

# Scottish Correspondence Chess Association

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Welcome to the spring edition of 2009 and I hope you all had an enjoyable Easter holiday. We even had some sun locally before the east coast haar drove us indoors again.

This edition is absolutely packed with games, so I trust everybody will get something from it.

George Pyrich starts us off with our closely contested Webserver Open final, almost complete now, but with the final placings not yet clear. Lots of games to enjoy.

George turns statistician for his second article, analysing Scottish performances in the ICCF spring grading list.

Bernard's CD review section includes offerings from established tutors Kasimdzhanov, Davies and Martin. His games column is as crammed as ever with games from our members.

George reappears with his international report, with yet more annotated games featuring our members in action.

I've started some light annotations on my games in the XVI Olympiad which led to a SIM norm. George Pyrich is currently looking to field a team in the XVIII Olympiad which is scheduled to start in September.

In our last issue, we welcomed a new contributor in Carlo Pagni from Milan. Tragically, I learned that he had died of a heart attack in March. Carlo's collaborator on his CC researches is Ivo Fasiori, who hopes to provide more material in future. Meanwhile, I've expressed our condolences to the Pagni family.

On a brighter note, congratulations to St Margaret's School from Airdrie who finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the inaugural ICCF Senior Schools consultation event organised by Alan Borwell. They scored 5/6, finishing a half point behind the Louisa Adamica Grosuplje School from Slovenia.

Finally, a word of praise for the energetic Ian Foote who has won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the ICCF Direct Entry promotional competition, posting 22 entries. He collects an Opening Master Platinum chess package. Ian has also bounded into the grading list with a full rating at the first time of asking!



Peter Woods of Airdrie advises that Chess Suppliers is back in action, operating as a mail order business, but also covering the Scottish congress circuit.

<http://www.chesssuppliers.co.uk/>

### SCCA Webserver Events



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

To view tables and games in the SCCA Webserver Open, Championship Cycle and Leagues, you don't need to register on the ICCF server - go to the website (above), click Tables and Results, then National Federation Events then Scotland Events.

Some games have a time delay, e.g. current position is 5 moves ahead of what you can see.

### Recent 100 Club Winners

2009	1st	2nd
March	G W G Livie	K B McAlpine
February	A P Borwell	A P Borwell
January	I Mackintosh	J W Kilgour

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## Webserver Open Update

By George Pyrich

Scottish CCA Webserver Open - Final						TD Pyrich, George D.												
Rated						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Score	SB	R	Place
1	SCO	620643		Bell, Alan D.	2200 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6	18.5	0	1
2	SCO	620192	GM	Kilgour, David A.	2479	1	0	½	½	½	.	1	1	1	5.5	19	1	2
3	SCO	620588		Matheis, Thomas	2375	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	5.5	17.75	0	3
4	SCO	620345		Mackintosh, Iain	2278	½	½	½	0	½	1	0	½	1	4.5	15.5	0	4
5	SCO	629031		Lloyd, Geoffrey	2166	0	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	4	12.5	0	5
6	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2244	0	.	½	0	½	0	1	½	1	3.5	9.25	1	6
7	SCO	620640		McBride, John	2200 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	0	1	½	0	0	½	1	3	8	0	7
8	SCO	620614		Calder, Hugh	2069	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	1	3	7.5	0	8
9	SCO	620646		McLatchie, Jonathan	2200 <sup>P</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9

Play in our Scottish Server Open Final is now almost over. Only 1 game remains in progress from the 36 which started on 11 February 2008 but a clear winner has yet to emerge. Leader in the clubhouse is Alan Bell with 6 points from his 8 games but pre-tournament favourite GM David Kilgour presently has 5½ from 7 with 1 unfinished against IM Alan Borwell. However, David has beaten Alan Bell in their individual game and so any possible tie-breaks will almost certainly work in favour of David.

Tom Matheis with 5½ from 8 is assured of at least 3<sup>rd</sup> place and possibly a share of 2<sup>nd</sup> depending upon the result of the Kilgour v. Borwell game. Veterans Geoff Lloyd with 4 from 8, Alan Borwell (3½ from 7) and Iain Mackintosh (4½ from 8) make up the rest of the field presently on 50% or better.

All in all this event can be considered to have been successful and it is hoped that another may commence later this year. We now present some games from the event:

**Kilgour, D (2479) – Bell, A [C17]**  
Scottish CCA Webserver Open Final, 2008  
*[Notes by George Pyrich]*

In our first game we have the critical encounter which may well decide 1st place.

1.e4 e6  
2.d4 d5  
3.Nc3 Bb4  
4.e5 c5  
5.dxc5

Rather a rare choice but leading to interesting play.

5... Nc6  
6.Nf3 Nge7  
7.Bd3 d4  
8.a3 Ba5  
9.b4 Nxb4  
10.axb4 Bxb4  
11.0-0 Bxc3  
12.Rb1 h6  
13.Nd2 Bxd2  
14.Bxd2 Bd7  
15.Rxb7 Bc6



### 16.Rb4

Almost a forced sequence to here.

16... a5!?

Looks natural as the pawn at e5 is now won but Black also has 16...Qd5 17.Qg4 Rd8 18.Re1 g5 as in Hodgson v. Lalic, London 1988, eventually drawn.

17.Rb6 Qd5  
18.Qg4 Qxe5  
19.Rfb1 h5  
20.Qh4



### 20...Qxc5

With 2 pawns in the bank, Black, with the K in the centre, now has to weather the storm.

**21.Bg5!**

Best as 21.Qg3 h4 22.Qc7 0-0; and 21.Rb8+ Kd7 don't seem to promise much.

21... Ng6

21...Qd5 was the alternative when 22.f3 f6 (22...Nf5?? loses immediately to 23.Bxf5 exf5 24.Qe1+) 23.Bxf6 gxf6 24.Qxf6 is unclear but certainly no worse for White.

22.Bxg6! fxg6

23.Qf4 Bd7

White threatened Rxc6.

24.h4 Rc8

Not 24...Rf8?? 25.Qe4!

25.R1b5 Qc7?!

After this Black always seems to be under the cosh – obviously not 25...Bxb5 26.Rxc6+; but 25...Qxb5 doesn't seem too bad after say 26.Rxb5 Bxb5 27.Qe5 (if 27.Qd6 Kf7 28.Qe7+ Kg8 and Black survives) 27...0-0 28.Qxb5 Rxc2 when White is better after 29.f3 but Black can still hope for salvation.

26.Rd6 Rf8

27.Qxd4 Rf7

28.Rbb6 Kf8

29.c4 e5

29...Be8 is similar to the game after 30.c5 e5 (30...Rd7 31.Be3 and useful moves for Black are difficult to find) 31.Qd5 Qxc5 32.Qxc5 Rxc5 33.Rb8 and Black is almost in zugswang]

**30.Qd5**

Now there is no salvation for Black.

30... Be8

31.c5 a4

32.Be3 Rd7

33.Qxe5 Rxd6

34.cxd6 Qf7

If 34...Qd7 then 35.Ra6.

35.Rb4! Kg8

36.Rf4 Qd7

37.Bd4 Rc4

37...a3 38.Rf3 a2 39.Ra3 and again the threat of Ra7 is crushing.

**38.Rf3**

38... Kh7

39.Rf8 Rc1+

40.Kh2 Re1

41.Qf4 g5

41...a3 42.Qh6+! is mate next move!

42.hxg5 a3

43.Bc3 Re6

44.Qd4 Rxd6

45.Qe4+ Bg6

46.Qa8 Bb1

47.Rg8 a2

48.Qf8 1-0

And Black resigned. The opposite squared B's were a feature of an excellent attacking game.

**Calder,H (2069) - Kilgour,D (2479) [B50]**

Scottish CCA Webserver Open Final, 2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

David also had a nice win against Hugh Calder.

1.e4 c5

2.Nf3 d6

3.b3

An off-beat line which is better than its reputation.

3... Nc6

4.Bb2 Nf6

5.Nc3 e6

6.Bb5 Bd7

7.0-0 Be7

8.Re1 0-0

9.a4

9.Bxc6 with 9...Bxc6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 looks more consistent.

9... e5

10.d3 a6

11.Bc4

11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.a5 hoping to play Nd2-c4 was better.

11... Nd4!

Now Black has no problems.

12.Nd5

Not 12.h3? when 12...b5 is very awkward for White. With the text White will meet b5 by exchanging N's at f6 and then Bd5 but Black now has something a little better.

12... Bg4!

**13.c3**

13.Bxd4 was better when after the likes of 13...cxd4 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Bg6 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.a5 isn't too bad.

13... Nxf3+

14.gxf3 Bh5

15.Qe2

It's not easy to see a good plan for White - seeking after activity with 15.d4 doesn't look good after 15...Nxd5 16.Bxd5 Bh4 when Qg5+ looms large.

15... Nxd5

16.Bxd5 Rb8  
 17.Qf1 Bh4  
 18.Qh3 Qf6  
 19.Kg2 Kh8!

Now White is in trouble as he can't stop the Black advance and defend f3.

20.a5

Maybe 20.Qf5 which doesn't look too bad; or 20.Bc1 were better tries.

20... g5  
 21.Qf5 Qe7  
 22.d4



22... Bg6  
 23.Qh3 f5  
 24.dxe5 g4!  
 25.fxg4 fxg4  
 26.Qxg4 Rxf2+  
 27.Kh1 Rxb2

Black now wraps up efficiently.

28.exd6 Qf8  
 29.Rf1 Bf2  
 30.d7 Rd8  
 31.Rab1 Rxb1  
 32.Rxb1 Be3  
 33.Re1 Bd2  
 34.Rg1 Qe7

0-1



**Borwell,A (2244) – Mackintosh,I (2278) [B13]**  
 Scottish CCA Webserver Open Final, 2008  
*[Notes by George Pyrich]*

1.e4 c6  
 2.d4 d5  
 3.exd5 cxd5  
 4.c4 Nf6  
 5.Nc3 Nc6

5...e6 6.Nf3 Bb4 is the fashionable line nowadays – the text tends to lead to a more tactical struggle.

6.Bg5

6.Nf3 Bg4 7.cxd5 is the other main line when 7...Nxd5 8.Qb3 Bxf3 9.gxf3 e6 10.Qxb7 Nxd4 11.Bb5+ Nxb5 12.Qc6+ Kc7 13.Qxb5 is unclear.

6...Be6 7. Be2

7.c5 was unclear after 7...Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Be3 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qc7 11.Bc3 in Soderberg v. Huuskonen, FINJUB 40, 2001.

7... Qa5  
 8.Nf3 dxc4  
 9.Bxf6?!

Maybe developing pieces with 9.0-0 Rd8 10.Re1 was better.

9... exf6  
 10.d5!?



10... 0-0-0!  
 11.Bxc4 Bb4  
 12.0-0 Bxc3  
 13.bxc3 Bxd5  
 14.Bxd5 Qxd5  
 15.Qa4

White's opening has been less than a qualified success – he now tries to generate play on the Q side.

15... h5  
 16.Rab1 a6  
 17.h3 Rhe8  
 18.Nd4 Re4  
 19.Rfc1 Qc5  
 20.Qb3 Rd7  
 21.Nxc6 Qxc6  
 22.c4?!

Maybe White should avoid pawn moves – awaiting developments with the likes of 22.Qa3 was better.

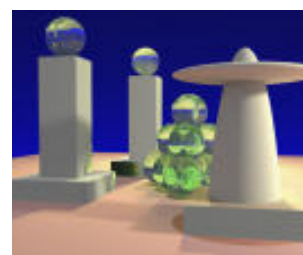
22... Qc5  
 23.Qf3 Rde7  
 24.Rd1 h4!

Black quietly strengthens his position in stead of grabbing a pawn with 24...Rxc4 when 25.Qd3 is more than a little awkward.

25.Qd3 Kb8  
 26.a3 Ka7  
 27.Rdc1

If Black is going to ignore the c-pawn then he may as well defend it!

27... f5





**28.Qd5**

The R and pawn end-game doesn't really offer much hope – however, Black will otherwise simply continue to improve his position by advancing the K-side pawns and playing the likes of Rd4–d2.

<b>28...</b>	<b>Qxd5</b>
<b>29.cxd5</b>	<b>Rd7</b>
<b>30.Rd1</b>	<b>b5</b>
<b>31.Rb3</b>	<b>Kb6</b>
<b>32.Rc3</b>	<b>Rc4</b>
<b>33.Rf3</b>	<b>g6</b>
<b>34.d6</b>	<b>Kc5</b>
<b>35.Rfd3</b>	<b>Rc2</b>
<b>36.Kf1</b>	<b>a5</b>
<b>37.Rd5+</b>	<b>Kc6</b>
<b>38.R5d3</b>	<b>f4</b>
<b>39.Rd4</b>	<b>Rc3</b>

**0-1**

The ending is hopeless so White resigned



**Bell,A – Borwell,A (2244) [B60]**

Scottish CCA Webserver Open Final, 2008

[Notes by George Pyrich]

<b>1.e4</b>	<b>c5</b>
<b>2.Nf3</b>	<b>Nc6</b>
<b>3.d4</b>	<b>cxd4</b>
<b>4.Nxd4</b>	<b>Nf6</b>
<b>5.Nc3</b>	<b>d6</b>
<b>6.Bg5</b>	<b>Qb6!?</b>
<b>7.Nb3</b>	<b>e6</b>
<b>8.Bxf6</b>	<b>gxf6</b>

As often happens in this line, Black has the 2 B's to compensate for the shattered pawns.

<b>9.Qd2</b>	<b>Bd7</b>
<b>10.0-0-0</b>	<b>a6</b>

10...0-0-0 comes to much the same thing after 11.f4 a6 12.Be2 h5 13.Kb1 Kb8 14.Rhf1 Simakhin v. Skeels, World Ch. 28 sf, 2004.

<b>11.Kb1</b>	<b>h5?!?</b>
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Maybe this should wait until White plays Be2 (idea Bh5).

<b>12.f4</b>	<b>Qc7</b>
<b>13.Qf2</b>	

White defers Be2 to try to encourage further weaknesses in Black's position.

<b>13...</b>	<b>Be7</b>
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Maybe 13...b5!? 14.f5 Qa7 is an idea for Black.

<b>14.Na4</b>	<b>Bd8</b>
<b>15.Qg3</b>	<b>Be7</b>
<b>16.Qe3</b>	<b>Nb4</b>

16...Bd8!? looks playable when White still has to prove anything.

<b>17.Nc3</b>	<b>b5</b>
<b>18.Be2</b>	



<b>18...</b>	<b>Nxc2?!?</b>
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Very tempting but in the long run it's White who will control the c-file. Maybe 18...Rb8 with the idea of advancing the a-pawn was better.

<b>19.Kxc2</b>	<b>b4</b>
<b>20.Kb1</b>	<b>bxc3</b>
<b>21.Rc1</b>	<b>Qa7</b>
<b>22.Qxc3</b>	<b>h4</b>

Advancing the other R's pawn with 22...a5 looks better.

<b>23.Nd4</b>	<b>Qb6</b>
<b>24.Bc4</b>	<b>Rc8</b>
<b>25.Qd2</b>	



<b>25...</b>	<b>f5</b>
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Almost forced as White will play f5 himself.

<b>26.exf5</b>	<b>e5</b>
<b>27.Nf3</b>	<b>Bxf5+</b>
<b>28.Ka1</b>	<b>Rc5</b>
<b>29.Bb3</b>	

Forcing Black to open more lines when the K will be in danger.

<b>29...</b>	<b>e4</b>
<b>30.Rxc5</b>	<b>dx5</b>
<b>31.Ne5</b>	<b>0-0</b>
<b>32.Qe3</b>	

Now the K has nowhere to go.

<b>32...</b>	<b>Bf6</b>
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33.g4 immediately also looks strong.  
 33... a5  
 34.g4



34... hxg3  
 35.Rg1! Bg7  
 36.Qxg3 Qf6  
 37.Bd5 a4

38.a3  
 Black is almost in zugswang.  
 38... Be6  
 39.Bxe4 Bb3  
 40.h4  
 White now wins as he pleases.  
 40... Rd8  
 41.h5 Rd1+  
 42.Rxd1 Bxd1  
 43.Qh3 Qh6  
 44.Qc8+ Bf8  
 45.Nd7 Bxh5  
 46.f5 c4  
 47.Qxc4 Qd6  
 48.Qc8 f6  
 49.Bc2 Kg7  
 50.Qxf8+ 1-0

Black resigned



### Interesting CC Variations on the Net



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 Online play



## 2009 Grading List Spring Update

By George Pyrich

A new ICCF grading list has been published. The new grades are based on 8 months' results up to 28 February 2009, and will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April 2009 and 30 June 2009.

If your name does not appear on this list, then you have played insufficient ICCF-eligible games (<12) to obtain a provisional rating. Provisional ratings apply until 30 games have been processed, and are marked by an asterisk below. A number of our players previously rated only on the SCCA system are now appearing on the ICCF list. Rating changes are denoted by arrows.

Please get in touch with me at [grader@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:grader@scottishcca.co.uk) if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
518	Anderson, G M	154	2297 ↑	260	Knox, A	59	1674 ↓
121	Anderson, J	149	1687 ↓	1117	Laing, D	12	2059 *
049	Armstrong, A	107	1866 ↑	419	Lees, J A	77	2070 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	62	1566 ↓	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	145	2313 ↑
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)	59	2332 ↔	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	172	2340 ↑
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	297	2501 ↑	264	Lloyd, G	284	2168 ↑
599	Bell, A D	29	2291 ↑ *	337	Loughran, R	52	1772 ↓
431	Binnie, J	14	1532 *	441	MacCaellich-Young, Ms J	15	1517 ↔ *
520	Bird, Prof G H	47	2078 ↔	433	MacDonald, M	26	1583 ↔ *
	Bonetti, S	19	2307 ↔	367	MacDonald, P H	39	1952 ↔
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	640	2200 ↓	584	MacGregor, C A	182	1882 ↑
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	21	1817 ↓ *	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	422	2297 ↑
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	203	2322 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	362	1967 ↑
423	Calder, H	77	2067 ↓	566	Marshall, I H	297	2065 ↑
096	Campbell, A W I	32	1798 ↔	434	Matheis, T (SM)	114	2414 ↑
038	Campbell, I S	210	1873 ↔	083	Maxwell, A	43	2181 ↔
585	Collins, S	22	1828 ↔ *	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↓
173	Cook, W M	54	1982 ↔		McBride, J	17	2089 *
364	Coope, D W	360	1897 ↑	352	McDonald, G R	75	1945 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	13	1963 *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↓
527	Craig, T J (SM)	314	2370 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	23	1559 ↑ *
332	Crawley, J	13	1912 ↔ *	001	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144	2452 ↔
166	Cumming, D R	288	2128 ↑	178	Milligan, B (SM)	154	1933 ↔
422	Dawson, Prof A G	41	2222 ↑	401	Moir, P J	17	1722 *
430	Doherty, T	19	1706 ↔ *	598	Montgomery, R S	130	2267 ↑
371	Edney, D	122	2015 ↓	564	Murray, J S	18	1909 ↔ *
284	Findlay, J A	38	2212 ↔		Murray, S A	21	1943 ↔ *
	Foote, I	30	1963	440	Neil, C	45	1741 ↑
340	Finnie, D S (SIM)	193	2538 ↔	453	Newton, A	14	1782 *
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	119	2363 ↔	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	51	1904 ↑
	Gillespie, D L	18	1761 ↔ *	444	Paine, Dr K A	45	2057 ↑
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	712	2251 ↑
124	Goodwin, B	88	2052 ↓	136	Reeman, I F	127	2306 ↓
445	Graham, S	107	2119 ↔	437	Roberts, A	110	1836 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	68	1552 ↑	407	Ross, D W	26	1920 ↔ *
556	Hartford, Mrs E A	168	1912 ↔	398	Rough, R E	23	1893 ↔ *
063	Harvey, D	62	2038 ↔	522	Savage, D J	67	1987 ↓
114	Hilton, S H	114	1567 ↓	449	Scott, A	40	1912 ↑
597	Hind, A	32	2205 ↔	439	Smith, M J	17	1820 ↔ *
510	Hislop, A T	169	1936 ↔		Stewart, A G	20	2146 ↔ *
515	Jack, J P E	21	1798 ↓ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	115	2130 ↓
447	Jamieson, I	15	1997 *	442	Swan, I	53	2399 ↓
514	Jenkins, D M	76	2232 ↔	580	Watson, J (IM)	135	2293 ↑
322	Jessing, M	24	2096 ↓ *	065	Young, S M	44	1900 ↔
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	273	2397 ↑				



## Statistical Analysis

Total listed	<b>89</b>
New entrants	<b>8</b>
Deletions through inactivity	<b>7</b>
Full grades (30+ games)	<b>65</b>
Provisional grades (<30 games)	<b>24</b>
Grading increases (↑)	<b>27</b>
Grading decreases (↓)	<b>20</b>
Grading static (↔)	<b>34</b>

## Top 30 Grades

Finnie, D S (SIM)	<b>2538</b>	Mackintosh, I (IM)	<b>2297</b>
Beecham, C R (IM)	<b>2501</b>	Watson, J (IM)	<b>2293</b>
McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	<b>2452</b>	May, M A	<b>2283</b>
Giulian, P M (SIM)	<b>2426</b>	Montgomery, R S	<b>2267</b>
Matheis, T (SM)	<b>2414</b>	Pyrich, G D (IM)	<b>2251</b>
Swan, I	<b>2399</b>	Jenkins, D M	<b>2232</b>
Kilgour, D A (GM)	<b>2397</b>	Dawson, Prof A G	<b>2222</b>
Craig, T J (SM)	<b>2370</b>	Findlay, J A	<b>2212</b>
Gillam, S R (SM)	<b>2363</b>	Hind, A	<b>2205</b>
Livie, G W G (IM)	<b>2340</b>	Borwell, A P (IM)	<b>2200</b>
Baxter, R W M (SM)	<b>2332</b>	Maxwell, A	<b>2181</b>
Brown, Dr A C (SM)	<b>2322</b>	Lloyd, G	<b>2168</b>
Lennox, C J (SM)	<b>2313</b>	Stewart, Dr K W C	<b>2130</b>
Reeman, I F	<b>2306</b>	Cumming, D R	<b>2128</b>
Anderson, G M	<b>2297</b>	Graham, S	<b>2119</b>

## Top 30 Games Played

Pyrich, G D (IM)	<b>712</b>	MacGregor, C A	<b>182</b>
Borwell, A P (IM)	<b>640</b>	Livie, G W G (IM)	<b>172</b>
Giulian, P M (SIM)	<b>451</b>	Hislop, A T	<b>169</b>
Mackintosh, I (IM)	<b>422</b>	Hartford, Mrs E A	<b>168</b>
MacMillen, A N	<b>362</b>	Anderson, G M	<b>154</b>
Coope, D W	<b>360</b>	Milligan, B (SM)	<b>154</b>
Craig, T J (SM)	<b>314</b>	Anderson, J	<b>149</b>
Beecham, C R (IM)	<b>297</b>	Lennox, C J (SM)	<b>145</b>
Marshall, I H	<b>297</b>	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	<b>144</b>
Cumming, D R	<b>288</b>	Watson, J (IM)	<b>135</b>
Lloyd, G	<b>284</b>	Montgomery, R S	<b>130</b>
Kilgour, D A (GM)	<b>273</b>	Reeman, I F	<b>127</b>
Campbell, I S	<b>210</b>	Edney, D	<b>122</b>
Brown, Dr A C (SM)	<b>203</b>	Gillam, S R (SM)	<b>119</b>
Finnie, D S (SIM)	<b>193</b>	Stewart, Dr K W C	<b>115</b>

## Some ICCF Statistics

It is interesting to note the effect of the ICCF webserver which was introduced in 2005. If the corresponding period of 2004 is compared against 2009, we see:

	2004-1	2009-1
Graded games	<b>18,000</b>	<b>27,000</b>
Server	<b>0%</b>	<b>80%</b>
Email	<b>40%</b>	<b>5%</b>
Postal	<b>60%</b>	<b>15%</b>

2009-1 covered 8 months, while 2004-1 covered 6. A pro-rated figure for 2009 would thus be 20,250. Games are on the increase, and the webserver is dominating other modes of play.

The remains a hard core of postal players, but email looks distinctly marginalised. If you haven't yet tried the webserver, get in touch and we'll organise a friendly game for you.



### Attacking the King for Experts By Rustam Kasimdzhanov



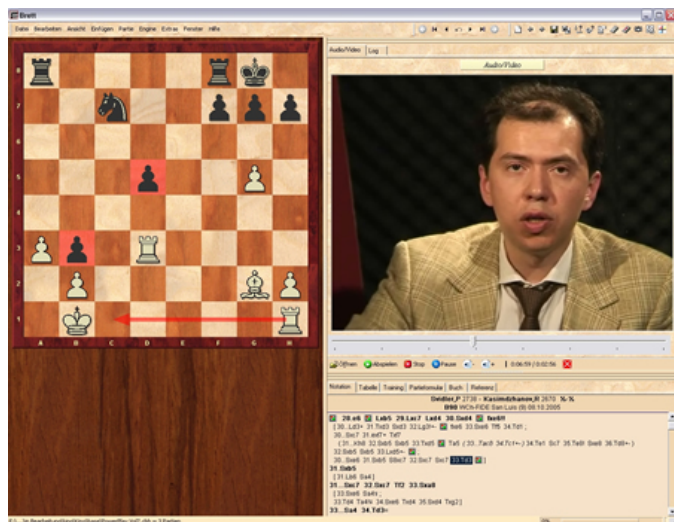
System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP or Windows Vista, Windows Media Player 9.0, DVD drive.

Ever since the beginning of chess, the assault on the king has had its own special magic; masterly attacking games, crowned by sacrifices and unforgettable combinations, have never ceased to attract and thrill the audience. On this DVD in fritztrainer video format, Rustam Kasimdzhanov shows us that particularly the World Champions were outstanding attackers from who we can learn a lot. From Steinitz, Lasker and Capablanca to Fischer, Karpov and Kasparov, one exemplary attacking game is presented reflecting the individual playing attitude of each of these chess legends.

### Fritz Powerbook 2009 By Chessbase



The current openings theory with 1 million games. The Fritz Powerbook 2009 contains 27 millions opening positions, derived from 1,4 million high class tournament games. Together with each position all relevant information is stored: all moves that were played in the position, by players of what average rating, with what success and performance results. The games from which the Fritz Powerbook 2009 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 2009 represents the state of the art of current openings theory. Discover exciting and tricky new lines and practice them against Fritz. In addition the DVD has a small but very exclusive book with the strongest GM games (ELO >= 2550) from the past 100 years (1,8 Mio positions).

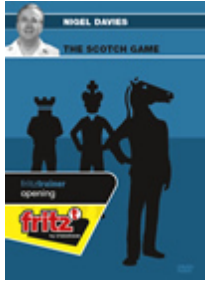


The extraordinary GM Rustam Kasimdzhanov uses four hours of video to cover the complex topic detailing the secrets of attacking the King. The lessons are based on the games of some of the greatest World Champions of all time. All the material is based on games from world champions as players such as: Steinitz, Lasker, Capablanca, Alekhine, Botvinnik, Euwe, Smyslov, Tal, Petrosian, Spassky, Fischer, Karpov, Kasparov, Karpov and obviously Kasimdzhanov himself whose games are covered in the second part of the DVD. All together there are eight games from Rustam Kasimdzhanov on these video files and that makes this DVD so highly instructive!

	N	%	Av	Perf	Fact	Prob	[%]
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<b>1.d4</b>	508865	55.6	2404	2436	0	33.6	33.6
<b>1.Sf3</b>	142020	55.6	2402	2429	0	13.7	13.7
<b>1.c4</b>	103546	55.5	2406	2432	0	11.0	11.0
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<b>1.f4</b>	4183	45.4	2329	2319	0	0.7	0.7
<b>1.Sc3</b>	2283	47.2	2308	2316	0	0.3	0.3
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<b>1.d3</b>	536	49.3	2307	2326	0	0	0
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<b>1.g4</b>	111	36.9	2318	2246	0	0	0
<b>1.h3</b>	90	38.9	2303	2287	0	0	0
<b>1.a4</b>	68	50.0	2421	2398	0	0	0
<b>1.h4</b>	36	51.4	2283	2305	0	0	0
<b>1.Sh3</b>	14	60.7	2349	2425	0	0	0
<b>1.Sa3</b>	12	58.3	2297	2356	0	0	0
<b>1.f3</b>	9	38.9	2290	2275	0	0	0

27 millions opening positions, derived from 1,4 million high class tournament games exclusive book with the strongest GM games (ELO >= 2550) from the past 100 years (1,8 Mio positions). System requirements: Pentium PC, 32 MB RAM, Windows Vista, WindowsXP and Fritz11, DVD drive.

## The Scotch Game By Nigel Davies



With this DVD Grand Master Nigel Davies provides a complete repertoire based on the Scotch Four Knights.

Part one of the DVD covers 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4} and other Scotch lines such as Kasparov's favourite, the Mieses variation.

Part two of the DVD covers 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5}.

The Scotch is a good choice of opening but requires a lot of work to memorise the variations. Nigel does a great job of showing you the lines and ideas and concentrates on the modern approach which will be most relevant for today's play.

The video running time is about 5 hours and there are 34 well filled video files to cover the different aspects of the opening.



An interesting game included is a game with the Steinitz System. As Gutman once wrote in his book on 4...Qh4 the boldest and most dangerous of Black's defences to 4. Nxd4. Kasimdzhanov, Rustam (2614) - Vladimirov, Evgeny (2586) [C45] Namangan zt Namangan, 2000

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qh4 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Be2 Nf6 [6...Qxe4 7.Ndb5 Bxc3+ (7...Kd8 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.Nxc3 Qd4 10.Bd3 Nge7 11.Qh5 f5 12.Re1 h6 13.Bd2 a6 14.Rad1 g6 15.Qe2 Qg7 16.Na4 Rh7 17.Bc3 Qf8 18.Bc4 b6 19.Qe3 Rb8 20.b4 d6 21.Nc5 bxc5 22.bxc5 d5 23.Bxd5 Nxd5 24.Bf6+ Re7 25.Rxd5+ Bd7 26.Bxe7+ Nxe7 27.Rdd1 Ke8 28.Qe5 Rc8 29.Rxd7 Kxd7 30.Qe6+ 1-0 Sevillano,E (2490)-Kretchetov,A (2335)/Los Angeles 2003] 8.bxc3 Kd8 9.0-0 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.Nf5 Qxe4 9.Bd3 Qg4 10.f3 Qa4 11.bxc3 Kf8 [11...0-0 12.Nxg7 Kxg7 13.Bh6+ Kxh6 (13...Kg8 14.Qd2 Qh4 15.Bg5) 14.Qd2+

Kg7 (14...Kh5 15.g4+ Nxg4 16.fxg4+ Kxg4 17.Kh1) 15.Qg5+ Kh8 16.Qxf6+ Kg8 17.Qg5+ Kh8 18.Qh6] 12.Qe1 Ne8 [12...d6 13.Nxg7 Kxg7 14.Qg3+ Kf8 15.Bh6+ Ke7 16.Bg7 Re8 17.Qg5 Be6] 13.Qg3 d6 14.Nxg7 Rg8 [14...Nxg7 15.Bh6 Rg8 16.Bxh7] 15.Bh6 Rxg7 16.Rae1 Ne5 17.f4 Nxd3 18.cxd3 Bf5 19.h3 Qb5 20.Rxe8+ [20.Rf3] 20...Kxe8 21.Qxg7 Bxd3 22.Re1+ Kd7 23.Qxf7+ Kc6 24.Kh2 Bc4 25.Qxh7 Bxa2 26.Re7 Rc8 27.Qe4+ Kb6 28.f5 Bd5 29.Qd4+ Kc6 30.f6 Rg8 31.Bg7 Qf1 32.Qg4 Kb6 33.h4 a5 34.h5 c5 35.h6 Qd3 36.f7 Bxf7 37.Rxf7 Re8 38.Qd7 Qe4 39.Qxd6+ Kb5 40.Qd7+ Ka6 41.Qf5 Qh4+ 42.Qh3 Qe4 43.h7 a4 44.h8Q 1-0

## The ABC of the Sicilian Dragon By Andrew Martin



The Sicilian Dragon is one of the most extensively analysed openings in the entire realm of chess theory. That is because it is one of Black's best counterattacking options against 1 e4 and therefore very attractive.

After 1 e4 c5 2 Nf3 d6 3 d4 cxd4 4 Nxd4 Nf6 5 Nc3 g6! Black develops aggressively and rapidly, has clear intentions on the half-open c file and the long diagonal. He retains options of levering open the queenside with the help of ...b7-b5 and ...a7-a5. Black keeps the inherently flexible Sicilian pawn-structure intact.

This Fritz-Trainer can also be run with Pocket Fritz 3 (audio format)!



Yet.....can it really be sensible for the club player to wade in these dangerous waters? Will the game not reduce to a battle of memory, particularly in the Yugoslav attack? Not everyone has the talent of Kasparov, Carlsen, Topalov or Golubev. In the ABC of the Sicilian Dragon, Andrew Martin constructs a battle plan for the average player, which relies less on theory and

more on understanding.

He argues conclusively that this excellent opening CAN be used by every player and give fine results. Video running time: 4 h 10 min.

## The ABC of the Leningrad Dutch by Andrew Martin



The running time of this DVD is 4h 10 min so you can learn everything you need to know about the Leningrad Dutch. Well I'm sure David Cumming will correct me on that as it is one of his favourite openings and he has been studying it for years.

The Leningrad System of the Dutch is characterized by an early fianchetto of Black's King Bishop. Thanks to the uncompromising and controversial nature of Black's first move, 1...f5, this will always lead to sharp and difficult play.



On this ChessBase DVD, International Master Andrew Martin makes a compelling case for playing the Leningrad in competitive games and demonstrates that this is the ideal opening for players willing to embrace risk and who like to WIN.

Bent Larsen once famously remarked that the Dutch Defence brings out "the chicken" in a lot of opponents. Time and again on this DVD we will see what he means.

Maybe Petrosian rubbed his hands with glee at the thought of facing 1...f5, but for the average player the Dutch can be a nasty shock. Video running time: 4 h 10 min. This Fritztrainer is also running under Pocket Fritz 3!

Martin also includes some small theory video files where he digs more into the played strategies of the Leningrad Dutch.

## The ABC of the Anti- Dutch by Andrew Martin



This DVD is the ideal companion to the previous DVD. To play and understand the Dutch Defence it is necessary to understand the so called Dutch lines such as the Staunton Gambit.

As Martin explains Black has to be careful but does not have to fear this tricky line as we can see in the following game from Martin himself, where for Black an old recommendation of Nimzowitsch is 4..b6:

Players wishing to play the Dutch Defence must certainly pay as much attention to Anti-Dutch systems as they do to the main line, as it is these very lines that will occur most often at club level.

On this DVD IM Andrew Martin shows entertaining ways to get a good position as Black against all the most common Anti-Dutch strategies, so that you never have to worry about facing these annoying sidelines again.



The most important lines: 2 Nc3, 2 Bg5, 2 e4 and various side options for White are all considered. The Dutch is fully playable in the author's opinion and especially at club level, where it will be a sharp and uncompromising points-scorer. Every game featuring the Dutch is an adventure!

Video running time: 3 h 10 min. This Fritztrainer is also running under Pocket Fritz 3!



## Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

I am delighted to let you know that after 3 fantastic grandsons I now have a granddaughter. I've been wanting a granddaughter for ages and it feels that the family is now complete. In my time honoured tradition in this column here's a picture of Caitlin Anna Cassidy.



David Cumming features often in the games column due to the high number of annotated games he sends in. This issue is no different as all the games involve David. The first two games were sent in by David, the second was sent in by Geoff Lloyd (Geoff is a great advert for the SCCA and it would be great to see him annotating more games for the Magazine.) and the fourth and fifth games were provided by Richard Beecham who always provides an interesting perspective on his games.

SCCA Challenge Tournament, 2008

**White:-** D R Cumming  
**Black:-** A J Newton  
 Modern Benoni [A70]  
 [Annotator D R Cumming]

BM:- The annotations in this game are the analysis that David sent to Andrew after the game was finished.

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	e6
3.Nc3	c5
4.d5	exd5
5.cxd5	d6
6.e4	g6
7.Nf3	Bg7
8.h3	0-0
9.Bd3	b5
10.Bxb5	Nxe4
11.Nxe4	Qa5+
12.Nfd2	Qxb5

13.Nxd6  
 14.N2c4  
 15.0-0

Qa6  
 Nd7



White picks the opportune moment to castle.

15...	Ne5
16.Nxc8	Raxc8
17.Nxe5	Bxe5
18.Re1±	Bd4?!

18...Qf6 19.Rb1  
 (19.Qg4 Bd4 20.Re2 h5 21.Qe4 Rb8 22.Rb1 Rb4 23.Be3 Qa6 24.a3 Qxe2 25.axb4 Bxe3 26.fxe3 cxb4 27.d6 Qb5 28.Rc1 Rd8 29.Rc6 Kh7 30.Rc7 Rxd6 31.Rxf7+ Kg8 32.Qe7 Rd1+ 33.Kh2 Qb8+ Raschewski,W (2436)-Salvador Marques,J (2436)/ICCF Email 2002/ICCF Telechess CBM 100/ 1-0.)  
 19...Rfd8 20.Qg4 h5 21.Qc4 Qf5 22.Qe4 Qxe4 23.Rxe4 Rxd5 24.Be3 c4 25.f4 Bg7 26.Rc1 Bxb2 ½-½ Polak,T (2540)-Chatalbashev,B (2581)/Crete 2007/CBM 121.

19.Qf3± Qb7?N



After this move, Black is now losing the game. Other games supplied by my ChessBase databases are misleading in that they indicate Black should equalise fairly soon with alternative moves to the one that you chose. So, I have added Deep

Junior's analysis to these variations to clarify the positions for you! 19...Rfd8 20.Bg5 Rd7 21.Re2? (Deep Junior 10: 21.Re7 Winning! 21...Rxe7 22.Bxe7 Be5 23.Rd1 Bd6 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.Qa3 Rb8 26.Qc3 Rb4 1.98/18) 21...Rxd5 22.Bf4 Rf5 23.Rae1 Kg7 24.g4 Rf6 25.Qg3 Rcc6 26.Be5 Bxe5 27.Rxe5 Rfe6 28.Qc3 Kg8 29.Rd1 Qb6 30.Rdd5 c4 31.Rxe6 Rxe6 32.Kf1 Rf6 33.Qd4 Qxd4 34.Rxd4 Mascarinas,R (2465)-El Taher,F (2375)/Novi Sad 1990/TD/½-½.; 19...Rfe8 20.Rxe8+?! (Deep Junior 10: 20.Bf4 Qa5 21.Re2 Rxe2 22.Qxe2 Qa4 23.Re1 Bxb2 24.Qe4 Qxe4 25.Rxe4 c4 26.d6 c3 27.d7 Rf8 28.Rc4 1.00/20.) 20...Rxe8 21.Be3 Bxb2 22.Rd1 c4? 23.d6! Rd8 24.d7 Qe6 25.Qb7 Bf6 26.Qxa7 c3 27.Qc7 Qe4 28.a3 h5 29.Qc5 Qc2 30.Qd6 Be7 31.Qd5!+- Qe2 32.Qd3 Qxd3 33.Rxd3 c2 34.a4± Lund,C (1972)-Migliorini,R (2095)/IECG 2003/Telechess CBM 099/ ½-½.

20.Bh6!+- Rfd8?

The variations given below by Deep Junior all indicate that Black is indeed losing!  
 Deep Junior 10: 1 20...Rfe8 21.Rad1 1.44/6;  
 Deep Junior 10: 2 20...Rfd8 21.Re2 1.80/6;  
 Deep Junior 10: 3 20...Bxb2 21.Rab1 1.80/12; 20...Qxb2 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.Rab1 2.04/12

21.Re2!!



I had a spot of deja vu playing this move. I have seen it played somewhere before I just cannot place the occasion that I saw it! White safely disregards the attacks on the d-prawn and b-prawn as both are taboo for Black, viz:-

21... Re8

21...Qxd5?? 22.Re8+ Rxe8 23.Qxd5;  
21...Rxd5 22.Rae1 Qd7 23.Qxd5 Qxd5  
24.Re8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8#; 21...Bxb2?  
22.Rb1 Deep Junior 10: 22...Qb4  
23.Rexb2 Qh4 24.Rb7 Qxh6 25.Qxf7+  
Kh8 26.Qf6+ Kg8 27.d6 Rf8 28.Qe6+  
Kh8 29.Qe5+ Kg8 30.d7 Rcd8 31.Qd5+  
Kh8 5.50/15

22.Rae1 Qd7?!

This allows White to exchange Rooks  
leaving a won Queen & Bishop ending for  
White! Deep Junior 10: 22...Rxe2  
23.Qxe2 Qd7 24.d6 Rd8 25.Bg5 Qxd6  
26.Bxd8 Qxd8 27.b3 Kf8 28.Qe4 Bc3  
29.Re3 Qd1+ 30.Kh2 Bd4 2.63/22

23.Rxe8+ Rxe8  
24.Rxe8+ Qxe8  
25.d6!



Evan at this stage of the game, the d-  
prawn will still be immune from capture  
due to White's mating threats. With 25.d6!  
White opens up the light squared  
diagonals f3-a8, and also b3-g8, which  
intersect at d5.

25... Qe1+  
26.Kh2 Qe5+  
27.g3

Deep Junior 10: 27.g3 Qe8 28.d7 Qf8  
29.Bxf8 h5 30.d8Q Be5 31.Be7+ Kh7  
32.Qxf7+ Bg7 33.Qdg8+ Kh6 34.Qxg7#  
#8/15.

27... f5  
28.Qb3+ Kh8

Deep Junior 10: 28...c4 29.Qxc4+ Kh8  
30.Qc8+ Qe8 31.Qxe8# #4/59.

29.Qb8+ Qe8  
30.Qxe8# 1-0



SCCA Challenge Tournament

White:- A J Newton  
Black:- D R Cumming  
Goring Gambit [D07]  
[Annotator D R Cumming]

1.d4 d5  
2.c4 Nc6  
3.cxd5 Qxd5  
4.Nf3 e5  
5.Nc3 Bb4  
6.e3 exd4  
7.exd4

The so-called Goring Gambit (a  
transposition to an 01/e4...e5 opening)!

7... Nf6  
8.Be2 Ne4  
9.Bd2

9.Qd3 Bf5

9... Bxc3  
10.bxc3 0-0  
11.c4



11.0-0 Nxd2

a) 11...Re8 12.h3 Bf5 13.Re1 Rad8  
14.Qb3 Qxb3 15.axb3 a6 16.Kf1 Re7  
17.Rec1 h6 18.Ra2 Rde8 19.Bf4 g5  
20.Bh2 Na7 21.d5 Nb5 22.Bxb5 axb5  
23.g4 Bg6 24.Nd4 Nc5 25.f3 Rd8 26.c4  
Hegmann,H (2011)-Dietze,S (2131)/  
Bayern/EXT 2007/1/2-1/2.;

b) 11...Na5 12.Re1 b5 13.Bd3 f5 14.a4  
Nb3 15.Ra3 bxa4 16.Rxa4 Nbx2  
17.Nxd2 Nxc3 18.Qc2 Qd7 19.Ra5 Qxd4  
(19...Nd5 20.Rxd5; 19...Ne4 20.Nxe4 fxe4  
21.Bxe4 Rb8 22.Bxh7+ Kh8 23.Rh5)  
20.Rc1 Rd8 21.Qb3+ Be6  
(21...Kh8 22.Rxc3; 21...Nd5 22.Nf3 Qf4  
23.Rxd5 Qxc1+ 24.Bf1 Be6 25.Rxd8+  
Rxd8 26.Qxe6+ Kh8 27.Ne5)  
22.Qxe6+ Kh8 23.Re5 Qxd3 24.Rce1 h6  
25.Qg6 Qxd2 0-1 Nyholm,G-Alekhine,A/  
Stockholm 1912/EXT 199/[ChessBase].;

c) 11...Bg4 12.h3 (12.Be1 Rfe8 13.Qd3  
Re6 14.h3 Bh5 15.Bd1 Na5 16.Bb3 Nxb3  
17.axb3 Bxf3 18.Qxf3 Qxb3 19.Qd3 Qd5  
20.c4 Qd7 21.d5 Nc5 22.Qc2 Rg6 23.Bb4

Na6 24.Ba3 b5 25.Rfe1 b4 Mieses,J-  
Blackburne,J/Ostend 1907/HCL/1-0.)  
12...Bh5 13.Qc2 (13.Rb1 Qxa2 14.g4 Bg6  
15.Rxb7 Rab8 16.Rxc7 Qe6 17.d5 Qxd5  
18.Be3 Qxd1 19.Bxd1 Rfc8 20.Rxc8+  
Rxc8 21.Ba4 Nxc3 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.Bxa7  
Ra6 1/2-1/2 Berza,S (2373)-Shaw,S (2370)/  
ICCF email 2004/Corr 2006.)  
13...Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Na5 15.Rab1 a6  
16.Rfc1 b5 17.a4 c6 18.axb5 axb5 19.Qf4  
Nb3 20.Re1 Rfe8 21.Kh2 Re4 22.Qc7  
Bg6 23.Bd1 Nd2 24.Nxd2 Rxe1 25.Bb3  
Qg5 26.Rxe1 Qxd2 Zhuravliov,V-  
Kuzmicovs,G/Riga 1963/EXT 2003/1-0.;

12.Nxd2 Bf5 13.Qb3 Qa5 14.Nc4 Qa6  
15.Qb2 Ne7 16.Ne3 Qb6 17.Qa3 Qd6  
18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.Bf3 Rab8 20.Rfe1 Rfc8  
21.Nxf5 Nxf5 22.Rab1 g6 23.Rb3 Rc7  
24.Kf1 1/2-1/2 Ljubojevic,L (2615)-  
Portisch,L (2635)/Milan 1975/MCL.

11... Qd6  
12.d5 Ne5!N



A more active "retreat" than to e7 for the  
Queen's Knight! 12...Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Ne7  
14.0-0 c6 15.dxc6 Qxc6 16.Rfe1 Ng6  
17.Rad1 Qc7 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Qb4 Rac8  
20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.cxb5 Rfe8 22.Bg4 Rcd8  
23.g3 Ne5 24.Qe4 h6 25.Rxd8 Qxd8  
26.Rd1 Qe7 27.Bh3 Debiasi,S (1600)-  
Prado,M (1700)/SEMI 1999/Corr 2002/  
1/2-1/2.

13.Qc2

White HAD to castle Kingside on this  
move, it was his only safe option to  
maintain equality! The Queen blunder  
meant that White could no longer castle  
and his King was doomed to wander  
throughout the centre of the board for the  
remainder of its' life!

13... Nxf3+  
14.Bxf3 Nxd2!  
15.Kxd2#

Forced. 15.Qxd2?? Qe5+ and the Rook on  
a1 drops off!

15... Qf4+

16.Kc3 b5!!-+



I liked this move very much, and I did intend to play it at this point, however, my silicon monster liked it even more than I did!! The idea is to dissolve White's pawn centre and open lines in front of the cast adrift King.

17.Qe4?

Deep Junior 10: 17.cxb5 Bf5 18.Qd1 a6 19.Qd4 Qd6 20.a4 axb5 21.axb5 Ra3+ - 1.44/19.

17... Qf6+  
18.Qd4 b4+!  
19.Kd3 Bf5+  
20.Be4 Bxe4+  
21.Kxe4 Rfe8+  
22.Kd3 Qf5+  
23.Kd2 Re4  
24.Qc5



Deep Junior 10: 24.Qd3 Qxf2+ 25.Kc1 Rae8 26.Rd1 Re3 27.Rd2 Qf4 28.g3 Qf3 29.Re2 Qxe2 30.Qxe2 Rxe2 31.Rb1 Rxa2 32.Kd1 a5 -10.33/20.

24... Qg5+  
25.Kd3 Rae8  
26.Qxc7

Deep Junior 10: 26.Qxb4 Re2 27.Rhd1 Qg6+ 28.Kc3 c5 29.Qxc5 Qc2+ 30.Kb4 Rb8+ 31.Ka5 Qxa2+ 32.Qa3 Qxc4 33.Rab1 Qc3+ 34.Ka4 Re4+ 35.Rd4 #13/18.

26... Qf6  
27.Kd2 Re2+

27...Re2+ 28.Kd3 (28.Kd1 (Or 28.Kc1) 28...Qxa1#) 28...Qc3#  
0-1



White:- G Lloyd  
Black:- D R Cumming  
King's Indian Attack [A05]  
[Annotator G Lloyd]

1.Nf3 Nf6  
2.g3 g6

2...b5 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.d3 d5 5.0-0 c5 6.c3 e6 7.Re1 Nc6 8.Qc2 Bd6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.e4 Qc7 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Ne4 Be7 13.a3 Nf6 14.Bf4 Qb6 15.h4 Nxe4 16.dxe4 c4 17.e5 Na5 18.Bg5 Bc5 19.Bf4 h6 20.Rad1 Rad8 21.Qe2 Nb3 22.Nh2 ...1-0, Narancic Vlado 2365 - Drincic Igor 2145, Banja-Luka 5/12/2004 It (open)

3.Bg2 Bg7  
4.d3 0-0  
5.0-0 d5  
6.Nbd2 c5  
7.c3

7.d4 is a more common. Move.

7... Nc6  
8.e4 e5



8...dxe4 9.dxe4 h6 10.Qc2 Be6 11.Re1 Qd7 12.Nf1 Rad8 13.Be3 b6 14.Rad1 Qc8 15.Bf4 Qa6 16.b3 Qa5 17.Ne5 Nb8 18.Ne3 Nfd7 19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Rxd7 Bxd7 21.Nd5 Nc6 22.Bd2 e6 23.Ne3 b5 24.Ng4 h5 25.Ne3 Rd8 26.f4 Ne7 27.h3 Bc6 28.Rd1 ...0-1, Dos Ramos Ricardo 2203 - Sorin Ariel 2509, Calvia 16/10/2004 Olympiad.

9.Re1 d4=

9...h6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nc4 Re8 12.a4 Rb8 13.Nfd2 Be6 14.Ne4 Bf8 15.Ne3 f5 16.Nxd5 Bxd5 17.Nf6+ Qxf6 18.Bxd5+ Kh7 19.f4 Rbd8 20.Qf3 e4 21.dxe4 Rxd5 22.exd5 Rxe1+ 23.Kf2 Re4 24.dxc6 Qxc6 25.g4 ffg4 26.Qxg4 c4 27.Be3 Bc5 28.Re1 Qd6 29.Bxc5 ...0-1, Ramu K 2258

- Wang Rui 2484, Singapore 11/12/2004 It (open)

10.cxd4 cxd4

Now the earlier pawn move to c3 makes sense.

11.Nc4 Bg4

11...Ne8 12.a4 Nd6 13.Nfd2 Be6 14.b3 Re8 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Nc4 Qd7 17.Bd2 Bf8 18.f4 f6 19.Rf1 Rab8 20.h4 Bg7 21.h5 Rbc8 22.hxg6 hxg6 23.f5 gxf5 24.exf5 Bxf5 25.Rxf5 Qxf5 26.Be4 Qh3 27.Qf3 Ne7 28.Nd6 Rc2 29.Nxe8 Rxd2 30.Nxg7 Kxg7 31.Rc1 ...0-1 Popescu Dan 2209 - Grigore George 2485, Eforie Nord 1997 Ch Romania (team).

12.h3 Bxf3



I have 4 books and 2 DVD's relating to this position and even though taking on f3 with the Bishop is not uncommon all five authors frown the move.

13.Qxf3 b5  
14.Na3 Qa5  
15.Nc2 Rac8  
16.Qe2 Qb6  
17.Bd2 a5  
18.Rac1 Rfe8

A natural square for the Rook and could have been played on move 11 instead of Bg4.

19.f4



Thematic lever against the center.

19... Nd7  
 20.Rf1 b4  
 21.Ne1 Nc5  
 22.Nf3 Qb5  
 23.Rc4 Na4  
 24.Bc1 Nc5  
 25.Qc2 Na7  
 26.b3

Blacks action on the Queenside is coming to nothing.

26... f6  
 27.Bd2 Qb6  
 28.a3 bxa3  
 29.b4 axb4  
 30.Bxb4 Nxe4  
 31.Qa2 Kh8  
 32.dxe4 Rxc4  
 33.Qxc4 Rc8  
 34.Qf7 d3+  
 35.Kh1 Qxb4  
 36.Qxa7



Black still has good chances here, however after his next the position favours White.

36... Rc2

Putting all his eggs in one basket??

37.fxe5 fxe5  
 38.Ng5 Rc8  
 39.Ne6

Black resigned. 1-0



SCCA Championship 2000/01  
**White:-** C R Beecham  
**Black:-** D R Cumming  
 Trompowski Attack [A45]  
 [Annotator C Richard Beecham]

Fed up of seeing Mr. Cumming's games in the games column? So am I, so here's another one! Everyone should send in a game to Bernard, its a great thrill seeing your game in print for the first time. I remember my first was a loss printed in the "Glasgow Herald" to the 1972-73

Champion Claude Marshall. In this game I was looking for blood and Mr. Cumming gave me his usual pint!

1.d4 Nf6  
 2.Bg5 Ne4  
 3.Bf4 c5  
 4.f3 Qa5+  
 5.c3 Nf6  
 6.d5 Qb6  
 7.b3



This was my favourite move a few years ago but I now think that 7.Bc1 is best. [In my current game from the World Correspondence Chess Championship Candidates section against A.K. Simakhin, after 7.Bc1 g6 8.e4 d6 9.c4 Bg7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Nge2 e6 12.Ng3 exd5 13.cxd5 Nfd7!? 14.Be2 h5 15.Nf1 Qd8 16.Be3 White has built up a strong position.

7... e6  
 8.e4 exd5  
 9.exd5 Bd6  
 10.Bg5 Be7  
 11.c4 0-0  
 12.Nc3 Re8  
 13.Nge2 h6



After 13...d6 14.Qd2 a6 15.Be3 Nbd7 16.Nf4 and White's position is very easy to play.

14.Be3 Bd6  
 15.Qd2 Be5  
 16.0-0 d6  
 17.g4 Bd7  
 18.Rg1 Qb4  
 19.g5 hxg5

20.Bxg5 Qa3+  
 21.Kb1 Bf5+

Did you know that Bishops are "fou" (jesters) in France and "lopers" (walkers) in the Netherlands.

22.Ka1 b5



As Scottish Champion, I regard my task within the SCCA to be an educational and didactic one. Should Mr. Cumming really be calling a pawn a "Leander Serratus"? A lesson in chess pedagogy. In his preface to "Mein System" Nimzowitsch writes with feeling "It may seem comical but I assure you, dear reader that my view that the passed pawn - like a human being - is possessed of a soul, of desires slumbering in his subconscious and of fears he hardly suspects himself. That is why I intend to try and analyse him from his own point of view in order that he may better understand himself". En passant, regarding Nimzowitsch - originally his name was Niemiowitsch but due to a forgotten "e" on his passport the chess world came to know him as Nimzowitsch. In the Havana Tournament of 1971, in his notes to the game Donner - Velimirovic; Jan Hein Donner writes a letter with passion from his King to his "a" pawn...Sweet little thing, a rooks pawn you are, just one square is all you control. You're so small, almost nothing and throughout the game you've been standing there on your little place, but all that time my hope was built on you, and all my fearful hankering was for you. I did see you standing there, you little rascal. People thought, of course, it was the d5 pawn that it was all about, he drew their attention, they all looked at him, but you and I knew better, it was all about you, about you and you alone. You've been waiting, you naughty boy, not wanting to come on, because you knew that in all the time I was only thinking of you and that you didn't have to do anything at all, because I would be coming to you of my own. Little rook's pawn. you're free now. Go ahead, unspeakable bliss is waiting for you and me on a8. Thank you, you sweet



little thing. I love you, Your King. Our games Editor, Bernard for whom I have the greatest respect, is not altogether free from guilt. He must do his job and "edit" Leander Serratus out of the game and prevent it from becoming not unlike a tragedy by Benny Hill!

**(BM - Infinite Diversity in Infinite Combinations.)**

23.f4 Ne4  
24.Qe3?!



I played this move knowing that it would lead to a draw with best play, but confident that Mr. Cumming would miss it.

24... Nxc3!?

He did. Mr. Cumming could force the draw with 24...Na6 25.fxe5 Nb4 26.Qf4 Rxe5 27.Qc1 Nxc3 28.Nxc3 Nc2+ 29.Kb1 Ne3+ 30.Ka1 Nc2+ etc.; or even go for the win with 24...Bxc3+!? 25.Nxc3 Na6 26.Nxb5 Qa5 27.Qc1 Nb4 28.Qb2 a6 29.Nxd6!? Nxd6 30.Qxg7+!? Kxg7 31.Bd8+ Kh6 32.Bxa5 Nc2+ when Black is slightly better.

25.Nxc3 Bxc3+  
26.Qxc3 b4

This move by a "Leander Serratus" is legal, it has no other merit.

27.Qg3 Nd7  
28.Bf6 1-0

Black Resigns, as after 28...Bg6 29.Bb2 Qa5 and, the Leander Serratus to f5 wins!



SCCA Championship 2000  
White:- D R Cumming  
Black:- C R Beecham  
Grunfeld Defence [D85]  
[Annotator C Richard Beecham]

I would like to describe this game as Samuel Taylor Coleridge might put it - "A cabinet of beauties", but as you will see

we both dished up a fair portion of lack of talent that today I can only shake my head in silence at its inanity. the incredible way in which Mr. Prawn refused to win shows signs of true greatness.

1.d4 Nf6  
2.c4 g6  
3.Nc3 d5  
4.cxd5 Nxd5  
5.Na4!?

An unusual line, but still it still pops up regularly even today.

5... Nf6

This variations most recent outing was in the 2008 Russian Championship. A.Nikitin - M.Novik it went 5...Bg7 6.e4 Nb6 7.Be3 0-0 8.Nf3 f5! and Black went on to win in 22 moves.

6.Nf3 Bg7  
7.Nc3



The move 7.g3! is interesting and a favourite of Igor Lysyi, who has had mixed results with it.

7... Bg4?!

Rubbish.

8.Ne5 Bf5  
9.Qb3 0-0

There is no turning back now, White wins the exchange but at the cost of rather a lot of tempi. As they say in American Football its a bit of "play action fake" on my part.

10.Qxb7 Qxd4  
11.Qxa8 Qxe5  
12.Qb7

12.Qf3 Na6 13.Qf4 Qa5 14.Bd2 Nb4 15.Rc1 e5 16.Qc4 Rd8 and Black has good compensation for the exchange.

12... Rd8  
13.Be3

Here Mr.Prawn misses the most important move. He should play 13.f3! Bd7 14.Qxa7 c5 15.e4 Nc6 16.Qb6 Rb8 17.Qa6 Nh5 18.Nd5 which is nearly winning.; Even 13.f4 Qd6 14.e3 gives White a big advantage.

13... Nbd7  
14.0-0



Equality is reached with 14.Qxa7 Rb8 15.Rc1 Rxb2 16.f3 c5

14... c5  
15.Qxa7 Rb8  
16.h4

[Ed — here Richard speculated that 16.h4 might as well have been played by a computer, but that's a debate for another day!]

16... Rxb2



So obvious that a man with a cork and glass eye could see it - its the kind of move that jumps up and grabs you by the boo-boo!!

17.Kxb2 Ne4  
18.Rd3 Nxc3  
19.Kc1 Nb5  
20.Qa8+ Nf8  
21.Kd1 Qa1+

White Resigns. What a load of rubbish - but great fun! 0-1





## Charles Neil Success

Another of our postal players, Charles Neil from Norwich, has enjoyed success in an ICCF event, WT/O/098 which ended recently.

WT/O/98				TD Klauner, Thed											
Rated				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	R	Place	
1	SCO	211319	Neil, Charles	1672	█	0	1	1	1	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	5	11.5	0	1
2	GER	89087	Skrotzki, Georg	1733	1	█	0	½	1	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	4.5	10	0	2
3	FRA	180732	Delahaye, Marc	1800 <sup>P</sup>	0	1	█	½	1	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	4.5	9.5	0	3
4	GER	83105	Unger, Martin	1771	0	½	½	█	1	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	4	7.5	0	4
5	GER	82963	Schmid, Anton Eugen	1620	0	0	0	0	█	1 <sup>D</sup>	1	2	1	0	5
6	ARG	21105	Olivares, Carlos A.	1800 <sup>P</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	0 <sup>D</sup>	█	1	1	0	0	6
7	USA	514214	Forêt, Fred	1555	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	7

### Unger, M – Neil, C [B45]

WT/O/098

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	e6
6.a3	

Perfectly playable although 6.Ndb5 is the almost invariable choice here.

6...	d5
7.Nxc6	

7.Bb5 also looks ok after 7...Bd7 8.exd5

7...	bxc6
8.e5	Nd7
9.f4	c5
10.Bd2	a6
11.Be2	Be7
12.0-0	0-0
13.Kh1	Qc7
14.Bf3	Bb7



15.Na2?!

Beginning a rather strange plan when 15.Qe1 Rab8 16.Qg3 d4 17.Nc4 looks interesting.

15...	Rfc8
16.Rc1	g6
17.Qe1	Bf8
18.Ba5	Qc6
19.c4	Nb6
20.cxd5	

20.b3 also suggests itself.

20...	exd5
21.Bg4!?	

Attacks the R but 21.Nc3 looks natural and better.

21...	d4!
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With a small threat.

22.Qf2



22...	Rd8
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Another strange choice when "going for it" with maybe 22...Re8

23.Bf3

23.f5 looks much more natural.

23...	Qc7
24.Bxb7	Qxb7
25.Rc2	

Again 25.f5 seems best.

25... **Rac8**  
 26.Bxb6 **Qxb6**  
 27.Rc4??

Simply throwing a piece and the game.

27... **Qb3!**

The rest requires no comment.

28.Rfc1 **Qxa2**  
 29.Qc2 **d3**  
 30.Qc3 **d2**  
 31.Rd1 **Qb1**  
 32.Qc2 **Qxc2**  
 33.Rxc2 **c4**  
 34.Kg1 **Bc5+**  
 35.Kf1 **Be3**  
 36.g3 **g5**  
 37.f5 **g4**  
 38.Ke2 **Bg5**  
 39.f6 **Rc5**

0-1



## NATT 6

Play is already well advanced in the 6<sup>th</sup> North Atlantic Team Tournament which began only on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2008. Thus far the Scots team has completed 55 of its 80 games after barely 9 months play but with a fairly indifferent score overall – 3 wins, 8 losses and an almost incredible 44 draws! Currently the team is in a rather disappointing 9<sup>th</sup> place (from 11) but hopefully can improve as the tournament ends.

## Champions League

Play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> season of the ICCF Champions is now almost all but over with only a handful of games remaining. The Scottish CCA's 4 teams have enjoyed mixed fortunes but pride of place must go to the finely named "Scottish Claymores" in division D group 6. With only one game unfinished, the team has an excellent score of 23½ from 35 and is in 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the 10 team group.

Unfortunately it seems likely that presently 3<sup>rd</sup> placed "ASK Salzburg – Burgenland" with 23 from 33 and 3 unfinished will yet take the 2<sup>nd</sup> spot. However, the "Scottish Claymores" will, at worst, finish in 3<sup>rd</sup> place which should suffice for promotion to a higher league next season. We present another 2 of the team's games:

**Anderson,G (2265) – Ribelles Sala,M (1917) [B42]**

Champions League 2007 D Group 6

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4 **c5**  
 2.Nf3 **e6**  
 3.d4 **cxd4**  
 4.Nxd4 **a6**  
 5.Bd3 **Nf6**  
 6.f4

An interesting alternative to the usual 6.c4

6... **d6**  
 7.Qf3 **g6**

Maybe 7...Nc6 instead.

8.Nc3 **Bg7**  
 9.Be3 **0-0**  
 10.0-0-0 **Nc6**  
 11.Nde2 **e5?!**

This turns out badly. Instead 11...Qc7 with the likes of 12.g4 b5 13.h4 Nb4 looks quite satisfactory for Black.

12.f5!



12... **gxf5**

Else a rapid g4–g5 would leave Black in severe difficulty.

13.Bg5 **f4?!**

13...Nc7 doesn't look too bad after 14.exf5 d5

14.Nd5 **Kh8**

15.h3 **Be6**

16.g3 **Rc8**

17.gxf4 **Bxd5**

17...exf4 18.Nexf4 Ne5 is also difficult for Black.

18.exd5 **Nb4**

19.fxe5 **dxex5**

20.Be4 **Qd6**

20...Nxa2+?? 21.Kb1 Nb4 22.Qf5! is crushing.

21.Bxf6!

Heading for a winning end-game.

21... **Qxf6**

22.Qxf6 **Bxf6**

23.Kb1 **a5**

24.Rhf1 **Bg5**

25.d6 **Nc6**



26.h4! **Be3**

Obviously not 26...Bxh4 when 27.Rh1 wins immediately.

27.Ng3 **Rcd8**

28.Nf5

Safeguarding the d6 outpost – White now wins easily.

28... **Ba7**

29.Rd5      Rd7  
 30.c3      Rfd8  
 31.a4      Kg8  
 32.Rf3      Kh8  
 33.Rb5      Bb8  
 34.Rd3      f6  
 35.Rd2      1-0



**Vieito Soria,L (2143) – Bell,A [A05]**  
 Champions League 2007 D Group 6  
*[Notes by George Pyrich]*

1.Nf3      e6  
 2.g3      b6  
 3.Bg2      Bb7  
 4.0-0      Nf6  
 5.d3      d6  
 6.e4      Nbd7  
 7.Nbd2      Be7  
 8.Re1      0-0  
 9.Nf1      c5

White has adopted a fairly harmless King's Indian Attack set-up which shouldn't cause Black any problems.

10.h3

10.Nh4 with the idea of f4 looks more active.

10...      Qc7

11.Ne3

Again 11.Nh4 with the likes of 11...a6 12.f4 c4 13.Be3 is interesting.

11...      Rfe8  
 12.a4      a6



13.e5?

Simply losing a pawn.

13...      Nxe5  
 14.Nxe5      Bxg2  
 15.Kxg2      dxe5  
 16.Nc4      Nd7  
 17.Qf3      Rab8  
 18.Bd2      b5  
 19.Ne3      f5  
 20.axb5      axb5  
 21.Ra6      e4!

Seizing central control and soon winning material.

22.dxe4      Ne5  
 23.Qe2      fxe4  
 24.Rxe6      Nf3!

25.Rxe4

Virtually forced as 25.Ra1 loses a piece after 25...Qd7

25...      Nxe1+  
 26.Bxe1      Qc6



27.f3      Bg5

Black now wins instructively.

28.Nd5      Rxe4  
 29.Qxe4      Qe8  
 30.Bf2      Qxe4  
 31.fxe4      c4  
 32.Bd4      Kf7  
 33.Kf3      Rd8  
 34.b3?

White should have avoided this.

34...      cxb3  
 35.cxb3      Bf6  
 36.Bxf6      gxf6  
 37.Kf4      Rc8

Already the b4 pawn is a target.

38.b4      Ke6  
 39.Ke3      f5  
 40.Nf4+      Kf6  
 41.exf5      Kxf5  
 42.Nd3      Rg8  
 43.g4+      Kg5  
 44.Nf2      Kh4  
 45.Kf3      Re8  
 46.Kf4      Rf8+  
 47.Ke3      Kg3  
 48.Ne4+      Kxh3  
 49.g5      Re8  
 50.Kf4      Rxe4+!

0-1

The K and pawn end-game is a trivial win for Black. So, White resigned



## Olympiad XVI

Unfortunately it now seems that our team has lost out in its quest for qualification to the finals of the 16<sup>th</sup> Olympiad. Since last time the USA team has moved up to share 3<sup>rd</sup> place with Scotland with both teams on 19½. However, the Americans still have 2 games unfinished and also won 2½ - 1½ in the match USA v. SCO to seal any possible tie-break in their favour.

16. Olympiad section 3		TD Flores Gutiérrez, Carlos																	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	Team results	B1	B2	B3	B4	Place
1	Germany	2.5	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	27	75	18	6.5	6	7	7.5	1	
2	Sweden	1.5	2	3	2.5	2	2.5	3.5	2	4	23	63	13	5.5	3.5	7	7	2	
3	U.S.A.	1.5	2	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2	2.5	2.5	19.5	57	12	3.5	5.5	7	3.5	3	
4	Scotland	1.5	1	1.5	2.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	4	3.5	19.5	54	8	5	6	4	4.5	4	
5	Slovakia	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3	17.5	54	8	5	5.5	4	3	5	
6	Latvia	0.5	2	1.5	2.5	1.5	1	2.5	2	2	15.5	46	7	4	5	4.5	2	6	
7	Croatia	1	1.5	1.5	2.5	0.5	1	1.5	2.5	2.5	14.5	46	6	4	6.5	1.5	2.5	7	
8	Australia	1	0.5	1	1.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	12.5	37	4	4	1	3	4.5	8	
9	Belgium	0.5	2	1.5	0	1.5	2	1.5	1.5	1	11.5	31	2	5	2	2.5	2	9	
10	Bulgaria	0.5	0	1.5	0.5	1	1	1.5	1.5	3	10.5	30	2	1.5	3	2.5	3.5	10	

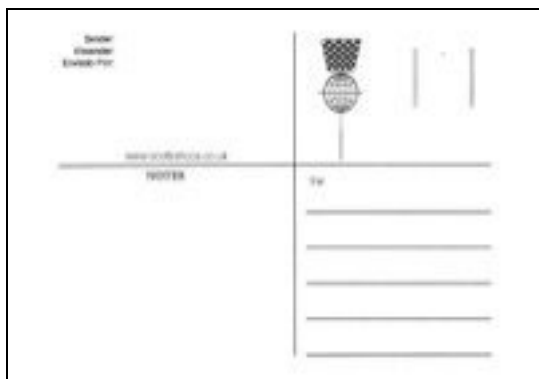
### Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Oct 2008	21	USA	Server/Post	8½	4½		
Oct 2008	28	England	Server/Post	7	17		
May 2008	50	Rest of World	Server/Post	28	45		
Oct 2007	20	Spain	Server	14½	23½		L
Jun 2007	14	Spain	Post	6	17		L
Apr 2007	20	Slovenia	Server	5½	31½		L
Apr 2007	20	Poland	Server	8	32		L
Nov 2006	28	Germany	Server/Post	19½	33½		L
Mar 2006	28	Sweden	Server/Post	17	39		L
Sep 2005	27	Denmark	Server/Post	16½	37½		L
Jul 2005	21	Australia	Server/Post	24	18		W
Mar 2005	24	Netherlands	Post/Email	16½	25½	2	L
Feb 2005	20	BCCS	Post/Email	18½	5½	16	W



### CC Postcards

By Iain Mackintosh



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## IM's Title Part 1

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16. Olympiad section 3 board 2				TD Flores Gutiérrez, Carlos																	
Category 9 GM=6½ SIM=5½ IM=4½ LGM=3 LM=1½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	SB	Place				
1	CRO	900010	SM	Krecak, Dr. Zvonko	2409		Croatia	0	½	1	-	½	1	½	-	1	1	1	6.5	23.75	1
2	GER	80870	SM	Hase, Werner	2540		Germany	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	-	½	1	1	6	22.25	2
3	SCO	620345		Mackintosh, Iain	2450		Scotland	0	½	0	½	½	½	1	-	1	1	1	6	19	3
4	SVK	950035	SM	Marczell, Ing. Peter	2603		Slovakia	-	½	½	0	1	½	-	½	½	1	1	5.5	19.25	4
5	USA	511551	SM	Weisskohl, Jerry	2522		U.S.A.	½	½	½	0	0	½	1	-	½	1	1	5.5	18.25	5
6	LAT	910071		Auzinš, Maris	2450		Latvia	0	0	½	½	½	0	1	-	1	½	1	5	15.5	6
7	SWE	450373	IM	Hammar, Bengt	2514		Sweden	½	½	0	-	0	0	0	-	-	0	1	2	7.25	7
8	SWE	450566	SM	Blomstrand, Gunnar	2442		Sweden	-	-	-	½	-	-	-	0	1	-	-	1.5	5.75	7
9	BUL	50317		Penev, Todor	2413		Bulgaria	0	½	0	½	½	0	-	0	0	1	½	3	11	8
10	BEL	40119		Ottevaere, Herman	2334		Belgium	0	0	0	0	0	½	1	-	0	0	½	2	5	9
11	AUS	30102		Barber, Haydn J.	2278		Australia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	½	½	0	1	2.5	10

It's tempting to make this article an epic of heroic poetry, but my placing in Olympiad XVI owed as much to luck and perseverance than to any dazzling play.

Board 2 was a category 9 event, so a 45% score got you an IM norm. The only minor problem was the grading strength of the opposition. We kicked off in July 2005, and Lady Luck smiled my way almost immediately.

### Ottevaere,H (2330) – Mackintosh,I (2450) [C88]

OLY/16/P03–2, 2005

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	a6
4.Ba4	Nf6
5.0-0	Be7
6.Re1	b5
7.Bb3	0-0
8.a4	Na5
9.axb5N	

I'd expected 9.Ba2 Bb7 10.d3 d6 11.Nc3

9...	Nxb3
10.cxb3	d5
11.Nxe5	dxe4
12.d4	Bb7



Here, Herman thought I had played 12...Bd7

**13.Nd7**      **Qxd7**  
**14.bxa6**      **Bxa6**

And here Herman resigned after realising his error.

**0-1**

This event was postal, usually an indicator of an older playing population, less computer interference and better table manners. However, I hadn't anticipated that players still made clerical errors, so this was a big bonus!

Herman did ask if I was prepared to forgive and forget, but we were using numeric notation and this was a top team competition – I'd have been more obliging in a friendly international, but not here. So, October 2005, 1/1, and the feelgood factor on the rise...



### Mackintosh,I (2450) – Hammar,B (2514) [B54]

OLY/16/P03–2, 2006

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.f3	

I doubt if this is a better move than the normal 5.Nc3, but it certainly avoids a lot of heavily analysed lines.

5...	e5
6.Nb3	d5
7.Bg5	Be6

7...d4 8.c3 Nc6 9.Bb5 and White stands a little better.

**8.Bxf6**      **gxf6**

8...Qxf6 9.exd5±

9.exd5	Qxd5
10.Qxd5	Bxd5
11.Nc3	Be6
12.0-0-0	Nd7
13.Nb5	Kd8

**14.Na5!?**      **Rb8**

14...b6 15.Nb7+ Kc7 16.Bd3 a6 17.N5d6± and the White knights synchronise.

**15.Bc4**      **Bc5N**

I hadn't come across this move in my database, so it goes down as a TN to my opponent. Previously tried was: 15...Bb4 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Nc4 Kc7 18.Nxa7 Ra8 19.Nb5 Rxa2 20.c3 Rc8 21.Ncd6 Bxd6 22.Nxd6 Rc6 23.Kb1 Ra8= Vokarev-Paramonov, Alushta, 2004, drawn after 60 moves.

**16.Bxe6**      **fxe6**  
**17.Rd3**      **Kc7**  
**18.Rhd1**



**18...**      **Nf8?**

This disconnects the Black rooks and is the losing move. 18...Rhd8 19.Nd6 Bxd6 20.Rxd6± looked a better line for Black.

**19.Rc3+-**      **Bb6**  
**20.Nc4**

The White knights combine well together in this position.

**20...**      **Rc8**  
**21.Nbd6**      **Rc6**  
**22.Nxb6**      **Rxc3**  
**23.Nbc8+**      **Rxc8**  
**24.Nxc8+**      **Ke8**  
**25.Nxa7**      **Nd7**  
**26.Nc8**      **b6**  
**27.Rd6**

White gets 3 connected passed pawns, so...

**1-0**

Well, the 18<sup>th</sup> played by Bengt certainly helped, but I thought I was pretty solid in this one, and the knights danced a bit. June 2006, 2/2 and delusions of adequacy...



**Krecak,Z (2409) – Mackintosh,I (2450) [A00]**

OLY/16/P03-2, 2007

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

**1.a3**      **g6**  
**2.e4**      **c5**  
**3.d4**      **cxd4**  
**4.Qxd4**      **Nf6**  
**5.Nc3**      **Bg7**  
**6.Be2N**

[6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.Qe3 d6 was Shchukin-Dzhupin, Stepichev Memorial,2002, 1-0 after 35 moves.

**6...**      **Nc6**  
**7.Qc4**      **e6**  
**8.Nf3**      **d5**  
**9.exd5**      **exd5**  
**10.Qh4**      **Be6**  
**11.Bh6**      **Bxh6**  
**12.Qxh6**      **Qb6**  
**13.0-0**      **0-0-0**  
**14.b4**      **Ne4**  
**15.Na4**      **Qc7**  
**16.Qe3**      **Kb8**  
**17.b5**      **Ne7**  
**18.Bd3**      **Nf5**  
**19.Qe1**      **Qf4**  
**20.Qb4**      **Rc8**  
**21.Rad1**      **Rhe8**  
**22.c4**      **Nf6**  
**23.c5**      **Qxb4**  
**24.axb4**      **Ne7**  
**25.Nd4**      **Bg4**  
**26.f3**      **Bd7**  
**27.Rf2**      **Nh5**  
**28.c6**      **bxc6**  
**29.Nc5**      **Nf6**  
**30.Re2**      **Neg8**  
**31.Ra2**      **cxb5**  
**32.Bxb5**      **Bxb5**



Here (probably in denial), I managed to misrecord the following moves, which duped me into thinking Black had a won game: 32.Nxb5 Bxb5 33.Bxb5 Re7 34.Rda1 d4 35.Rxa7 Rxa7 36.Rxa7 Kxa7

**33.Nxb5**      **Re7**  
**34.Rda1**      **d4**  
**35.Rxa7**      **Rxa7**  
**36.Rxa7**

At this point, I boldly queried the position, but Zvonko was able to reproduce images of my postcards to him (I hadn't kept his), demonstrating that Black was quite wrecked. So, I did the decent thing:

**1-0**

I had beaten Zvonko in a previous encounter, but was well skelped here by the eventual section winner.

March 2007, a chilly Scottish spring, 2/3 and feelings of mortality replaced the previous summer euphoria. More to follow...



## Correspondence Quotes

By Chessville

*[Ed – the Chessville weekly newsletter has reappeared in my inbox after having been guzzled by an over-zealous spam filter for several months. Recent quotes on computers and CC in general are reproduced here with thanks to Chessville for assembling the originals. Take your pick...]*

It is not very optimistic, but I think normal correspondence chess - I have liked it for 30 or 40 years, but it is destroyed, and it is finished by computers. – Jozef Franzen

I probably do better than most of my opponents in tactical combinations, but I'm not mad to go into these kinds of positions with a computer. To start calculating - it would not be a very wise idea. When the computer sees forced lines, it plays like God. – Garry Kasparov

Computers are inferior in tactics. There is nothing else to say. – Vladimir Kramnik

The beauty sometimes means you have to allow a little mistake. Not a blunder, but some inaccuracy. The human factor. In computer games, there is no room for a human factor. You make one inaccuracy, and you blow up five hours' work. – Garry Kasparov

He is like every other grandmaster except he doesn't join you in the bar after a game. – Viswanathan Anand (on Deep Fritz)

I do think Fritz has intelligence. Maybe he even has feelings. I can sense when he is feeling afraid, for instance. He gets worried when there is a king's side attack, you can feel him wanting to move his pieces back into a defensive position. We have programmed Fritz to worry about pieces amassed against his king. – Frederic Friedel of ChessBase

I tested Fritz on my laptop and let him replay the games of Deep Blue against Kasparov in 1997. To be honest, the result was more than surprising to me: in almost every position Fritz was suggesting objectively better variations. The program is clearly stronger than Deep Blue, whatever the hardware. – Vladimir Kramnik

The postal caste never seemed to realize that their understanding of chess as a whole was so far below any over-the-board World Champion's as to make the argument virtually laughable. – Jeremy Silman

CC is the perfect form of the game. – Ward

Over-the-board chess is the favourite of mortals; CC is the favourite of the gods. – Eduard Dyckhoff

For a correspondence chess player, life is literally an uninterrupted game of chess. – Eduard Dyckhoff

The winner of a CC tournament is the one who gets the least amount of sleep. – Source Unknown

In CC play the personality of one's opponent counts for little or nothing. – Graham Mitchell

The technique of good correspondence chess lies in playing good moves. – Graham Mitchell

Checkmates don't work if there's no one answering the door. – Source Unknown (on correspondence chess)

You'll know there is a problem with computers and CC when everyone is rated 2450. – John C. Knudsen

Such people are immoral, unethical, and I hope they do it! – Stephan Gerzadowicz (on players who use a computer to generate moves in CC games)

I don't see how anyone has the time for postal chess. – David Levy

Correspondence chess and over-the-board chess complement each other. – Alexander Alekhine

Postal chess is an excellent way to test new moves or ideas. – William Howell

Only in correspondence chess can an amateur chess player, earning his living in another profession, even attain master class level of play. – Walter Muir

The advantage of the first move is increased rather than diminished in correspondence chess. – Adrian Hollis

Those who can benefit from consultation usually do. – Ken Messere

In correspondence play the personality of one's opponent counts for little or nothing. – Graham Mitchell

It is not unusual in a game played by mail to have a player resign because he sees a pretty combination coming to life - in the mind of his opponent. – Irving Chernev

CC should be played for its own sake. – C. J. S. Purdy

Correspondence chess has one great advantage on over-the-board play, in that, normally, you can choose the time and place to work on it. – Allen Sheldon

The bane of correspondence chess is the clerical error. – Walter Muir

Eagle-eyed CC players take nothing for granted. – Irving Chernev

Postal chess players depend less on intuition than on genuine analytical ability. – Irving Chernev





## 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 2009

#### Theme 4/09: Sicilian Brohinka Variation, B29

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Ng4 4.h3 Nh6

Entries by 15 May; play starts 1 June

#### Theme 5/09: Grünfeld, D85

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nd2

Entries by 1 September; play starts 15 September

### Webserver Events 2009

#### Theme 4/09: Vasconcello's Opening, A04

1.Nf3 c5 2.a4 d5 3.e4

Entries by 1 June; play starts 15 June

#### Theme 5/09: Caro Kann Panov Variation, B13

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Note there are no Email Events in 2009.

## News

- ❑ Ian Foote of Scotland has won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize in the Direct Entry promotional competition with 22 entries. He collects an Opening Master Platinum chess package.
- ❑ St Margaret's School from Airdrie has finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the inaugural Senior Schools consultation event. They scored 5/6, finishing a half point behind Louisa Adamica Grosuplje School from Slovenia.
- ❑ The XVIII Olympiad preliminaries will start in September 2009.
- ❑ The XVII Olympiad final will be contested between Norway, Germany, Netherlands, Russia, Italy, Romania, Croatia, Switzerland, US, Ukraine, Spain, Estonia and Denmark.
- ❑ Norway has won the XV Olympiad final.
- ❑ Tunc Hamarat (Austria) and Eric Ruch (France) have so far been nominated for ICCF President.

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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