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Scotland has decided not to bother with Spring this year, so we are set to move from winter through semi-winter and back to winter again during 2013. For Spring read Springbank as the natives battle hypothermia. We tried hugging some years back, but got overpopulated as a result.

This edition is the first of the new season's subscription set, so that's why the cover picture has changed. We're almost at 50 online editions now, so we might organise a celebration if there's any whisky left.

After our Notices page, there's an update on League results which were unfinished last time we published. George Pyrich then analyses the second ICCF rating list of 2013 where our activity levels remain pretty respectable.

ChessBase DVD Reviews return in this edition, and we also revert to a full Games Column featuring members David Edney, Andrew Macmillen, Raymond Burrige, Daniel Toye, David Cumming and yours truly.

Again, there are two feature articles in this issue. In the first, we welcome back Chess Scotland historian Alan McGowan who links ideas from a Peter Anderson game with their later exploitation at the 1956 FIDE Olympiad.

The second main article is an amalgam of pieces sent to me by editors of online magazines in other countries - Toni Halliwell (England - BFCC), Pasquale Colucci (Italy - ASIGC) and Ralph Marconi (Canada - CHECK!). I hope you enjoy the variety of articles and games they've presented to us!

George Pyrich supplies another full international update, with a couple more annotated games featuring members Peter Smith and Colin Macgregor.

I may be accused of old men's dreams with this recurring vision of finding a secretary for the SCCA, but a good fantasy never hurt anybody I say. I did toy briefly with adopting religion to get a better line in miracles, but this morning's doorstep callers put an end to that. Surely somebody out there must need to repay their debt to society before they end up as decrepit as the rest of us?

SCCA Membership

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

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SCCA 100 Club

The 100 Club is an important revenue-earner for the SCCA and it helps us to keep our fees low and/or unchanged year on year. Responsibility for the 100 Club rests with our Treasurer, Gordon Anderson.

Units cost £1 with some members taking one unit while others take as many as 10 units per month. From the Association's perspective paying by Bankers Order is most convenient.

If you don't already subscribe to the 100 club please consider if you can help the SCCA by taking out units and make contact with Gordon whose contact details are shown below.

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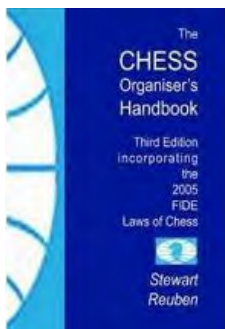
NB Secretarial duties will be undertaken by Kevin Paine (enquiries), Jim Anderson (domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) pro tem.



SCCA Secretary

This vacancy remains open and it's a bit concerning that none of our members has yet applied. Our committee is already overloaded, so we could do with some help. To recap, the main parts of the job are:

- Primary contact point for outside bodies, queries, etc.
- Organise & minute committee meetings (3 fairly fixed in Jan/Feb; May/Jun and Aug/Sep, with others as needed)
- Organise domestic events to start in Jan; appoint & liaise with TDs; organise trophies & medals at season-end
- Other admin as needed



The busy period is Dec/Jan which may appeal to candidates looking to avoid shopping trips and visiting relatives. The remainder of the year is fairly light.

At present, we share elements of the job across committee members, all of whom would welcome the appointment of a designated secretary.

If you can help, please get in touch with Iain at president@scottishcca.co.uk.

ICCF 2013 World Championship Cycle Semi-Finals



ICCF Title Tournament Commissioner, Gian-Maria Tani, writes to announce that this stage will commence play on June 10th, 2013 and that entries must be received by May 10th.

Sections are usually 13 players, but may be extended to 15 or 17 in special circumstances.

Several SCCA players have the necessary qualification, title and/or grading norms and we also have two unused member federation nominations left for 2013.

For further information, please contact George Pyrich.

Scheming Mind Webservice League



Scheming Mind run a team in the SCCA webservice league and they have invited the SCCA to reciprocate by entering a team in their own webservice event.

Organiser Keith Franks summarises the format:

- All moves played on SchemingMind.com.
- Standard time controls 30 days + 1 day a move.
- A team consists of 5 players, and you don't have to use the same players in every round.
- Each player plays one game with White and one game with Black.
- There are 6 rounds played over a period of time, each round normally starts at 6 weekly intervals.
- A team needs to be set up on the webservice as Scottish CCA or whatever name you want to use.
- You will require a match captain to set up the team and allocate players.
- A player can join SchemingMind as a guest and play a number of games for free.
- The player needs to join the team in order to play in team events.
- The new team will be placed in Division 6 to start with and promotion / relegation will apply.

Please contact George Pyrich if you are interested in playing.

Twelve Years of e-Mags



The first SCCA e-mag (edition 73) was published in April 2001, so we're in birthday mood with this issue!

At four per year, that's 48 regular online issues, but we also published a Silver Jubilee edition back in 2002, so nearly 50!

Recent weather-related power cuts in Scotland mean no candles left for us though...



2012 Results

By Colin Macgregor

Webserver League Division 1

SCO/WLeague1/12, SCCA Web League Div 1 2012

TD Anderson, Gordon M.

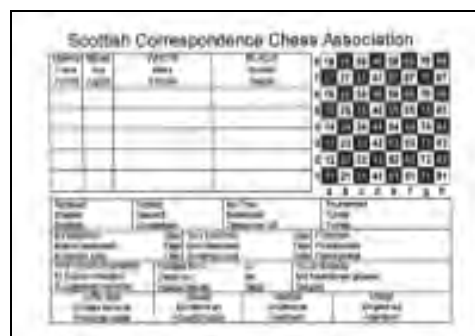
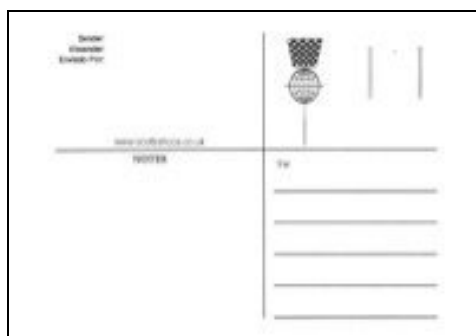
		1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	✉ Perth Correspondents	2233	3	3	3.5	4	13.5	84	11	8	16	0	1
2	✉ Knights of the Board A	2180	1	2.5	2.5	2.5	8.5	53	1	6	16	0	2
3	✚ Social Stars	2130	1	1.5	2.5	3	8	50	0	4	16	0	3
4	✉ Black Knights	2114	0.5	1.5	1.5	4	7.5	46	-1	2	16	0	4
5	✚ Civil Service A	1971	0	1.5	1	0	2.5	15	-11	0	16	0	5

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
Perth Corresp	Mackintosh, I	Borwell, A P	Paine, Dr K A	Harvey, D
Knights Board A	Gillam, S R	Cumming, D R	Price, D	Jamieson, I M
Social Stars	Vivante-Sowter, J	Ewan, R	Pallett, R	Webley, J
Black Knight	Bell, A D	Pyrich, G D	Marshall, I H	Dempster, D
Civil Service A	Sargent, J M	Bicknell, G	Pomeroy, R J	Ryan, R

The Webserver League Division 1 had some outstanding games when we published the table in edition 120. These have now been resolved and the final positions are as above.

Perth Correspondents won the division, with Knights of the Board A squeezing out Social Stars by half a point for 2nd place.

CC Postcards



The SCCA has a stock of cc postcards showing the SCCA logo and website address. They are suitable for domestic and international use (English, German and Spanish used). Orders in units of 100. The cards are supplied at their production cost (£2.50/100) and p&p is also required.

As a guideline, 200 cards delivered in January 2012 cost £7.61 - £5 for the cards, and £2.61 UK second class postage, though beware postal increases since then. Orders to [Iain Mackintosh](mailto:Iain.Mackintosh@scca.org.uk) please.



2013/2 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The second ICCF grading list of 2013 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results from 1 December 2012 to 28 February 2013. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April and 30 June 2013.

With the publication of this ICCF rating list, John Grant and Mark Smith have both passed the 30-game mark and now have full grades – well done to both. Alan Bell has passed the 2400 grading milestone.

David Dempster, resident in Australia, has now played 700+ games, and David Cumming, not resident in Australia, is past the 600 barrier. Arthur Knox has notched up his first century of games. Martin Hardwick and Raymond Burridge remain on energy supplements – a further 44 and 41 games posted respectively in the last period!

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	691	2073 ↑	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	303	2331 ↓
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	238	2298 ↑	260	Knox, A	107	1620 ↓
121	Anderson, J	223	1750 ↔	1117	Laing, D	20	2100 ↔ *
049	Armstrong, A	151	1911 ↔	419	Lees, J A	83	2055 ↔
313	Armstrong, J McK	206	1557 ↓	256	Lennox, C J (SM)	157	2278 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	364	2468 ↓	503	Livie, G W G (IM)	194	2337 ↔
599	Bell, A D (SM)	120	2405 ↑	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	576	2274 ↓
501	Bennett, P G	169	2331 ↓	337	Loughran, R J	116	1564 ↔
431	Binnie, J	28	1626 ↔ *	433	MacDonald, M	30	1564 ↔
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	861	2237 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	325	1875 ↑
427	Brooksbank, Dr K	75	1820 ↔	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	551	2440 ↑
424	Burridge, R J	298	1907 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	565	1824 ↑
435	Cairney, J	39	1983 ↓	566	Marshall, I H	377	2043 ↓
	Clark, S L	17	2007 ↑ *	434	Matheis, T (IM)	174	2437 ↑
173	Cook, W M	69	1926 ↔	412	McKinstry, J	67	1589 ↑
364	Coope, D W	559	1958 ↓	401	Moir, P J	152	1630 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	71	1921 ↓	598	Montgomery, R S	213	2314 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	344	2362 ↑	564	Murray, J S	34	2012 ↑
166	Cumming, D R	631	2296 ↓	440	Neil, C	83	1638 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	73	2113 ↔	453	Newton, A	24	1773 ↔ *
572	Dempster, D	711	1700 ↓	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	90	1936 ↔
030	Dyer, M T	99	2089 ↓	444	Paine, Dr K A	133	2289 ↔
371	Edney, D	169	1954 ↔	1012	Paulin, A	40	2008 ↔
372	Flockhart, H	27	2133 ↔ *	315	Petrie, A	50	1626 ↓
459	Fraser, R A	60	1853 ↑	379	Phillips, G H	215	2010 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	131	2298 ↔	432	Price, D	193	2087 ↑
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	451	2426 ↔	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	845	2221 ↑
124	Goodwin, B J	197	1906 ↓	437	Roberts, A	146	1711 ↔
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	398	Rough, R E	29	1880 ↔ *
399	Grant, J	31	1780 ↑	522	Savage, D J	74	1956 ↔
327	Hammersley, C	18	1753 ↔ *	439	Smith, M J	31	1877 ↓
596	Hardwick, M E	221	1424 ↑	463	Smith, P R	26	1726 ↓ *
063	Harvey, D	84	2068 ↔		Stevenson, F	14	1776 ↔ *
1013	Hilton, S H	118	1617 ↑	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	146	2097 ↓
515	Jack, J P E	28	1766 ↔ *	1120	Taylor, W	26	2084 ↔ *
447	Jamieson, I M	50	2014 ↑	452	Toye, D T	75	1569 ↑
322	Jessing, M	28	2082 ↓ *	530	Watson, J (IM)	145	2302 ↓
1126	Kelly, J	12	1728 ↔	065	Young, S M	58	1772 ↔

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	76
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	64
Provisional grades (<30 games)	12
Grading increases (↑)	22
Grading decreases (↓)	22
Grading static (↔)	32

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2468	Lloyd, G (SM)	2274
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2440	Borwell, A P (IM)	2237
Matheis, T (IM)	2437	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2221
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2426	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Bell, A D (SM)	2405	Dawson, Prof A G	2113
Craig, T J (SM)	2362	Phillips, G H	2110
Livie, G W G (IM)	2337	Stewart, Dr K W C	2097
Bennett, P G	2331	Dyer, M T	2089
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2331	Price, D	2087
Montgomery, R S	2314	Almarza Mato, C	2073
Watson, J (IM)	2302	Harvey, D	2068
Anderson, G M (SM)	2298	Lees, J A	2055
Gillam, S R (SM)	2298	Marshall, I	2043
Cumming, D R	2296	Jamieson, I	2014
Paine, Dr K A	2289	Murray, J S	2012
Lennox, C J (SM)	2278	Paulin, A	2008

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Other Notes

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

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

Note that ICCF (Gerhard Binder) has now discontinued support for the Eloquery program, previously available for download from www.iccf.com

The Eloquery software is now incompatible with 64-bit versions of the Windows operating system.

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available at www.iccf-webchess.com



**Secret Weapon:
Four Knights Game
By Valeri Lilov**



The Four Knights Game is a strong opening system that White can employ to crush his or her opponent with its ostensible simplicity.

In the present DVD, FM Valeri Lilov takes on the task of acquainting you with the quirks of one of his favourite openings.

Quite an experienced player of it, he demonstrates to you its power and flexibility when played from the White side by famous top GMs like Carlsen and Radjabov.

In a number of carefully planned lectures, the author devotes time to explaining different variations in this opening system and illustrating the correct plans and ideas for every continuation with sample master games.

Some of the major lines discussed include the Spanish Four Knights and the Scotch Four Knights, as well as the Belgrade Gambit and the Glek Variation.

Video running time: 4 hours 14 min.



System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.

**Know the Terrain Vol. 4:
The Advance French Structure
By Sam Collins**



The information explosion has led to a massive increase in opening theory. But how often do you win a game with a prepared line? What gives strong players the edge over their opponents is not some blockbuster novelty, but a deep understanding of the pawn structures to which their openings lead – an understanding that lasts into the middlegame and endgame, and is transferable between different openings with similar structures.

In this DVD, Sam Collins looks at the Advance French Structure (white pawns on d4 and e5 against black pawns on d5 and e6, with an open c-file) which, while characteristic of 3.e5 in the French, is also typical of other French variations, the Advance Caro-Kann, the Queen's Indian, the Catalan, the Slav and various Anti-Sicilians. The blocked centre forces play to the wings. White will normally concentrate on furthering his kingside ambitions, supported by the space advantage conferred by his pawn on e5, either by piece play or by the typical pawn advances h4-h5 and f4-f5. Black, for his part, seeks queenside counterplay, simplification, or a well-timed break with ...f6 leading to a central battle.

The relatively closed nature of the positions leads to strategic play where knowledge of typical plans for both sides is of decisive importance. Video running time: 3 hrs. 36 min.



1.e4 - How to tame the Alekhine, Scandinavian and Pirc By Viktor Bologan



While almost everybody is spending 95% of his opening preparation time on major lines, there are some tricky players including strong GMs (I am not an exception) who prepare for their opponents some side lines, which contain many an underwater reef.

I decided to collect those secondary openings in one single DVD. From now on openings such as the Pirc, the Scandinavian and the Alekhine Defences will not appear to you in your nightmares any more.

The 1.e4 player should actually thank Black for choosing these openings, since he is providing White with a better centre, a stable advantage and generally speaking pleasant play. The only thing White needs to do is to spend some time studying the lines.

I will not bother you with encyclopaedic approach. There is a more practical way. Against each opening I recommend one repertoire:

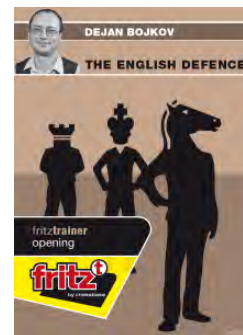
- For the Pirc I have prepared for you the Austrian Attack.
- Major lines against the Scandinavian.
- And for the Alekhine I decided to go for the positional lines with Nf3.



Enjoy the videos and be critical please: I don't claim to give you the ultimate truth, I just want to help you to enrich your chess vocabulary!

Video running time: 4 hours 30 min.

The English Defence By Dejan Bojkov



In the 1970s a group of strong English players (Miles, Speelman, Keene above all and later Short) developed a slightly unusual opening starting after the moves 1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6. Just like in the Grünfeld or the Alekhine Defences, Black concedes the centre.

However, rather than provoking pawn advances by an early development of the knights, Black wants instead to develop his bishops (most frequently to the squares b7 and b4). This approach contradicts the orthodox rule of development (knights before bishops) but is not it better to get some pieces out instead of spending a lot of tempi with the knight in provocation?!

The original character of the play as well as the good preparation by the aforementioned grandmasters led to the recognition of this setup as the English Defence. This opening, which is still very young and unexplored, has recently attracted some top players (Morozevich, Ponomarev, Mamedyarov) who have made good use of it in their games.



In his latest DVD Dejan Bojkov of Bulgaria explores the line in detail and supplies you with all the information you require in order to be successful with the English Defence. Typical positional and tactical ideas are supported by plenty of theoretical information.

Video running time: 5 hours 9 min.

System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.

Attacking with the Pirc By Dejan Bojkov



The Slovenian GM Vasja Pirc was a five-time Yugoslavian champion. This speaks volumes for his playing strength but there is a more important contribution which he has made to the chess world.

The defence which he explored in detail after the moves: 1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 is named after him. There were ups and downs in the appearance of the Pirc in tournament practice. Many people considered it dubious. However, the Pirc survived and it is coming back into fashion nowadays again.

The reasons for that are the flexible nature of the position and the variety of possibilities that both sides have. One should expect that the fewer options which White has the easier the defence would be. Indeed, there is logic in that, but, on the other hand, correct play by both sides should lead to a draw.

Instead of this approach the Bulgarian grandmaster Dejan Bojkov offers an aggressive repertoire for the second player in this new DVD. Black risks more than usual but hopes for higher dividends in return for the risk.

The original analyses on the DVD will help the reader control the risk involved.



Video running time: 4 hours 29 min.

System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.

Flank Attacks By Valeri Lilov



The flank attack is one of those sneaky ways of surrounding your opponent's forces and getting to your target fast! So, do we really need to master flank attacks to use them or protect ourselves from them effectively?

The answer is a resounding "Yes!" In this DVD, FM Valeri Lilov dwells on the importance of understanding flank attacks by presenting a number of concepts and typical scenarios with which a master of the flank attack should be familiar.

The role of the centre during a flank attack and the typical patterns you should recognise before correctly initiating a flank attack are some of the themes the author explains and illustrates with good examples taken from the best games of renowned chess masters such as Alekhine and Capablanca.

On the other hand, the FIDE master also teaches how to thwart your opponent's flank attacks in different positions and the golden rule to know when you are on the defensive. This DVD gives the answers to all these questions and more!



Video running time: 4 hours. System requirements: Pentium-Processor at 300 Mhz or higher, 64 MB RAM, Windows XP, Windows Vista, Windows 7, DVD drive, mouse, soundcard.





Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

[Ed – ghosting once more. My ancestors lived near Ruthven Castle, Kingussie, once the home of the infamous 'Wolf of Badenoch' - a laird who brought hardship and terror to his reign over the locals. Legend has it the laird played chess with the devil and lost. Now they say the match is replayed for evermore in spectral form inside the castle...]

Lots of material to get through in this edition, so let's get started...

White: Edney, David (1943)

Black: MacMillen, Andrew (1787)

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Sicilian, 2.c3 [B22]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.e4 c5

2.c3!?

As well as avoiding the routine 2.Nf3, this move has a useful plus score on the databases.

2... Nf6

3.e5 Nd5

4.Nf3

4.d4 is the conventional response, but David keeps on the less travelled road.

4... .Nc6

5.Bc4 Nb6

6.Bb3 g6

6...c4; and 6...d5 are both possible to get early counterplay.

7.d4 cxd4

8.cxd4 Bg7

9.0-0 0-0

10.Nc3 d6

11.exd6 Qxd6

12.Be3 Na5

13.Ne4 Qd8

14.Bc2 Bg4

15.h3



15... Bf5N

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Andrew innovates - 15...Bxf3 with a very slight plus to Black was the only move recorded on my database.

16.Nc5 Bxc2

17.Qxc2 Rc8

18.Rac1 Qd5

Maybe 18...Nac4 here, to get the knight more central. If 19.Nxb7

Nxe3 20.Qxc8 Qxc8 21.Rxc8 Rxc8

22.fxe3 and Black has compensation for the pawn.

19.b3 Nd7

20.Qd2 b6

21.Nxd7 Qxd7

22.d5 Rxc1

23.Rxc1 Rd8

23...Nb7 here looks slightly better for Black.

24.Bf4 Rc8

This move is ok, but there's a loss of tempo after his 23rd. 24...Qxd5??

25.Qxd5 Rxd5 26.Rc8+ Bf8 27.Bh6 with mate following.

25.Rxc8+ Qxc8

26.Be5

Also worth considering was 26.Nd4 aiming for c6 and a possible knight exchange to push the d5 pawn to c6. (Note the Black queen can't capture on c6 because of Qd8+)

26... Nb7

27.Bxg7 Kxg7

28.Qb2+ f6

29.Qa3±

White has established a spatial advantage here, but by no means a winning one.



29... Qd8?

A crucial misjudgement which allows White to generate connected passed pawns and determine the outcome. 29...Nd6! 30.Qxa7 Qc1+ 31.Kh2 Qf4+ 32.Kh1 Qc1+ 33.Ng1 Kf7 34.Qxb6 Qa3 and Black can recover the a-pawn and should hold the ending.

30.Qxa7

31.Qxb6

32.b4

33.Qd4

34.Qa7

35.Kh2

36.Kh1

37.Ng1

38.b5

39.a4

40.b6

41.Qc7

42.b7

43.a5

44.a6

45.a7

Salvaging a pawn...

46.Qc6+

...at the cost of a piece.

Qxd5

Nc5

Nd7

Qc6

Qc1+

Qf4+

Qc1+

Qd2

Kf7

Ne5

Qxf2

Qd4

Nd7

Ke6

Qa4

Qxa7

1-0

David (who works as a tax man) and Andrew (in international sales) finished 2nd and 3rd respectively in last year's Premier Section B.



The next contribution was sent in by the prolific Raymond Burrige of Aberdeen and was played in last year's Challengers event.

White: Toye, Daniel (1641)

Black: Burrige, Raymond (1797)

SCCA Challengers 2012, 2012

Ruy Lopez, Schliemann [C63]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

1.e4

2.Nf3

3.Bb5

4.Nc3

5.d3

6.Bxc6

e5

Nc6

f5

Nf6

Bb4



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6... Bxc3+

I was in two minds whether to do this now or later.

7.bxc3 dxc6
8.exf5 e4!?
9.dxe4 Qxd1+
10.Kxd1 Nxe4

It looks as though I'm losing a piece, but it's only an illusion.

11.Re1 Bxf5
12.g4



12... 0-0-0+

I've seen this before (though without the check) - in my game against Parente (published in SCCA Magazine 119) - so that's twice I've castled q-side in the Schliemann.

13.Bd2 Bxg4
14.Re3 Nxd2
0-1



White: Pavlicek, Miroslav (2232)
Black: Cumming, David. R. (2298)
WCCC36/PR14, 2012
Exchange Grunfeld [D87]
[Notes by David Cumming]

1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 g6
3.Nc3 d5
4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.e4 Nxc3
6.bxc3 Bg7
7.Bc4 c5
8.Ne2 Nc6
9.Be3 0-0
10.0-0 Bg4
11.f3 Bd7
12.Rb1 Qc7
13.Bf4 Qc8
14.d5 Na5
15.Bd3 e5
16.Be3 c4
16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.c4 b6 19.Bd2 Nb7 20.Ng3 Qe8 21.Bc3 Qg6 22.Be2 Nd6 23.f4 e4 24.Qd2 Bxc3 25.Qxc3 Qf6 26.Qxf6 Rxf6 27.Rb2 Ne8 28.Rc1 Kf8 29.Nf1 Ke7 30.Rc3 Nd6 31.Rh3 Seirawan, Y (2610)-

Ftacnik, L (2550)/Lugano
1989/Opening Master 1.22/1-0 (67)]
17.Bc2 b6
18.f4
18.Qd2 Nb7 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 Qc5+ 21.Nd4 Rae8 22.Rbe1 Nd6 23.Kh1 f6 24.a4 Nf7 25.Rd1 Rd8 26.h3 Rde8 27.Rfe1 Ne5 28.Nb5 Ra8 29.Qd4 Rfc8 30.d6 Bxb5 31.axb5 Qxb5 32.d7 Rf8 Vekelis, G (2236)-Glazman, M (2555)/ICCF 2007/OM Corr/1/2-1/2 (91)
18... f6



19.f5N
19.Ng3 Nb7 20.Ba4 Bxa4 21.Qxa4 Bh6 22.Rbe1 Nd6 23.Qc2 b5 24.Kh1 exf4 25.Bxf4 Bxf4 26.Rxf4 Qe8 27.Ref1 Qe5 28.h4 a5 29.a3 Rab8 30.Ne2 Rbe8 31.Ng3 Rb8 32.Ne2 f5 33.exf5 Nxf5 Ivanov, J (2381)-Koziak, V (2461)/La Roda ESP 2007/Opening Master 1.22/0-1 (47)
19... Nb7±
20.Ng3 Nd6
21.h4 Kh8
22.h5 g5
23.a4 Qc7
24.Qe2 Rfb8
25.Rfc1 a5
26.Ra1 b5
27.axb5 Bxb5
28.Ra2 Be8
29.Ba4 Bxa4
30.Rxa4 Bf8
31.Bf2 Rb3
32.Nf1 Qb7=



37.Kh2?!±

The start of the slippery slope for White, who should have held tight with his king on g1, leaving the pawn on g2, and play his knight back to h2 with a view to the square g4, which would make for a handy outpost.

37... Ra6
38.Nd2 Rc2
39.R4a2 Rxc3
40.Rb1 Qe8
41.Qe2 Kh6
42.g4

A very committal move, forever ruling out a subsequent Ng4(+), expelling the king from the safety of h6 and pressurising the f6 pawn, things are going badly for White now.

42... Qc8
43.Ra4 Rc2
44.Qd1



44...Rxd2!

A timely exchange sacrifice, aiming to profit from the queenside passed pawns and later, pressure on the White king, which is feeling a tad breezy having denuded itself of pawn cover.

45.Qxd2 Nxe4±
46.Qe2 Nxf2
47.Rxc4 Nxg4+
48.Qxg4 Qd7
49.Qf3 a4
50.Rbc1 Ra5!-+
51.Qe4 a3
52.Rd1 Qa7

Threatening all sorts of mayhem aimed at the White king, chiefly beginning with ...Qf2+
53.Qe2 a2
54.Ra1 Ra3
55.Qg2



55... e4!
Opening the dark squared diagonal towards the White king.

56.Rxe4 Bd6+
57.Kh1 Qc5

And the engines confirm mate in 19, roughly along these lines... 57...Qc5 58.Re2 Qd4 59.Rexa2 Qh4+ 60.Kg1 Bc5+ 61.Kf1 Qc4+ 62.Ke1 Bb4+ 63.Kd1 Rd3+ 64.Rd2 Bxd2 65.Qxd2 Rh3 66.Qg2 Qd4+ 67.Ke1 Qxa1+ 68.Kf2 Ra3 69.Qe4 Ra2+ 70.Ke3 Qc3+ 71.Qd3 Qc1+ 72.Kd4 Ra4+ 73.Qc4 Qxc4+ 74.Ke3 Qe4+ 75.Kf2 Ra2+ 76.Kg3 Qg2#

0-1



David finished a creditable 6th in section 14 of the WCC Prelims, finishing with 7½/14 (+3, -2, =9). His Czech opponent here ended in 12th spot.

Here's another good performance from David in section 36 of the 5th ICCF Web Open, where he finished 2nd with 4/6 (+3, -1, =2). His opponent here is the Italian, Fabrizio Senzacqua.

White: Senzacqua, Fabrizio (2139)
Black: Cumming, David. R. (2310)
5th Web Open, Prel.36, 2012
Ruy Lopez, berlin Defence [C67]
[Notes by David Cumming]

1.e4 e5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5 Nf6
The Berlin Defence.
4.0-0 Nxe4
5.d4 Nd6
6.Bxc6 dxc6
7.dxe5 Nf5
8.Qxd8+ Kxd8
The famous Berlin Endgame.
9.Nc3 Ke8
10.h3 h5
11.Bf4

11.Bg5 Be6 12.Rfd1 Be7 13.g3 f6
14.exf6 gxf6 15.Bf4 Rc8 16.Kh2 Kf7
17.Rd2 Rcd8 18.Rxd8 Bxd8 19.Rd1
Re8 20.Nd4 Nxd4 21.Rxd4 Bf5
22.Rd2 Be7 23.Nd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8
Bxd8 25.Ne3 Be4 Anand,V (2804)-
Kramnik,V (2791)/London ENG
2010/OM 2.04/½-½ (39)

11... Be7
12.Rad1 Be6
13.Ng5 Rh6!
13...h4 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Ne4 Rh5
16.Kh2 b6 17.g4 hxg3+ 18.fxg3 Rh8
19.g4 Nh4 20.Ng5 Bxg5 21.Bxg5
Ng6 22.Kg3 Rf8 23.h4 Rxf1 24.Rxf1
c5 25.h5 Nxe5 26.Re1 Nc4
27.Rxe6+ Kf8 28.b3 Balogh,C
(2595)-Lopez Martinez,J
(2555)/Barbera del Valles 2009/OM
2.04/1-0 (44); RR 13...Bc4 14.Rfe1
Rd8 15.b3 Bd5 16.Nce4 Bxe4
17.Rxd8+ Bxd8 18.Rxe4 Bxg5
19.Bxg5 h4 20.Rf4 Rh5 21.Rxf5 g6
22.Rf4 Rxg5 23.e6 fxe6 24.Rxh4
Rd5 25.Kf1 Rd2 26.Rc4 Rd1+
27.Ke2 Rc1 28.Kf3 Karjakin,S
(2760)-Nakamura,H (2741)/Moscow
RUS 2010/OM 2.04/½-½ (70)]
14.Rfe1



14... Bb4!?
Suddenly, Black obtained surprising counterplay (It is also possible for him to play 14...Rd8, 15.Rxd8+...Bxd8, Ter Sahakyan - T.I. Petrosian, Martuni 2011.). He is not only threatening to compromise his opponent's queenside, but has freed the e7 square for his knight. - Igor Lysyj & Roman Ovetchkin.
15.Nge4
This is a purely defensive move.
15... Rg6
16.Kh2N b6=
17.f3 h4
Fixing the hole on g3.
18.a3 Bxc3
19.Nxc3 Rd8
20.Rxd8+ Kxd8
Now Black's king will find shelter on the queenside.
21.Rd1+ Kc8
22.b4 Bc4

23.Rd2 Re6
24.Kg1



24... c5!
A pawn sacrifice to clear the 3rd rank along Black's queenside for access for my remaining rook.
25.bxc5 b5
26.Rd1 Ra6
27.Bc1 Re6
28.Bf4 Rc6
29.Ne4 Be6
30.Kf2 Ra6
31.Bc1 Ra4
32.Rd3 Kb7
33.Nd2 a5
34.Ke1 b4
35.axb4 axb4
36.Nb3 Ra2#
37.Nd4 Bc4
38.Nxf5 Bxd3
39.cxd3



Now the b-file is clear of obstacles and adjacent White pawns so that I now have the strong threat of pushing my b-pawn to promotion.
39... Kc6
40.Kd1 Kxc5#
41.Bd2 b3
42.Kc1 Kd5
43.Nxh4? Rc2+--+
44.Kd1 Kd4
45.f4 Kxd3
Houdini 2.0b w32: 45...Kxd3 46.Nf3 Rxd2+ 47.Nxd2 b2 48.f5 c5 49.e6 fxe6 50.fxe6 c4 51.e7 c3 52.e8Q c2+ 53.Ke1 c1Q+ 54.Kf2 Qxd2+ 55.Kf3 Qd1+ 56.Kf2 b1Q 57.Qd8+ Kc2 58.Qc7+ Kb3 59.Qb6+ Ka3 60.Qa7+ Qa4 61.Qe3+ -10.32/21
0-1



Finally, here's another game played against Italian opposition, this time in our current friendly international match, where points have been very hard to come by.

White: Mackintosh, Iain (2399)
Black: Zanetti, Dr Alberto (2389)
 Scotland v Italy, 2012
 Sicilian Scheveningen [B82]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

- 1.e4 c5
- 2.Nf3 e6
- 3.Nc3 a6
- 4.d4 cxd4
- 5.Nxd4 Qc7
- 6.Bd3 Nf6
- 7.f4

This move was motivated by looking through an Ivanchuk game, the score of which is given below.

- 7... d6
- 7...Bb4 8.Nb3 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 d6
- 10.Ba3 0-0 11.Qd2 Rd8 12.0-0 Nc6
- 13.Rf3 b5 14.Rg3 Kh8 15.Rf1 Bb7
- 16.f5 Rg8 17.Qg5 e5 18.Qh4 Ne7
- 19.Rh3 d5 20.Nc5 dxe4 21.Bxe4
- Bd5 22.g4 h6 23.g5 Nh7 24.f6 Ng6
- 25.fxg7+ Rxc7 26.Qxh6 Rd8
- 27.Bxg6 fxg6 28.Rf6 Qc8 29.Rh4
- Bf7 30.Nd3 Kg8 31.Bd6 e4 32.Be5
- Rd5 33.Rc6 Qf8 34.Bxg7 Qxg7
- 35.Rxe4 Rxc7+ 36.Qxg5 Nxc7
- 37.Rc8+ Be8 38.Rxc8+ Kh7
- 39.Rh4+ 1-0 Ivanchuk, V (2765)-
- Nakamura, H (2753)/Sao
- Paulo/Bilbao 2011/CBM 145

- 8.0-0 b5
- 9.Qe2 Nbd7
- 10.Kh1 Bb7
- 11.Bd2 b4
- 11...Be7 is the more favoured line on database.
- 12.Na4 Nc5
- 13.Nxc5 dxc5
- 14.Nf3 Be7



White seems to have a small advantage here, but now embarks on a series of direct moves which undermine the Black kingside.

- 15.e5 Nd5
- 16.f5 exf5
- 17.Bxf5 g6
- 18.Bd3



18... 0-0
 Perhaps castling into trouble, but if he allows Bh6, he won't be able to castle short. Castling long isn't attractive with the immediate White threats of Bxa6 and a3.

- 19.Bh6 Rfe8
- 20.Bc4 Rad8
- Also worth considering was 20...Bf8
- 21.Bxf8 Rxf8 22.e6 Rae8 23.exf7+
- Qxf7 24.Qd3 Qf5 25.Rad1±
- 21.Qf2 Bf8
- 22.Bxf8 Rxf8
- 23.Qh4 h5
- 24.Qg5 Ne7
- 25.Rae1 Kh7
- 26.Bd3 Kg8



27.b3!
 This seemingly innocuous move leaves Black without any good defence.
 27.e6 is plausible, but after 27...f6 28.Qh6 Bxf3 29.Rxf3 f5 30.Rg3 Rf6 31.Rh3 Rd8 Black can manoeuvre a queen exchange and hold out for a good while longer.;
 27.Qh6? is too premature, and after 27...Bxf3 28.Rxf3 c4 29.Bf1 White's threats fizzle out.

- 27... c4
- 28.bxc4

Black doesn't have a good move now. Some examples:

- 28.bxc4 Qc5 29.Qf6 Rde8 30.e6 fxe6
- 31.Qxe6+ Kg7 32.Nh4 Bc8 33.Rxf8
- Bxe6 34.Rxe8 Kf7 35.Rxe6 Kxe8
- 36.Nxg6 Kd8 37.Rxe7+;



- 28.bxc4 Bxf3 29.Rxf3 Qc5 30.Qf6
- Nc8 31.Bxg6 fxg6 32.Qxg6+ Kh8
- 33.Qxh5+ Kg8 34.Rg3#;



- 28.bxc4 Rxd3 29.cxd3 Bxf3 30.Rxf3
- b3 31.axb3 Qa5 32.Ref1 Nc6 33.Rf5
- Nd4 34.Rf6+;



So, my opponent graciously resigned here.

1-0





Vienna Rolls

By Alan McGowan

Nowadays, with the availability of so much online chess material, including detailed game analysis, and with individuals having their own powerful computer search engines, it would be understandable if players felt they had no need of something as old fashioned as a newspaper chess column.

Before the advent of computers and online chess sites, however, newspapers columns were a rich source of information and games, something that was appreciated by Grandmaster Paul Motwani, who once suggested that a method of improving one's knowledge of opening ideas was to study such columns. The reasoning behind the suggestion was that interesting theoretical novelties or innovations may be 'lurking' in these places, in a game that might not get published in a regular chess periodical.

I was reminded of the dramatic changes that have taken place with regards to the study of chess in general, and the search for opening novelties in particular, when I once again played over the following game.

P.B. Anderson – S. Wilkinson British Correspondence Chess Championship 1955-56.

1. e4	e5
2. Nc3	Nf6
3. f4	d5
4. fxe5	Nxe4
5. d3	Nxc3
6. bxc3	d4
7. Nf3	c5
8. Be2	Be7
9. 0-0	0-0
10. Qe1	f6
11. Qg3	fxe5
12. Bh6	Bf6
13. Nxe5	dxn3
14. d4	Be6



15. Rxf6	Qxf6
16. Bg5	Qf2+
17. Qxf2	Rxf2
18. Kxf2	cxn4

19. Bf3 1-0



Apart from my changing the notation from descriptive to algebraic, this is how the game appeared in the Glasgow Herald chess column on 6th April 1956. The only comment offered by the columnist (D.M. MacIsaac) was in his introduction to the game where he said: 'Black's faulty attempt to control his Q5 square is exploited in fine style, especially by White's fourteenth move.'



Peter Anderson (1911-1973) was Scottish champion in 1950 and 1954, and West of Scotland champion in 1952, 1955 and 1956. He was involved in all areas of chess in Scotland, both as player and organiser.

I have no way of knowing whether Anderson considered this game to have had any particular significance, and I do not know whether the game was reprinted in the chess columns of other major U.K. newspapers, which often did occur because of regular exchanges of information between chess editors. Suffice to say that Scotland had no chess periodical of its own at that time, and the game did not appear in either the British Chess Magazine or Chess.

Therefore, the game remained relatively unknown, that is until another game using the same line was seen a few months later, in September 1956, at the Moscow Olympiad.

England sat down against Finland in Round 5 of their Preliminary Group.

P.S. Milner-Barry – V. Hanninen Moscow Olympiad 1956, Preliminary Group III [Notes by Alan McGowan]

1. e4	e5
2. Nc3	Nf6
3. f4	d5
4. fxe5	Nxe4
5. d3	Nxc3

Black is not interested in the complications that would arise after 5...Qh4+ or 5...Bb4+, after which the English master Milner-Barry would have been in his element; he had been offering these complications to opponents in this line since the 1930s.

6. bxc3	d4
7. Nf3	c5
8. Be2	Be7
9. 0-0	0-0

10. Qe1 f6
11. Qg3 fxe5

The text move is not an outright error, but 11. ...Kh8 was safer.

12. Bh6 Bf6
13. Nxe5 Bxe5?

Varying from the above example, but he should have continued his development with 13...Nc6.

14. Qxe5 Rf6

Black cannot win a piece with 14...gxh6 because of 15. Rxf8+ Qxf8 16. Rf1 Qd8 17. Bf3 (this could even have been played at move 16) aiming for Bd5+. Even stronger seems 17 Bh5 (Schach), when Black is unable to cope with the powerful co-operation of the White pieces.



15. Bxg7! Re6

Or 15...Kxg7 16. Qg5+ Kf7 17. Bh5+.

16. Qh5 Qe7

17. Bh6

Threatening Qg5+!

17... Nd7

If 17...Rhx6 18. Qxh6 and the Be2 is immune because of mate.

18. Bg4 Re5

Or 18...Rg6 19. Rae1.

19. Qh3

Black is without hope, having no reasonable move left. White's immediate threat is 20. Bf4.

19... Nb6

20. Rf8+ Qxf8

21. Bxf8 Kxf8

22. Qxh7

Black resigns.

1-0



This short, sharp win was printed in the BCM and CHESS, and was also featured in the German periodicals Schach and Schach-Echo. (And, I suspect, in many other magazines.)

Perhaps because of the game being featured in the British publications, further interest was shown in Anderson's game. It is not known how this came about, but Leonard Barden used the game in his column in the Manchester Guardian (as it was then called) on 14 February 1957.

Barden had a personal as well as professional interest in the game, for the Vienna had been part of his own repertoire, and he had included chapters on the Vienna Game & Gambit

in his book, A Guide to Chess Openings, which was published in the early months of 1957, the book having gone to the printers with neither of the above games included. (Although he did use Milner-Barry's win in his book Modern Chess Miniatures, written with Wolfgang Heidenfeld, and published in 1960.)

Barden considered the Anderson-Wilkinson game to be of some value. In his column he commented after Anderson's 14. d4:

'This must have come as a great shock to Black. The first point is that if now 14...Qxd4+ 15. Be3 Qxe5 16. Qxe5 Bxe5 17. Bc4+.' (Note that if 15...Bxe5, then 16. Rxf8+ Kxf8 17. Qf3+ etc.)

After Anderson's 16. Bg5, Barden stated:

'The second point. If now 16...Qf5 17. Bd3 and Black still loses his Q. A neat little combination by Anderson, and a game of theoretical importance.' (To be strictly fair, Black could actually exchange queens with 17...Qf2+ 18. Qxf2 Rxf2 19. Kxf2, and hope to play on for a few moves.)

Shortly after Barden's column appeared, the game was given in the April 1957 issue of Correspondence Chess, the quarterly magazine of the British Correspondence Chess Association.

Which, I suppose, simply emphasises that any sensible over-the-board player should not only be checking the newspaper columns, but should also be reviewing correspondence chess publications, for you never know what novelties may be lurking there, too.



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You can read more about P.B. Anderson by following this link to the biographies section of the Chess Scotland historical archive maintained by Alan:

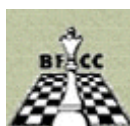
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One of the nice aspects of editing a CC magazine is the interchange of issues in pdf format between editors in different counties. Here are extracts from three I received in recent times – England, Italy and Canada.

BFCC Information Circular



This is edited by Toni Halliwell, whose email address made me chuckle - grannygambit@btinternet.com

Toni produced 56 information-packed pages in her February edition, and it was good to read of the exploits of our many English CC friends we've known down the years.

One such is Duncan Chambers, a recent recipient of the Bertl von Massow Medal, awarded for 15 years (gold) and 10 years (silver) of faithful service to ICCF, as the Delegate of a National Federation, as a Member of the ICCF Presidium, Commissions or the Zonal organisations, or as Tournament Secretary (Director) or a Team Captain of a highly placed team in the CC Olympiad or Continental (Zonal) team tournament.



Duncan receives his Gold Medal from BFCC President Richard Hall.

Richard himself is still in contention for a top 3 finish in the 25th World Championship Final. Italians occupy the first 3 spots in the 17-player event at present, but Richard's has one game remaining against GM Frank Schröder (GER) where a win would do nicely – good luck to the judge!

25 th WCCC Final		P	Pts	SB
1. Finocchiaro	ITA	16	10	69.7
2. Vassia	ITA	16	9	64.2
3. Giuliani	ITA	16	9	64.0
4. Hall	ENG	15	8½	62.0

Former BCCF International Secretary, SIM Alan Rawlings has also now completed notable achievement of playing over 1,000 ICCF games! [Messrs. Borwell and Pyrich remain in pursuit here – refer our Grading List pages.]

I spotted some Scottish representation in the BFCC tournament tables – David Cumming currently occupies 5th position in BFCC 50 Section C, while Raymond Burrige is in 3rd spot in the British Championship 2012-13 Reserves A event. Brian Goodwin, who's had some previous success in the British Veterans' Championship, is currently looking upwards at the other competitors in the 15th Final.

SIM Ian Pheby contributes game scores to the Circular, and here's one involving SCCA member Geoff Lloyd and John Sargent, who plays SCCA League chess.

White: Lloyd, Geoff (2268)
Black: Sargent, John M (2205)
BCCTC 10–11, 2010
King's Indian [E60]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 **Nf6**
2.c4 **g6**
3.g3

3.Nc3 is the established main line, but Geoff opts for a byway with a useful plus score for White.

3... **c5**

3...Bg7 is more common, but John enters into the spirit of things.

4.d5 **Bg7**
5.Nc3 **0-0**
6.Nf3 **Qa5?!**
7.Bd2 **Qa6N**

We've now passed the frontier of recorded human knowledge.

8.e4 **d6**
9.h3 **Ne8**

Worth considering was 9...e6 to challenge the White centre.

10.Be2

That g2 idea seems a long time ago.

10... **Nd7**
11.Qb3 **Ne5**
12.Nh4 **Nc7**
13.f4 **Nd7**



14.Bd3

14.0-0 is a plausible alternative, but Geoff has eyes on castling long and getting kingside activity.

14... Nb6
15.a4 Nd7
16.Nf3 e5?!

The immediate 16...Qb6 looks better here.

17.0-0-0 Re8
18.Rdg1

18.f5!? looks quite tempting hereabouts.

18... Qb6
19.Qxb6 axb6
20.b3 Bf8
21.Rg2

A little slow. 21.f5!? The f-pawn is still itching to go...

21... Bg7
22.Kb1 Ra7
23.Kc2 Ra8
24.Rf1

There's been some shuffling as the players weigh up options, but now the action starts.

24... exf4
25.Bxf4 Bf8



25...Ne5!? looks a better try for Black.

26.g4!

Maybe the f-pawn had a word before leaving...

26... Be7
27.e5

27.Nb5! is a strong alternative for White, with the prospect of passed pawns on the a- and b-files.

27... dxe5
28.Nxe5 Na6
29.Kd2 Nb4
30.Nb5

Missing 30.Nxf7! Kxf7 31.Nb5 Nxd3 32.Kxd3 Rf8

33.Re2+- and White wins back the piece with a crushing attack.

30... Nxe5
31.Bxe5 Bf8
32.Bf4 Ra5
33.Bb1

Faced by multiple White threats, particularly around d6 and c7, Black resigned.

1-0



Associazione Scacchistica Italiana Giocatori per Corrispondenza



This is edited by Pasquale Colucci, whose English is considerably better than my Italian! His February edition is a mere 61 pages long As befits an artistic nation, they do their own graphics – the one below records their friendly international against Canada and was produced by Carmela Piscopia whose website is entitled www.carmela-darkqueen.deviantart.com



As well as the usual tournament notices, cross-tables and annotated games, the magazine features a lot of puzzle and problem composition works, and also has an entertaining section dealing with miniatures, curiosities, gifts and horrors!

Here's a game from the magazine got me nostalgic. I'd reached the same position as White against Eino Teittinen of Finland in our 1981 game then played the inferior 11.Nxb5 and lost in 30 moves. This game was quite hard work too - it certainly exercised my editing and translation to the full!

White: Messa,Roberto

Black: Troia,Elio

[B32]

1 Trofeo Nazionale Nimzowitsch, 1985

[Notes by Elio Troia]

1.e4 c5
2.♘f3 ♘c6
3.d4 cxd4
4.♘xd4 ♘f6
5.♘c3 e5!

La Sveshnikov:erano le prime volte che la giocavo, sarebbe diventata una delle mie difese preferite.

This was the first time that I played the Sveshnikov and it would become one of my favourite defences.

6.♘db5 d6
7.♗g5 a6
8.♘a3 b5
9.♗xf6

L'alternativa è **9.♖d5**
 The alternative is **9.♖d5**

9... **gxf6**
10.♖d5 **f5**
11.♙xb5!?



Sacrificio interessante, migliore del suo cugino **11.♖xb5?!?** che Sveshnikov in un suo articolo consigliava di combattere con **11...axb5 12. ♙xb5 ♙b7!** La versione moderna di questo sacrificio la si ottiene dopo: **10.♖d5 f5 11.♙d3 ♙e6 12.c3 ♙g7 13.♖xb5!?** ed il gioco è interessante per entrambi i colori.

An interesting sacrifice, better than his cousin **11.♖xb5?!?** Sveshnikov in an article advised combating this with **11...axb5 12. ♙xb5 ♙b7!** The modern version of this sacrifice is obtained after: **10.♖d5 f5 11.♙d3 ♙e6 12.c3 ♙g7 13.♖xb5!?** and the game is interesting for both colours.

11... **axb5**
12.♖xb5

A questo punto sono buone per il nero sia **12...♙a4** che **12...♙b8** ma io, sempre alla ricerca di nuove strade, non ho mai avuto paura di improvvisare, gioco.

At this point are good for Black are **12...♙a4** and **12...♙b8** but I, always looking for new ways, have never been afraid to improvise in play.

12... **♙b7!?**

Vediamo se è buona anche sull'altro sacrificio.
 Let's see if it is good as the other sacrifice.

13.♖bc7+ **♖d7**
14.♖xa8

Complimenti a Roberto: è la migliore, naturalmente all'epoca non avevamo programmi a disposizione.
 Congratulations to Roberto for the best moves; of course, at the time we did not have programs available.

14... **♙xa8**
15.c3



Il gioco è in equilibrio, la continuazione scelta dal bianco è molto posizionale, controlla la casa d4.

The game is in equilibrium, the continuation of the White choice is very positional, to secure d4.

15... **fxc4?!?**

Qui avrei potuto giocare meglio con **15...♖e7** che è una manovra tipica in queste posizioni, ma all'epoca ero un po' inesperto in questa difesa.

Here I could have played better with **15... ♖e7** which is a typical manoeuvre in these positions, but I was a bit inexperienced in this defence.

16.♙a4?!?

Questa è dubbia: anche I campioni sbagliano, come dimostrano I programmi.

This is questionable: The champion is also wrong, as demonstrated by the program.

16... **♙a5!**

Cogliendo al volo l'occasione: sono in vantaggio.

Seizing the opportunity: Black has the advantage.

17.♙d1

Naturalmente non cambia le Donne, speculando su un mio errore future.

Of course it does not change the queen, speculating about my future error.

17... **♖e7**

Una mia caratteristica dell'epoca era che giocavo bene le aperture e l'inizio del mediogioco, e poi riuscivo a rovinare belle posizioni, ho dovuto lavorare molto per risolvere questo problema.

One of my characteristics at the time was that I played well the opening and early middle-game, and then could ruin beautiful positions. I had to work hard to solve this problem.

18.♖e3

Unica, e questo dice tutto sulle difficoltà del bianco.

Only move, and that says it all about the difficulties of White.

18... **♖d5?!?**



Non è un errore, il nero è sempre in vantaggio ma **18...♙g8!** avrebbe vinto quasi di colpo.

It is not an error, Black still has the advantage but **18...♙g8!** would have won almost immediately.

19.0-0 **♖xe3**
20.fxc3 **♙d5**
21.♙g4+ **♖e7**

Comincio a perdere colpi: sia **21...♖c7** che **21...♖d8** sono migliori.

I begin to falter: both **21...♖c7** and **21...♖d8** are better.

22.b3 **♙a8**

Era meglio portare la Donna sulla diagonale a7-g1 per attaccare il pedone debole in e3.

It was better to bring the queen on the diagonal a7-g1 to attack the weak pawn on e3.

23.c4 ♖e6

Unica, e questo è il segnale che il vantaggio ormai è sfumato.

Only move, and this is the signal that the advantage has now faded.

24.♗g5+ ♔e8
25.c5



25... d5??

Si chiama punto cieco: il nero non vede che il suo pedone è in presa, la cosa è ancora più grave perché sto giocando per corrispondenza, il resto non ha storia.

It is called the blind spot: Black does not see that his pawn is taken; it is even worse because I'm playing correspondence! The rest is history.

26.♗xe5 ♖g8
27.♞xf7 ♗a6
28.♞f6 ♔d7
29.♞c1

1-0



CHECK!



Check is edited by long-time friend Ralph Marconi, who also acts as vice-president, international secretary and webmaster for the Canadian CCA. He's been sending me copies of CHECK for a few years now, so he deserves a bit of publicity for his sterling work!

CHECK! contains an extensive games section and both domestic and international tournament updates. The edition I dipped into had a problemist article contributed by Ignaas Vandemeulebroucke of Antwerp in Belgium, and also this fascinating piece on Erich Eliskases.

GM Erich Eliskases & Correspondence Chess by ICCF GM Alexander Ugge

Erich Gottlieb Eliskases (1913 - 1997) was a great chess player of the 1930s and 1940s. He was born in Innsbruck, Austria and played his first OTB tournament at the age of 14. Two years later - in 1929 - he already shared 1st in the Austrian Championship.

Between 1932 and 1938 he won (or shared 1st prize) in numerous smaller international tournaments - Budapest 1934, Vienna 1935, Swinemunde 1936, Milan 1938. His greatest success came at Noordwijk 1938, where he won (+6=3) ahead of Keres, Euwe, Pirc, Bogoljubow, Spielmann, Tartakower and others.

After this victory, Eliskases won six strong tournaments - Bad Oeynhausen 1938 and 1939, Krefeld 1938, Bad Elster 1939, Bad Harzburg 1939 and Vienna 1939; then came the beginning of the Second World War.



Eliskases was participating in the 8th Chess Olympiad at Buenos Aires, Argentina when Hitler attacked Poland and subsequently Great Britain with France declared war on Germany. The Olympiad was after some difficulties finished, however, many competitors including Eliskases decided not to return to Europe.

Some stayed in Argentina, some went to Brazil and other countries. Essentially, this put an end to the promising career of Eliskases. During the War years, he had a very hard time to make a living and his chess activities were limited to an occasional tournament with mainly local players.

The situation improved only slightly in the late 1940s. He entered several strong tournaments between 1947 and 1951 and reached his best result in South America at Mar del Plata 1948 where he won unbeaten (+9=8) ahead of Stahlberg, Najdorf, Rossetto, O'Kelly, Szabo, Pilnik and others. He continued to play with modest success until 1970.

During his career, he also played in Chess Olympiads (3times for Austria, once for Germany, 4 times for Argentina), in the Team Tournament of Nations at Munich 1936 and in four matches (and won all of them) - 3 against Spielmann (1932-37) and one against Bogoljubow (1939).

Eliskases received his FIDE International Grandmaster title in 1952. His unofficial World rank was highest in July 1948 (#7). In 1940 he was "only" #8, but it was behind Botvinnik, Fine, Reshevsky, Alekhine, Keres, Euwe, Flohr, ahead of Capablanca. What a stellar assembly of the Chess Immortals!!!

From 1928 until 1938, Eliskases was very much interested in correspondence chess. Some sources indicate that "he scored over 75% during his most active period". He participated in international events organized by IFSB (predecessor of ICCF) and in international tournaments organized by the Wiener Schachzeitung (Viennese Chess Newspaper).

He played in the 4th IFSB Championship 1932 which was an unofficial Championship of Europe. The winner was Hans Mueller of Austria, a well-known theoretician who later became an IM (FIDE), followed by E. Dyckhoff who won IFSB Championship 1 and 2. Eliskases in this very strong tournament finished 3rd. In 1937-38, Eliskases also played Board 2 on the Austrian team in the IFSB Olympiad Final. Austria finished 2nd behind Hungary.

In Wiener Schachzeitung international Master Class tournaments, Eliskases had outstanding results: he won the 3rd Master tournament (1930-31) with 10½/12 ahead of 12 strong players (Kunert, Batik, Seibold etc.) and he dominated again in the 4th M-tournament (1931-33) with 7/9 (ahead of Herzog).

Seibold,Matthaus - Eliskases,Erich

IFSB Ch-4, 1932

Ruy Lopez [C90]

[Notes by Alex Ugge]

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|--------------|------------|
| 1.e4 | e5 |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3.Bb5 | a6 |
| 4.Ba4 | Nf6 |
| 5.0-0 | Be7 |
| 6.Re1 | b5 |
| 7.Bb3 | d6 |
| 8.c3 | Na5 |

8...0-0 is played more often.

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| 9.Bc2 | c5 |
| 10.d3 | |
| 10... | 0-0 |
| 11.Nbd2 | |

The main line is 10.d4



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| 11... | Ne8 |
| 12.Nf1 | f5 |
| 13.exf5 | Bxf5 |
| 14.Ne3 | Bg6 |
| 15.Nd5 | Bf6 |
| 16.Nxf6+ | Nxf6 |
| 17.Ng5 | Qd7 |
| 18.Ne4 | h6 |
| 19.f3 | Qc6 |
| 20.Qe2 | Nh5 |
| 21.Qf2 | Nb7 |
| 22.d4 | cxd4 |
| 23.cxd4 | d5 |
| 24.Bb3 | Na5 |
| 25.Nc5 | e4 |
| 26.Bd1 | Nb7 |
| 27.Bd2 | Nxc5= |
| 28.Rc1 | |

Better than 28.dxc5 exf3 29.Bxf3 Be4 30.Bc3 Bxf3

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| 28... | Qd7 |
| 29.Rxc5 | Rac8 |
| 30.Bb3 | Rxc5 |
| 31.dxc5 | Kh7 |



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| 32.Qd4 | |
| 32.Bc2!? exf3 33.Bd1 Nf4 and it is about even. | |
| 32... | exf3 |
| 33.Re5?! | |
| 33.c6 Qxc6 34.gxf3 Qd6 35.Bb4 Qf4 | |
| 33... | f2+-+ |
| 34.Kf1 | Nf6 |
| 35.Bd1 | Ne4 |
| 36.Be3 | Nxc5-+ |
| 37.Be2 | Ne4 |
| 37...Be4 38.Bxf2 Qd6 39.Bf3 Rf4-+ | |
| 38.Qxd5 | |
| 38.Rxd5 Qe6 39.Rd7 Rf6 | |
| 38... | Qc7 |
| 39.Bf3 | Nf6 |
| 40.Qd4 Qxe5 41.Qxe5 Bd3+ 42.Kxf2 Ng4+- | |
| 0-1 | |



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International Update

By George Pyrich

20th Olympiad Preliminaries

Play started last October in this event with our team in Section 2 recording only 1 result thus far (a loss). Whilst it's still early days, other teams have already registered numerous results and so we presently languish in last place. Our team's fortunes may be followed within the Results Section at the ICCF web site.

5th ICCF Champions League

CL/2012/C1, Champions League 2012 C1

TD Vugt, Wim H. van

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	Chess Club Travertin 2	2337	█	1	2	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	2	1	1.5	0	17.5	56	4	4	31	17	1	
2	Golden King	2157	2	█	3	1	1	1	2	0.5	1	2	1	0.5	16.5	58	5	5	28	20	2	
3	Latvian Knights	2068	0	1	█	0.5	1.5	1	2	2	0.5	2.5	0.5	1	13.5	43	-4	4	31	17	3	
4	Black Sea	2337	1.5	1	1.5	█	1.5	0	2	1	1.5	1.5	0	0	12.5	65	6	1	19	29	4	
5	Old Friends Team	2434	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	█	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	2	0.5	12.5	56	3	1	22	26	5	
6	Grupo de Xadrez do Porto B	2052	1.5	1	2	0	0.5	█	1	1	1.5	1.5	1	0	11.5	57	3	1	20	28	6	
7	All the King's Men	2236	1.5	2	1	1	0.5	1	█	0.5	0.5	1	1	0	11	43	-3	1	25	23	7	
8	DEMC 2	2287	2.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	1	0.5	█	0.5	1.5	1	0	9.5	47	-1	2	20	28	8	
9	The Lewis Chessmen	2293	1	1	1.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	0.5	0.5	█	1	0.5	0	9.5	47	-1	0	20	28	9	
10	BCCA Rooks	2198	1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	1.5	1	█	0.5	0	8.5	35	-7	0	24	24	10	
11	CCI 1	2247	0.5	1	0.5	0	1	0	1	0	0.5	0.5	█	0	5.5	36	-4	0	15	33	11	
12	Fenix I	2200	0	0.5	2	0	0.5	0	0	1	0	1	0	█	5	71	3	1	7	41	12	
13	Czech Black & White Team	2156	0.5	0.5	1	0	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0	█	5	35	-4	0	14	34	13

CL/2012/C7, Champions League 2012 C7

TD Kracht, Jörg (IA)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Brazilian Chessfriends	2387	█	1	0.5	1	0.5	1	1.5	0.5	1	1.5	1	2	11.5	54	2	1	21	27	1
2	Zugzwang Bocholt 1	2266	1	█	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	0	0	1	1	0.5	2	10	55	2	1	18	30	2
3	Anunnaki IV	2193	1.5	0.5	█	1.5	0	0.5	1.5	0.5	0	1	0.5	2	9.5	59	3	1	16	32	3
4	DEMC 3	2138	1	0.5	1.5	█	1	1	0	0.5	1	1.5	0.5	0.5	9.5	50	0	0	19	29	4
5	Chess.com - Russia	2303	0.5	1.5	0	1	█	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	0	0.5	1	9	60	3	1	15	33	5
6	CSM Cluj Napoca 1	2344	1	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	█	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	1	8	53	1	0	15	33	6
7	Torres Quevedo	2253	1.5	0	1.5	0	0.5	0.5	█	0	1	1	0.5	1	7.5	53	1	0	14	34	7
8	A.D.A. MÓSTOLES	2191	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	0	█	0.5	0.5	0	1.5	7	58	2	0	12	36	8
9	Le Palamède	2327	1	1	0	1	0.5	0	1	0.5	█	0	0.5	0.5	7	53	1	0	13	35	9
10	Vityaz 2012	2213	0.5	1	1	1.5	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	█	0.5	0.5	7	46	-1	0	15	33	10
11	Scottish Claymores	2315	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	█	1	6	54	1	0	11	37	11
12	Kylvoe	2167	0	1	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	█	5	27	-8	1	18	30	12
13	Rochade 5171 Chessmates	2015	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	█	2	18	-7	0	11	37	13

Similarly play started last October in this, the 5th cycle of the popular ICCF Champions League where our 2 teams, the Lewis Chessmen and the Scottish Claymores play in Divisions C1 and C7 respectively. Play is evidently progressing much more quickly than in the Olympiad as already the Lewis Chessmen have already registered 20 results with a score of 9½, sufficient for a place almost in mid-table. The Scottish Claymores are a little more sedate and thus far have only 11 results although achieving a plus score of 6.

Europa Postal Cup

EU/PC/pr2, European Postal Cup - Preliminary Group 2

TD Hömske, Markus (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	A. D. Scacchi Rocca Priora	2247		1	3	0.5	2	2.5	4	4	17	80	13	9	21	7	1
2	Germany B	2159	1		2.5	1.5	1.5	2	4	4	16.5	71	10	7	23	5	2
3	Scottish Claymores	2110	1	1.5		0.5	1.5	3	4	4	15.5	59	5	6	26	2	3
4	Veterans	2310	0.5	2.5	2.5		2.5	0.5	3	3.5	15	78	11	10	19	9	4
5	CASPA-ROV	2039	1	0.5	1.5	0.5		2.5	3	4	13	61	5	6	21	7	5
6	Dutchess	2076	0.5	1	1	0.5	0.5		4	3	10.5	50	0	4	21	7	6
7	White Rose Exiles	1879	0	0	0	0	0	0		3	3	11	-19	2	25	3	7
8	Arc-en-ciel / Rainbow / Regnbåge	1854	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0		0.5	1	-25	0	26	2	8

Thus far our team, the Scottish Claymores, has completed 26 of its 32 games and achieved the fine score of 15½, sufficient for a move up to 3rd place in its group of 8 teams and raising hopes of progress to the Final of the event.

9th European Team Championship

EU/TC9/sf2, 9th European Team Championship - Semifinal 2

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Russia	2350		4.5	5	4	5	4	5.5	5	6	5	5.5	5.5	55	66	27	20	83	5	1
2	Romania	2420	2.5		4	3.5	4.5	4	4	5	5.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	46.5	54	7	15	86	2	2
3	Lithuania	2488	3	4		4	3.5	4	4.5	4	5.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	46	54	8	14	84	4	3
4	Austria	2407	3	4.5	3		4.5	4.5	4	4	5	4.5	3.5	4.5	45	53	6	14	84	4	4
5	Finland	2448	2	3.5	3.5	3.5		4	4	4	4	5.5	5	4.5	43.5	51	2	10	85	3	5
6	Switzerland	2387	4	4	3	3.5	4		4	4.5	4	5	4	3.5	43.5	50	0	10	87	1	6
7	Czech Republic	2429	1.5	3	3.5	4	4	4		4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	4	42	50	0	12	84	4	7
8	Belarus	2291	3	3	4	3	4	3.5	3.5		3.5	4.5	3.5	4	39.5	45	-7	5	86	2	8
9	Scotland	2358	1	2.5	2.5	3	4	4	3.5	4.5		3.5	5.5	4.5	38.5	44	-10	8	87	1	9
10	Luxemburg	2311	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	2.5	3	3.5	3.5	4.5		4	3.5	38	43	-12	3	88	0	10
11	Spain	2412	2.5	3.5	2.5	3.5	2	4	3.5	4.5	2.5	4		5	37.5	44	-10	6	85	3	11
12	Poland	2452	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4.5	2	3	3.5	4.5	3		37	43	-11	4	85	3	12

Our team has now slipped down to 9th of 12 with a score of 38½ from 87 completed games with only 1 remaining in this very strong event. However, the team has achieved some good results in some matches with wins over Belarus, Spain and Poland and draws against Finland and Switzerland. On the down side it has had heavy losses against Lithuania and Romania and, in the last match to finish, is being crushed by the might of Russia (1-6).

Witold Bielecki Memorial Team Tournament

MT-Bielecki/pr1, Memorial "Witold Bielecki" - Preliminary 1

TD Wojnar, Mariusz

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	Belarus	1845		4	3	4	4	4.5	6	25.5	70	15	11	36	0	1
2	Austria	1927	2		3.5	4.5	3.5	5.5	4.5	23.5	69	13	10	34	2	2
3	Finland	1930	3	1.5		3	2.5	3.5	5.5	19	55	4	6	34	2	3
4	Germany	1864	2	1.5	3		2.5	4	4.5	17.5	50	0	5	35	1	4
5	Portugal	1969	2	1.5	2.5	2.5		4	3	15.5	46	-2	3	33	3	5
6	England	1986	1.5	0.5	2.5	2	2		3.5	12	33	-12	2	36	0	6
7	Scotland	1891	0	1.5	0.5	1.5	3	2.5		9	25	-18	1	36	0	7

Our team has achieved only 1 draw in this event (against Portugal) whilst Belarus have extracted a crushing 6-0 revenge. Our team now has only 1 game remaining and, as feared earlier, has claimed the wooden spoon in its Section.

Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Apr 2013	22	Germany	Server				
Dec 2012	20	Australia	Server	9	12		
Oct 2012	20	Peru	Server	10½	4½		
Oct 2012	24	Denmark	Server	18	6		
May 2012	20	Italy	Server	7½	29½		loss
Mar 2012	21	Czech Republic	Server	9½	32½		loss
Feb 2012	30	Netherlands	Server/Post	22	37		loss

A new match has commenced against Germany and another, against Spain, is expected soon. The team versus Germany is:

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|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Iain Mackintosh | 2. Alan Bell | 3. Peter Bennett | 4. David Cumming | 5. Geoff Lloyd |
| 6. George Pyrich | 7. Ken Stewart | 8. Derek Price | 9. Derek Coope | 10. Alan Armstrong |
| 11. Raymond Burrigde | 12. Brian Goodwin | 13. Iain Campbell | 14. Colin Macgregor | 15. Andrew Macmillen |
| 16. Eoin Campbell | 17. Richard Longden | 18. Pat Moir | 19. Robert Gilbert | 20. John McKinstry |
| 21. John Armstrong | 22. Martin Hardwick | | | |

Our earlier matches against Peru, Denmark, Australia, Netherlands and Italy continue, with some encouraging early scores.

Friendly matches frequently provide some interesting and high quality chess as witnessed in the following recent games. In the first of these, newcomer Peter Smith plays a nice game in the Denmark match

White: Smith, Peter R (1800)
Black: Thomsen, Jesper (1800)

DEN-SCO 2012

Ruy Lopez, Steinitz Defence [C66]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	d6
4.d4	Bd7
5.0-0	Nf6
6.Nc3	exd4
7.Nxd4	Nxd4
8.Qxd4	

The original Steinitz Defence, nowadays considered too passive.

8... Be7



8...Bxb5 is more usual here when one example is Jean Tabenhaus against the luckless Captain Moreau back in the good old days in 1903 at Monte Carlo with the continuation 9.Nxb5 a6 10.Nc3 Be7 11.b3 Qd7 12.Bb2 and White eventually won. The term "luckless" is used as the *SCCA Magazine 121*

unfortunate Moreau achieved a dubious world record by losing all his 26 games (the tournament lasted 5 weeks!) - perhaps he fared better at the casino...

9.Bd3	0-0
10.Bd2	c5
11.Qe3	b6
12.h3	a6
13.f4?	b5?

Both players miss 13...c4 14.Bxc4 d5 when the threat of Bc5 wins for Black.

14.Rae1	c4
15.Be2	Re8
16.Bf3	Rb8
17.g4	h6?!

Missing 17...Qc7! when 18.g5 d5! when Bc5 and the R at e8 embarrass the White Q 19.Qf2 (19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Bc5) 19...Bc5 20.Be3 Bxe3 21.Qxe3 dxe4 and Black is clearly better.

18.g5	Nh7
19.h4	Qb6
20.Qxb6	Rxb6



21.Nd5!

Now White is well on top and finishes nicely.

21...	Rb7
22.Nxe7+	Rxe7
23.Bb4	Rb6

24.e5	f6
25.gxf6	gxf6
26.Bxd6	Re6
27.Bd5	Kf7
28.f5	

And Black called it a day.

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Colin Macgregor also had a nice win recently:

White: MacGregor, Colin A (1818)

Black: Margan, Susan (1800) [D85]

AUS-SCO 2012

Exchange Grunfeld [D85]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

1.c4	Nf6
2.d4	g6
3.Nc3	d5
4.cxd5	Nxd5
5.e4	Nxc3
6.bxc3	Bg7
7.Nf3	0-0
8.Ba3!?	



An interesting alternative to the more usual 8.Be3; and 8.Rb1 both of which have volumes of theory.

8...	Nd7
9.Bd3	c5
10.0-0	cxd4

10...b6 was the choice of Korchnoi against Averkin in the 41st USSR Ch., Moscow 1973 continuing 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Bb2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc5! when Black was doing well.

11.cxd4	a6?!
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11...Nb6 was probably better.

12.Rc1	b5
13.Qd2	Bb7
14.Rfd1	Re8
15.Bb4	Qb6?!

Better surely was 15...a5 16.Bc3 b4 17.Bb2 Qb6 when Black is fine.

16.Ba5	Qa7
17.Rc7	Nf6
18.Rdc1	Rac8
19.d5	Qb8

19...Ng4 with idea of Ne5 was much better.

20.a4	bxa4
21.Qb4	Bf8



22.Ne5!?

Obviously 22.Rxb7?? was no good but simply; 22.Qxa4 with Rb1 to follow was simpler and better.

22...	Rxc7
23.Rxc7	Bxd5!
24.exd5	Nxd5?!

24...Qxb4 and Black is equal.

25.Qc4	Nxc7?
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25...e6 had to be played when after 26.Nd7 Qb5 27.Qxd5! Qxd5 28.Nf6+ Kg7 29.Nxd5 exd5 White still has some work to do.

26.Qxf7+

Now it's over.

26...	Kh8
27.Bc3	Bg7
28.Nxg6+	hxg6
29.Qxg7#	

1-0



ICCF Individual Events

These continue to prove popular amongst our members and a full list of available events and entry fees is available at our web site www.scottishcca.co.uk

We have now used 2 of our annual allocation of 3 places in the 2013 cycle of new 37th World Championship events. George Pyrich has started out in a Preliminary Section whilst Philip Giulian, making a welcome comeback after break of some years, has been entered for a Semi-Final Section. We still have 1 place available in the Semi-Finals but this can be taken only by a 2400+ player and those others who have achieved a qualification in an earlier cycle.





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 2013

Theme 4/13: Sicilian, Moscow Variation, B51-2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Theme 5/13: Chigorin Defence, D07

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nc6

Entries by 15 November; plays starts 1 December

Webserver Events 2013

Theme 4/13: Benko Gambit, A58-9

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6

Entries by 15 May; play starts 1 June

Theme 5/13: Larsen Opening, A01

1.b3

Entries by 1 September; plays starts 15 September

Note there are no Email Events in 2013.

News

- ❑ The ICCF webserver continues to be updated by ICCF's regular contractor, Martin Bennedik, under the direction of ICCF Services Director Austin Lockwood. Russian language translation has now been implemented, and support for mobile and touch devices is in progress.
- ❑ The minutes of the 2012 ICCF Congress in Pretoria, South Africa, are now available for download from the ICCF webserver (<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>) News page.
- ❑ The 2013 ICCF Congress will be held in Kraków, Poland, from 20-27 July. Full details are available at: <http://kszgk.com/iccfcongress2013>
- ❑ The 2014 ICCF Congress will be held in Sydney, Australia, from 11-18 October, 2014.
- ❑ ICCF now has a Privacy Policy – insomniacs can access it via the ICCF webserver (<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/>) News page.

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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