working group to further examine these proposals. Another working group was established to explore the possible development of a private forum for ICCF officials. Also further consideration will be given to the possibility of producing an ICCF 60th Jubilee book (or DVD) in 2011.

Finally in this section, the Congress authorised the formation of a group led by the new Title Tournaments Commissioner Marco Caressa (ITA) to examine qualifications requirements in World Championship events as Congress was concerned by the recent instance whereby new World Champions were produced in quick succession.

Qualifications Commissioner Eric Ruch (FRA) presented his customary excellent report which was warmly acclaimed by the Congress. Eric confirmed awards to 20 new Grandmasters, 49 Senior International Masters, 36 International Masters, 3 Lady Grandmasters, 3 Lady International Masters and 5 International Arbiters – unfortunately there were no new Scots titleholders this year.

Eric's presentation included some interesting statistics - total new titles awarded have now levelled out at just over 100 each year since 2004 following the implementation of the SCCA Magazine 96

revised rules approved at Seixal Congress in 2002 whereby two norms over a minimum of 24 games are now required for all title awards. Significantly we have approximately 40 new International Masters each year whereas not so long ago we had over 180 in one year – consequently we no longer hear any talk of titles being devalued.

The Congress then expressed its great appreciation of the really excellent work undertaken by the Ratings Commissioner Gerhard Binder (GER). Congress noted that the ratings Commission will undertake a review of nominal ratings allocated to unrated players during the coming year.

The Congress was also pleased to note the low numbers of appeals submitted during the year to the various Appeals Commissions.

Thereafter, Congress approved proposals submitted by Rules Commissioner Gerhard Radosztics (AUT) to clarify web server Playing Rules with regard to the "40 day rule" and the player's obligation to respond to email reminders generated after 35 by the system. The Congress also approved amendments to the Tournament Rules in order that "Scheveningen" events may be held and, subject to conditions, be eligible for title norms.

ICCF webmaster Evelin Radosztics (AUT) provided an interesting presentation on developments on the ICCF website during the past year and development plans and improvements for the future, most notably the reintroduction of a "Game of the Month" feature and the introduction of online polls on matters of interest to correspondence chess players.



Perhaps the most enjoyable event of any ICCF Congress is the Awards Ceremony when the presentation of awards and titles are made and this year was no exception. One nice feature this year was that a considerable number of players had travelled some very considerable distances in order to receive their awards in person.

Another was the attendance of all the members of the Gold Medal winning German team in the 14th Olympiad Final who proudly wore specially produced chess motif team t-shirts – needless to say, the team photograph may now be viewed at several web sites including [www.iccf.com](http://www.iccf.com)

Thereafter we turned our attention to ICCF marketing matters, specifically the disappointing progress in this area during the last year. After some discussion, the Congress resolved that the Marketing Commissioner, Dr. Claudio Goncalves (ARG), should be replaced and that ICCF must promote itself more effectively.



Next we returned to the matter of ICCF Statutes and proposals submitted by the President's Council. Following lengthy discussion the Congress agreed to a restructuring of the Executive Board which, effective from 01.01.2008 will comprise: President, General Secretary, Finance Director, World Tournament Director, Marketing Director, Services Director and 4 Zonal Directors. This restructuring has resulted in a net increase of 1 to the new Executive Board whose members will be elected or confirmed at 2007 Congress when the normal 4 yearly elections are scheduled.

The new Executive Board set up sees the deletion of the Deputy President & Development Director post and the new post of Marketing Director established. Marketing is now viewed as crucial to the future development of ICCF and the Marketing Commissioner is now effectively promoted to the Executive Board. Additionally the current post of Membership & Services Director is effectively split into 2 posts. General Secretary (who will deputise for the President if required) and Services Director as it is considered that the workload of the M&SD is excessive.



Thereafter the 4 Zonal Directors reported an events and activities in their respective zones during the past year. Congress was pleased to note news of new developments and progress in all Zones.

The Congress returned briefly to financial matters when it approved the earlier formation of a Finance Committee to be chaired by the ICCF President. This Committee is to assist the acting Finance Director Ruth-Ann Fay (USA) with the completion of the ICCF accounts for 2004, 2005 and 2006 in accordance with a clearly defined timetable.

Congress then accepted Ruth-Ann's proposals with regard to fees for server events, specifically that member federations shall in future be required to pay a fee of 1 CHF per game for national events played on the ICCF server.

Considerable time was allocated to the consideration of ICCF tournaments and the arrangements for future events. World Tournaments Director Frank Geider (FRA) led Congress through an interesting examination of all ICCF events – postal, email and server – as in previous year there was a lively discussion on the "dead man defence" phenomenon and, as previously, there was no satisfactory resolution. New Title Tournaments Commissioner Marco

Caressa (ITA) led a very interesting presentation on arrangements for World Championship Finals. The Congress was advised that presently there are 43 players holding 48 qualification places for World Championship Finals, the Congress also noted that ICCF have had 4 new World Champions since 2004 (T. Hamarat (AUT), J.J. Van Oosterom (NLD), I. Bern (NOR) and C. Leotard (FRA)).

Whilst mindful that the change adopted at the 2005 Congress whereby the number of qualifiers from the Candidates tournament cycle was reduced, the Congress agreed that measures must be taken in order to break the current "logjam" and avoid the possibility of there being two or even more new World Championship Finals started in one year.

Following considerable discussion, the Congress agreed an arrangement whereby all those eligible to participate in a World Championship Final will be invited to play in a new World Championship Final played on ICCF server and starting at the end of 2007. In view of the large numbers of players who may choose to take part, pairing (16 games) will be randomised but also modified to provide all participants with opposition of equal overall strength (rating).

Additionally, special arrangements (likely email "nodes") will be provided in order to accommodate players who wish to play only by post. Those players who choose not to participate in this event will still retain their qualification rights to take part in a future final but they will be allocated a place only if a final is not filled by those players now competing in the current qualifying tournaments. It is hereby envisaged that the current "logjam" will be cleared and we will return to the situation in place some years ago whereby a new World Championship Final started only every second or third year.



The Congress reluctantly agreed to the dissolution of the longstanding co-operation agreement with "Fernschach" magazine following breaches of the agreement by the magazine's owner. On a happier note, the Congress noted progress with the development of the ICCF historical archive and approved plans for an international school-children's team tournament to be played on the ICCF webserver.

External matters considered included the holding of a brief "post mortem" on the debacle of the FIDE Olympiad and the non-participation of an ICCF team and a progress report on the ongoing sponsorship agreement with "New in Chess" magazine.

After 4 busy days of meetings, the Congress wound down with a brief representation by the Spanish Delegate Josep Mercadal Benejam on arrangements for the 2007 Congress, scheduled to be held in Benalmadena (near Malaga), Spain.



As usual, there were a number of social events and the Congress delegates enjoyed a day's excursion following the end of the Congress which included a boat trip on the river Elbe and visits to Sachsische Schweiz (the historic summer palace of the kings of Saxony) and Die Festung Konigstein (a hilltop military fortress which dates back to medieval times).

Congress delegates made a special visit to the grave of former ICCF President Hans-Werner von Massow and also attended a civic reception hosted by the Mayor of Dresden.

The traditional blitz tournament was convincingly won by FIDE FM and ICCF SIM Petr Bucniecek (CZE) ahead of a strong field (the Scottish CCA's representative recovered from a bad start to score just over 50%) and a 20 board match was held against members of the local Dynamo Dresden club (resulting in a narrow win for the hosts). We end with a small selection of games from the event.



Bucniecek,Petr - Eichner,P  
(ICCF v Dynamo Dresden ICCF Congress 2006)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Qg4 Nc6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 Qb6 8.c3 h5 9.Qg3 Nh6 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.cxd4 Qxd4 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bf4 h4 14.Qf3 h3 15.Rfd1 Qb4 16.a3 Qxb2 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.Rab1 Qc7 19.Rdc1 Bc6 20.Nd4 g6 21.g4 Bg7 22.Bc2 Bxe5 23.Nxe6 fxe6 24.Bxe5 Qxe5 25.Re1 Qg7 26.Rxe6+ Kd7 27.Rxg6 Qf7 28.Rf6 Qe7 29.Bf5+ Nxf5 30.Qxf5+ Kd8 31.Rc1 Re8 32.Kf1 Qe4 33.Rd6+ Kc7 0-1

Mohring,Peter - Dearnley,Andrew  
(ICCF v Dynamo Dresden ICCF Congress 2006)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 d5 9.exf6 dxc4 10.Qxd8+ Kxd8 11.Bf4 gxf6 12.0-0-0+ Bd7 13.Rd2 e5 14.Rhd1 Ra7 15.Be3 Rb7 16.Ne4 c3 17.Rd3 cxb2+ 18.Kb1 Be7 19.Bc5 Re8 20.Bxe7+ Rxe7 21.Nxf6 Kc8 22.Ne4 Kd8 23.Nc5 Ra7 24.Kxb2 f5 25.Kc3 Ke8 26.g3 Be6 27.Rd8+ Kf7 28.Nxe6 Rxe6 29.R1d7+ Rxd7 30.Rxd7+ Re7 31.Rxe7+ Kxe7 32.Kb4 Kd6

33.Ka5 Kd5 34.Kxa6 Ke4 35.Kb7 Kf3 36.a4 e4 37.a5 Kxf2 38.a6 e3 39.a7 e2 40.a8Q e1Q ½-½



Loxine,Jakov - Lybin,Dmitry  
(ICCF v Dynamo Dresden ICCF Congress 2006)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Na6 8.Bg5 Qe8 9.g4 Bd7 10.Nd2 h6 11.Be3 Nh7 12.Rg1 Kh8 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Qd2 f5 15.gxf5 gxf5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.Be2 Qf6 18.Nh2 Nb4 19.Ng4 Nc2+ 20.Qxc2 Bxc2 21.Nxf6 Nxf6 22.Kd2 Bh7 23.Rg2 Ne4+ 24.Nxe4 Bxe4 25.Rg3 Rf7 26.Rag1 c6 27.f3 Bh7 28.Bd3 cxd5 29.cxd5 Bxd3 30.Kxd3 e4+ 31.fxe4 Bxb2 32.Rg6 Rf6 33.Rxf6 Bxf6 34.Rg6 Be5 35.Bd4 Kh7 36.Re6 Bxd4 37.Kxd4 Rd8 38.Re7+ Kg6 39.e5 dxe5+ 40.Kxe5 Rc8 41.d6 Rc5+ 42.Ke6 Ra5 43.Rxb7 Rxa2 44.d7 Re2+ 45.Kd6 Rd2+ 46.Kc7 Rc2+ 47.Kb8 Rd2 48.Kc8 1-0

Richter, Claudius - Peschardt, Soren  
(ICCF v Dynamo Dresden ICCF Congress 2006)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Qc7 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d6 11.Nd4 0-0 12.f4 b6 13.Nf3 Bb7 14.Qe1 e5 15.Qg3 Rad8 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Nh4 Ne8 18.Nf5 Kh8 19.Rf3 Ne7 20.Raf1 Nxf5 21.Rxf5 Bc8 22.Rh5 f5 23.exf5 Nf6 24.Rh4 Qxc3 25.Rc4 Qb2 26.Bc1 Qxa2 27.Qxe5 Ba6 28.Rd4 Bxd3 29.cxd3 Rxd4 30.Qxd4 Qd5 31.Qb4 Rd8 32.Bb2 Qc5+ 33.Qxc5 bxc5 34.Ra1 Rxd3 35.Kf1 Rd5 36.g4 Nxe4 37.Rxa7 Nf6 38.Ra8+ Ng8 39.f6 Rf5+ 40.Ke2 gxf6 41.Rc8 Kg7 42.Ba3 Rh5 43.Bxc5 Rxh2+ 44.Kf3 Nh6 45.Bf8+ Kg6 46.Bxh6 Rxh6 ½-½



[Editor's note – many thanks to GM Raymond Boger of Norway who provided the photographs!]







## General Information

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Thematic Tournaments

### Postal Events 2007

#### Theme 2/07: Reti, A09

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4

Entries by 1 March; play starts 1 April

#### Theme 3/07: Ponziani, C44

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4

Entries by 1 May; play starts 1 June

### Email Events 2007

#### Theme 2/07: Irregular, A00

1.a3

Entries by 15 February; play starts 1 March

#### Theme 3/07: Benko Gambit, Vulture variation, A56

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.b6

Entries by 15 April; play starts 1 May

### Webserver Events 2007

#### Theme 2/07: Sicilian, Morra Gambit, B21

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3

Entries by 1 April; play starts 15 April

#### Theme 3/07: Blackmar-Diemer Gambit, D00

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3

Entries by 15 May; play starts 1 June

## New Marketing Commissioner

Mickey Blake (ENG) has joined the ICCF Management Committee as Marketing Commissioner. He has already started working on his new responsibilities and will be soon addressing Commission members and potential new members to discuss all issues related to the Marketing area.

## Audit Report

ICCF financial administration has been problematic in recent times and, in the interests of transparency, Med Samraoui has placed Henk Sarink's audit report on the ICCF website. The full ICCF management committee will cooperate closely with new Finance Director Hans-Jurgen Isigkeit (GER), to help him to keep things in hand in future.

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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