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Well, the adjudications have now been dealt with and all the results for last season's competitions have been decided. As in previous years, a few players with unfinished games did not send in positions, thereby missing the chance of adjudication (a single claim is upheld, if the other player has not made a claim). Yet some people feel aggrieved when a decision is given against them and they have not made a claim. A Controller should not have to give reminders, although he will allow a week or so's grace after the date for submitting games for adjudication. One reason for providing telephone numbers is so that players can quickly contact opponents, which can be very helpful when adjudication time is approaching. It is interesting to note that there were one or two positions for adjudication in which both players claimed a win.

The AGM was held in June and the draft Minutes and Financial Statement appear elsewhere in this Bulletin - technically, they can be formally approved only at the next AGM. I would ask members to think about the views expressed and decisions taken at the AGM. In the absence of any other opinions put to the AGM (either by informing a Controller or a member of the Executive Committee), the members at the AGM must assume that what is said is representative of the views of all the members.

Starting this coming season, we are introducing the Candidates' tournament and also an Openings tournament. Here, the first few opening moves are prescribed and you have one game with each colour against each opponent. Hopefully, the chosen line should satisfy the requirements mentioned in a letter from Ken Beer in that it should offer practical chances for both black and white. It cannot be denied that 'we aim to please' - to quote a well known phrase; the range of our activities should satisfy even somebody who is hard to please! What is wanted now is for us to triple our membership - please try to recruit at least one new member for the new season!

The only possible snag is rising costs. Last season we had an increase in GPO postal charges and - as far as I can see - a reduction in the quality of service. It would be an interesting exercise to prepare a list of members' complaints against the GPO. Collectively, our views should surely carry some weight with the powers-that-be! A feeling that some of us had at the start of the season about the Bulletin being under-priced, is confirmed (see the Financial Statement). The AGM decision to incorporate the Bulletin with the basic subscription - apart from the necessary price increase - means that we are in line with policy of many other national CC associations. I would remind members that, as a result of the Bulletin being sent to other overseas associations, further international matches are being arranged to start early in the New Year.

Congratulations are due to Major Bruges, possibly our oldest member. At 86 he has recently won the Salisbury Club Championship - well done Major!

Editorial Comment (by Alan Borwell)



A little late but I hope it has been worth waiting for! George and Douglas Livie have done a great job by completing the new Grading List after all the results and adjudications had been decided.

We have used descriptive notation as much as possible in this edition and also a two-column narrative on page 28 - readers' views will be welcomed.

We would be delighted to hear from members who could help the Association a little, say by organising one of the Tournaments.

We welcome Tommy Craig as our new Publicity and Membership Officer and one of his first jobs will be to produce an information sheet about the Association's activities.

The new Candidates section will be introduced in the coming season and Allan Hislop will be contributing a follow-up article for consideration for season 1981/82.

The winner of the Best Games Prize will be announced in the next edition of the Bulletin. Games submitted to our Games Editor and appearing in Bulletins 1,2 & 3 are eligible.

Publication dates for 1981 Bulletins will be January, May and September.

S.C.C.A. TOURNAMENTS 1979 - 1980

Scottish Correspondence Checa Championship 1980

		M	B	C	J	W	Br	Be	Mc	S	K	N	PTS	POS
C.J.MORRISON	ABERDEEN		1	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	½	1	8	1
W.G.BRADY	CLYDEBANK	0		½	1	½	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	8
T.J.CRAIG	GLASGOW	0	½		1	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	5	6 =
D.M.JENKINS	INVERNESS	½	0	0		1	½	1	1	0	½	½	5	6 =
W.P.WATSON	GLASGOW	0	½	½	0		0	½	½	½	½	½	3½	9
D.BRYSON	GLASGOW	½	1	½	½	1		½	1	½	1	½	7	2 =
R.BEECHAM	PRESTWICK	½	1	½	0	½	½		1	0	½	1	5½	4 =
D.McKERRACHER	BRACO	0	0	0	0	½	0	0		0	0	1	1½	11
J.SEYFRIED	KILMARNOCK	0	0	½	1	½	½	1	1		0	1	5½	4 =
D.A.KILGOUR	DUNDEE	½	1	1	½	½	0	½	1	1		1	7	2 =
Dr.V.A.NYE	EAST KILBRIDE	0	1	½	½	½	½	0	0	0	0		3	10

Champion

The top five players will be eligible to play in the 1980-81 Scottish Championship.
The remaining players will be eligible for the 1980-81 Candidates tournament.

Premier Sections 1980

P 66

	A	D	G	M	Sp	Sw	PTS	POS
D.G.ANDERSON		½½	0 0	1 1	½ 0	½ 0	4	3 =
R.DICKSON	½½		0 ½	1 0	0 ½	0 0	3	5 =
P.M.GIULIAN	1 1	1 ½		1 1	1 1	1 1	9½	1
D.G.McROBERTS	0 0	0 1	0 0		½ 0	½ 1	3	5 =
G.R.SPROTT	½ 1	1 ½	0 0	1 ½		1 1	6½	2
M.A.SWYSTUN	½ 1	1 1	0 0	½ 0	0 0		4	3

P 68

	Bi	Bo	C	H	Md	Me	PTS	POS
Prof.G.H.BIRD		0 0	1 1	0 0	½ 0	1 1	4½	4
C.F.BOYLE	1 1		1 1	0 0	0 ½	1 1	6½	3
R.E.CLAPHAM	0 0	0 0		0 0	0 0	0 0	0	W/D
A.T.HISLOP	1 1	1 1	1 1		0 1	0 1	8	1 =
A.J.McCLELLAND	½ 1	1 ½	1 1	1 0		1 1	8	1 =
M.E.McGHEE	0 0	0 0	1 1	1 0	0 0		3	5

P 70

	J	Ml	Mn	O	T	W	PTS	POS
R.JACKSON		½ 1	1 ½	½ 1	½½	0 ½	6	1 =
I.MARSHALL	½ 0		1 ½	1 0	1 ½	0 1	5½	3
B.J.MARTIN	0 ½	0 ½		1 0	1 0	0 ½	3½	6
D.QUINN	½ 0	0 1	1 0		½½	½ 1	5	4
J.THOMPSON	½½	½ 0	0 1	½½		0 ½	4	5
J.WILLIAMS	1 ½	1 0	1 ½	0 ½	1 ½		6	1 =

Major Sections 1980

M 29

	Br	Bu	C	G	Mc	PTS	POS
A.BREND		1 1	½ 0	½½	1 ½	5	2 =
J.BURNS	0 0		0 0	0 0	0 0	0	W/D
J.A.CLAYTON	1 ½	1 1		1 1	1 1	7½	1
D.L.GILLESPIE	½½	1 1	0 0		1 1	5	2 =
J.McLAY	½ 0	1 1	0 0	0 0		2½	4

M 31

	B	K	L	P	R	PTS	POS
C.T.W.BEVERIDGE		1 0	1 1	1 1	1 1	7	1 =
R.KILPATRICK	0 1		1 1	1 1	1 1	7	1 =
L.J.LANE	0 0	0 0		1 1	1 1	4	3
A.PEARCEY	0 0	0 0	0 0		1 1	2	4
A.REID	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0		0	5

P 67

	A	B	C	K	M	W	PTS	POS
G.M.ANDERSON		1 ½	1 1	1 1	0 ½	0 0	6	2
K.BEER	0 ½		1 1	1 0	0 ½	1 ½	5½	3 =
I.CREELMAN	0 0	0 0		0 0	0 0	0 0	0	W/D
A.H.KERR	0 0	0 1	1 1		½ 0	1 0	4½	5
M.MELDRUM Jnr.	1 ½	1 ½	1 1	½ 1		1 1	8½	1
G.WEEDEN	1 1	0 ½	1 1	0 1	0 0		5½	3 =

P 69

	B	Mb	Mg	M	P	R	PTS	POS
C.J.BOWN		½ 1	0 0	0 ½	0 ½	1 1	4½	4 =
R.A.MacBRAYNE	½ 0		0 1	0 0	0 1	1 1	4½	4 =
Mrs.M.McGHEE	1 1	1 0		0 0	½ 0	1 1	5½	3
I.A.MARKS	1 ½	1 1	1 1		1 ½	1 1	8½	1
G.D.PYRICH	1 ½	1 0	½ 1	½½		1 1	7	2
W.S.ROACH	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0		0	W/D

Outright winners of each Premier Section qualify for the next Scottish Championship. The second placed player in each Section qualifies for the Candidates Tournament. The remaining players are eligible to play in the 1980-81 Premier Sections. Winners and runners-up in each Major Section qualify for a Premier Section in the 1980-81 competitions.

M 30

	Br	H	P	S	W	PTS	POS
W.J.BROWN		½ 0	0 0	1 1	1 0	3½	3 =
G.HAMILTON	1 ½		0 0	1 1	1 ½	5	2
A.PETRIE	1 0	1 1		1 1	1 1	7	1
A.J.STEWART	0 0	0 0	0 0		0 0	0	5
K.WARREN	0 1	½ 0	0 0	1 1		3½	3 =

M 32

	H	Mc	M	T	V	PTS	POS
F.HALL		½½	1 1	1 1	½½	6	2
T.McMORRAN	½½		1 1	1 1	½ 0	5½	3
M.MOLNAR	0 0	0 0		0 0	0 0	0	5
J.TAYLOR	0 0	0 0	1 1		0 0	2	4
J.W.VERNON	½½	1 ½	1 1	1 1		6½	1

Quartet Trophies 1980 All play all events two games against each opponent.

1980 FINALS

Q 80 -1 Postal Knight (holder- I.Thompson)

	C	K	P	T	PTS	POS
S.R.CAPSEY		0 0	½½	0 ½	1 ½	3 =
A.H.KERR	1 1		1 1	1 0	5	1
T.PATERSON	½½	0 0		0 ½	1 ½	3 =
I.THOMPSON	1 ½	0 1	1 ½		4	2

P.K.

Q 82 - Postal Rook (holder- J.Lewis)

	L	Mb	Mc	S	PTS	POS
J.LEWIS		1 1	1 0	1 ½	4½	1
R.A.MacBRAYNE	0 0		1 ½	½ 0	2	3 =
A.J.McCLELLAND	0 1	0 ½		0 ½	2	3 =
D.J.SAVAGE	0 ½	½ 1	1 ½		3½	2

P.R.

1980 QUARTET SECTIONS

Q 83

	L	Pe	Pr	S	PTS	POS
G.W.G.LIVIE		0 0	1 1	1 1	4	2
A.PETRIE	1 1		½ 0	1 1	4½	1
V.A.PROUDLER	0 0	1 ½		1 1	3½	3
Miss M.M. STEPHEN	0 0	0 0	0 0		0	W/D

Q 85

	B	H	M	R	PTS	POS
R.BEACON		0 1	1 1	1 1	5	1 =
G.HAMILTON	1 0		1 1	1 1	5	1 =
R.MITCHELL	0 0	0 0		1 1	2	3
A.REID	0 0	0 0	0 0		0	4

Q 87

	D	L	M	W	PTS	POS
M.DYER		1 1	1 1	1 1	6	1st
L.J.LANE	0 0		1 1	1 1	4	2
R.MITCHELL	0 0	0 0		0 0	0	4
J.M.WALKER	0 0	0 0	1 1		2	3

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1st round results

E. Hartford 1½	v	M.E. McGhee ½
E. Hartford 2	v	J.W. McLay 0
G.R. Sprott 1½	v	J.W. McLay ½
G.R. Sprott 2	v	T.A. Taylor 0
G. Hamilton 1	v	T.A. Taylor 1
G. Hamilton 2	v	R. Mitchell 0
D. Crichton 2	v	R. Mitchell 0
D. Crichton 2	v	C.R. James 0
R.A. McBrayne 0	v	M. Melville 2
R.A. McBrayne 2	v	C.R. James 0
J.M. Herries 1	v	M. Melville 1
J.M. Herries ½	v	M.E. McGhee 1½

As can be seen a tough battle is going on, especially among the top half dozen leaders, but I suspect we could see a dark horse round about the 2 point mark. For those who have started badly, remember there is a special prize for the best results for an under 135 graded player.

Q 81 - Postal Shield (holder- R.Dickson)

	D	La	Li	T	PTS	POS
R.DICKSON		0 1	½ 0	1 ½	3	2 =
L.J.LANE	1 0		1 1	1 1	5	1
D.M.LIVIE	½ 1	0 0		1 ½	3	2 =
T.A.H.TAYLOR	0 ½	0 0	0 ½		1	4

P.S.

The players in each Quartet Trophy Final qualified by winning an earlier Quartet section. The holder of each Trophy is eligible to defend his title in the following season.

Q 84

	C	G	T	W	PTS	POS
J.A.CLAYTON		½ 1	1 1	1 0	4½	1
K.GORDON	½ 0		1 1	1 ½	4	2
A.TAYLOR	0 0	0 0		0 1	1	4
A.WILSON	1 0	0 ½	1 0		2½	3

Q 86

	H	K	L	S	PTS	POS
P.D.HAMPTON		0 0	0 0	0 0	0	4
J.KENNEDY	1 1		1 1	1 0	5	1 =
D.LOEB	1 1	0 0		0 0	2	3
M.SUTHERLAND	1 1	0 1	1 1		5	1 =

2nd round draw

D. Crichton (4)	v	E. Hartford (3½)
D. Crichton (4)	v	G.R. Sprott (3½)
E. Hartford (3½)	v	G.R. Sprott (3½)
G. Hamilton (3)	v	M. Melville (3)
G. Hamilton (3)	v	M.E. McGhee (2)
M. Melville (3)	v	M.E. McGhee (2)
R.A. McBrayne (2)	v	J.M. Herries (1½)
R.A. McBrayne (2)	v	T.A. Taylor (1)
J.M. Herries (1½)	v	T.A. Taylor (1)
J.W. McLay (½)	v	C.R. James (0)
J.W. McLay (½)	v	R. Mitchell (0)
C.R. James (0)	v	R. Mitchell (0)

HANDICAP TOURNAMENT (by Allan Hislop)

New players have been joining the tourney every month and since the last report in March, the number taking part has risen to 50. Over last season this has involved about 250 games, with just over 100 games being carried over the adjudication date on 1st July.

I should like to make clear one or two points in the promotion and prize-giving because some players have been making enquiries about this.

Promotion is obtained with a score of 30 pts or more from at least 5 games. If a player is promoted and decides to take on new games, these games are played under the new class and it is only by gaining a further 30 pts from these new games that promotion can be achieved. The points gained from original games started do not count in any further promotion. However, they do count, as do all games, towards a prize at the end of a season.

Prizes are awarded for the highest average score. This is arrived at by taking the total points gained and dividing it by the number of completed games by the 1st July. A bonus of .2 is added for every game completed whether it is a win, loss or draw.

There is a prize per every six competitors, therefore eight prizes this season to the following: -

J. Sharp 8.6pts; J. Lawson 8.6pts; C.R. James 8.4pts; G. R. Sprott 8.4pts; Major Bruges 8.2pts;
G. Mulholland 7.9pts; Mrs. G. Sharp 7.7pts; I. Thompson 7.7pts.

The following promotions took place:

To class 2 - Major Bruges and G.R. Sprott
To class 3 - D. McCracken, R. Wilson, L. Lane, I. Thompson
To class 4 - J. Jack, J. Lawson
To class 5 - J. Sharp, A. Wilson, C.R. James, G. Mulholland, J. Merrifield,
Mrs. G. Sharp, I. Beresford, A. Peace.

PLAYERS IN HANDICAP AT 7th JULY 1980

Class 2	Class 4	Class 6
G. R. Sprott	J.M. McArthur	P. D. Hampton
P.G. Bassett	J.P.L. Lumsden	D. Joyce
I. Marshall	G.A. Reaves	B. Goodwin
D. Quinn	J.H. Lawson	G. Murphy
Major Bruges	J. Jack	J. Bilsland
		B. Noon
Class 3	Class 5	J. Peacock
Mrs. E. Hartford	R. Murphy	A. Griffith
J.M. Herries	A. Peace	P. Wilson
R.A. MacBrayne	Mrs. G. Sharp	I. Sexton
R. Dickson	I. Beresford	K. Maguire
I. Thompson	John C. Brannan	A. Paterson
L.J. Lane	T. Paterson	W. Monaghan
R. Wilson	J. Merrifield	R. Mitchell
D. McCracken	G. Mulholland	D. Loeb
	C. R. James	A. Gibson
	A. Wilson	J. McKillop
	J. Sharp	

With 150 results from games started last summer and in the season 79/80, it is amazing to find that there are no adjudications. This must be due to the option for players to agree to carry over games to next season. No adjudications are a controller's dream!

Scottish Correspondence Chess League - 1979-80 (by Ken Gordon)

League Tables 1979-80

<u>Division 1</u>		<u>Division 2</u>	
Chess Suppliers	6½ pts.	Airdrie Pawnbrokers	7½ Pts.
Shettleston	4½	Falkirk RSVP	5½
Perth Correspondents	4	Dounreay	4½
Perth Players	3½	Crowwood	3½
Shetland	3½	Black Knight	3
Inverness	2	Airdrie Juniors	0

Division 1

Chess Suppliers (Scotland)Ltd.

Perth Correspondents

Shetlands

Team A			Team C			Team E		
1 G.W.G.Livie	2 - 0	v E	A.P.Borwell	½½ - ½ ½	v F	K.Beer	0 - 2	v A
2 A.J.Shaw	2 - 0	v D	J.E.Hawkes	2 - 0	v B	M.Yianni	0 - 2	v F
3 W.P.Watson	½½ - ½ ½	v C	I.MacKintosh	½½ - ½ ½	v A	Dr.R.Ditchburn	1½ - ½	v D
4 D.M.Livie	1½ - ½	v B	Dr. A.Dlugolecki	0 - 2	v E	A.Black	2 - 0	v C

Inverness

Perth Players

Shettleston

Team B			Team D			Team F		
1 D.M.Jenkins	0 - 2	v D	K.Mitchell	2 - 0	v B	G.Morrison	½½ - ½ ½	v C
2 K.J.Munro	0 - 2	v C	A.Stewart	0 - 2	v A	D.M.Bryson	2 - 0	v E
3 J.L.Treasurer	1½ - ½	v F	A.S.Collie	½ - 1½	v E	W.Roach	½ - 1½	v B
4 K.M.Fryer	½ - 1½	v A	W.Lowe	½½ - ½ ½	v F	J.Gardner	½½ - ½½	v D

Division 2

Airdrie Juniors

Crowwood

Falkirk RSVP

Team T			Team W			Team Y		
1 P.D.Hampton	0-2	v Y	G.Mullholland	0-2	v Z	J.J.Campbell	2- 0	v T
2 P.Harnes	0-2	v X	D.Gillespie	½½ - ½ ½	v V	A.B.Glass	0 - 2	v Z
3 G.Moffat	0-2	v W	J.McGuiness	2-0	v T	G.Hamilton	2 - 0	v X
4 C.R.Hampton	0-2	v V	C.Cameron	½ - 1½	v Y	J.McLay	1½ - ½	v W

Black Knight

Dounreay

Airdrie Pawnbrokers

Team V			Team X			Team Z		
1 K.Warren	0 - 2	v X	D.J.Savage	2 - 0	v V	J.Lewis	2-0	v W
2 M.E.McGhee	½½ - ½ ½	v W	D.G.McRoberts	2 - 0	v T	A.H.Kerr	2 - 0	v Y
3 D.Lawson	0-2	v Z	P.Kelly	0 - 2	v Y	C.T.W.Beveridge	2-0	v V
4 R.Mitchell	2-0	v T	T.A.Taylor	½ - 1½	v Z	D.McFarlane	1½ - ½	v X

Season 1980-81

The following Individual Tournaments will be organised in the new season

Championships	Quartet Trophies
- Final	- Finals
- Candidates	- Qualifying Sections
- Premiers	- Openings Tournament
- Majors	- Handicap

The closing date for these events will be 30th September 1980, excepting for the Championship Final which will be one week earlier. Details and entry forms available from : Dr. V.A.Nye, 2 Old Coach Road, East Kilbride, G74 4DP. (Tel. 035-52-32391)

SCOTTISH CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on 7th June 1980

Present -Eleven members attended the meeting, which approved the Minutes of the previous AGM.

Secretary's Report

Although some players had not renewed their subscriptions, our membership had increased over that of the previous season. The Swiss 77/79 had finished just before Christmas and a new 3-round Swiss was in progress. With the addition of two new Controllers, D.G. McRoberts and R. Mitchell, our tournaments were running smoothly. There were about 40 in the Handicap, and numerous enquiries had been received during the season. There were plans for more tournaments, and prospects for the Association looked healthy. In answer to questions, the Secretary added that he kept a record of former members and sent to them, also, information about proposed activities each season. Regarding clubs and associations, the SCA helped us with the distribution of material.

Treasurer's Report

Statement of Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 1979/80

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Life members' subscriptions	£ 40.00	Prizes	£102.50
Ordinary members' subscriptions	£ 98.00	Replica trophies	£ 4.00
Tournament fees	£120.50	Engraving	£ 4.60
Adjudication fees	£ 20.00	Controllers' expenses	£ 23.10
Sales of stationery	£ 45.05	Bulletin expenses	£ 77.85
Sales of Bulletins	£ 52.50	Secretarial expenses	£ 29.89
Donations	£ 5.50	Stationery	£ 42.25
Bank interest	<u>£ 29.64</u>	Hall rent	£ 9.55
	<u>£411.19</u>	Affiliation fees	£ 4.00
		Bank charges	<u>£ 5.00</u>
			<u>£302.74</u>
		Surplus	<u>£108.45</u>
			<u>£411.19</u>

Bank Funds at 30th April 1979

Current account	£ 46.26		
Life members	£233.20		
Prize fund	<u>£ 89.68</u>		
	£369.14		
Surplus		<u>£108.45</u>	
		<u>£477.59</u>	

Bank Funds at 30th May 1980

Current account	£ 45.07
Life members	£296.73
Prize fund	<u>£135.79</u>
	<u>£477.59</u>

The Treasurer thanked the Auditor, Mr. A.J. Shaw, who had helped in drawing up the financial statement. He recommended that we should consider having the transactions of the Life Members' Account recorded in a separate statement. Now that we had our own playing cards and international cards, the associated monies for this stationery appeared in the financial statement. Interest on the Life Members' and Prize Fund deposit accounts had risen. It was evident however that the Bulletin was very definitely not paying its way and we still had to meet the costs for the 3rd issue. In answer to a question by W. Munn, the Treasurer said that monies in the Prize Fund Account should cover the prizes to be awarded on the completion of events this summer.

President's Report

The President was pleased to report that 7 international matches were in progress. In addition, because of the response by national organisations who had been sent copies of the Bulletin, Richard Beecham was making arrangements for 4 more matches to be started by early in the New Year. Details had been sent to ICCF concerning the constitutions of various international sporting bodies which recognised Scotland, and this should help our case when ICCF meets in Austria this month. Details had been received of the next Telechess Olympiad, which is arranged by FIDE and ICCF. Naturally, we wish to participate, in collaboration with the SCA, and are seeking to put a Scottish team in this event. On the home front, everything was running smoothly and he thanked all the Controllers. We had brought out this season our Bulletin and it had been received very well. Thanks were due to all the contributors. Naturally, we were wanting more games, articles and letters from members! The President concluded by saying that we must strive to increase our membership and asked existing members to try to recruit at least one new member each.

Election of Executive Committee

The following elections were made: President - A.P. Borwell; Secretary/Treasurer - V.A. Nye; Assistant Secretary - A.T. Hislop; Grading Officer - G.W.G. Livie; Publicity Officer - T.J. Craig; International Secretary - C.R. Beecham; other committee members - K. Gordon and I.W.S. Mitchell; Auditor - A.J. Shaw. It was noted, during the elections, that I.S. Campbell was unable to continue on the committee because additional commitments with his work meant he had less free time. The Secretary paid tribute to Iain's services to the Association - his contributions had been invaluable. In recognition of his considerable assistance to our Grading Officer, it was agreed that Mr. D.M. Livie should be elected as Assistant Grader, in an ex-officio capacity.

Subscriptions

The President said that the committee had recommendations to put to the meeting in order that the Association could cover the cost of the Bulletin and also rising postal charges, mentioning that General Accident were printing the Bulletin at cost. The main proposal was that the basic subscription be £3 and that this should entitle a member to a year's free receipt of the Bulletin. It was noted that £1.50 was a realistic current estimate of the Bulletin's yearly cost, and that the remaining £1.50 took into account rising costs, including higher postal charges. After a brief discussion the proposal was accepted by the meeting. T.J. Craig then proposed a reduced fee for junior members. Allan Hislop observed that, in the past, juniors had been most unreliable in keeping their games going. Each individual player had a responsibility to all his opponents, and it is most unsatisfactory when a player stops play without any warning. The Secretary noted a few instances in the last 2 years of younger players who had been troublesome in this respect. It was agreed that, at present, there should be no separate junior subscription. Allan Hislop pointed out that several members had joined during the season and he wondered if we should have a pro rata subscription. There was considerable discussion on this point. Eventually, 2 motions were put to the meeting. The first was that members joining after 1st March and before 1st August should pay a reduced subscription of £2. The second motion was that there be just one current rate. On a vote, the first motion was carried by 5-4. For Life Members, the recommendation was that this subscription be raised to £20, this being a fraction over ten times the nominal subscription. Since it was impossible to predict future costs of the Bulletin, the committee felt that Life Members should subscribe separately to the Bulletin - for which the subscription should be £1.50. The meeting accepted these proposals.

Playing Rules

Mr. D. Bryson had proposed a modification to Playing Rule 10, whereby players who did not notify opponents immediately about an unduly long playing time should receive a time penalty. His point was that infringement of a Rule should incur a penalty. Several of the Controllers present noted that games, in general, were progressing well and that only a very small number were affected. Because players now provided telephone numbers, it should be easy to let an opponent know about a possible delay in making a reply move. If a player took over 10 days for a move, he was bound to get into time trouble and would be hard pressed to get through the time control. The meeting decided that the existing Playing Rule should stand.

Playing Rulescontinued

Mr. M. McGhee had written about difficulties with irregular postal services at weekends and public holidays. (Mr. D.G. McRoberts had also written concerning the problems encountered by the Thurso players in this respect). While the Rule dealing with the calculation was easy to apply, he proposed we return to the time control of 12 days per 5 moves. In discussion, it was noted that games were progressing, in general, with the current time control and that there were relatively few adjudications. It was decided that the current time control should stand. Certainly there was every sympathy for a player persistently handicapped by missing a Saturday postal collection, for example. (On occasion it could be beneficial to use the enforced extra playing time to study the game more deeply!) A player in this predicament, however, could contact his Controller. In an extreme situation, the Controller could use his discretion and award backdated leave, as per Playing Rule 20.

A general comment was that the Playing Rules seemed to be working well. The President expressed the view that it might be advisable to keep the existing Rules for a further year to gain further practical experience of their effectiveness, before any changes were made.

Tournaments

During the season Allan Hislop had proposed the introduction of a Candidates' Tournament and that it should rank between the Premier and the Final in the Championship, and an article had been published in the latest issue of the Bulletin. The President thanked Allan and it was agreed that the Committee study the proposals in detail with a view to introducing the Candidates' Tournament this coming season. An Openings Tournament had been suggested by Mr. Ken Beer and this would be introduced. It was agreed that there should be two games between players to ensure that any selected opening did not favour one particular side.

Any other business

- i. G.W.G. Livie had received a letter from Major Bruges concerning the notation used in the Bulletin for recording games. It was noted that any number of different notations are in current use, with each enjoying a certain popularity. The balance of views received favoured the English notation and this would be used in future in the Bulletin, except where special articles were received in algebraic or international notation. These may have to be reproduced as supplied in the interest of time and space.
- ii. T.J. Craig and C.R. Beecham stated that 2nd class post between certain areas regularly took 3 or more days for delivery. Consequently, some games in the Final progressed very slowly. The meeting agreed, firstly, that the Final should start as soon as was practicable and that 1st class post should be used in the Final and the Candidates.
- iii. Allan Hislop raised the question of assistance in games. Our Playing Rules allowed for books but 'chess computers' were now appearing on the scene. The general view was that, at the present time, such assistance was more of a hindrance than a help and that any legislation was unnecessary.

For our new Openings Tournament, we
Have chosen Alapin's move against the
French Defence.

1 P-K4 P-K3 2 P-Q4 3 B-K3 !!



Why not have a go—it leads to some
very interesting positions !!

PERSONALITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION - N0.3

Dr. VAL NYE (Profile by Allan Hislop)

The Scottish CCA is now a thriving Association and this is due in no small measure to Val Nye, our Secretary and Treasurer. All members will have had contact with him over the years and I am sure many will be interested in his background.

Val Armstrong Nye was born in Surrey in 1937, having a Scottish connection in that his mother came from the Kilmacolm area in Renfrewshire. He took up chess at school and joined the local Mitcham Chess Club whose championship he won while studying for his 'Highers'. Instead of going to university, he opted to do his national service in the RAF as a Radar Fitter. Surviving that, he then went to Imperial College, London, taking a degree in Mathematics. With this expertise he joined the Aircraft Research Bedford Association, whose work required mathematical computation in the testing of new designs in aircraft. Interestingly, at one stage, 'Concorde' was involved in his work. Val's enthusiasm for chess had seen him play in the many tournaments in the London area, including play in the London League which, interesting to say, play all the matches at one central venue near Blackfriars Bridge with three hours' play from 6.45pm to 9.45pm, and which scheme has been sought in the Glasgow League, but with little support.

Val who was now married came to Scotland as an Assistant Lecturer at Strathclyde University. His wife, Valerie, has a degree in Domestic Science, as it was then called, and the Association's Committee is indebted to her hospitality when they meet at Val's home!

Joining the Glasgow Chess Club, he established himself as a strong player and his grading allowed him to play in the Scottish Championships in 1968, 69 and 71. He meanwhile took his PhD in Mathematics and was 'capped' in 1968 in the Central Halls where, strangely enough, he plays chess for his present club. Having 'Dr' before his name now solved a problem at home as regards the 'post', since his wife Valerie had the same initials - VAN!

With a young family growing up Val still found time to help organise regional chess in Scotland and was the captain of the Renfrewshire team. As well as playing in many tournaments, including West of Scotland events, Val was interested in correspondence chess and he was on our 'books' in the pre-Association days, so it was no surprise when he was among those who rallied to the call to set up a properly constituted organisation and volunteered to be its Secretary and Treasurer.

Over the last few years Val reckons his results have suffered in chess games due to pressure of work but it would seem that the recent influx of controllers and committee members (we still need more) has taken some of the workload away from him. I reckon his results will improve, as witness his fine win recently in the Glasgow Allegro Tournament and his third equal in the Renfrewshire Open this year.

His son Bruce is now 14 and his daughter Laura 13, with neither, he tells me, showing any interest in chess but I suppose there is time yet!

In thanking Val for his good work, I would like to extend our good wishes to him and his family.

S.C.C.A. Final 1973/74

Dutch Defence (R 64c)

White : Dr. V.A.Nye

Black : C.W.Marshall

1 P-Q4 P-KB4 2 P-KN3 N-KB3 3 B-N2 P-KN3 4 P-QB4 B-N2 5 N-QB3 P-K3 6 N-B3 P-Q3
7 0-0 0-0 8 P-N3 N-K5 9 B-N2 N-B3 10 NxN PxN 11 N-K1 P-Q4 12 N-B2 N-K2
13 N-K3 P-B4 14 BPxP! KPxP 15 R-B1! PxP 16 BxP BxB 17 QxB B-K3 18 Q-K5! Q-N3
19 R-B7 QR-K1 20 NxP BxN 21 RxN RxR 22 QxR Q-QB3 23 R-Q1 R-K1 24 Q-KN5 B-K3
25 P-KR4 Q-B7 26 R-Q2 Q-B3 27 P-R5 B-B2 28 P-R6 Q-B6 29 R-Q8! P-K6 30 RxRch Resigns

S.C.C.A. PREMIER P.63

1978/79

Two Knight's Defence (E 18b)

White : Major W.E.Bruges

Black : C.J.Morrison

1	P-K4	P-K4
2	N-KB3	N-QB3
3	B-B4	N-B3
4	P-Q4	PxP
5	0-0	NxP
6	R-K1	P-Q4
7	BxP	QxB
8	N-QB3	Q-QR4
9	NxP !?	B-K3

I misread white's 9th move as being the usual 9 NxN . Therefore I played 9B-K3. Needless to say, white's 10th move came as a shock and for the next few moves black has an uphill struggle.

10	NxB	PxN
11	RxN	Q-KB4
12	B-B4	B-Q3

Forced in my opinion, as it is the only move allowing black to complete his development and retain a tenable position.

13	BxB	0-0-0
14	Q-K2	RxB
15	N-N5	R-Q2

Not R-Q7 16 QxR QxR when 17 R-Q1 is good for white as 17R-Q1 is met by 18 NxRPch

16 Q-B4

White starts to lose the thread of the game and gives black the chance to take the initiative. If instead 16 RxP P-QR3 ! and black gets sufficient play against white's QBP and kings side to compensate for his KP.

16		R-KB1
17	P-KB3	R-Q7 !
18	Q-B3	

Black's initiative is now rapidly converted into a winning advantage.

18		KR-Q1
19	P-QR4	P-QR3
20	N-R3	N-Q5

21 QR-K1

Not 21 QxR NxPch

21 Q-N4

Not 21Q-N3? 22 R-N4 N-K7ch 23 RxN

RxR when 24 K-B1 wins for white. After ...

Q-N4 this threat can be met by 24Q-Q7.

22	R-N4	N-K7ch !!
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23 K-B1

Of course not 23 RxN RxR and the queen is taboo due to the mate threat.

23		QxR
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24	QxR	QxNPch
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25	KxQ	RxQ
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26	P-QN3	
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If 26 K-B2 with the idea of attacking both rook and knight after the knight has given discovered check, then the neat 26

N-B6ch 27 K-K3 R-Q8 !! Forces an easily won endgame.

26		N-B5ch
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27	K-N1	R-N7ch
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28	K-R1	R-B7
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29	N-B4	RxQBP
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30	P-KR4	R-B6
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31	N-Q2	R-Q6
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32	R-K4	N-R4
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33	R-K5	RxN
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34	RxN	P-KR3
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35	R-K5	K-Q2
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36	R-K3	R-Q5
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37	K-N2	RxKRP
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38	Resigns	
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A game interesting for the way in which black's pieces combined to maximum effect.

Notes by Chris Morrison.



S.C.C.A. League Div.1 Board 1.

1979/80

Sicilian Defence - Lasker/Pelikan (E 70a)

White : G.W.G.Livie

Black K.Beer

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|---|-------|-------|
| 1 | P-K4 | P-QB4 |
| 2 | N-KB3 | N-QB3 |
| 3 | P-Q4 | PxP |
| 4 | NxP | N-B3 |
| 5 | N-QB3 | P-K4 |
| 6 | N4-N5 | P-Q3 |
| 7 | N-Q5 | NxN |
| 8 | PxN | N-N1 |

Also playable is N-K2.

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|----|-------|-------|
| 9 | P-QB4 | P-QR3 |
| 10 | N-B3 | B-B4 |
| 11 | B-Q3 | BxB |
| 12 | QxB | B-K2 |
| 13 | O-O | O-O |
| 14 | P-KB4 | PxP |
| 15 | BxP | N-Q2 |
| 16 | N-K4 | |

Until now the game has followed 'the book'.

The move played is an effort to improve on

Q-N3 which gave an advantage to black

after 16 Q-N3 R-B1 17 P-QN3 B-R5 18

Q-Q3 B-B3 19 QR-B1 B-K4 20 N-K4

P-KB4 21 N-N3 BxB 22 RxB Q-N3ch 23

K-R1 P-KN3 in Mestel - Wirthensohn,

Berne 1977.

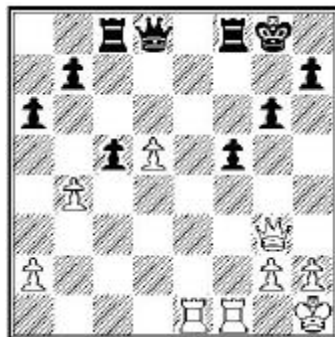
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| 16 | | P-KB4 |
| 17 | N-N3 | P-KN3 |
| 18 | QR-K1 | B-B3 |
| 19 | K-R1 | |

White can well afford to allow the NP to fall to the bishop but Q-N3ch had to be avoided.

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| 19 | | N-K4 |
| 20 | BxN | BxB |
| 21 | P-B5 | R-B1 |
| 22 | P-QN4 | BxN |

Possibly the losing move. Black did not realise the strength of white's queen pawn - frankly neither did white! Not until the next move did white see the forced win.

23 QxB PxP



24 P-Q6 P-QB5

25 R-K7 P-KB5

Prevents white's queen entering on K5 but alas for black, there are other mating threats.

26 Q-R4 R-KB2

27 P-Q7! Resigns

Black must lose substantial material. This game illustrates how quickly an apparently playable position can become untenable after only a few moves beyond published theory.

Notes by George Livie.



S.C.C.A. Premier P66

1979/80

French Defence (E 06a)

White : D.G.McRoberts

Black : G.R.Sprott

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| 1 | P-K4 | P-K3 |
| 2 | P-Q4 | P-Q4 |
| 3 | N-QB3 | B-N5 |
| 4 | P-QR3 | |

Alekhine's move, later adopted by Fischer.

The idea is to begin early king's side action before black can create counter-play with P-QB4.

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| 4 | | BxNch |
| 5 | PxB | PxP |
| 6 | Q-N4 | N-KB3 |
| 7 | QxNP | R-N1 |
| 8 | Q-R6 | QN-Q2 |



Black has several alternatives to the last move, including R-N3, P-B4 or P-N3. The move played led to Fischer's sensational defeat by the unknown Kovacevic at Zagreb in 1970. The idea is to save time by omitting ...P-QB4.

- 9 N-K2 P-N3
 10 N-N3 Q-K2
 11 B-K2

Not B-KN5 as 11 ...N-N5 12 BxQ NxQ 13 B-R4 and black's R-N5 wins a piece.

- 11 B-N2
 12 0-0 0-0-0
 13 P-QB4 R-N3
 14 Q-Q2 P-KR4
 White cannot allow 15 ...P-R5.
 15 P-KR4 R-R1
 16 Q-N4 Q-K1
 17 R-N1 Q-N1
 18 R-N3 N-N5
 19 P-R4 P-K6

The key move in black's attack, opening up the long diagonal for the bishop with dangerous threats. If either P-B3 or PxP then black moves his knight away leaving White helpless down the KN file.

- 20 BxP NxB
 21 RxN P-KB4 !

White is unable to prevent ...P-B5 by black who now has a winning position.

- 22 Q-R3 P-B5
 23 R-N3 Q-N2
 24 R-Q1 PxN
 25 PxP N-B3
 26 R1-Q3 R-N1

White is totally lost, but he should try something more positive than his next.

- 27 K-R2 N-N5ch
 28 K-N1 Q-B3
 29 BxN RxB
 30 P-Q5 RxQBP
 31 R-KB3 Q-Q5ch
 32 K-R2 BxP
 33 R-B8ch RxR
 34 QxRch K-N2
 35 P-R5 R-R5

Eliminating white's last hope and threatening mate, therefore...

- 36 Resigns



S.C.C.A. Quartet Section 85
1979/80

King's Gambit (E 11d)

White : G.Hamilton

Black : R.Beacon

- 1 P-KB4 P-K4
 2 P-K4 PxP
 3 N-KB3 B-K2
 4 B-B4 N-KB3
 5 P-K5 N-N5
 6 Q-K2 0-0
 7 P-Q4 P-Q3
 8 B1xP PxP
 9 PxP N-QB3
 10 N-B3 N-Q5
 11 NxN QxN
 12 N-Q5 B-R5ch
 13 P-KN3 QxNP
 14 R-Q1 B-Q1
 15 P-KR3 P-QB3
 16 PxN PxN
 17 Q-Q3 P-KN3
 18 BxP BxP
 19 QR-B1 B-R4ch
 20 K-B2 B-KB4
 21 Q-QB4 QR-QB1
 22 Q-K2 Q-Q5
 23 Resigns

The following games are from the 1980 Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship.

White	: D.A.Kilgour	Black	: W.G.Brady		
1	P-K4 P-QB4	9	P-B4 NxN 17	K-N1 B-K3 25	B-R2 BxN
2	N-KB3 N-QB3	10	QxN Q-R4 18	P-KR4 B-Q1 26	RxB Q-B3
3	P-Q4 PxP	11	B-B4 P-KR3 19	Q-K2 R-QB1 27	R-KB1 K-N2
4	NxP N-B3	12	B-R4 P-K4 20	B-N3 P-QN4 28	QxPch P-B3
5	N-QB3 P-Q3	13	PxP PxP 21	P-N4 P-N3 29	Q-Q4 B-K2
6	B-KN5 P-K3	14	Q-Q3 Q-B4 22	P-N5 P-KR4 30	R-Q7 QR-K1
7	Q-Q2 B-K2	15	BxN BxB 23	Q-R2 P-R4 31	K-R1 Q-R3
8	0-0-0 0-0	16	N-Q5 B-N4ch 24	P-QR3 P-R5 32	Q-N4 Resigns
	♠		♠		♠

White	: C.R.Beecham	Black	: J.Seyfried		
1	P-QB4 N-KB3	8	N-KB3 PxP 15	PxB 0-0 22	B-B4 N4-B6ch
2	N-QB3 P-K3	9	NxP B-Q2 16	B-Q3 N-N3 23	K-R1 Q-KB2
3	P-K4 P-B4	10	NxB QxN 17	P-KR4 KR-K1 24	PxP Q-R4
4	P-K5 N-N1	11	B-N5 B-N5 18	P-KN4 P-B3 25	B-R2 N-N3
5	P-Q4 PxP	12	R-Q1 Q-B2 19	B-QB1 QN-K4 26	K-N2 QxBch
6	QxP N-QB3	13	B-K2 KN-K2 20	B-QB2 P-B4 27	KxN Q-R6ch
7	Q-K4 P-Q3	14	0-0 BxN 21	PxP NXRp 28	K-K2 RxP
	♠		♠		Resigns

White	: W.G.Brady	Black	: C.R.Beecham		
1	P-Q4 N-KB3	7	B-R3 N-Q2 13	QxP BxN 19	B-K1 QR-QB1
2	P-QB4 P-KN3	8	N-B3 P-QB4 14	PxB QxP 20	B-N3 N-B5
3	N-QB3 P-Q4	9	Q-N3 0-0 15	QxKP Q-B6ch 21	R-Q2 Q-B6
4	PxP NxP	10	R-Q1 PxP 16	K-B1 N-R4 22	Q-Q7 QxBP
5	P-K4 NxN	11	PxP N-B3 17	B-N4 Q-N7 23	R-N1 R-B8
6	PxN B-N2	12	B-Q3 B-N5 18	B-B4 B-Q5 24	Q-N4 QxKP
	♠		♠		Resigns

White	: Dr. V.A.Nye	Black	: W.G.Brady		
1	P-K4 P-QB4	10	N-B3 B-N5 19	B-R4 P-KN4 28	PxP BxR
2	N-KB3 N-QB3	11	N-Q5 P-QN4 20	B-N3 N-B3 29	PxPch K-N2
3	B-N5 Q-B2	12	B-N5 R-B1 21	Q-K2 N-K1 30	QxB B-N1
4	0-0 P-KN3	13	QR-B1 Q-N2 22	NxRP Q-N3 31	BxB QxB
5	P-B3 B-N2	14	RxRch QxR 23	N-N4 BxQP 32	N-Q4 Q-K4
6	R-K1 P-QR3	15	R-K3 P-R3 24	R-Q3 B-QB4 33	N-B5ch K-N1
7	BxN QxB	16	R-QB3 Q-Q1 25	N-Q5 Q-N2 34	QxNP Q-R8ch
8	P-Q4 PxP	17	N-B7ch K-B1 26	P-QN4 B-R2 35	K-R2 Q-K4ch
9	PxP P-Q3	18	P-KR3 B-Q2 27	P-K5 B-KB4 36	P-B4 Resigns

(Our apologies to Bill Brady, we promise to include at least one of his wins in the next edition of the bulletin ! Annotated games will be greatly appreciated by our Games Editor; George Livie, 55 Glasserton Road, Glasgow G43 2LN)

GRADING MATTERS (by George Livie)

I am pleased to report not only a sustained interest in correspondence chess but an increase in the number of competitors participating in events of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association. More than 50 new names appear on the grading records. Many of these players have not played sufficient games against recognised or provisionally graded players and for the present their names do not appear on the published lists. Similarly, many players who have competed in events during the past 2 years, still 'blush unseen' for the same reasons. When controllers select players for different sections of the various competitions, I suggest that ungraded players be placed, where the opportunity exists, in sections where they will be competing against graded players, thereby permitting a published grading at an early date.

Alas, a few names have been transferred to the unpublished inactive list as they do not have any recorded results for the past three years. Hopefully, the many choices of competitions organised by the Association will tempt their early return.

Gradings are calculated over the last twenty games and if a player has more than twenty results in a season, all results are taken into account in calculating his new grading. It is important to note that games other than in SCCA or ICCF events will not be graded unless the Grading Officer is advised of the details of the event within two months of its commencement.

The main grading list once again consists of:

- (a) Recognised players - those who have twenty or more recorded results against recognised or provisionally graded players.
- (b) Provisionally graded players (shown by asterisk) - those who have at least eight recorded results against recognised or provisionally graded players.

MAIN GRADING LIST

D. G. ANDERSON	157*	H.D. HOLMES	196	MRS M E McGHEE	162*
G.M. ANDERSON	167*	R.M. INNES	140	D. McKERRA CHER	181
P. G. BASSET	142*	R. JACKSON	157*	I. MacKINTOSH	163
R.W.M. BAXTER	206*	D. M. JENKINS	192	A. McLENNAN	150*
C.R. BEECHAM	197	A.H. KERR	161*	J.N. McNEILL	230*
C.T.W. BEVERIDGE	143*	D.A. KILGOUR	198	D.G. McROBERTS	132
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D. CANNING	149	J. MAIR	62*	G.R. SPROTT	172
R.E. CLAPHAM	105*	I.A. MARKS	176*	A.J. STEWART	115*
J.A. CLAYTON	153*	I. MARSHALL	159	G.L. SUTTON	170
T.J. CRAIG	194	B.J. MARTIN	165	M.A. SWYSTUN	155
I. CREELMAN	122*	R. MITCHELL	48	T.A.H. TAYLOR	109*
R. DICKSON	142	C.J. MORRISON	208*	I. THOMPSON	154
A.B. DUNN	172	G. MORRISON	199	A. THOMSON	179
P.M. GIULIAN.	192	K.B. McALPINE (SM)	227	J.W. VERNON	141
A.B. GLASS	154*	R.A. MacBRAYNE	145	J.M. WALKER	85*
K. GORDON	131	B. McCAMON	155*	K. WARREN	129*
J.R. GRACIE	171*	A.J. McCLELLAND	169	J. WATSON	100*
F. HALL	114	J.S. McCORMACK	91	W.P. WATSON	175*
MRS E. HARTFORD	160*	D. McCracken	149	J. WILLIAMS	176
J.M. HERRIES	133	A. McFADYEN	131	R. WILSON	132
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K.	BEER	155	M.	MELVILLE	136	B.C.	PORTERFIELD	176
C.F.	BOYLE	165	I.W.S.	MITCHELL	104	V.A.	PROUDLER	110
S.R.	CAPSEY	136	W.	MONAGHAN	58	G. D.	PYRICH	167
D.	CRICHTON	154	I.	MUIR	141	A.	REID	63
R.	GIBSON	161	G.	MULHOLLAND	132	J.	SHARP	103
G.	HAMILTON	149	D.	McCLOY	120	A.	TAYLOR	100
P. D.	HAMPTON	71	R.	McCORMICK	157	J.	TAYLOR	63
J.P.E.	JACK	111	T.	McMORRAN	126	G.	WEEDEN	159
M.	MELDRUM	190	A.J.	POLLARD	119	S.D.	YOUNG	148

New members will be interested to know that last Autumn the Executive Committee approved the criteria to be adopted when awarding the title of Scottish Correspondence Chess Master to members of the SCCA. Briefly, it is as follows:

The title of Master will be awarded to any individual who has three outright wins in the Scottish Championship without limit of time, or alternatively achieves three norms within six years.

One norm will be achieved by recognised players in each of the following circumstances:

- (a) a Scottish Correspondence Chess Association grading of 213 or above, providing at least eight results have been recorded in the current year,
- or
- (b) an outright win in the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association Championship or joint winners scoring 75% of the total points available,
- or
- (c) a grading of 213 achieved in any one tournament, providing at least eight results are recorded and the tournament is approved and recognised as being of sufficient strength by the Executive Committee of the Association.

As a result of their joint win of the 1979 Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship with an 80% score, D. M. Bryson, D. M. Jenkins and D. McKerracher have each been awarded one norm. Subject to ratification by the Executive Committee, C.J. Morrison will be awarded two norms under rules (b) and (c) above arising from his excellent performance in the 1980 SCCC.

It is envisaged that the Executive Committee will give careful deliberation at their next meeting to a suggestion that no more than two norms can be achieved in any one year.

'DOUGHTY BAKER'S DOZEN' 1980

Finally, I conclude with the now established 'Doughty Baker's Dozen' which comprises of players who have gained the best results over ten or more games in the last season. Their grading of games played this year is shown in brackets but I would again stress that the official grading, which is taken over twenty games, is shown on the main grading list. The list provides a possible pointer to future norm winners and it is perhaps significant that last year's list included D. M. Bryson, D.M. Jenkins, D. McKerracher and C.J. Morrison. However, it is not apparently necessary to win games (although it helps) to be one of the 'Doughty Dozen' as P. Watson demonstrates. He did not win one of his 12 games - for the record, he drew nine games, losing only to the new SCCA Champion and 2 former Champions.

All is revealed on Page 23

THE IV ICCF WORLD CUP (by Ian Marks)

Correspondence chess, like football, golf, athletics and cricket, has its own World Cup, organised by the ICCF, not for teams, but for individuals; the series runs on a 3-year cycle. The event was inaugurated in 1968 and the fourth in the series began in September 1977, when the preliminaries kicked off under the auspices of the Italian CC Association. After nearly three years' play, I am pleased to report that I have qualified from my preliminary group for the semi-finals.

Before turning to the play, a word about the organisation. In the previous World Cups, the preliminaries were organised in all-play-all groups of thirteen, with the winner qualifying for the semi-finals. For the fourth event, these were replaced by sections of 100, with each player playing ten opponents in his group. Of the 100 in each group, 21 were to qualify for the semis. Drawn in prelim group 7, I found myself paired against 3 West Germans, 2 Italians and one opponent from each of East Germany, Rumania, Belgium, Poland and the Soviet Union. Each of these was an unknown quantity. To ensure qualification, the target seemed to be 8 or 9 points.

Play began in September 1977 and within two months, having made only four moves, my Rumanian opponent dried up - the win on time was confirmed early in 1978. Meanwhile, the East German had shed a piece but played on for another year before resigning, by which time he had lost a Rook as well. At least he sent me a nice assortment of postcards! In similar fashion, one of the West Germans blundered a piece early on and so soon resigned. After only a few months, I was already sure of 3/3:

However, it was not all sweetness and light. Dark clouds were starting to gather over two games. In the first, I came up with a home-grown novelty as follows -

Loda (Italy) v Marks

1 P-QB4 N-KB3 2 N-QB3 P-K3 3 P-K4 P-B4 4 P-K5 N-N1 5 P-Q4 PxP 6 QxP N-QB3
7 Q-K4 P-QN3 ?! 8 N-B3 B-N2 9 B-Q2 Q-N8 (a Larsenesque idea !)

Position after
9 Q-N8



10 0-0-0 KN-K2 11 B-B4 N-N6 12 Q-Q3 B-B1 (so much for the innovation)
13 B-N3 N(N3)xP 14 NxN NxN 15 Q-K4 P-B3 16 BxN PxB 17 B-Q3 B-N2 (back again)
18 Q-KN4 P-N3 19 P-KR4 and white won quickly in fine style. My score - 3/4

In the other, I played a dubious 5th move and never got going :

Marks v Schaffarth (West Germany)

1 P-Q4 P-KN3 2 P-QB4 B-N2 3 N-QB3 P-Q3 4 P-K4 N-QB3 5 P-Q5 ?! (I am tempted to award only ?)

Marks v Skripnik cont'd

Position after
5 P-Q5



With this move, White transforms the Black KB into the finest piece on the board. 5 B-K3 is usual and better while 5 N1-K2 also has its points. However, there is a reason for this apparent piece of lunacy; 5 ...N-Q5 6 B-K3 P-QB4 7 KN-K2 Q-N3 8 Q-Q2 (Probably better to take the draw with 8 NxN PxN 9 N-R4 Q-R4ch 10 P-N4 QxPch 11 B-Q2 etc.) 8...N-KB3 ! (rather naively I had been hoping for 8 ... B-N5 which used to be the normal move until it was convincingly refuted in Timman-Suttles, Hastings 1973-74, as follows: 9 P-B3 BxP 10 N-R4 Q-R3 11 NxN PxN 12 BxP BxB 13 QxB N-B3 14 P-B5! Q-R4ch 15 N-B3 PxP 16 Q-K5 B-N5 17 P-Q6 etc.)

I continued with 9 R-Q1 (none of the alternatives impressed me much, neither does this for that matter) 9 ...B-N5 10 BxN PxB 11 QxP QxNP 12 P-B3 N-R4 13 Q-Q2 QxQ 14 KxQ B-Q2 15 P-N4 N-B3 and after 34 moves another loss was recorded.

These two games were resigned within two days of each other, so it was now 3/5 and the semi-finals were looking a bit further away. At least I knew where I stood - I had to win all of my remaining games !

At about the same time as the above two disasters were drawing to a close, I finished off a miniature (prolonged by lost postcards) against my second Italian opponent, making my score 4/6. This particular player hailed from Catania on the Island of Sicily, and having opened 1 P-Q4 against him, I could not help wondering if, had I played 1 P-K4 would he have replied 1 ...P-QB4 !?

With half the playing time gone, none of my remaining four games looked set for an early finish, either because of the state of the position, or else the state of the postal services. (Mail to Poland and the USSR, in fact to Eastern Europe in general, is excruciatingly slow. Three weeks in one direction is not uncommon.) The game against the remaining West German seemed the only one which might not have to go to adjudication. In fact, it turned out to be my best game of the preliminaries and appears in the Games Section. (Page 19)

Against my Belgian opponent as Black I had fiddled around a bit too much and had seen my considerable positional advantage start to dwindle when, after two years' steady and friendly correspondence, he suddenly stopped replying! Analysis indicated that the position was still a win for me, but not having to convince the adjudicator was a welcome bonus! 6/8. Meanwhile, matters had crystalised in my game against the Pole and I managed to finish him off, despite the slow mail, before adjudication.

So that place in the semi-finals was going to depend on the outcome of my last game. I had received notification from the controller that 8 points would be required to qualify, and although this last game could give me the vital point, it was still very much touch and go. However, judge for yourselves:

Marks v Skripnik (USSR-)

After Black's 17th move in a Dutch Defence, the following position had been reached...

Position after
17 QR-B1



18 P-QN4 (perhaps 18 P-K3 !? first of all. With adjudication looming, I felt that I had to go in for a forcing line.) 18...BxPch 19 RxB NxR 20 QxPch (rather than 20 BxPch !? - I thought things might be clearer with the Q's off. Once again, I am not so sure now !) 20 ...QxQ 21 BxQch K-R1 22 KxN B-R5 ! (at this point I was not convinced that I would be able to prove a win on adjudication) 23 N-K1 (as far as I can see, the only reasonable attempt to extract the maximum from the position. The N heads for f4/d5 or h5, from which it puts pressure on g7) 23 ...P-B5 24 RxR PxP dbl.ch 25 KxP RxR 26 P-K4 B-B3 27 N-Q3 BxB (else 28 N-B4) 28 PxB K-N1 29 K-B4 R-B7 and with six weeks to adjudication, black offered a draw !

As it transpired, a draw here would have put my opponent into the semis - at my expense! Blissfully unaware of this, I of course declined and played 30 K-K5. After the replyR-Q7 the position was sent for adjudication - WIN FOR WHITE. Since the Rook must deal with the d-pawn from the rear, White's winning idea consists of placing his minor pieces in the centre of the board where they simultaneously shield the d-pawn from the Rook and control the squares in front of the pawn which the Black King might use to block it. At least the adjudicator was impressed with this plan!

So I managed to make the magic total of 8/10 and with it a place in the semi-finals. (It was almost too close for comfort. One of the players who made 8 points failed to qualify by virtue of his low Buchholz tie-split score.) My CC spies in various countries tell me that the semis are (obviously) a much tougher proposition than the prelims. One feature of my prelim group (and of others, I imagine) was the relatively high number of withdrawals. This unsatisfactory state of affairs should not recur in the semis.

How does the World Cup compare with other ICCF events such as World and European all-play alls? In these events, you are up against players of (supposedly) your own strength, whereas in the World Cup prelim sections there are wide variations in playing strength. The two players who lost pieces early on against me were clearly weak players, while the two to whom I lost were both strong players who qualified along with me. It is just my hard luck that I played my two dubious openings of the event against them! Had I played more sensibly against these two, I could probably have managed another point and made life a lot easier. Certainly, the overall standard of the stronger players was not inhibiting, and I would recommend any Scottish CC players who may wish to enter the Fifth World Cup to do so.

By the time you read this, battle should have been joined in the semi-finals. If I am successful here I qualify for the Final, and if I WIN that, I get a place in the World *Championship Candidates*. My fingers are crossed!

(Editor— Good luck, Ian, and thanks for a most interesting article!)

IV ICCF World Cup, Prelim, Group 7

French Defence (E 09a)

White : J.Haase (West Germany)

Black : I.A.Marks

1 e4 e6
2 d4 d5
3 Nc3 Bb4
4 e5 c5
5 a3 Bc3:ch
6 bc3: Ne7
7 Qg4 Ndc6

An unusual move order.

Ivkov gives 6...Nc6 7 Qg4!

but black can simply play

7Nge7, transposing into

this game with good play.

The point of the text is to
retain the option ofQa5
in some lines.

8 Qg7: Rg8

9 Qh7: cd4:

10 Ne2 Qc7

Reaching the normal
position in the 7Qc7
variation.

11 Bd2

A seldom played move, not
one likely to restrain black.

11 dc3:

12 Bc3: Ne5:

13 f4

The black knight is too well
placed in the centre.

13 N5g6

ThreateningNf4

14 Bf6 Bd7 !

Simple development. If now
white exchanges pieces on
e7 black's position is very
good.

15 f5 ef5:

16 Nc3 0-0-0

17 0-0-0 Qd6 !

Forcing matters.

18 Be7: Ne7:

19 Nb1

If 19 Kb2 Qf6 20 Qh3 d4

21 Ne2 d3ch 22 Nc3 dc2:

23 Kc2: f4! or 19 Qf7:

Qa3: 20 Kd2 d4 wins

19 Qf6

20 Qh3 d4!

Notf4 immediately

because of 21 Qc3ch.

21 Be2 f4

22 Qb3

White's 22 Qd3 can be
answered by 22Bf5 and
after 23 Qb3 Rg2 24 Bd3

(24 Bf3 Rc2:ch) Bd3:

and 25Nf5.

22 Bc6

23 Bf3 Nf5

24 Rhg1 Ne3

25 Bc6: Qc6:

26 Rd2 Rd7 !

Black simply prepares to
treble on the c-file while
f4-f3 is kept in reserve.

27 Rf2 Rc7

28 a4

Freeing a3 for the knight.

28 f3

29 g3

Obviously the pawn
cannot be captured either
way.

29 Rg5

30 Na3 Rc5

31 Kb1

Preparing Rc1. If 31 Nb5
then ...Rc2:ch etc.

31 Rc3

32 Qb4 Qd5!

33 Rc1

White has several moves,
all of which lose. If the

knight moves, Rc2 wins at
once. If 33 Qf8ch Kd7 is

perfectly safe. Finally if

33 Kb2 Nc4ch 34 Nc4:

R7c4: 35 Qf8ch Kd7 and
white is stuck for a move.

33 d3

34 Nb5
Now that c2 is defended,
the knight tries to move
but the game is beyond

saving.

34 Rc2:

35 Rfc2: Rc2:

36 Rc2:ch dc2:ch

37 Kb2 f2

An unusual position!

38 Qf4 c1/Qch

39 Kc1: f1/Qch

40 Resigns

Is this game unique ?

It is the only one I know
where one player queens
both BPs on consecutive
moves, with check. Note
also that the pawns which
made the last two moves
were the ones which made
the first two moves and that
neither began life as a BP !

Notes by Ian Marks.

INTERNATIONALS

The following Internationals are in progress or are about to start shortly.

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A.P. BORWELL	G. CARLBERG					1			J.N. MacNEIL	F. HERLUFSON
J.N. MacNEILL	R.G. HAGELIN					2	1	0	A.P. BORWELL	B. MAGNUSSON
H.D. HOLMES	A. CARLSSON					3			H.D. HOLMES	J. TORFASON
I.S. CAMPBELL	L. LIVBRANDT					4			C.R. BEECHAM	J.T. THOR
M. MELDRUM	J. COLLETT	1	0	5		5			C.J. MORRISON	H. KRISTJANSSON
D. McKERRACHER	K. HAGGLOP					6	1	1	I.S. CAMPBELL	A. STEFANSSON
C.R. BEECHAM	A. CIL					7			D. McKERRACHER	G. GUNNLAUGSSON
D. JENKINS	K. HAGLUND					8			A.T. HISLOP	T. EGILSSON
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C.J. MORRISON	S. OLSSON					10			Dr.K.W.C.STEWART	H. HAUSSON
R.W.M.BAXTER	M. MALMBERG	1	0	11		11			A.G. KIRKLAND	G. THORDARSON
Dr.V.A. NYE	O. NYLEN					12			D. JENKINS	H. OLAFSSON
D. BRYSON	C. GRUVAEUS					13			W.G. BRADY	G. FINNLAUGSSON
D. KILGOUR	N. STENQVIST					14	0	2	A. McFADYEN	J. JOHANNESON
W.G. BRADY	G. GUSTAFSSON					15	2	0	G.M. ANDERSON	J. JOHANNSSON
A. McFADYEN	A. WENGHOLM					16			W.S. ROACH	T. THORDARSON
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G.W.G.LIVIE	S. BERNHARDSSON					20	1/2	1/2	R. LAWSON	E. KARLSSON
R.M. INNES	H.A. CEDERSSUND					21			A.H. KERR	B.T. KARLSSON
I.A. MARKS	E. BENGTTSSON					22			R.M. INNES	B. BJORNSSON
R. INGLIS	L. ESZIK					23			I. MACKINTOSH	T. SIGURDSSON
J. SEYFRIED	K. ANDERSSON	1/2	1/2	24		24			B.J. MARTIN	S.O. HANNESSON
G. CHANDLER	S. NILSSON	0	2	25		25			J. SEYFRIED	A. KARLSSON
		3	3	5		4				

SCOTLAND		FINLAND 'A'		SA	FA	Bd	SB	FB	SCOTLAND *B*	FINLAND
D. McKERRACHER	E. PIUVA					1			R.M. INNES	P. KAUPPALA
D. JENKINS	C.E. JOHANSSON	0	1	2		2			G.M. ANDERSON	J. MYRY
C.R. BEECHAM	R. KOTKA					3			G. HAMILTON	A. NOKSO-KOIVISTO
A.P. BORWELL	G. LAGLAND	1	0	4		4			D.J. SAVAGE	H. TANNINEN
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G. PYRICH	P. KOSKINEN					15			A. GLASS	P. KUUSELA
I. MACKINTOSH	E. TEITTINEN					16			J.P.L. LUMSDEN	E. MAKINEN
J. GRACIE	T. MYRY					17			R. JACKSON	O. HOKKANEN
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G. GORDON	V. VARJUS					22			M. DYER	J.J. PIHLAJAMAKI
R. DICKSON	J. PALENIUS					23			J.W. McLAY	K. OSTERBERG
G. CHANDLER	R. SEPPALA					24			P.D. HAMPTON	R. EKMARK
I.A. MARKS	O. HALME	1	1	25		25			T. PATERSON	J. HEINONEN



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D. KILGOUR	A. KRANZL					6			C.R.BEECHAM	OLAF SKALIEN
DR.K.W.C.STEWART	DR.F.THANNHAUSSER	0	1			7			D. KILGOUR	KARE ORMHAUG
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R. LAWSON	K.HORA	1	0			13			G. PYRICH	RONALD BERTHLESE
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R. INGLIS	G. KOROSTENSKY					20			G.M. ANDERSON	ANKER AASUM
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R. DICKSON	W. LANG					22			D.J. SAVAGE	JANERIK LUND
J. SEYFRIED	W. GROIS	½	1½			23			A.J. McCLELLAND	SKJALG RAFNUNG
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J.P.L. LUMSDEN	P. PRZYBYŁO					29				
W.F. SWIATEK	H.THURNER					30				
		½	2½							



The match against Canada started on 1st September 1980. Final arrangements are well in hand for a 60 board match against Netherlands, with a starting date of 1st October 1980. A match against France will start early in 1981. We are hopeful that the U.S.A. will be ready also to start early next year but no details are available at present.

Will players please advise results to the International Secretary as soon as a game has been completed (even if a loss). The build up of outstanding results and adjudications could otherwise become overwhelming.

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My Most Enjoyable Postal Game by Richard Beecham.

Tri-angular Match - Scotland v England v Wales 1976-78 Board 3

Queen's Gambit Declined (D 08c)

White : C.R.Beecham (Scotland)

Black . N.H.McMillan (England)

1 P-Q4 P-Q4
2 P-QB4 P-K3
3 N-QB3 P-QB4
4 PxQP BPxP
5 Q-R4ch B-Q2
6 QxQP PxP
7 QxQP N-QB3
8 N-B3 N-B3
9 Q-Q1 B-QB4
10 P-K3 Q-K2
11 B-K2 P-KN4
12 0-0 P-N5

Black delays castling long and uses the tempo to build up his king's side attack.

A recent game Portisch v Velimirovic, Rio de Janeiro 1979 Interzonal went 12...0-0-0 13 P-QN4 BxNP 14 Q-N3 P-N5 15 N-Q4 NxN 16 PxN B-K3 17 Q-N2 N-Q4 18 N-N5 K-N1 19 B-B4 B-R4 20 B-Q2 BxB 21 QxB Q-B3 22 Q-R5 and white stands better.

13 N-Q4 P-KR4
14 P-QN4 B-Q3 !?
15 P-N5

On reflection 15 B-N2 would have been better, threatening 16 N-Q5 ! The move played opens the QB file but another black piece moves towards my king.

15 N-K4
16 P-K4 R-KN1
17 N-Q5 NxN
18 PxN 0-0-0
19 B-K3 N-B6ch
20 NxN PxN
21 R-QB1ch K-N1
22 BxBP B-KR6
23 R-K1

I remember feeling very happy with this position. White is two pawns up, controls the QB and king's files and threatens BxRPch. I totally overlooked black's next move, which can be only explained as a lack of tactical vision on my part at that time of the game.

23 RxNPch
24 BxR R-N1
25 BxPch KxB
26 P-N6ch

This time I miss a lovely win with 26 Q-R4ch K-N3 (if K-N1 27 P-N6 mates) 27 R-B6ch PxR 28 Q-R6ch K-B2 (if black tries 28 K-B4 29 QxBPch K-Q5 30 R-Q1ch K-K4 31 Q-B3ch K-B4 32 QxBch wins) 29 RxQch BxR 30 P-Q6ch !

26 K-N1
27 RxQ RxBch
28 K-B1 BxR

I must now make a critical decision, it appears that an end-game of R and QP against two bishop' will arise which will be in black's favour, but there is an alternative

29 R-B8ch !? KxR
30 Q-B2ch K-Q1
31 Q-B7ch K-K1
32 QxNP B-Q3 ?

Black should play 32R-N3 dis.ch 33 K-K1 B-Q1 !

33 P-R4 RxRPch
34 K-K2 B-KN5ch
35 K-K3 R-R6ch
36 K-Q4 R-QR6
37 Q-B6ch K-K2

38 P-N7
 Threatening 39 QxBch
 38 R-QN6
 39 P-R5 B-K7
 40 P-R6 P-B4 ?
 41 QxBch KxQ
 42 P-R7 RxP
 43 P-R8 / Q R-N5ch
 44 K-K3 R-K5ch
 45 K-Q2 B-N4
 46 Q-Q8ch K-B4
 47 Q-KB8ch KxP
 48 QxPch R-K4
 49 Q-B7ch K-Q5
 50 P-KB4 R-Q4
 51 Q-K7 B-Q2 ??
 52 Q-N4ch ! Mate

Black's oversight is difficult to explain ? But one does not expect to be mated on Q5 with so little material left on the board. Black was obviously looking at the draw with his bishop on g4 and rook on f5.

Not a quality game but a memorable one for me.

Notes by Richard Beecham



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'DOUGHTY BAKER'S DOZEN' 1980

Season 1979/80
results only

1	C.J.	MORRISON	(219)
2	D.M.	BRYSON	(208)
3	P.M.	GIULIAN	(204)
4	D.A.	KILGOUR	(197)
5	J.	SEYFRIED	(195)
6	C.R.	BEECHAM	(194)
7	M.	MELDRUM	(190)
8	T.J.	CRAIG	(189)
9 =	A.T.	HISLOP	(186)
9 =	G.W.G.	LIVIE	(186)
11	D.M.	JENKINS	(181)
12	W.G.	BRADY	(180)
13	W.P.	WATSON	(174)

International Correspondence Chess

Match Scotland v Iceland Board 2

1979/80 King's Indian Defence (D 91a)

White : A.P.Borwell

Black : B.Magnusson

1 P-Q4 N-KB3
 2 P-QB4 P-KN3
 3 P-B3 P-Q4
 4 PxP NxP
 5 P-K4 N-N3
 6 N-B3 B-N2
 7 B-K3 0-0
 8 P-B4 N-B3
 9 P-Q5 N-N1

Against Gheorghiu in the Warsaw 1979

Zonal, Jansa played 9N-R4 but white got a good game with 10 B-Q4 B-N5 11 Q-Q3 !

10 P-QR4 P-QB3
 11 P-R5 N3-Q2
 12 P-K5 PxP
 13 QxP N-QB3
 14 N-B3 P-K3

MCO givesN2-N1, but this looks better.

15 Q-N5 P-QR3
 16 Q-R4 P-B3
 17 PxP NxBP
 18 B-B4 B-Q2
 19 B-N6 Q-N1 !?
 20 0-0 K-R1
 21 N-KN5 ! B-K8
 22 Q-R3 N-Q2
 23 NxKP NxB
 24 NxB ! KxN
 25 PxN RxP ?

Black cannot recover his pawn, but he has a difficult position.

26 N-Q5! RxB ??
 27 Q-B8ch Mate

An unusual square for white to deliver mate in the middle game.



How our International opponents play ! (by John Hawkes)

2 - The NORWEGIANS

The following game was played in the Norwegian Championship in 1975 by one of their very best CC players, Øystein Sande, who is on top board against David Jenkins in our match with Norway.

Sicilian Defence (E 70a)

White : Henry Pettersen

Black : Øystein Sande

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 e6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nc6
5 Nb5 d6 6 Bf4 e5 7 Be3 Nf6 8 N1c3 Be6 9
Bg5 a6 10 Bxf6 gxf6 11 Na3

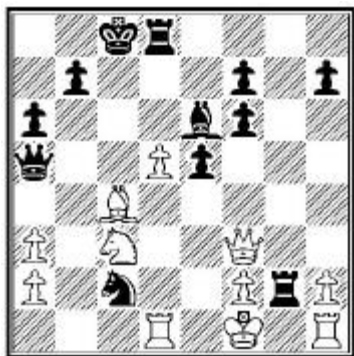
A position from the Fischer - Petrosian 'wipe-out' in 1971.

11...d5! 12 exd5 Bxa3 13 bxa3 Qa5 14 Qd2
0-0-0 15 Bc4 Rhg8 16 Rd1 Rxc2!

The Armenian 'table-shaker' played the weaker 16 ...Bf5. In CC however, one can analyse the material involvement properly 17 Qe3 ?

Going for material gain. White had to compromise with 17 Ne4 Bg4 18 Qxa5 Nxa5 19 Be2 Bxe2 20 Kxe2 Rg6 21 Ng3 when.. Nc4 gives Black slight endgame superiority.

17...Nd4 18 Kf1 Nxc2 19 Qf3



19 ...Rxf2ch !! 20 Qxf2
Or 20 Kxf2 Qc5ch 21 Kf1 Qxc4ch 22 Ne2
Bxd5 23 Qh3ch Be6 24 Rxd8ch Kxd8 25
Qc3 Nd4 !
20 ...Bh3ch 21 Ke2 Qxc3 22 Qc5ch Kb8
23 Rd3 Nd4ch 24 Qxd4

Leaving Black with a relatively simple technical exercise, but otherwise the attack on his king would be decisive.

24 ...Qxd4 25 Rxd4 exd4 26 Rg1 Bf5
27 Rf1 Be4 28 Rxf6 Bxd5 29 Bd3 Re8ch
30 Kd2 Re3 31 Rh6 Bxa2
Now 32 Rxh7 Rxd3ch !
32 a4 Kc7 33 h4 Rh3 34 Ke2 Be6 35 a5 b5
36 axb6 Kxb6 37 Bxh7 Kc5 38 Bd3 a5
39 Rh8 a4 40 Ra8 Kb4 White resigns. Based on winners notes in 'Dagbladet'.

Now we come to Ken Stewart's opponent ...

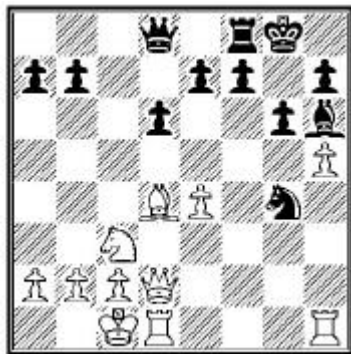
Norway v Denmark CC 1972/73

Sicilian Defence (E Bob)

White : Øyvind Kvamme

Black : Egon Welling (Denmark

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6
5 Nc3 g6 6 Bc4 Nc6 7 f3 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0
9 Qd2 Bd7 10 h4 Ne5 11 Bb3 Rac8
12 0-0-0 Nc4 13 Bxc4 Rxc4 14 g4 Bxg4 ?!
15 fxc4 Nxc4 16 h5 ! Rxd4 !? 17 Bxd4 Bh6



18 Qxh6 !! Nxc4 19 hxg6 e5 ?
Panic! Sure 19 ...Ng4 20 gxh7 is mate !, but why not 19 ...fxg6 .
20 gxh7ch Kg7 ?
Another mistake. 20...Kh8 seems alright.
21 Rdg1ch Black resigns
If 21 ...Kf6 then 22 Nd5ch.

On Board 9 of our match A.G.Kirkland is playing Vidar Takarud, a thematic expert and winner of a Scandinavian Thematic tournament last year.

Latvian Gambit (E 12a)

White : N.Berthelsen (Denmark)

Black : Vidar Takerud

1 e4 e5 2 Nf3 f5 3 Nxe5

Nielsen- Takerud produced a stunning

surprise 3 Qe2 fxe4 4 Qxe4 d6 5 d4 Nf6

6 Qe2 e4 7 Nfd2 d5 8 f3 Nc6 9 Nb3 Be7

10 Nc3 exf3 11 gxf3 0-0 12 Bg5 Ne4 !!

3 ...Qf6 4 Nc4 fxe4 5 Nc3 Qf7 6 Be2 !?

Eriksen- Takerud went :- 6 Ne3 c6 7 Nxe4

d5 8 Ng5 Qf6 9 Nf3 Bd6

6 ...Nf6 7 0-0 d5 8 Ne5 Qe6 9 d4 Bd6

10 f3 ! Nc6 !? 11 Nxc6

Or 11 Bb5 when black would castle.

11...bxc6 12 fxe4 dxe4 13 Re1

With a clumsy threat of 14 Nxe4. It doesn't

look quite right and it isn't, as black soon

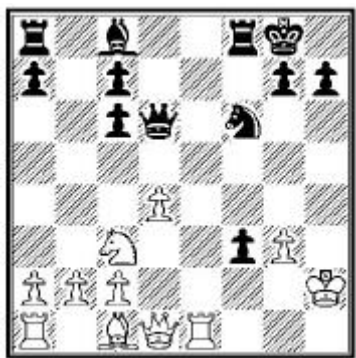
proves. 13 Bf4 was possible.

13...0-0 14 Bf3 ? Bxh2ch 15 Kxh2

After 15 Kh1 white would put up more of a fight.

15 ...Qd6ch 16 g3 exf3 17 Bf4 ?

The move white probably was relying on to hold things together.



17 ...Ng4ch 18 Kh1 Rxf4 and White resigns as everything goes !

Finally we can compare two of our opponents. Board 10 versus Board 3

This game was played in the 3rd Norge Championship which Orseth won with 12½/14 with no losses !

Sicilian Defence (E 83a)

White : Rolf Rostad

Black : Dag Orseth

1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 Nc6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 g6

5 c4 Nf6 6 Nc3 d6 7 f3 Bg7 8 Be3 0-0

9 Be2 Nd7 10 Qd2 Nc5 11 0-0 Bd7 12 Nc2

a5 13 Rad1 Be6 14 Bh6

Correct was either 14 Kh1 or b3. Now Black gets going on the Qside.

14...Bxh6 15 Qxh6 Qb6 16 Qe3 f5 17 Kh1

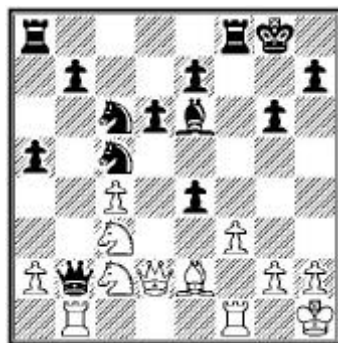
Attempting to trap his opponent's Queen,

but losing a pawn because of Black's

sneaky 19th move - wait for it !

17...Qxb2 18 Qd2 fxe4 19 Rb1

That looks like a Queen snared, but



19 ... e3 ! 20 Rxb2 exd2 21 Ne3 Rad8 22

Rxd2 Bc8 23 Rfd1 Rf7 24 Ne4

Making it easier for Black by allowing a third weak pawn.

24 ...Nxe4 25 fxe4 Rdf8 26 h3 Rf4 27 Bd3

Ne5 28 Bc2 Be6 29 Nd5 Rfch 30 Rxf1

Rxf1ch 31 Kh2 Nxc4 32 Rd4 Bxd5

White resigns.

Editor's note. Thanks John for the article, we look forward to the next set of revelations about our international opponents!

'WHOOPS' (by Val Nye)

Tartakower once said that the mistakes are all there waiting to be made. With a considerable amount of hindsight I am forced to the conclusion that Tartakower's words constitute the First Law of Correspondence Chess. Without any prompting from my opponent, I made an outright blunder in one game - the head is applied to a solid wall in order to establish relative softness - and sure enough I discover an equally horrendous move in another game. Of course, there are mistakes and mistakes. It is one thing to underestimate your opponent's prospects in your plans. For example, in a recent game, I thought I could go in for the win of his kings rook pawn. Unfortunately, my opponent found an ingenious move which enabled him to double up rooks on the (now) opened file with tempo and I soon had to resign. It is quite definitely another thing to make a mistake which only a CC player can make

My breakfast was ruined one morning when I opened an envelope and found my opponent had played PxR. I looked at the board I was using for the game and the offending pawn was on a3; with my last move Rb3 I was threatening a pawn and about to double rooks on the b-file. Unfortunately the scorecard said the pawn was still on its original square. Needless to say, I have made that type of mistake again!

It is relatively easy to write down an illegal move on the scorecard. Once, I had written down Bf4 and a few days later I received a very polite note from my opponent pointing out that the d-pawn was still at home and so the bishop had no legal move.

Sometimes we profit by our opponent's mistakes. Once, an opponent sent his last move (in a Ruy Lopez) b4, to attack my knight on a5 and offered the conditional continuation if knight moves, then qd2. So naturally I gratefully continued nc4 and after the (binding) move of qd2 played nxq. The classical 'mis-continuation' is, of course, in the opening. After 1 d4, black may want to fianchetto his king bishop early and reply g6. Black is advised not to offer the conditional continuation : if 2 any, then Bg7; since white will play 2 Bh6!

Many years ago, in one of my first CC games, an opponent was playing a French Defence very badly against me and I had worked up a very strong attack. His king was out in the open and my pieces were poised to deliver mate after any number of checking sequences. Being young and single and having plenty of time I wrote down what I thought were all the possible continuations (which led to mate) and offered them to my opponent. Naturally he selected one of the sub-variations and side-stepped at an appropriate moment to avoid mate. During all this I gave up my queen. Fortunately, I was able to pick up more than her equivalent and - after a protracted pushing of wood - won. The annoying thing was that in the sub-variation chosen by my opponent there was a better sequence of checks which did lead to mate. Since that experience I have not been offering continuations of more than two moves!

Another (Freudian?) mistake is to post the card to yourself. This costs time and money and -like any type of mistake - is most vexing. Fortunately - touch wood - I have not posted moves to myself for some time... The real life analogue of this one is to have two letters to post and mix up the contents.

Each season I start off with the best intentions - and yet, somehow, I manage to add to the number of pits into which I have fallen. The curious thing is that other people seem to have the same tendency! A thought has just occurred to me - perhaps there are more than the ones I have mentioned! If this is the grim truth, then I suggest that we immediately compile a 'dictionary' which this mere mortal (for one) will find invaluable.

Readers are invited to send other examples of types of 'whoops' for the Bulletin and for the guidance of unsuspecting colleagues who are about to fall into the traps which exist, other than those with the actual chess moves!

EDITOR'S 'WHOOOPS'

To follow up Val's article, I thought I would 'set the ball in motion' by giving my most recent 'whoops'

ICCF Master Class 1978/81

A.P. Borwell (White) J. Carlos Bet (Black)

1. 5254	5755	2. 7163	2836	3. 6125	1716	4. 2514	7866
5. 5171(0-0)	6654	6. 4244	2725	7. 1423	4745	8. 4455	3856
9. 1214	3615	10. 1425	1523	11. 3223	1625	12. 1118	4818
13. 6344	2524	14. 6263	5435	15. 6364	7776	16. 7274	8878
17. 7181							



International Notation

18	28	38	48	58	68	78	88
17	27	37	47	57	67	77	87
16	26	36	46	56	66	76	86
15	25	35	45	55	65	75	85
14	24	34	44	54	64	74	84
13	23	33	43	53	63	73	83
12	22	32	42	52	62	72	82
11	21	31	41	51	61	71	81

In this position my Argentinian opponent played 17 5638, anticipating my central pawn thrust, with the apparent idea of bringing his bishop into the game on a6 or b7. The game continued (or rather I thought it did!!)

18. 6465	3816	19. 5556	6756	20. 6556	1643	21. 2142	4344
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What? I sent the card back immediately indicating that he had made an illegal move, did he mean 4354? - he replied that his move was correct!!

I then thought that I had better look through the game from the beginning - but still, no explanation. In desperation, I searched for all of his postcards and found to my horror that his 18th move was recorded as1816 not 3816. The piece intruding on square 43 was his queen not his bishop! I had spent many hours in deciding to sacrifice the exchange on f1, when in fact his bishop had never been on the diagonal, and the apparently clever idea of 1643, which prevents my queen going to f3, because of the pin by the illusory bishop on e4!

A piece is lost without compensation and resignation forced - the error could make all the difference to my promotion hopes as I have so far scored 7/9 (including this blunder) with every prospect of 11/14. This may not be quite enough to win the Section outright, which is a requirement for promotion to the World Semi-finals - I am still kicking myself!



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READERS LETTERS ..

Extract of letter from Ken Beer of the Shetlands .

I read the SCCA news bulletin, then it disappeared (wives who play chess well are actually more trouble than wives who don't play at all, judging by my experience and comparing it with my father's and brother's).

Swapping moves by telephone is in many ways superior to posting them, and only inferior in one vital way. The superiority lies in the cheapness, in the speed of play, and in the most important way - you don't have to. If you want to go out and enjoy yourself, you just don't phone a move through. It makes nonsense of the time limit, of course, but I don't see a way round that, and anyway the purpose of a time limit is only to keep play moving at a reasonable speed, and it should not be altered just because people with telephones can move more quickly if they wish to. The drawback is that moves are not written down. I suggest that as long as the move transmission runs, "In reply to your 36 ... RxP, I play 37 Q-N3" no troubles should occur. You have to make plain to players that if the opponent says, "No. I didn't play RxP, I played R-Q4", then you have to take his word for it. What you can't do is have someone phoning back ten minutes after receiving 37 Q-N3 saying I played 33 ... R-Q4 not RxP. So in other words when you accept a move you accept your opponent's version of what went before. Oh, I can see that anyone looking for ways to cheat will have a field day but how many strongish players cheat? I'm maybe spoilt, but we don't have any ill-natured players in Shetland and in my trips south I have hardly met any. But, in the final analysis, isn't it worth a try? It would be a boon to players in remote areas where the post takes ages in winter - ie. me..!

Endgame tournaments sound like a good idea. I assume one plays the same position as black and white (not necessarily against the same opponent) and I also assume that all the positions aren't equal or unclear, ie. some are probable win-able with best play and one therefore gets drawing practice.

Specialised opening tournaments also attract me - but not King's Gambit or Blackmar-Diemer. By all means have those for people who enjoy crazy positions. I'd like to play positions from openings I'm more likely to meet OTB say Benoni, 4P-KB3 against the Benko, or QGA or any early Q-N4 in the Winawer. There are plenty of double-edged or dynamic positions in openings one sees every day, little explored but nevertheless containing positional features of relevance to everyday chess. The knowledge gained from playing half a dozen Blackmar-Diemers is surely not That valuable? Unless you are one of the

very very few players who use the opening. Maybe I'm wrong. Maybe it's a good idea for Lopez players to learn the BDG, but were I a Lopez player I'd rather play a Lopez.

Can't we go algebraic? Most young players think algebraic, I think algebraic from contact with them, it's a strain translating. And the moves take up less room on the page!! John Nunn tells me that the Spanish GM Bellon does his scoresheets in very beautiful figurine algebraic, and even in time trouble his little horse's heads are immaculate. Now there's something to teach our juniors... Finally, thanks to all of you for getting this together. I like to see expansion. I can't see any reason why a bit of adventurous management shouldn't produce a chess mad nation.

Extract of letter from George Weeden, Edinburgh .

I was very pleased to see games in descriptive notation. I cannot understand why readers of chess put up with algebraic. I can see that printers and publishers and possibl computers will prefer algebraic, but it is extraordinarily difficult to visualise (that is, to sight read without the board) a sequence of moves in algebraic; and surely a great deal of chess reading must be sight reading - where is the time and facility to set up boards? I am not enthusiastic about Allan Hislop's approach to telephone chess. It is all very formal and rule-bound. I think players of ordinary correspondence games should be encouraged to exchange moves by telephone, without any extra rules, and in any convenient manner by mutual agreement. (I have had a very enjoyable game with Ken Beer played like this, and it would have been very tedious - it was a long endgame played by letter). I also think it is a very good idea if people do speed up their play, and I think they would often play better for it: if mistakes can be caused by carelessness and not seeing the situation, this can also be induced by boredom. Anyway, where is the enjoyment in enumerating possibilities; surely the enjoyment of the game comes in seeing the one right move without enumeration and calculation.

Editorial comment

Commenting on his games against George Weeden, Ken complimented his opponent for resigning in one game, when material down without positional compensation. Some players do tend to play on in-hopeless positions, which can be both time-consuming and expensive. On notation, I wonder who won the battle between Ken (the algebraic) and George (the descriptive)!!

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