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Welcome to our summer edition, and apologies for the slight delay in publication. Grandchildren in the Milligan and Mackintosh households played their part!

This edition rounds up our AGM reports, with the Andersons to the fore - Jim provides the minute and Gordon the accounts. George Livie also encourages you to buy some 100 Club units.

George Pyrich takes us through the third ICCF rating list of 2010 – just when you’ve memorised your last grade, it changes again...

Alan McGowan returns with another excellent piece of historical research, this time uncovering the James Cairncross mystery.

Bernard Milligan’s CD review section includes offerings from Chessbase, Nigel Short, Alexei Shirov and Lawrence Trent. A late flurry of contributions to the games column from regular contributors Richard Beecham and David Cumming ensures some good reading.

We were asked at the AGM to give progress updates on domestic events, so we’ve included some current tables.

George Pyrich’s international column contains featured games from recent friendly international matches. We expect to start a couple more in the autumn.

Tom Matheis has scored an undefeated 6/10 on board 1 in the NATT VI event, achieving a SIM norm in the process. Tom already holds an IM norm, but his games total is only 20 and so he needs a 3rd norm to qualify for the IM title. Congratulations to Tom, and here's hoping the final leg isn't long delayed!

At the Executive Committee meeting in Perth on 20 June, Gordon Anderson was awarded 2 grading-based SM norms resulting from 2300+ ratings in the 2009 and 2010 ICCF lists. Professor Alastair Dawson secured his first SM norm as a result of winning the 08-09 Championship outright. Congratulations to both players!



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

2010	1st	2nd
June	G D Pyrich	G M Anderson
May	I Mackintosh	P G Moir
April	J Anderson	G D Pyrich

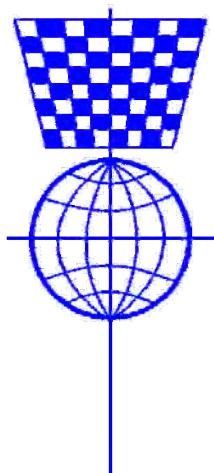
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2010 AGM

By Jim Anderson



- Meeting:** The 33rd AGM of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association.
- Venue:** Sunday 20th June, 4pm, 2010 at Tullylumb Terrace, Perth.
- Present:** Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Jim Anderson, Alan Borwell, Kevin Paine and George Pyrich.
- Apologies:** George Livie, Colin Macgregor.

Minutes of the 32nd AGM

On the proposal of Alan Borwell seconded by George Pyrich the minute of the meeting held on 7th June 2009 was accepted as an accurate record and approved. There were no matters arising.

President's Remarks

Iain Mackintosh summarised another active and productive year for the SCCA.

On the domestic front, we introduced new membership and event fees for the first time in many years with renewals and event entries holding steady. Alan Bell won our 1st Webserver Open, and Professor Alastair Dawson won the Scottish Championship 08-09 outright. Alastair Dawson (1) and Gordon Anderson (2) picked up SM norms during the year.

Internationally, we are active in NATT VI, the 8th European Team Championships and the 18th Olympiad, plus numerous friendly matches. Through Alan Borwell, we are organising and sponsoring the ICCF Veterans' World Cup, with cycle 2 in play and cycle 3 accepting entrants. Richard Beecham was awarded the SIM title, George Pyrich received the IA title and was appointed ICCF's FD, while Tom Matheis picked up his 2nd IM norm.

We received sponsorship from Opening Master, with 20+ of our members receiving free copies of their opening database for a year.

Yet again the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and event controllers, all of whom deserve thanks for their efforts and enthusiasm.

Secretary's Report

Jim Anderson reported another good year and paid thanks to Kevin Paine and Colin Macgregor for their considerable assistance. Entries to domestic tournaments remained healthy, with a definite trend from postal to webserver play, and events are running trouble-free. Webserver administration of events is making tournament set-up in January a lot easier.

Alan Borwell requested more regular coverage of domestic events in the magazine during the year and this was agreed. **(Action: Iain Mackintosh)**

Jim Anderson proposed that the following time controls would apply for 2011 events:

- Leagues, Premier, Open – 10/20 postal; 10/30 web/email.
- Championship – 10/30 postal; 10/40 web/email.
- Challengers – 10/30 postal/web/email.

These were seconded by Alan Borwell and agreed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson presented a full set of accounts and expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for an efficient audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2010 showing a deficit of £169.06.

Income was down by around £300 from 08-09 due to no new life members, lower donations and reduced bank interest.

Expenditure was up by around £825, mainly due to increases in prizes and trophies (including the reserving of sponsored prizes for the ICCF Veterans' World Cup), ICCF event entry fees and ICCF Congress attendance.

While the deficit is a little disappointing, our overall financial position remains very satisfactory. Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon which was unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported that the Association continues to be very active in team and individual events. Friendly matches, NATT, European Team Championships, the Olympiad and Champions League all had Scottish teams participating, and last year's upsurge in individual entries to ICCF events has continued into 2010.

Alan Borwell proposed a vote of thanks to George for his work as ICCF Financial Director which was unanimously agreed.

Grader's Report

George Pyrich proposed the following changes to SM qualification rules:

- Rule 2(a) – a grading norm of 2300+ needs a minimum of 30 results, and any subsequent grading norm requires 20+ additional results from the preceding norm.
- Rule 2(b) – this should continue as is, but the SCCA Championship should be organised such that players play a minimum of 8 games, and the event is held over in years where this is not possible.
- Rule 2(c) – 'half IM norm' should be replaced by 'IM norm'.
- Rules 2(e) and 2(f) – '15-player' and '7-player' constraints should be removed.

These were seconded by Gordon Anderson and agreed unanimously.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were elected to office for 2010-11:

Office	Name	Proposer	Second
President	Iain Mackintosh	George Pyrich	Alan Borwell
Vice President	George Pyrich	Iain Mackintosh	Jim Anderson
International Secretary	George Pyrich	Kevin Paine	Alan Borwell
Secretary	Colin Macgregor / Jim Anderson *	Iain Mackintosh	Kevin Paine
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine	Jim Anderson	Alan Borwell
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson	Kevin Paine	George Pyrich
Committee Members	Alan Borwell George Livie Jim Anderson	George Pyrich Alan Borwell Gordon Anderson	Jim Anderson George Pyrich Kevin Paine

* Colin to act as lead, but subject to division of duties and timings being agreed.

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Iain Mackintosh, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership and entry fees for 2011. This was seconded by Iain Mackintosh and unanimously agreed.

George Pyrich advised that ICCF entry fees are likely to be revised at the October Congress. Any changes will be assessed by the SCCA Executive Committee and a revised tariff implemented to meet with ICCF's effective date. **(Action: George Pyrich, Gordon Anderson)**

AOB

Alan Borwell proposed a vote of thanks to Iain Mackintosh for his work as president, webmaster and magazine editor, which was unanimously agreed.

If you were unable to attend the AGM, but would like to help in some way, then please get in touch with any of the committee members. You don't have to hold an official position to help - maybe you can do some part-time things like controlling an event, helping with administration or publicity, or backing up somebody who is otherwise very busy!



100 Club

By George Livie

The Aim of the 100 Club

The Scottish Correspondence Chess Association 100 club was formed many years ago to provide a valuable source of funding to help meet the running costs of the Association. Each month approximately 50% of all money received is distributed as prizes. There are two monthly prizes and the names of the winners appear in our magazine and on our website.

Please give us your support, either by enrolling for the first time or by purchasing additional units if you are an existing subscriber.

How to Join

The club is open to all person aged over 16 years, whether or not they are full SCCA members. Units cost £1 monthly and are normally purchased for a period of one year. There is no restriction on the number of units that can be held. For example a subscriber may purchase two units at an annual cost of £2 x 12 = £24.

For administrative purposes it is extremely helpful if the method of payment is by Standing Order. However, cheques remain acceptable.

Instructions

All applicants should complete an application form. The form is either enclosed with the magazine or can be downloaded from the 100 Club page on the SCCA website. Please contact George Livie if you have any difficulty.

If you are paying by cheque, return your completed application form along with your cheque to:

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Please make your cheque payable to the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association.

If you wish to pay by standing order, return your completed application form to George Livie, and send the completed Standing Order Authority portion of the form directly to your bank.





SCCA Accounts 2009-10

By Gordon Anderson

2008-09			Profit & Loss	2009-10		
Income	Expenses	Net		Income	Expenses	Net
			General			
233.00			Annual Members (@£7)	285.00		
240.00			Life Members (@£80)	0.00		
0.00			Patron Members (@£100)	0.00		
263.00			Donations	227.50		
560.00			Chess Scotland Grant	560.00		
281.23			Bank Interest	241.03		
	0.00		Cheque Stopped		0.00	
	191.50		Committee Expenses		138.18	
	35.00		Chess Scotland Affiliation Fee		35.00	
	60.80		ICCF Affiliation Fee		60.08	
	70.00	<u>1219.93</u>	Auditor's Fee		70.00	<u>1010.27</u>
			Domestic Competitions			
100.00			Individual Entry Fees	51.00		
72.00			Team League Fees	34.00		
	30.40		ICCF Webservice Fees		73.30	
	77.00		Prizes & Trophies (incl VWC)		340.00	
	0.00	<u>64.60</u>	Controllers' Expenses		0.00	<u>-328.30</u>
			International Competitions			
28.00		<u>28.00</u>	International Match Fees	2.00		<u>2.00</u>
			ICCF Competitions			
182.00	147.82		Individual & Team Fees	229.00	285.60	
	14.00	<u>20.18</u>	Bank Transfer Fees		16.61	<u>-73.21</u>
			Magazine			
135.00			New Magazine Email (@£3)	162.00		
115.00			New Magazine Printed (@£5)	95.00		
	235.20	<u>14.80</u>	Printing & Postage		200.60	<u>56.40</u>
			Website			
61.58	61.58		ISP Connection Fees (Donation)	47.40	47.40	
6.42	6.42	<u>0.00</u>	Domain Registration (Donation)			<u>0.00</u>
			100 Club			
999.00			Units Bought	1026.00		
	540.00		Prizes		540.00	
	0.00	<u>459.00</u>	Repayment of Units		0.00	<u>486.00</u>
			Other			
	18.00		Miscellaneous	19.00	5.20	
	35.00		Hire of Hall for AGM		0.00	
			Raymond Baxter Presentation		0.00	
			BCCF Donation		250.00	
	800.00	<u>-853.00</u>	ICCF Delegate Travel		800.00	<u>-1322.22</u>
<u>3276.23</u>	<u>2322.72</u>	<u>953.51</u>	Surplus/Deficit	<u>2978.93</u>	<u>3147.99</u>	<u>-169.06</u>

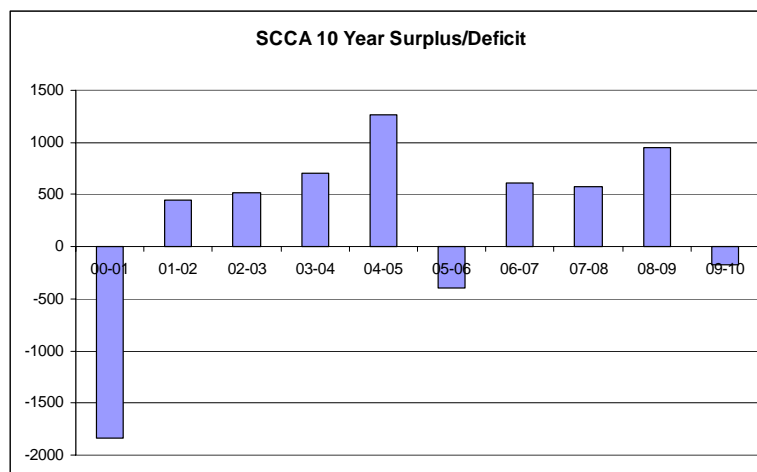
Balance Sheet 2009-10

Bank Summary	Opening	Payins	Withdrawn	Written Off	Transfers	Closing	2008-09
BoS Current	3646.21	2594.34	4505.53	0.00	0.00	1735.02	
Standard Life	5920.69	1838.69	0.00	0.00	0.00	7759.38	
	9566.90	4433.03	4505.53	0.00	0.00	9494.40	9566.90
Net Opening/Closing	<u>-72.50</u>						
Liabilities		Creditor	Debtor				
100 Club Uncashed Cheques		45.00					
100 Club Fees Received		114.00					
Accrued Prizes – ICCF VWC2		250.00					
Accrued Prizes – 100 Club		135.00					
Cheques Not Yet Presented		199.68					
Subtotals/Net		<u>743.68</u>	<u>0.00</u>			<u>-743.68</u>	<u>-647.12</u>
Net Assets at March 31, 2010						<u>8750.72</u>	<u>8919.78</u>
Capital Account							
Balances b/f						7919.78	6966.27
Surplus/Deficit						-169.06	953.51
Subtotal						<u>7750.72</u>	<u>7919.78</u>
Less Allocation to Development Account						0.00	0.00
Balances c/f						<u>7750.72</u>	<u>7919.78</u>
Development Account							
Balance b/f						1000.00	1000.00
Allocation from Capital Account						0.00	0.00
						<u>1000.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>
Account Totals						<u>8750.72</u>	<u>8919.78</u>

Auditor's Report

I have examined the foregoing accounts and have obtained such explanations as I considered necessary. In my opinion these accounts have been properly prepared from the accounting records of the Association and are in agreement therewith.

Alan Hind, May 2010





2010/3 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The third ICCF grading list for 2010 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 March 2010 to 31 May 2010. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 July and 30 September 2010. You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a provisional rating (* below). Provisional ratings apply until 30 games have been processed. Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email grader@scottishcca.co.uk if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
318	Almarza Mato, C	411	1992 ↔	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	153	2287 ↔
518	Anderson, G M	177	2311 ↓	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	183	2339 ↔
121	Anderson, J	172	1763 ↑	264	Lloyd, G	368	2257 ↑
049	Armstrong, A	114	1875 ↓	337	Loughran, R	83	1649 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	114	1578 ↑	441	MacCaelllich-Young, Ms J	15	1517 ↔ *
015	Baxter, R W M (SM)	59	2332 ↔	433	MacDonald, M	26	1583 ↔ *
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	315	2511 ↔	367	MacDonald, P H	39	1952 ↔
599	Bell, A D	61	2337 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	250	1945 ↑
501	Bennett, P G	45	2148 ↔	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	457	2341 ↑
431	Binnie, J	29	1621 ↓ *	216	MacMillen, A N	430	1986 ↓
022	Bird, A G E	10	0 ↔ *	457	Mahony, J	18	1460 ↔ *
520	Bird, Prof G H	47	2078 ↔	566	Marshall, I H	300	2071 ↔
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	695	2182 ↓	434	Matheis, T (SM)	135	2422 ↓
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	33	1901 ↓	083	Maxwell, A	45	2183 ↔
215	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206	2318 ↔	591	May, M A	78	2283 ↔
424	Burridge, R J	24	1792 ↔ *	352	McDonald, G R	79	1921 ↔
458	Burton, C	16	1611 ↓ *	391	McIntee, C I	82	1716 ↔
435	Cairney, J	19	2073 ↑ *	525	McKerracher, D	4	0 ↔ *
423	Calder, H	96	2055 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	34	1613 ↔
096	Campbell, A W I	32	1798 ↔	001	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144	2452 ↔
585	Collins, S	22	1828 ↔ *	409	Miller, S	28	1720 ↔ *
173	Cook, W M	66	1927 ↓	401	Moir, P J	65	1655 ↓
364	Coope, D W	411	1975 ↑	438	Montgomery, J	10	0 ↔ *
247	Cormack, W H	33	1976 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	161	2271 ↓
527	Craig, T J (SM)	327	2360 ↓	338	Morrow, J	10	0 ↔ *
332	Crawley, J	13	1912 ↔ *	564	Murray, J S	23	1938 ↓ *
166	Cumming, D R	377	2276 ↓	440	Neil, C	50	1725 ↔
422	Dawson, Prof A G	49	2235 ↔	453	Newton, A	15	1818 ↔ *
422	Dawson, J	2	0 ↔ *	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	63	1950 ↑
572	Dempster, D	497	1627 ↔	444	Paine, Dr K A	72	2137 ↑
430	Doherty, T	19	1706 ↔ *	1012	Paulin, A	15	2038 ↑ *
595	Domnin, M	6	0 ↔ *	379	Phillips, G H	209	2104 ↔
371	Edney, D	140	1994 ↑	432	Price, D	78	1976 ↔
372	Flockhart, H	24	2115 ↑ *	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	729	2265 ↑
459	Fraser, R A	12	1815 ↑ *	343	Rawlinson, J	10	0 ↔ *
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	123	2340 ↔	136	Reeman, I F	127	2306 ↔
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	437	Roberts, A	113	1826 ↓
124	Goodwin, B J	105	2027 ↓	407	Ross, D W	26	1920 ↔ *
445	Graham, S	217	2304 ↑	398	Rough, R E	23	1893 ↔ *
399	Grant, J	18	1788 ↓ *	522	Savage, D J	74	1956 ↓
596	Hardwick, M E	138	1370 ↓	449	Scott, A	46	1871 ↔
556	Hartford, Mrs E A	168	1912 ↔	454	Sheridan, N	12	1535 ↔ *
063	Harvey, D	70	2044 ↑	439	Smith, M J	25	1875 ↑ *
510	Hislop, A T	169	1936 ↔	1125	Spencer, E A	12	1877 ↔ *
515	Jack, J P E	24	1783 ↔ *	448	Sreeves, C	12	1887 ↑ *
447	Jamieson, I M	22	2026 ↓ *	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	121	2114 ↓
322	Jessing, M	26	2111 ↔ *	442	Swan, I	55	2394 ↔
415	Kerr, A	10	0 ↔ *	1120	Taylor, W	17	2098 ↓ *
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	285	2367 ↓	1121	Thomson, D	4	0 ↔ *
260	Knox, A	59	1674 ↔	452	Toye, D T	34	1744 ↓
1117	Laing, D	14	2101 ↔ *	065	Young, S M	46	1903 ↔
419	Lees, J A	81	2072 ↔				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	103
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	1
Full grades (30+ games)	66
Provisional grades (<30 games)	37
Grading increases (↑)	19
Grading decreases (↓)	26
Grading static (↔)	58

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2511	Graham, S	2304
McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	2452	Lennox, C J (SM)	2287
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Cumming, D R	2276
Matheis, T (SM)	2422	Montgomery, R S	2271
Swan, I	2394	May, M A	2283
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2367	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2265
Craig, T J (SM)	2360	Lloyd, G	2257
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2341	Dawson, Prof A G	2235
Gillam, S R (SM)	2340	Maxwell, A	2183
Livie, G W G (IM)	2339	Borwell, A P (IM)	2182
Bell, A D	2337	Bennett, P G	2159
Baxter, R W M (SM)	2332	Paine, Dr K A	2137
Brown, Dr A C	2318	Stewart, Dr K W C	2114
Anderson, G M	2311	Phillips, G H	2104
Reeman, I F	2306	Bird, Prof G H	2078

Top 30 Games Played

Pyrich, G D (IM)	729	Graham, S	217
Borwell, A P (IM)	695	Phillips, G H	209
Dempster, D	514	Brown, Dr A C (SM)	206
Mackintosh, I (IM)	457	Livie, G W G (IM)	183
Almarza-Mato, C	454	Anderson, G M	177
Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	Anderson, J	172
MacMillen, A N	430	Hislop, A T	169
Coope, D W	411	Hartford, Mrs E A	168
Cumming, D R	377	Montgomery, R S	161
Lloyd, G	368	Lennox, C J (SM)	153
Craig, T J (SM)	327	McNab, Dr C A (SIM)	144
Beecham, C R (SIM)	315	Edney, D	140
Marshall, I H	300	Hardwick, M E	138
Kilgour, D A (GM)	285	Matheis, T (SM)	135
MacGregor, C A	250	Reeman, I F	127

Other Notes

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries, and members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating. Players registered as SCO with ICCF, but who are not SCCA members, have been filtered out.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site (<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>), click on the Rating list link then complete the search boxes.

The main ICCF website (<http://www.iccf.com/>) allows you to download a free program which allows you to analyse your previous and future rating performance.

Go to ICCF Ratings on the main menu then click on the Download Eloquery link. Various zip files are available, containing the program, ratings database, historical and tournament data.



The Cairncross Mystery

By Alan McGowan

This article adds to research previously done by Tim Harding and J. Ken MacDonald (Canada).

The story of the correspondence chess player James Cairncross is of particular interest because he was at one point confused with John Cairncross of the Cambridge Spy Ring. Both were born in Scotland: James, the chess player, was born in Hawick in 1910; John, not the chess player, was born in Lesmahagow in 1913. Both would later live and work in England. Adding to the difficulties of the research was the fact that Cairncross seems to be a relatively common name in Lanarkshire and the Borders area, and that the chess player at one point lived and worked in Lesmahagow.

James Cairncross played chess in the 1930s, but he became more active after World War Two, particularly with correspondence chess. Other correspondence chess players would, of course, be aware of Mr Cairncross, mainly because he was =1st in the 1946/47 British Correspondence Championship.

However, one of the idiosyncrasies of chess reporting in those days was that first names of players were rarely given, so our subject was referred to simply as J. Cairncross, no doubt contributing to the error in identification.

Dr Peter C. Wason, himself a correspondence chess player, sent a note to the editor of the BCCA magazine Correspondence Chess, which was published in the January 1991 issue:

'It may interest younger readers to know that John Cairncross, the so-called fifth man, identified by the research of Oleg Gordievsky and Christopher Andrew, was joint BCCA Champion in 1947.'

This led Timothy Harding to identify Cairncross as such in his CD of correspondence games, MegaCorr3.

Later, Mr Harding published an article in his magazine Chess Mail (issue 1/2004) which corrected the earlier error. J. Ken MacDonald, a noted correspondence chess player from Canada, assisted him in the research. Mr MacDonald had come across a reference to the BCCA 1946/47 joint champions in the 1948 BCCA Yearbook, including a brief biography:

James Cairncross

'Mr Cairncross was born at Hawick in 1910; learned chess in that town in 1930, and won the Club Championship within twelve months of his first acquaintance with the game! Hawick has a very strong following of the cult of draughts, and Mr Cairncross played that game very keenly before the chess virus found him; he was runner-up in the Hawick Draughts

Championship the same year that he won the Chess Championship. He joined the BCCA in 1935 and won his Section in Division 3 of the Trophies Tourney that season.

'During the war he served in the RAF as an Air Gunner and finished up with the rank of Warrant Officer.

'He now resides in Baldock, Herts, and is the Indoor Games Organiser for the firm of Bondor - well known to all nylon lovers!

'He is essentially a correspondence player as his scope for serious chess over the board has been limited.

'He is no safety-first player, and in his game against the champion, Mr G. Wood, he sacrificed a piece for two pawns, and kept his opponent's pieces tied up. A grand game ended in a draw, and but for its extreme length, we should publish it.'

The research published in the 2004 issue of Chess Mail seemed to have cleared up the matter convincingly. However, for me (Alan McGowan), there still remained a mystery, for I had come across references to a J. Cairncross who was active in various areas of Scottish chess in the 1950s.

One reference had him playing for a BCCA team in a friendly over-the-board match against a Glasgow team in 1956. Also, a J. Cairncross had played in the Scottish Championships of 1956 and 1957.

The most 'disconcerting' references, however, were those that showed that a J. Cairncross, of 20 Balgray Road, Lesmahagow, was connected to a chess club in that town, as well as being a member of the Scottish Chess Association. Bearing in mind that John Cairncross had been born in Lesmahagow, this added to my confusion. It was therefore necessary to try to establish whether we were talking about a third J. Cairncross, and convincingly rule out any John Cairncross-Lesmahagow connection. The puzzle was not quite solved.

I made contact with a local historian, Mr Robert McLeish, and provided him with full details of the story. Fortunately Mr McLeish was immediately interested, as he did not have any references in his records to a Lesmahagow CC, nor did he have any information about James Cairncross.

Mr McLeish immediately (15 February 2010) sent a notice of the enquiry to his local newspapers, the Lanark Gazette and the Hamilton Advertiser. The Lanark Gazette published the item on Wednesday, 17 February 2010, and Mr McLeish had an immediate response.

It is worth repeating the very detailed information that Mr McLeish received from his informant, who had worked alongside James Cairncross at the Skelton factory, referred to below, and knew him to be a correspondence chess champion:

'James (Jimmy) Cairncross came to Lesmahagow from Hawick in 1947 and was employed by John Skelton and Son, who had set up a new Nylon Factory in Lesmahagow making Nylon Stockings. "Jimmy" was termed a "Key Worker", as he had been brought from Hawick to train local people with regard to the Nylon (knitting) Machines. He was given what was termed a "Key Workers House" at 20 Balgray Road. (Such houses were set aside by the Local County Council to make housing available for people with expertise to encourage the setting up of new businesses in rural areas.) During the mid 1950's the Skelton Factory was sold to the Bear Brand company who were one of the largest Nylon stocking manufacturers in the UK. By the latter part of the 50's the demand for nylon stockings waned due to the new ladies fashion, "tights", which were now being imported from Asia, and proved more popular with the ladies than stockings. Jimmy left Lesmahagow in 1958 and returned to Hawick where he was employed by the Post Office. Whether he was the Postmaster at the main Post Office in Hawick or a more rural one is not known. My source could also inform me that he died soon after leaving Lesmahagow, which may well have been 1961.

On February 21, 2010 Mr McLeish received a phone call from a Mrs Nesbit (Maureen Underwood), who lived next door to Jimmy Cairncross at 22 Balgray Road, (her father worked along side Jimmy in the nylon factory) and as a child knew him as "Uncle". Mrs Nesbit provided the following information:

- James Cairncross had two brothers, Thomas and "Gied" [possibly Gideon-AMcG], both of whom died in World War Two.
- "Jimmy" was involved with "Flying Boats" in World War Two [see reference to Air Gunner in the BCCA Yearbook biography above].
- She recalls him competing in an international correspondence match with a Russian during the early 1950s.
- When the Bear Brand company gave up the factory in Lesmahagow many of their Lesmahagow workers were given the opportunity to take up work at the parent factory in Liverpool, but Jimmy and Mr Underwood declined the offer. When Jimmy went back to Hawick he started a newsagents business incorporating a Post Office. On the day he died he had been at a football match. She is not sure if he collapsed at the match and died there or was taken to hospital from the match and died in hospital. His only relation still living as far as Mrs Nesbit is aware is a nephew named Irving Cairncross, but there has been no contact with him for many, many years.

So, thanks to a local historian in Lesmahagow, Robert McLeish, and his two informants, we now had a reasonably detailed picture of the man, having added greatly to the details found and presented by Timothy Harding and Ken MacDonald. This was a satisfying conclusion to what had been an interesting piece of research, or so I thought.

However, a few days after all this information was made available, I came across a reference in the *Glasgow Herald* chess column of 6 December 1957 to a J. Cairncross playing on board 1 for Larkhall Academy Former Pupils in a Spens Cup match against Lanark. Now, as the subject of our story was born in Hawick in 1910, how could he be a former pupil of a Lanark school...?

Ah well, back to the drawing board....

Some additional notes:

- James Cairncross shared =1st in the 1946/47 British Correspondence Championship with R.W. Bonham. The other players were: A. Hirsch, Dr K.A. Hirsch, G.R. Mitchell, E. Parsons, B.B. Partridge, W.H. Whicher, B.H. Wood (previous holder) and G. Wood (holder) [BCM 1947, p 357]. However, CHESS 1947, Jan, p 107 says that L. Alexander took the place of A. Hirsch, who retired from the competition.
- It is of interest to note that the B.B. Partridge mentioned above later came to Scotland, was a teacher at the High School of Glasgow, and was instrumental in the revival of correspondence chess in Scotland in the 1960s. G.R. Mitchell was with MI5, reaching a high position in the organisation. he played in the First World Correspondence Championship. B.H. Wood was the editor of CHESS, as well as a player, administrator and organiser.
- The British Correspondence Chess Association began a series of over-the-board friendly matches against a Glasgow League team in 1948. James Cairncross played in several of these matches.
- The first reference to the Lesmahagow CC is in the 1950 Scottish Chess Association Yearbook. The club met at the 'Old School', which, as Robert McLeish advises, was the Boy's Public School built in 1874 and demolished in 1960.
- The SCA Yearbook for 1952 shows the club at the Old Age Pensioners' Hut, Trows Road, Lesmahagow. From Mr McLeish: 'The Old Age Pensioner's Hut was known locally as the O A P Hall on New Trows Road until the late 1980's. It had previously been a Hall owned by the Independent Order of Good Templars or I.O.G.T, one of the old "Temperance" organisations.'
- James Cairncross represented the BCCA (British Correspondence Chess Association) in international postal matches, and correspondence 'Olympiads'.
 - He played for the BCCA in several over-the-board friendly matches.

- He participated in the over-the-board Scottish Championships 1956 and 1957.
- Mr McLeish is attempting to find a photograph of James Cairncross.



Here is a Cairncross game against Baruch H Wood, the famous editor of Chess magazine ("*Chess, Sutton Coldfield – always sufficient address.*" – Ed)

Cairncross, J – Wood, B [E44]

British ch 1947–48 corr, 1947

[Gabriel Wood, BCC Handbook 1947]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	e6
3.Nc3	Bb4
4.e3	b6

Not the best way of meeting the Rubinstein Variation of the Nimzo–Indian Defence as it allows White to obtain a powerful centre. [4...d5 followed by ...c5 and exchange of centre pawns is correct.]

5.Nge2	Bb7
6.a3	Be7

Better is [6...Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 d5!]

7.Nf4

This is not in the spirit of the opening. Correct is [7.d5! and if 7...0-0 8.e4 as played by Euwe against O'Kelly, Groningen 1946.]

7...	0-0
8.Be2	d6

[8...d5 gives Black a good game]

9.Bf3 **Bxf3**

This exchange develops White's game and leaves Black weak on the white squares. Why not [9...Qc8 followed by ...Nbd7 and ...e5 or ...c5]

10.Qxf3	Nbd7
11.0-0	g5

A risky move [11...e5 was better]

12.Nd3	Ne8
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13.Nb4

A fine move, taking advantage of the holes in Black's position

13...	Ng7
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14.Nc6	Qe8
15.Nb5	Bd8
16.Ncxa7	d5

Black is a pawn down with a bad game and tries complications to save his position.

17.cxd5	g4
18.Qxg4	exd5
19.Qg3	Rxa7

Mere desperation in a lost position

20.Nxa7	Nf6
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21.a4

The right reply, ensuring the safety of the N and threatening to obtain a passed a–pawn

21...	Kh8
22.Nb5	Rg8
23.f3	Nfh5
24.Qf2	Nf5
25.Qc2	Qd7
26.Kh1	c6
27.g4	Nh4
28.Nc3	Nxf3
29.Qf5	

White has defended well and now forces the exchange of queens to win a well–played game.

29...	Qxf5
30.gxf5	Nh4
31.e4	dxex4
32.Nxe4	Rg2
33.Ra3	Rg4
34.Ng3	Nf6
35.Rf4	Rxf4
36.Bxf4	Nd5
37.Bd6	Kg7
38.b4	

Handwritten note by someone: "The QRP wins"

1-0

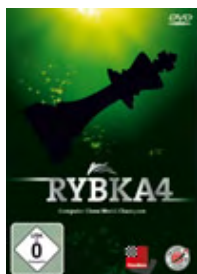


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Rybka4 By Chessbase



For years Rybka has been the uncontested number one in computer chess and since its great breakthrough in 2006 the program has won with remarkable regularity one world title after the other. So that this state of affairs will continue in the future, the Rybka-team gathered around programmer Vasik Rajlich has developed a new version which is even better: "Rybka 4 plays more aggressively and more tactically". Available from 28. May

During the last two years the engine has been improved in almost all areas. One major theme has been the understanding of the attack on the king. The new Rybka 4 is in this case more precise and reliable than its predecessor. At the same time the search function now operates more quickly and efficiently and the evaluation function delivers even more spot-on judgments.

As for the playing style, Rybka 4 logically continues the development of the past few years. Thanks to further development in the tactical area too, the new Rybka 4 will be indispensable for all those who work and analyse with chess engines. Rybka 4 is delivered with the new user-friendly Fritz 12 interface and contains a database of 1.5 million games and includes CLASSIC membership for playchess.com for one year.

System requirements: Minimum: Minimum: Pentium III 1 GHz, 512 MB RAM, Windows Vista, XP (Service Pack 3), DirectX9 graphics card with 256 MB RAM, DVD-ROM drive, Windows-Media Player 9, internet access (playchess.com, updates and activation). Recommended: PC Intel Core 2 Quad, 2.4 GHz, 3 GB RAM, Windows Vista or Windows 7, DirectX10 graphics card (or compatible) with 512 MB RAM or more, 100% DirectX10 compatible, sound card, Windows Media Player 11, DVD ROM drive and internet access (playchess.com, updates and activation). The activation of the program requires internet access.

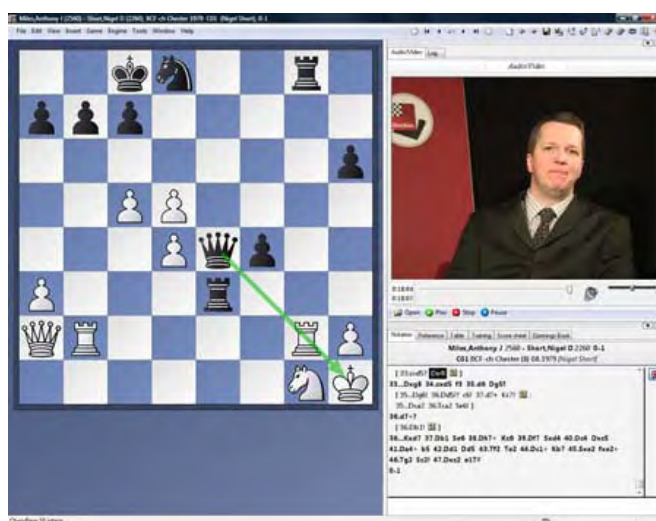
This playing program also comes with a separate book to use alongside the program. The playing book is specifically designed to improve Rybka's playing performance and I would highly recommend it to the serious chess player.

Greatest Hits Vol 2 By Nigel Short



Nigel David Short is generally regarded as the strongest British grandmaster of the 20th century. Born on June 1st 1965 he started out as a chess prodigy, first attracting media attention by beating Viktor Korchnoi and Tigran Petrosian in simultaneous exhibitions at the age of ten and twelve years respectively. At the age of 14 he became the youngest IM in history, breaking Bobby Fischer's previous record, and at 16 he came second (to Garry Kasparov) at the under 20 World Junior Championship in Dortmund.

In 1985 Nigel became Britian's first ever candidate for the World Championship, and in 1993 he made it all the way to the final by beating Anatoly Karpov and Jan Timman. He only lost to World Champion Garry Kasparov in the title match in London. Since then he has remained active at the highest levels of competitive chess, but has also become a chess columnist, commentator and also a coach for promising young talents. He is considered one of the most entertaining and outspoken personalities in the chess world.



In his DVDs "Greatest Hits" Nigel takes us on an electrifying journey through a very rich chess career, which saw him beat no less than twelve world champions. His experience in tournaments and matches all over the world – Short has visited a total of 89 countries – can be seen in the narratives that precede the games which he annotates with

humour and instructive insights. Video running time: more than 5 hours. Contents include:

- Short - Miles: Chester, 1979
- Short - Ye: Shianjin, 2004
- Short - Gelfand: Brussels, 1991
- Gurevich - Short: Manila, 1991
- Short - Seirawan: Luzern, 1989
- Short - Khalifman: Bundesliga 1991
- Short - Ljubojevic: Belgrade, 1989
- Kasparov - Short: London, 1987
- Short - Pogorelov: Gibraltar, 2004
- Epishin - Short: Malmö, 2002
- Short - Timman: Reykjavik, 1987
- Short - Adams: England, 1991
- Illescas - Short: Pamplona, 1999
- Korchnoi - Short: Luzern, 1989
- Gligoric - Short: London, 1980

The Advance Caro-Kann 2nd edition By Alexej Shirov



The Caro-Kann Defence, which arises after the moves 1.e4 c6 followed by d7-d5, is considered to be one of the most reliable defences to White's 1.e4. Black fights for his share of the centre and patiently awaits his chance. Shirov's preferred weapon against this solid setup by Black has always been the Advance Variation 3.e5 - with chances and risks for both sides. The main focus of the DVD is on plans for both White and Black after 1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5; the Latvian super-grandmaster explains these with the help of the best games culled from his own praxis, as well as three theoretically important games played by others.



The material which has been added for this new edition concentrates on the variations after 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2. Video running time: 7.5 hours.

Alexej Shirov was born in Riga just like world champion Mihail Tal, and also his playing style reminds many chess fans of the young Tal. In the beginning of the 90ies, a comet-like rise brought the young Latvian to the world top within the shortest of time. Being no older than 22 years, he already had an Elo rating of nearly 2750 and belonged to the absolute elite. Since then Shirov has been one of the best players in the world, delighting all chess fans with original and amazing ideas on the board.



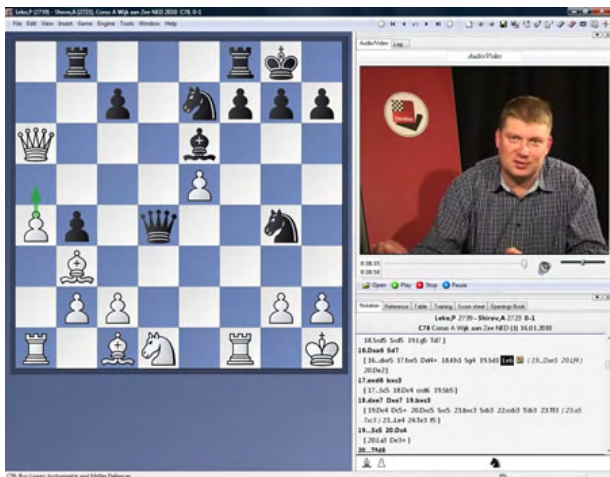
Guide to the Tkachiev Ruy Lopez By Alexej Shirov



The variation against the Ruy Lopez presented in meticulous detail by Alexei Shirov (3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5) has so far had no recognised name and Shirov himself has named it after Vladislav Tkachiev, the 2007 European champion, the Tkachiev Ruy Lopez. In fact the grandmaster from Kazakhstan has played a few important games with this system, but it would have been just as justified to name the variation after our author himself, because since 1996 Shirov has not only played numerous games with it, but recently he has turned it into his main weapon against 1.e4 - with splendid success and a lot of imitators.

The super grandmaster now shares all this collected knowledge with his viewers. Apart from the Exchange Variation (to which Shirov also devotes a model game) White has hardly any serious deviation after 3.Bb5, making of the Tkachiev

Variation a good weapon against the Ruy Lopez. Video running time: 6 hours.



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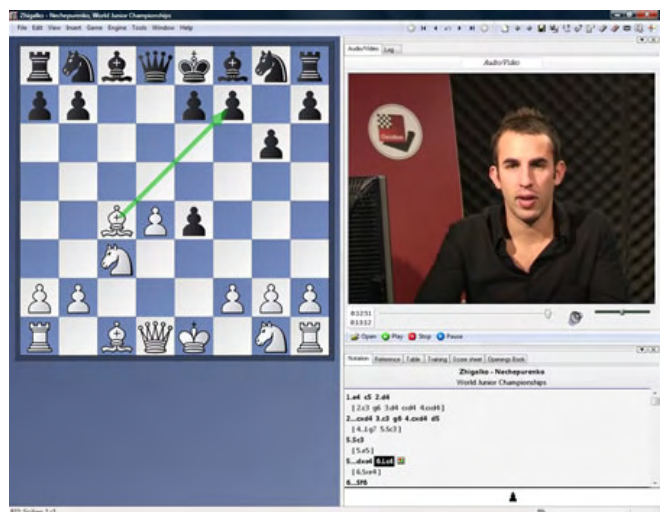
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condemned to spending years studying a huge body of opening theory, or do you choose an Anti-Sicilian, a way to sidestep the mainlines at the risk of allowing Black to have a sneaking chance to achieve equality?

The Morra Gambit, characterised by the moves 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 is one of the least played, yet according to IM Trent most underrated Anti-Sicilians that White has at his disposal. By sacrificing a pawn, White aims to rapidly develop his pieces with the objective of delivering a swift knockout blow to the unprepared Black camp.

Objectively speaking, Trent emphasises, if Black knows his stuff he has various ways to achieve a perfectly reasonable position. The beauty of this opening, Trent explains, lies in its practical “over-theboard” potential. Black players will have trouble coping with unknown positions and being put on the back foot from the start.



It should be of no surprise that around 50% of players with Black decide to decline the gambit, but even in this case Trent presents a host of tricky variations which allow White to play with venom and great attacking possibilities, not to mention a number of previously unseen theoretical novelties! Video running time: 5 h 25 min.

Lawrence Trent is an International Master from England. He has represented England as a player and as a coach and has been a 3-time winner of the Porto San Giorgio International tournament, finishing ahead of many Grandmasters.

The Smith-Morra Gambit Lawrence Trent



What do you do against the Sicilian Defence? Do you play a mainline, safe in the knowledge that despite being the most reliable way to gain an opening advantage, you could be



Games Column

by Bernard Milligan

Hi everyone. I hope you are all well and your new season games are going. I received an Email from Iain Mackintosh asking for the material for this magazine only to have to tell him no one had sent any games in.

However I have got there and many thanks to those who responded to my requests for last minute contributions to the Games Column.

SCCA Webserver League 2010

White: I Mackintosh (2325)

Black: W Taylor (2113)

[C43]

[Annotator D R Cumming]

SCCA League chess is recommended for lively chess and good banter. Wilf Taylor invariably plays open games, enjoys the craic and, as a Met Office man, can get you the inside track on ash clouds and such like.

1.e4 **e5**
2.Nf3 **Nf6**
3.d4

A less well-trodden Petroff path than
3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4

3... **Nxe4**

4.Bd3 **d5**
5.dxe5

Avoiding the more familiar 5.Nxe5 Nd7
6.Nxd7 Bxd7 7.0-0 Bd6 8.c4 c6 which is
ok for Black.

5... **Nc6**

5...Be7 and; 5...Nc5 are other plausible
tries here.

6.0-0 **Be7**
7.Nc3!?



White's pawns get wrecked, but he hopes
the open lines will improve his attacking
prospects.

7... **Nxc3**
8.bxc3 **Bg4**
9.Re1 **Qd7**

Thinking of castling long, otherwise 9...0-0
was an alternative.

10.h3 **Bh5**
11.Rb1 **0-0-0N**

Out of my database now.

12.Qe2 **Qe6**
13.Bd2 **h6**
14.Qe3 **Bxf3**



Wilf was later to bemoan the absence of
his white-squared bishop, but the capture
still looks ok to me at this juncture.

15.Qxf3 **g6**
16.Bb5 **Bc5**

16...Nxe5? 17.Qg3 Bd6 18.f4+-

17.Be3 **Bxe3**
18.Rxe3 **Nb8**
19.Qf4 **g5**

I'd expected 19...Nd7 ; or maybe 19...h5
here.

20.Qa4 **a6**

Probably best, but...

21.Be2 ...
giving White ideas about the g4-c8
diagonal.

21... **h5**
22.g4 **Nd7**
23.gxh5

More structural damage, but a passed
pawn to the good.

23... **Nb6**
24.Qb4 **Kb8**
25.Bg4 **Qc6**
26.e6!

White is winning now, though this move
was relatively easy to find.

26... **a5**

26...fxe6 27.Rxe6 Qc4 28.Qxc4 Nxc4
29.Rbe1+-
29.Rxa6?! b6 30.Ra4 and the White rooks
aren't so dominant.

27.Qd4

27.Qxa5? Nc4!

27... **Nc4**
28.e7!

Another strong move by the e-pawn.

28... **Rde8**

28...Nxe3? 29.exd8Q+ Rxd8 30.Qxe3+-

29.Rf3 **Nd6**
30.Rf6 **Rh7**

30...Rxe7? 31.Rxd6! Qxd6 32.Qxh8+

31.Re1 **a4**
32.a3



For the next few moves I swithered over
breaking through by Rxd6, h6-h7 or Rxb7
while trying to restrict Black's freedom
and hoping he'd park a rook where it
could be picked up by a later check.

32... **Rhh8**
33.c4

To open the f3-b7 diagonal.

- 33... dxc4
 34.Rb1 Nb5
 35.Qe5 Nd6
 36.Bf3 Qa6
 37.h6 Ka8

37...Rh7? 38.Rxb7+ Qxb7 39.Bxb7 Kxb7
 40.Rxd6 cxd6 41.Qb5+ Ka7 42.Qxe8
 mating.

38.h7 g4



38...Rxb7 39.Rxd6 cxd6 40.Bxb7+ Qxb7
 41.Qa5+ Kb8 42.Rxb7+ mating.

- 39.hxg4 Kb8
 40.Rxd6 cxd6
 41.Qe4 d5
 42.Qe5+ Ka8
 43.Bxd5 Ka7
 44.Qc7 1-0



Scotland vs. Ecuador, 2010

White: D R Cumming (2276)

Black: J Moreira (2340)

English Opening [B39]

- 1.d4 g6
 2.c4 Bg7
 3.Nf3 c5
 4.e4 cxd4
 5.Nxd4 Nc6
 6.Be3 Nf6
 7.Nc3 Ng4
 8.Qxg4 Nxd4
 9.Qd1 Ne6
 10.Qd2 Qa5
 11.Rc1 d6
 12.Be2 Bd7
 13.0-0 Bc6

RR 13...Nc5 14.Rfd1 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Nxe4
 16.Qd4 Qe5 17.Qxe5 dxe5 18.Rcd3 Ba4
 19.b3 Bc6 20.b4 Ba4 21.Re1 a6 22.Bf3 f5
 23.Rd5 Nd6 24.Rxe5 Nxc4 25.Rc5 Nxe3
 26.Rxe3 Bc6 27.Bxc6+ bxc6 28.Rxc6
 Palciauskas, V-Sloth, J/ICCF 2001/
 Openinm Master 1.22/1/2-1/2

14.a3



RR 14.f3 g5 15.Rfd1 h5 16.b3 Qe5
 17.Nd5 b6 18.Nb4 Bb7 19.Nd3 Qf6 20.b4
 h4 21.c5 h3 22.g4 Nd4 23.Ne1 dxc5
 24.bxc5 Nxe2+ 25.Qxe2 0-0 26.Qb5 Bc6
 27.Qb4 b5 28.Qa5 Qg6 Coates, D-
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14... 0-0N

RR 14...Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Bxe4 16.b4 Qf5
 17.Rd1 0-0 18.Bh6 Rfc8 19.Re3 g5
 20.Rg3 Qf6 21.Bxg5 Nxxg5 22.Rxxg5+ Kh8
 23.Qe3 b6 24.Rd4 Bg6 25.h4 Rc7 26.h5
 Bc2 27.h6 Rb8 28.Rg3 Bg6 29.Rf3
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- 15.Bg4± Rfe8
 16.Rfe1 Rac8
 17.Bxe6 fxe6
 18.Bd4 Bxd4
 19.Qxd4 e5
 20.Qe3 b6
 21.Qg5 Kg7
 22.h4!±

This places Black under pressure from both flanks, with his Queen shut out from the main action in the centre and on the Kingside, this guarantees a full White advantage...

22... Qc5?



This move leads to an unfavourable exchange for Black, following my obvious but strong reply...

- 23.b4! Qxc4
 24.Nd5 Bxd5
 25.Rxc4 Bxc4

- 26.h5!
 27.g3 Be6
 28.Rc1+ Rxc3
 29.Qxc1 Rxc8
 30.Qg5! Rc7



A miserable move for Black to have to make...

- 31.f4! Exf4
 32.gxf4 Bf7
 33.h6+! Kf8
 34.f5 Rc6
 35.Qd2 gxf5
 36.exf5 Rc4
 37.Qg2

After this, one likely continuation would be...37.Qg2 Rc1+ 38.Kh2 Ke8 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.Qxa7+ Rc7 41.Qxb6 Bb3 42.Qb5+ Kd8 43.a4 Bc4 44.Qb8+ Rc8 45.Qb7 Rc7 46.Qf3 Bf7 with obvious threats from the advanced Queenside pawns in tandem with the powerful Queen. 1-0



Scottish CCA, 2nd Webserver Open A, 2010

White: D R Cumming (2286)

Black: R Noble (1800)

Englund Gambit [A40]

[Annotator D R Cumming]

- 1.d4 e5!?

An unusual reply to the d-pawn opening, seemingly akin to the Budapest Gambit...

- 2.dxe5 Nc6
 3.Nf3 Qe7
 4.Bg5 Qb4+
 5.Nc3! Qxb2
 6.Bd2 Bb4
 7.Rb1 Qa3
 8.Nd5 Ba5
 9.Rb5 Bxd2+
 10.Qxd2 Kd8
 11.e4

My silicon monster passed the verdict that White is winning at this point!

11... Qxa2N



RR 11...a6 12.Rb3 Qxa2 13.Qg5+ (RR 13.Be2 Qa1+ 14.Bd1 Qa5 15.c3 (RR 15.Qxa5 Nxa5 16.Ng5 Nh6 17.Rh3 Rf8 18.Nxh7 Rg8 19.g4 d6 20.exd6 cxd6 21.Rh5 Nc4 22.Nhf6 Rf8 23.Be2 b5 24.Bxc4 1-0 De la Calle,I-Valverde Lopez,M/ICCF 2006/Openinm Master 1.22) 15...Nge7 16.Qg5 Rg8 17.0-0 h6 18.Qh4 Ke8 19.c4 Ra7 20.Rd3 b6 21.Bb3 Qc5 22.Rfd1 Nd8 23.Nd4 c6 24.Nxe7 Qxe7 25.Qg3 Qg5 26.Qf3 g6 27.c5 Rh8 Umansky,M-Lykke,H/Chessfriend.com 2003/Openinm Master 1.22/1/2-1/2 (47)) 13...Nge7 14.Qxg7 Rg8 15.Qxh7 Qxc2 16.Rd3 Re8 17.Nf6 Qc1+ 18.Rd1 Qc3+ 19.Nd2 Rf8 20.h4 Qxe5 21.Qg7 Ng6 22.h5 Ke7 23.Nd5+ Kd8 24.Qh7 Nge7 25.Nf3 Qb2 26.Qh6 Küçükali,A-Lykke,H/AC-2003-S-00005 2004/ Openinm Master 1.22/0-1

12.Qc3! a6
13.Bc4 Qa4
14.Rc5 b5
15.0-0! b4?!



Black opts to "save" his Queen... 15...bxc4 16.Ra1 Qxa1+ 17.Qxa1 Rb8 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Nxc7 d6 20.Rxe5 Kxc7 21.Re8 Bd7 22.Qa5+ Rb6 23.Ra8

16.Qd2 h6
17.Bb3 Qa3
18.Rxc6! Ne7
19.Nxe7 Kxe7
20.Rxc7 Qa5
21.Qd6+ Kd8
22.e6! fxe6



Black avoids the obvious Queen blunder, but he is going to be mated shortly here anyway... 22...Qxc7 23.e7+ Ke8 24.Qxc7 Kxe7 25.Ne5 g6 26.Qc5+ Kf6 27.Ng4+ Kg7 28.Qe5+ Kf8 29.Qxh8+ Ke7 30.Qf6+ Ke8 31.Bxf7+ Kf8 32.Bxg6+ Kg8 33.Nxh6#

23.Nd4 Qg5
24.Bxe6 Qe7
25.Nc6+ Ke8
26.Qxe7# 1-0



SCCA v Rest of the World - Board 1

White: E Liebert
Black: C R Beecham
Ruy Lopez [C92]
[Annotator C Richard Beecham]

According to legend, the conflict between King Charlemagne and the four sons of Aymon had it's origins in chess. The youngest of the four Renaud of Montauban won a game against the King's son - a game in which "the other's head" was at stake. Renaud won and took his trophy home. Totally opposite from the following game, in which the friendship gained was far more important than the result.

1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5 a6
4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 Be7
6.Re1 b5
7.Bb3 d6
8.c3 0-0
9.h3 Bb7

The Flohr/Saitzev , black can go 9... Be6, 9... Nd7, N... h6 or 9... Nb8.

10.d4 Re8
11.a4

As in the game Keith Franks - Beecham SCCA League 2008, Board 1. 11.Nbd2

11... h6

12.Nbd2 Bf8
13.Bc2 exd4
14.cxd4 Nb4
15.Bb1 c5
16.d5



Also possible was 16.e5 dxe5 17.dxe5 Nfd5 18.axb5 axb5 19.Rxa8 Qxa8 20.Ne4 when the position is level/unclear.

16... Nd7

I also considered 16...Qd7 17.Nf1 bxa4 18.Rxa4 a5 19.Ra3 Ba6 20.Ng3 g6 21.Bf4 Bb5 22.Qd2 Kh7 23.Nh4 c4 aiming at d3, but after 16...Nd7 the position is similar to the Modern Benoni and positions i am more familiar with.

17.Ra3 c4

After 17...Qc7 18.Nf1 Nb6 19.a5 Nc4 20.Ne3! Nxe3 (20...Nxa3? 21.bxa3) 21.Bxe3 f5 the position is equally complex.

18.axb5 axb5
19.Nd4 Qb6

I gave a lot of thought to 19...Ne5 20.Rxa8 Qxa8 21.Nxb5 Qa5 22.Nc3 Be7 23.Qe2 Ba6 24.Nf3 Bf6 25.Nxe5 Bxe5 26.Be3 Nd3 27.Bxd3 cxd3 28.Qd2 Bxc3 29.bxc3 Rxe4 but with opposite coloured bishops I feared the draw.

20.Nf5 Ne5
21.Rg3 g6
22.Nf3 Ned3



23.Qd2!?

While writing these moves I found that

my opponent had played this very position before! In the game Liebert v Philip Chopin (2541) from a recent European Final the game continued with 23.Be3 Qd8 24.Nxh6 Bxh6 25.Bxh6 Qf6 26.Bxd3 Nxd3 27.Re2 b4 28.Bg5 Qg7 29.Be3 Rxe4 30.Bh6 Qxh6 31.Rxe4 Bxd5 32.Rd4 Qh5 33.Qb1 Bxf3 34.Rxf3 Qc5 and the game was agreed a draw. Chopin went on to win the title.

23... Nxe1
24.Nxe1 Nxd5

Playing 24...Ra1 comes to the same thing after 25.Nxh6+ Bxh6 26.Qxh6 Re5 27.Rxg6+ etc.

25.Nxh6+ Bxh6
26.Qxh6 Ra1



This position was agreed a draw as after 27.Rxg6+ it is a perpetual check. [Other candidate moves were 26...Re5 27.Nf3 Ra1 28.exd5 Rxb1 29.Rxg6+ fxg6 30.Qxg6+ Kf8 31.Nxe5 Rxc1+ 32.Kh2 Qxf2 33.Qxd6+ Kg7 34.Qe7+ Kh8 draw.; or 26...Ne7 27.Be3 Qc7 28.Bd4 wins.] ½-½



Scottish CCA, Championships 2010/11

White: B Goodwin (2035)
Black: D R Cumming (2276)
Sicilian Defence [B33]
[Annotator D R Cumming]

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5
6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6
8.Na3 b5
9.Bxf6 gxf6
10.Nd5 f5

I've been wary of playing the Novosibirsk Variation (10/...Bg7) ever since the game Alexey Shirov vs. Magnus Carlsen, M-Tel Masters, 23/05/2009 came to my

attention, in which Shirov virtually refutes the variation with a brilliant but straightforward novelty on move 21!! For interested readers, that game ran... [10...Bg7 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Nxe7 Qxe7 13.c4 f5 14.0-0 0-0 15.Qh5 Rb8 16.exf5 e4 17.Rae1 Bb7 18.Qg4 Rfe8 19.cxb5 d5 20.bxa6 Bc6 21.b3!!N Kh8 22.Nc2 Be5 23.Be2 d4 24.Bc4 Rg8 25.Qh3 Rg7 26.g3 Rbg8 27.Qh6 Qc7 28.Nb4 Ba8 29.Nd5 Qd8 30.Rxe4 1-0!!]

11.Bd3 B e6



12.Qh5 Rg8
13.g3 Rg4
14.f4 exf4
15.Nxf4 Rxf4
16.gxf4 Qa5+
17.Kd1 Qb4
18.exf5 Bd5
19.Re1+ Kd7
20.f6 Qd4

Brian comes up with a good and interesting novelty here... [RR 20...Qxb2 21.Qxd5 Qxa1+ 22.Kd2 Qxf6 23.f5 Bh6+ 24.Kd1 Qa1+ 25.Ke2 Qe5+ 26.Be4 Qxd5 27.Bxd5 Re8+ 28.Kd1 Rxe1+ 29.Kxe1 Ne5 30.c3 Ke7 31.Ke2 Kf6 32.Bb7 Bc1 33.Nc2 a5 34.Nd4 b4 35.cxb4 Klokas,K-Papargiriou,A/Athens 2007/Openinm Master 1.22/½-½ (42)]

21.Qh3+N



[RR 21.Nb1 Nb4 (RR 21...Ne5 22.fxe5 Qxb2 23.Kd2 b4 24.exd6 Kxd6 25.Be4 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Rc8 27.Ke3 Rxc2 28.Rd4+ Kc6 29.Nd2 Bc5 30.Qd5+ Kb6 31.Rd1 Bxd4+ 32.Qxd4+ Qxd4+ 33.Kxd4 Rxa2 34.Nc4+ Kc6 35.Rf1 Kd7 36.Ne5+ Zugrav Wolfgang AUT-Toth Gyula

HUN/Openinm Master 1.22/1-0 (46)) 22.Qf5+ (RR 22.Nd2 Nxd3 23.cxd3 Qxd3 24.Rc1 b4 25.Re4 Kd8 26.Rcc4 Bxc4 27.Qa5+ Kd7 28.Rxc4 b3 29.axb3 1-0 Matic,D-Chambers,C/IECG 2004/ Openinm Master 1.22) 22...Kc7 23.Nd2 Be6 24.Qe4 Qxb2 25.Rb1 Nxd3 26.cxd3 Bg4+ 27.Re2 Bxe2+ 28.Kxe2 d5 29.Rxb2 dxe4 30.dxe4 Bh6 31.Ke3 Rg8 32.Rc2+ Kb6 33.Kf3 Rd8 34.e5 Rd4 35.Ne4 Rd3+ Battistini,R-Scholz,F/corr ICCF 1997/ Openinm Master 1.22/1-0 (43)]

21... Kc7
22.c3!± Qxf4
23.Rf1 Qh6
24.Qxh6 Bxh6
25.Bxh7? Rh8!=
26.Bf5 Rg8
27.Ke1 Ne5
28.Ke2?!



Brian wastes tempi with his King for his 27th and 28th move, when he could have placed the King on e2 on his 27th and played something more constructive for him on his 28th...

28... Nc4
29.Rad1?!

Brian tempts fate with this move, and the distinct whiff of a Knight fork on e3 is in the air!!

29... Re8+
30.Kf2 Re5
31.Bb1 Ne3
32.h4 Nxf1
33.Rxf1 Re3
34.Rd1 Bb7
35.Re1 Rf3+
36.Kg1 Be3+
37.Kh2 Kb6
38.h5 Bh6
39.Bc2 Rxf6+
40.Kg1 Rf3
41.Re7 f5
42.Rf7 Be3+
43.Kh2 Rf2+
44.Kh3 Bc1
45.Bxf5?

Brian blunders away the exchange here,

but he was losing anyway at this point...

45... **Bc8!**
46.**Bxc8** **Rxf7**



47.**Nb1** **Bxb2**
48.**Kg2** **Bc1**
49.**Bg4** **Kc5**
50.**Kg3** **Rg7**
51.**Kf3** **a5**
52.**a3** **Kc4**
53.**Bf5** **Rg1**
54.**Bg6** **Bh6**
55.**Kf2** **Rc1**

And the probable continuation would be something along the lines of...[55...Rc1 56.Ke2 d5 57.Kf2 Kb3 58.Kf3 Ka2 59.Kg4 Rg1+ 60.Kh3 Rxb1 61.Bxb1+ Kxb1 62.Kg4 Kb2 ...with an easy win for Black.] **0-1**



Scottish CCA, 2nd Webserver Open B, 2010

White: D R Cumming (2286)
Black: R Fraser (1800)
Tarrasch Defence [D34]
[Annotator D R Cumming]

1.**d4** **d5**
2.**c4** **e6**
3.**Nc3** **c5**

The Tarrasch Defence, a brave choice for correspondence chess!

4.**cxd5** **exd5**
5.**Nf3** **Nc6**
6.**g3** **Nf6**
7.**Bg2** **Be7**
8.**0-0** **0-0**



9.**Bg5** **cxd4**
10.**Nxd4** **h6**
11.**Be3** **Re8**
12.**Rc1** **Bf8**
13.**Qa4** **Bd7**

RR 13...Ne7 14.Ncb5 Bd7 15.Qb3 Nc6 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 a6 18.Nc3 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bc6 20.Qg4 Qf6 21.Rfd1 Rad8 22.Bb6 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Bd6 24.Rd3 Bf8 25.Bd4 Qe6 26.Qxe6 Rxe6 27.f3 Rd6 28.Kf1 Kuciel,W-Blasiak,M/Chorzow POL 2009/Openinm Master 1.22/1-0 (45)
14.Qd1N

ChessBase gives this as a novelty, but in fact as I repeat moves here it simply transposes later on to other game possibilities. [RR 14.Rfd1 Nb4 15.Qb3 a5 16.Nxd5 (RR 16.a4 Rc8 17.Ncb5 Qe7 18.h3 Ne4 19.Rxc8 Rxc8 20.Rc1 Rxc1+ 21.Bxc1 Qf6 22.Be3 Bc5 23.Qd1 Bxb5 24.axb5 Qb6 25.Bxe4 dxe4 26.Nf5 Bxe3 27.Nxe3 Qxb5 28.Qd8+ Kh7 29.Qe7 Kg8 ½-½ Martin Joel FRA-Vincent Didier FRA/corr AJEC/1196 1990/Openinm Master 1.22) 16...Nbx5 17.Bxd5 Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Ba4 19.Nb3 Qf6 20.Qxb7 Qxb2 21.Rd2 Qf6 22.Bd4 Qg5 23.h4 Qg4 24.Rc7 Rab8 25.Qd5 Qg6 26.Bc5 Rbc8 27.Rxc8 Rxc8 28.Bxf8 Bxb3 Mamedyarov,S-Petrosian,T/Internet ICC 2007/Openinm Master 1.22/1-0 (67)

14... **Be6**
15.**Qa4** **Bd7**
16.**Nxd5** **Nxd5**
17.**Bxd5** **Na5**
18.**Nb5±**

RR 18.Qc2 Bh3 19.Bg2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 Qd5+ 21.Kg1 Qxa2 22.Qc3 Qd5 23.b4 Nc6 24.Nxc6 Qxc6 25.Qxc6 bxc6 26.Rxc6 Bxb4 27.Ra6 Rxe3 28.fxe3 Bc5 29.Kg2 Re8 ½-½ Farago,I-Hernandez,R/Szolnok 1975/Openinm Master 1.22]

18... **a6?**



[RR 18...Re5 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Bxf7+ Kxf7 21.Qf4+ Rf5 22.Nd6+ Bxd6 23.Qxd6 Ke8 1-0 Major,A-Bruere,M/corr ICCF 1990/Openinm Master 1.22]

19.**Qf4!+-** **Bxb5**
20.**Qxf7+** **Kh7**
21.**Qg8+** **Kg6**
22.**h4** **Qd7**
23.**h5+!** **Kf6**



[23...Kxh5?? 24.Bf7+ Kg4 25.Rc5 Bxe2 26.Kh2 Bxc5 27.Qxg7+ Kf3 28.Qf6+ Ke4 29.Qf4+ Kd3 30.Bg6+ Qf5 31.Bxf5+ Re4 32.Qxe4#]

24.**Bd4+** **Kg5**
25.**Qh7** **Kxh5**
26.**Bf6!!**



This excellent move guarantees that Black will be mated before too long!

26... **Qxd5**
26...gxf6 27.Bf7+ Kg4 (27...Qxf7 28.Qf5#) 28.Qg6+ Kh3 29.Qh5#

27.**g4+** **Kxg4**
28.**Qg6+** **Kf4**
29.**e3+** **Rxe3**
30.**fxe3+** **Kxe3**
31.**Qg3+** **Kd2**
32.**Qc3+** **Ke2**



33.**Rce1#** **1-0**



Domestic X-Tables

By Colin Macgregor

SCOMLeague1/10		SCCA Web League Div 1 2010							SCOMLeague2/10		SCCA Web League Div 2 2010						
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	Score
1	Social Stars	2141		1	2.5	3	4	10.5	1	Social Dragons	2010		3.5	4	3	8	18.5
2	Perth Correspondents	2173	2		3	2	3	10	2	Hounds of the Scheming Mind	1912	2.5		5	5.5	5	18
3	Black Knight	2026	1.5	1		1.5	2	6	3	Dundee Correspondents	1900	2	2		4	5	13
4	Knights of the Board A	2049	1	1	1.5		2	5.5	4	Civil Service	2023	2	1.5	4		4	11.5
5	Brutal Realism	1975	0	0	0	0		0	5	Knights of the Board B	1616	0	0	0	0		0

SCO/Prem2010/A		SCCA Premier 2010 Section A				TD Dawson, A. G.											
Rated		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	RG	Place					
1	SCO 620426	Cumming, David R.				2276		½	1	1	1	1	1	5.5	7.75	0	1
2	SCO 210729	Coope, Derek William				1939	½		1	.	1	1	.	3.5	7.75	2	2
3	SCO 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.				1998	0	0		.	1	1	1	3	2	1	3
4	SCO 620637	Brooksbank, Kenneth				1914	0	.	.		.	1	.	1	1	4	4
5	SCO 620597	Moir, Patrick				1677	0	0	0	.		.	1	1	0	2	5
6	SCO 620544	Cook, William M.				1959	0	0	0	0	.		1	1	0	1	6
7	SCO 620574	Loughran, Robert				1712	0	.	0	.	0	0		0	0	2	7

SCO/Prem2010/B		SCCA Premier 2010 Section B				TD Dawson, A. G.											
Rated		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	SB	RG	Place					
1	ENG 620577	Price, Derek				1953		1	½	.	1	1	1	4.5	6.75	1	1
2	SCO 620393	MacGregor, Colin A.				1917	0		1	.	1	1	1	4	4.5	1	2
3	SCO 620522	Cormack, William H.				2005	½	0		.	1	1	1	3.5	3.25	1	3
4	SCO 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.				1998	.	.	.		.	1	.	1	0.5	5	4
5	SCO 620597	Moir, Patrick				1677	0	0	0	.		½	.	0.5	0.25	2	5
6	SCO 620603	Armstrong, John M.				1564	0	0	0	0	½		.	0.5	0.25	1	6
7	SCO 620574	Loughran, Robert				1712	0	0	0	.	.	.		0	0	3	7

SCO/Open2009/C		SCCA Open 2009 Section C				TD MacGregor, Colin A.													
Rated		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place				
1	ENG 620577	Price, Derek				2001			½	1	1	1	1	1	1	7.5	21.75	0	1
2	SCO 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.				1915	0	½			1	1	1	1	1	6.5	15.75	0	2
3	SCO 620608	Miller, Scott				1800 ^P	0	0	0	0			0	1	0	2	4	0	3
4	SCO 620603	Armstrong, John M.				1618	0	0	0	0	1			0	1	2	4	0	3
5	SCO 620597	Moir, Patrick				1800 ^P	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1		2	4	0	3

SCO/Open2010/B		SCCA Open 2010 Section B				TD MacGregor, Colin A.														
Rated		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place					
1	SCO 620426	Cumming, David R.				2276			½	1	1	.	1	1	1	1	6.5	14	1	1
2	ENG 620577	Price, Derek				1953	0	½			1	½	1	1	1	.	5	11	1	2
3	SCO 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.				1998	.	0	½	0			1	0	1	.	2.5	4.5	2	3
4	SCO 620603	Armstrong, John M.				1564	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	.	2	2.5	1	4
5	SCO 620574	Loughran, Robert				1712	0	0	.	0	.	0		0		0	0	3	5	

SCO/Open2010/C		SCCA Open 2010 Section C				TD MacGregor, Colin A.														
Rated		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	SB	RG	Place					
1	SCO 620668	Fraser, Roland A.				1800 ^P			1	1	.	.	.	.	1	1	4	8	4	1
2	SCO 620637	Brooksbank, Kenneth				1914	0	0			.	.	1	1	0	½	2.5	4.75	2	2
3	SCO 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.				1998	.	.	.	.			.	.	1	1	2	3	6	3
4	SCO 620597	Moir, Patrick				1677	.	.	0	0	.	.			1	1	2	3	4	4
5	SCO 620660	Toye, Daniel T.				1756	0	0	½	1	0	0	0	0			1.5	3.75	0	5



Friendly International Matches

Presently we have a number of friendly international team matches in progress. Recently we concluded the server section of a match against USA (we won! 16½ to 15½) whilst play is still in progress in server matches against Lithuania, Ecuador and Scheming Mind (a server based correspondence chess club). Additionally, one game remains in progress in the server section of our 30th anniversary match Scotland v. Rest of the World.

We also try to include a few postal boards in these matches and some remain in progress in matches against Spain, Australia & USA. Almost inevitably postal play is slower than that on the server where the games finished some time ago. Unfortunately international postal is very much on the wane these days although a few diehards remain.

Plans are well advanced for new matches scheduled to start in September against Hong Kong (10 boards on the server) and Sweden (20 boards on the server and hopefully a few more postal). Places are still available for both matches, particularly on the postal boards, and anyone who would like to play should simply drop me a line. We conclude with a small selection of recent games from these matches. In the first, Colin Macgregor produces a nice positional effort to despatch his Ecuadorian opponent.

MacGregor,C (1917) – Ramón,S (2000) [A13]
Scotland – Ecuador ICCF, 21.02.2010
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.c4	e6
2.g3	d5
3.Bg2	c6
4.cxd5	

4.Qc2; and 4.b3 are more usual here but there's nothing wrong with the text.

4...	exd5
5.Nf3	Bd6
6.0-0	Nf6
7.d3	0-0
8.Nc3	Re8



On the face of it, Black should have no problems here.

9.e4	dxe4
10.dxe4	Bb4?

Either here or the previous move 10...Bg4 should have been preferred.

11.Qxd8	Rxd8
12.e5!	Bxc3
13.bxc3	Ne4
14.Bb2	Na6
15.Rfd1	Bg4
16.Rd4	Bxf3?!

16...Rxd4 was better when 17.cxd4 Nb4 is nothing much for White.

17.Bxf3	Ng5
8.Bg2	Ne6
19.Rd6!	Kf8?!

Looks natural here but

20.Ba3	Rxd6
21.Bxd6+	Ke8?
22.Rb1	Nac5

He had to go back to g8.



23.Rxb7!

After 23.... Nxb7, 24. Bxc6+ wins the house – so, Black resigned.

1-0



Another of our regular participants in such matches, Alan Armstrong, features in the next 2 games. Alan has an enterprising attacking style and doesn't mind investing material to obtain the initiative as is highlighted in the first which is both original and instructive.

The second is rather one-sided when Alan's opponent crumbles quickly when confronted by an unusual tactical opening side-line.

Armstrong,A (1885) – Huff,D (1757) [C11]
Scotland v. SchemingMind ICCF, 15.03.2010
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4	d5
2.Nc3	Nf6
3.e4	e6
4.e5	Nfd7
5.Nf3	c5
6.Be3	cxd4

6...Nc6 is almost invariably played here but there's nothing wrong with the text.

7.Qxd4	Nc6
8.Qf4	a6
9.Bd3	Qc7

But 9...Bb4 was better here.

10.Nxd5!?	exd5
11.e6!	Nde5

More prudent was 11...Qxf4 when 12.exd7+ Bxd7 13.Bxf4 Bc5 was equal. however it was very tempting to grab the piece and try to hold on.

12.Nxe5	Nxe5
13.exf7+	Kd8
14.0-0	



White has full compensation for his piece as Black struggles to co-ordinate.

14...	Be6
15.Bf5	Bxf7

15...Qxf7 16.Bb6+ Kd7 17.Qxe5 Bxf5 18.Qc7+ Ke6 19.Rfe1+ Be4 20.Qc3 looks pretty scary for both sides!

16.Rfe1	h6
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16...Bd6 17.Qg3 Nc4? 18.Bg5+ is crushing for White.

17.Rad1	g5
18.Qd4	Bd6
19.f4!	

White must continue to open lines.

19...	gxf4
20.Bxf4	Re8
21.Kh1	

Bc5 was a threat.

21...	b6
22.Bg3	Qc5
23.Qh4+	Be7

If 23...Kc7 then 24.Qf6! was a strong reply.

24.Qxh6	Nd7
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25.Re3!

Another star move – Black is helpless.

25...	Bf8
26.Rxe8+	Bxe8
27.Qe6	Qb5
28.c4	Qa4
29.Rxd5	Bc5
30.Qf6+	Kc8
31.Qe5	Kd8
32.Bh4+	

And doubtless Black was relieved when he threw in the towel – quite an astonishing game.

1-0



Armstrong,A (1853) – Randolph,D (1788) [C15]
SCO – USA (Server) ICCF, 20.10.2008
[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.d4	d5
2.e4	e6
3.Nc3	Bb4
4.Qg4!?	Bxc3+

The main line 4...Nf6 5.Qxg7 gives chances for both sides: 5...Rg8 6.Qh6 dxe4 7.Nge2 b6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Ng3 Bb7

5.bxc3	Qf6?
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But this is simply disastrous [5...Nf6 was still ok]

6.Bd3	g6?
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Compounding his error. 6...Nh6 was still playable.

7.Bg5	Qg7
8.exd5	Nf6
9.Qh4	Nbd7
10.Bh6	Qg8



A truly horrible position for Black.

11.dxe6 fxe6
 12.Nf3 Nd5?
 13.0-0 Nxc3
 14.Rfe1!

And it was all over after

14... Qf7
 15.Ng5 Qg8
 16.Nxe6 Kf7
 17.Ng5+ Kf6
 18.Qf4#



1-0



Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Apr 2010	10	Lithuania	Server	1	3		
Mar 2010	20	Scheming Mind	Server	7	8		
Feb 2010	20	Ecuador	Server	5½	5½		
May 2009	25	Australia	Server/Post	13	29	2	L
Oct 2008	21	USA	Server/Post	19	21		
Oct 2008	28	England	Server/Post	17	39		L
May 2008	50	Rest of World	Server/Post	37	56	1	L
Oct 2007	20	Spain	Server	14½	23½		L
Jun 2007	14	Spain	Post	8	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	36½		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

8th European Team Championships

EU/TC8/sf3		8th European Team Championship - Semifinal 3										TD Klauner, Thed															
Nr.	Team	ELO	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	B1	B2	B3	B4	B5	B6	B7	B8	Place
1	Russia	2375		3	5	4.5	5.5	3.5	5.5	5	4.5	5.5	42	64	19	14	65	7	4.5	4	5	3.5	6	5.5	6	7.5	1
2	Slovakia	2449	3		4.5	4.5	3.5	4	5	2.5	3	6.5	36.5	60	13	9	60	12	4	3.5	4	3	6	6.5	4.5	5	2
3	Poland	2455	2	3.5		5	2.5	3.5	3	5.5	5	5	35	50	1	8	69	3	4.5	5	4.5	3	3.5	6	3	5.5	3
4	France	2334	3.5	2.5	3		4	4.5	4.5	3	3.5	6	34.5	49	-1	7	70	2	4	6	5.5	3.5	4.5	4	3	4	4
5	Czech Republic	2414	2.5	2.5	5.5	4		3.5	4	4	3.5	4.5	34	51	2	7	66	6	5	3.5	4.5	5.5	3.5	4.5	4.5	3	5
6	Belarus	2373	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	2.5		4	4	5	4.5	32.5	52	3	6	62	10	4.5	4.5	4.5	2.5	3.5	4	4.5	4.5	6
7	Lithuania	2267	2.5	3	4	3.5	3	3		4	3	5	31	46	-5	4	67	5	2	3	4.5	4	4	3.5	5	5	7
8	Iceland	2420	2	2.5	2.5	5	4	3	2		3.5	5.5	30	48	-2	5	62	10	3	1.5	4	3	4.5	5.5	5	3.5	8
9	Scotland	2334	2.5	2	3	3.5	3.5	3	5	2.5		4.5	29.5	46	-5	4	64	8	4.5	1	4	2	5	4	4.5	4.5	9
10	Israel	2260	2.5	1.5	3	2	3.5	1.5	3	1.5	3.5		22	31	-25	0	69	3	5	4	2.5	4	2.5	1.5	1	1.5	10



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

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2010

Theme 4/10: Dutch Defence, A83

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Webserver Events 2010

Theme 5/10: Halasz Gambit, C21

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.f4

Entries by 1 September; play starts 15 September

Theme 6/10: Richter System, D00

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3

Entries by 15 October; play starts 1 November

Note there are no Email Events in 2010.

News

- ❑ Olga Sukhareva.(RUS) is the 8th Ladies World Champion, retaining her title.
- ❑ The 2nd ICCF Veterans World Cup (VWC2) preliminary stage is around 70% complete and will close in Feb 2011, with semi-finals starting in Jun 2011.
- ❑ Registration for the 3rd Veterans' World Cup closed on July 1st and play will begin in September.
- ❑ World Individual Championship 26 final started in June with 17 players from 13 federations participating – 6 of whom are rated 2600+.
- ❑ World Individual Championship semi-finals for the 2010 cycle started in June.
- ❑ The 16th Olympiad final also started in June.
- ❑ IA George Stibal, the well-known and respected Australian administrator, passed away on 1st May.
- ❑ ICCF is looking for an editor to supply ChessBase magazine with CC event and games details. Contact Uwe Staroske at: uwe.staroske@iccf.com if you can assist.

Further details of all ICCF activities and events; entries to events, and orders for ICCF publications may be obtained via George Pyrich at: international@scottishcca.co.uk

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