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Welcome to the first edition of the 2015 magazine set, denoted as usual by a change in the cover page photograph. Easter is early this year, so our publication may be delayed a few days by the holiday – but just eat chocolate until your copy arrives!

George Pyrich has now completed his move to Spain and has established basic email communication. He should have sheets on his bed by now as Catherine has joined him. George sets us in motion by analysing the second ICCF rating list of 2015.

Richard Beecham has written up the results of our Best Game Prize 2014. One again, the entries were high quality and there are some annotated games by the winners for you to enjoy.

Peter Bennett has contributed another well-written article, this time commenting on Dead Man’s Chess – a feature of CC with which, sadly, most of us have experienced.

Alan McGowan, the Chess Scotland archivist, is another contributor who researches and writes well – this time he recalls the Glasgow Herald CC Tournament of 1938-39.

Our Games Column once more has some very well-annotated offerings, including contributions by Raymond Burrige, David Cumming, David Kilgour, Richard Beecham, Derek Price, Andrew MacMillen, David Edney, Iain Campbell and Dave Dempster.

George’s international report is slightly shorter than usual, but still covers a wide range of events in which Scottish teams and individuals are involved. An annotated game played by Ian Marshall features.

Alan Borwell is recovering well after his hospitalisation at the end of 2014. He provides an extensive report on the status of the Veterans’ World Cups, including some of his own annotated games.

Elsewhere, both A and B Finals of our 3rd Webserver Open are now under way, and we have submitted two teams into the newly re-structured ICCF Champions League.

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2015/2 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The second ICCF grading list of 2015 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 December 2014 and 28 February 2015. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 April and 30 June 2015.

One addition was recorded in this list – we welcome back Siegrun Macgilchrist after a long absence! There were no deletions. Membership numbers are retained for easy reinstatement should any previously removed players return to the board.

Carlos Almarza Mato recovered form to re-enter the 2200+ grading band, while Raymond Burrige and Ken Stewart did likewise to go past 2100+ – well done to all players!

A good handful of century games milestones were reached in this quarter. Carlos Almarza Mato and David Cumming both went past 900 games; Raymond Burrige is now 700+; Martin Hardwick is looking back at 500; and Eoin Campbell has recorded 200+ in a relatively short time. Our resident games junkies were again very active, with Raymond Burrige completing 63 ties ahead of a tightly-bunched pack including Eoin Campbell (37), David Cumming (35), Martin Hardwick (35), Andrew Macmillen (33) and Carlos Almarza Mato (31).

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 | 930 | 2213 ↑ | 1013 | Hilton, S H | 128 | 1635 ↓ |
| 518 | Anderson, G M (SM) | 266 | 2310 ↔ | 447 | Jamieson, I M | 82 | 1918 ↓ |
| 121 | Anderson, J | 246 | 1709 ↓ | 322 | Jessing, M | 29 | 2083 ↔ * |
| 049 | Armstrong, A | 173 | 1892 ↑ | 548 | Kilgour, D A (GM) | 316 | 2321 ↓ |
| 313 | Armstrong, J McK | 277 | 1634 ↑ | 260 | Knox, A | 166 | 1597 ↑ |
| 511 | Beecham, C R (IM) | 395 | 2472 ↑ | 1117 | Laing, D | 24 | 2100 ↔ * |
| 599 | Bell, A D (SM) | 166 | 2406 ↑ | 264 | Lloyd, G (SM) | 687 | 2279 ↑ |
| 501 | Bennett, P G (SM) | 280 | 2365 ↑ | 471 | Macgilchrist, Mrs S | 39 | 2113 ↑ |
| 509 | Borwell, A P (IM) | 973 | 2279 ↑ | 584 | MacGregor, C A | 367 | 1883 ↔ |
| 424 | Burrige, R J | 734 | 2106 ↑ | 532 | Mackintosh, I (IM) | 615 | 2433 ↓ |
| 435 | Cairney, J | 62 | 2076 ↓ | 216 | MacMillen, A N | 689 | 1676 ↓ |
| 601 | Campbell, E S | 213 | 2193 ↑ | 566 | Marshall, I H | 491 | 2072 ↑ |
| 038 | Campbell, I S | 265 | 1824 ↔ | 434 | Matheis, T (IM) | 196 | 2449 ↑ |
| | Clark, S L | 89 | 2077 ↑ | 412 | McKinstry, J | 83 | 1556 ↓ |
| 364 | Coope, D W | 656 | 1908 ↓ | 401 | Moir, P J | 171 | 1609 ↓ |
| 247 | Cormack, W H | 87 | 1912 ↓ | 598 | Montgomery, R S | 249 | 2268 ↓ |
| 527 | Craig, T J (SM) | 371 | 2326 ↔ | 564 | Murray, J S | 42 | 1993 ↔ |
| 166 | Cumming, D R (SM) | 913 | 2375 ↑ | 440 | Neil, C | 148 | 1527 ↓ |
| 470 | Davis, A | 14 | 1544 ↔ * | 429 | O'Neill-McAleenan, C | 114 | 2023 ↑ |
| 422 | Dawson, Prof A G | 87 | 2045 ↓ | 444 | Paine, Dr K A | 156 | 2297 ↔ |
| 572 | Dempster, D | 745 | 1753 ↔ | 315 | Petrie, A | 86 | 1537 ↓ |
| 371 | Edney, D | 187 | 1980 ↓ | 432 | Price, D | 279 | 2063 ↓ |
| 372 | Flockhart, H | 29 | 2134 ↔ * | 048 | Pyrich, G D (IM) | 923 | 2163 ↓ |
| 459 | Fraser, R A | 60 | 1853 ↔ | 357 | Robson, A C W | 14 | 1355 ↓ * |
| 462 | Gilbert, R | 68 | 1790 ↓ | | Sedstrem, A | 15 | 1715 ↑ * |
| 086 | Gillam, S R (SM) | 139 | 2275 ↔ | 439 | Smith, M J | 41 | 1950 ↔ |
| 551 | Giulian, P M (SIM) | 472 | 2398 ↔ | 463 | Smith, P R | 46 | 1737 ↔ |
| 124 | Goodwin, B J | 273 | 1926 ↓ | 546 | Stewart, Dr K W C | 161 | 2100 ↑ |
| 445 | Graham, S (SM) | 354 | 2202 ↔ | 1120 | Taylor, W | 48 | 2024 ↓ |
| 399 | Grant, J | 38 | 1773 ↔ | 452 | Toye, D T | 77 | 1582 ↔ |
| 596 | Hardwick, M E | 530 | 1498 ↑ | 530 | Watson, J (IM) | 148 | 2297 ↓ |
| 063 | Harvey, D | 96 | 2066 ↔ | | | | |

Statistical Analysis

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| Total listed | 63 |
| New entrants | 1 |
| Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members) | 0 |
| Full grades (30+ games) | 57 |
| Provisional grades (<30 games) | 6 |
| Grading increases (↑) | 20 |
| Grading decreases (↓) | 23 |
| Grading static (↔) | 20 |

Top 30 Grades

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|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Beecham, C R (SIM) | 2472 | Montgomery, R S | 2268 |
| Matheis, T (IM) | 2449 | Almarza Mato, C | 2213 |
| Mackintosh, I (IM) | 2433 | Graham, S (SM) | 2202 |
| Bell, A D (SM) | 2406 | Campbell, E S | 2193 |
| Giulian, P M (SIM) | 2398 | Pyrich, G D (IM) | 2163 |
| Cumming, D R (SM) | 2375 | Macgilchrist, Mrs S | 2113 |
| Bennett, P G (SM) | 2365 | Burridge, R J | 2106 |
| Craig, T J (SM) | 2326 | Stewart, Dr K W C | 2100 |
| Kilgour, D A (GM) | 2321 | Clark, S L | 2077 |
| Anderson, G M (SM) | 2310 | Cairney, J | 2076 |
| Paine, Dr K A | 2297 | Marshall, I H | 2072 |
| Watson, J (IM) | 2297 | Harvey, D | 2066 |
| Borwell, A P (IM) | 2279 | Price, D | 2063 |
| Lloyd, G (SM) | 2279 | Dawson, Prof A G | 2045 |
| Gillam, S R (SM) | 2275 | Taylor, W | 2024 |

Top 30 Rated Games

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|--------------------|------------|--------------------|------------|
| Borwell, A P (IM) | 973 | MacGregor, C A | 367 |
| Almarza-Mato, C | 930 | Graham, S (SM) | 354 |
| Pyrich, G D (IM) | 923 | Kilgour, D A (GM) | 316 |
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| Coope, D W | 656 | Montgomery, R S | 249 |
| Mackintosh, I (IM) | 615 | Anderson, J | 246 |
| Hardwick, M E | 530 | Campbell, E S | 213 |
| Marshall, I H | 491 | Matheis, T (IM) | 196 |
| Giulian, P M (SIM) | 472 | Edney, D | 187 |
| Beecham, C R (SIM) | 395 | Armstrong, A | 173 |
| Craig, T J (SM) | 371 | Moir, P J | 171 |

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 Eloquary program, previously available for download from www.iccf.com

The Eloquary 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



2nd Annual SCCA Best Game Prize

By SIM Richard Beecham

[Ed – once again, we received a very high standard of entry for our competition and I'm most grateful to Richard for doing such an excellent and prompt job of assessing the games. All entries were judged anonymously, sans annotations - notes were added by the players once the final placings were known.]

After winning the 1st Best Game Prize last year our Editor Iain asked me to be Obi-Wan this year and to choose the second year's winner.

I set myself three main criteria, entertainment value, innovation and originality and finally, quality.

Firstly, entertainment value; the game had to be above all interesting and exciting; it had to have that commonly used phrase "wow factor".

Secondly, innovation and originality; I like to see new ideas in openings and early middle-games, copying main line moves into the late twenties does not really interest me.

Finally, quality; which I considered last. As in football you can have a game between two international teams which is rather poor and a game between two well matched teams in a local league which is outstanding and that brings me back to entertainment.

I marked Entertainment out of 10, Innovation and Originality out of 7 and Quality out of 5, giving more weight to what I felt was most important.

I studied each game for about a couple of hours and eventually came down to the final three.

Third Place

Two games shared third place. The first of these was won by Tom Matheis against Robert Montgomery in the 3rd SCCA Webserver Open Group stage. This game was fully annotated by Tom in edition 128, so

isn't reproduced here. I thought this game lacked a bit of originality in the opening, but did well in my other categories.

By a complete coincidence, the other game which finished 3rd was won by Iain Mackintosh against the same opponent in the same event! It scored top marks for quality, above average for originality and innovation but less well on entertainment. A good solid game.

White: Montgomery, Robert (2317)

Black: Mackintosh, Iain (2438)
SCCA Webserver Open 3 Group A2
Colle System with ..e6 [D05]
[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 Nf6
2.Nf3 e6
3.e3 c5

Electing to try a branch of the Colle system. 3...d5 is by far the most popular reply; 3...b6 is the current fashion; 3...g6 has been played with success by Carlsen and Nakamura.

4.Nbd2 Nc6
5.c3 d5
6.Bd3 Be7
7.0-0 0-0
8.dxc5 Bxc5
9.b4 Bd6
10.Bb2 a6
11.a3 b5
12.a4 Rb8



13.axb5N

After following a less trodden highway, we're now completely out of satnav range.

13.Qe2 was played in a Spanish email tournament by Landero Luna against Cotura Vidal, 2010, 1-0 after 61 moves.

13... axb5
14.Nd4 Nxd4

I looked at 14...Qb6 15.Nxb5 Ba6 16.c4 Nxb4 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Qg4+ Kh8 19.Nxd6 Nxd3 20.Qg3 Rbd8 21.Qh4 Rxd6 22.Qxf6+ but decided the position was drawn.

15.exd4 Qc7
16.h3 Re8
17.Re1 Bd7

The position is fairly level here, though White's Bb2 is hampered by pawn placements. The action now focuses on the e- and f-files as both sides vie for central control.

18.Nf3 Ne4
19.Ne5 f5
20.Nxd7 Qxd7
21.f3 Nf6
22.g4 fxg4
23.hxg4 e5
24.Bf5 Qc7
25.dxe5 Bxe5
26.Qd2 g6
27.Bd3 Bf4
28.Qf2 Rxe1+
28...Bg3 29.Rxe8+ Rxe8 30.Qg2 is also good for Black.
29.Qxe1
Forced.
29... Re8



30.Qf1 Qe5!

Now Black is in control and looking to exploit tactical opportunities. The b5 pawn acts as a distraction.

31.Bxb5 Be3+
32.Kg2 Nxc4!
33.fxg4 Rf8
34.Qe2 Rf2+
35.Qxf2 Bxf2
36.Kxf2 Qh2+
37.Ke3 Qxb2
38.Ra8+ Kg7
39.Rc8 Qh2
40.Rc5 Qg3+

41.Kd4 Qxg4+
 42.Kxd5 h5
 43.Bd3 Qd7+
 0-1

RM: I was looking at ways of giving up the bishop for the 2 pawns and building a fortress but it is just not realistic. Good luck in the final!
 IM: I think you're right about the position: there's a bit of play left but, assuming correct technique by Black, it should end 0-1.



Second Place

The runner-up is a game won by Peter Bennett against Vytautas Vaitonis in the 10th European Team Championship.

I know this opening very well and have studied it to great depths for both sides and consequently it scored very highly in my three criteria.

White: Bennett, Peter (2306)
Black: Vaitonis, Vytautas (2439)
 10th European Team Championship (Board 4)
 Sicilian Najdorf [B90]
[Notes by Peter Bennett]

1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 d6
 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 a6
 6.f3 e5
 7.Nb3 Be6
 8.Be3 Be7
 9.Qd2 0-0
 10.0-0-0 a5
 11.a4 Nc6
 12.g4 Nb4
 13.Kb1 Rc8
 14.g5 Nh5
 15.Rg1 g6

I was surprised that Black, with a 133 grading advantage, adopted this kind of opening system. The Sicilian ...e5 may be a great weapon OTB, but in the correspondence game it rarely affords Black sufficient fluidity for decent counterplay. In recent years I have encountered far more problems facing the less committal systems, such as a Scheveningen-type pawn formation, in which Black keeps his options open. In the line played here, Black has already stymied White's kingside

attack, but at a cost of losing any kind of action on the queenside which is usually where Black's winning chances come from. So the breakthrough, if any, has to come in the centre where White, with a strong d5 square, has a slight initiative.

16.Bb5 Qc7
 17.Qf2 Bd8?!
 The problem with adopting lesser-known lines is that the serious analysis has to start much sooner. Black's 17th is an engine move: I know this because my own engine recommends it; but the "recommendation" is purely tactical. For example, this line is OK for Black as long as White does not adopt the line actually taken in subsequent play. Furthermore, the line White now plays leads inevitably to White "losing" the exchange (which is why the engine likes the line). Engines do not distinguish between "losing" and "sacrificing" material; so it is perhaps no accident that my only other win against a 2400+ player (SIM Ian Pheby in the British Championship) was with an early material sacrifice, also against the Sicilian (see *New in Chess Yearbook 104*.)

18.Rd2!
 My best move of the game, indeed my best move of the season. To commit to an exchange sacrifice (the next six moves being more or less forced) against such a strong player looks foolhardy; but, believe me, it wasn't. I knew exactly what I was doing and why; whereas I suspect my opponent, who continued to play briskly, thought I had overlooked something and, in that sense, underestimated me.

18... f5
 19.Rgd1 f4
 20.Ba7 b6
 21.Rxd6 Bxb3
 22.Bxb6 Bxc2+
 23.Qxc2 Nxc2
 24.Bxc7 Bxc7
 25.Kxc2 Bxd6



On the face of it, this position does not look very promising for White; but he has the active rook position, whereas Black's sole remaining minor piece is temporarily stuck. What was it that my grandfather used to say? "Knights on the rim are dim...?"

26.Rxd6 Rfd8
 27.Re6 Rc5
 28.Ra6 Ng7
 29.b3 Kf8
 30.Rf6+ Ke7



31.Bc4
 The point of White's 18th. Black now has no choice but to return the exchange sacrifice.

31... Rxc4
 32.bxc4 Ne6
 33.Nd5+ Kd7
 34.h4 Rf8
 35.Nb6+ Ke7
 36.Rxf8 Kxf8



I am sure Black would be surprised to learn that White had already seen this position before he played 18.Rd2, a piece of foresight nevertheless afforded here by the fact that so many intermediate moves were forcing.

37.Nd7+ Ke7
 I hope to examine the rest of this game in a later article on knight endings (to complement my recent piece on bishop endings); but I shall anticipate that text with one comment on the endgame in "modern" CC. In the 1970s, the endings I feared most in CC games were rook endings, which seemed incredibly difficult to analyse,

essentially because so many “correct” moves were counter-intuitive. But modern engines are not troubled by such considerations, hence rook endings, for the most part, have become relatively tame affairs. The most difficult endings to analyse today are queen endings (which were always difficult) and knight endings, essentially because the engine assessments go up and down like ping-pong balls. A discussion to be continued....

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| 38.Nxe5 | Kd6 |
| 39.Nd3 | Nd4+ |
| 40.Kd1 | Nxf3 |
| 41.Ke2 | Nd4+ |
| 42.Kf2 | Kc6 |
| 43.e5 | Nf5 |
| 44.Nxf4 | Kc5 |
| 45.Nd5 | Ng7 |
| 46.Ke3 | Kxc4 |
| 47.Ke4 | Kc5 |
| 48.Nf4 | Kc6 |
| 49.Ne2 | |

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First Place The R.J. Burrige Trophy 2014

The winner is Charles O’Neill-McAleenan who submitted this game against Ian Zimmerman, played in an ICCF Higher Class webserver event.

This game has everything: entertainment, novelty and quality. The game was well balanced for a long time, then White builds up good pressure and has a nice advantage. I like the way White pushes his pawns on the king-side and the brilliant way that Black defends.

I spent a long time trying to win this for White but Black always has a defence. The only disappointment for me was that the game did not continue for another 10 moves or so but even then the position appears to be drawn. Enjoy!

**White: Zimmerman, Ian T (USA)
(2000)**

**Black: O’Neill-McAleenan,
Charles (SCO) (1936)**

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French Winawer [C18]

[Notes by Charles O’Neill-

McAleenan]

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| 1.e4 | e6 |
| 2.d4 | d5 |
| 3.Nc3 | Bb4 |
| 4.e5 | Ne7 |
| 5.a3 | Bxc3+ |
| 6.bxc3 | c5 |
| 7.h4 | |

This move has become very popular recently and can be quite dangerous for Black. White has the simple plan of advancing the h pawn to h5, and then h6 if allowed, in order to create weaknesses on Black’s kingside. The move also allows a possible rook lift via h3 to increase pressure on the g-file.

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| 7... | Qa5 |
| 8.Bd2 | Nbc6 |
| 8...Qa4 is the main alternative. | |
| 9.Nf3 | Bd7 |
| 10.h5 | h6 |
| 11.a4 | 0-0-0 |
| 12.Rb1 | c4 |
| 13.Qc1 | Rdg8 |
| 14.Be2 | |

This seems to be a novelty.

14.Qb2 was played in Gonzalez-Saavedra 1988.

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| 14... | Qxa4 |
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It is always a difficult decision as to whether it is advisable to take the a-pawn in the positional Winawer lines. White might gain pressure on the a and b files to build up an attack against the King but a pawn is a pawn and I thought that I would have sufficient defensive resources. It also means I have an outside passed a-pawn for any endings that might arise.

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| 15.0-0 | Qa5 |
| 16.Nh4 | |

White decides to seek compensation for his pawn through kingside pressure. The alternative idea of play on the queenside with 16.Ra1 Qc7 17.Qb2 a6 18.Rfb1 doesn’t seem to offer much.]

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| 16... | g5 |
| 17.Nf3 | Rf8 |
| 18.Nh2 | f6 |
| 19.exf6 | Ng8 |

I preferred taking with the knight rather than allow 19...Rxf6 20.f4

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| 20.Ng4 | |
| 20.f4 Nxf6 21.fxc5 hxc5 22.Bxc5? | |
| (22.Ra1 Qc7 23.Bxc5 Ne4 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8=) 22...Ne4+ | |

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| 20... | Nxf6 |
| 21.Ra1 | Qc7 |
| 22.Nxf6 | Rxf6 |

23.f4



I began to feel a little uncomfortable around this point. White is fighting to gain the f4 square to activate the Bd2 which would be ideally posted here controlling an important diagonal towards Black’s king. I therefore decide to give back the pawn to try and keep the position closed.

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| 23... | g4 |
| 24.Qe1 | b6 |
| 25.Bxc4 | Rg8 |
| 26.Qh4 | Qd8 |
| 27.Bh3 | Kb7 |

I couldn’t see anything active I could undertake in the centre or kingside so I decided to reorganise my queenside where I have long term hopes if an ending arises.

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| 28.Kh2 | a5 |
| 29.g4 | Ka6 |
| 30.Rae1 | a4 |
| 31.g5 | |

By this stage I felt I was in some difficulty. White’s advanced pawns and bishop pair were giving me problems.

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| 31... | Rf7 |
| 32.Rg1 | |
| 32.Bxe6? Bxe6 33.Rxe6 hxc5 | |
| 34.fxc5?? (34.Qh3 g4) 34...Rxf1 | |
| 35.Rxc6 Qe8— | |
| 32... | Rh8 |
| 33.Bg4 | |
| 33.Bxe6 hxc5 34.Rxc5 (34.fxc5? Rfh7) 34...Bxe6 (34...Rfh7? 35.Bxd5 Rxc5 36.Bxc4+) 35.Rxe6 a3! | |
| 36.Rxc6? (36.Kg3 Ne7=) 36...a2 | |
| 37.Qe1 Rfh7 Although a piece up, White’s need to prevent the a-pawn queening allows Black to take the initiative on the kingside. 38.Kg3 Rxc5— | |

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| 33... | hxc5 |
| 34.fxc5 | e5 |
| 35.Bxd7 | |

35.dxe5 Bxc4 (35...Nxe5 36.Rxe5 Qc7 37.Rge1 Bxc4 38.Qxc4 Rf2+ 39.Kh1 Rxd2=) 36.Rxc4 Rf5 37.Bf4 Ne7=; 35.h6 exd4 36.Bxd7 Qc7+ 37.Qg3 Qxd7 38.Rg1 Rhf8 39.Rxf7 Qxf7=

35... Qxd7
 36.h6 Qe6
 36...exd4 37.cxd4 Qd6+ 38.Kh1
 Qg6=
 37.g6 Rg7
 38.Qg5 e4
 39.Ref1 Ne7
 40.Qf6

At this point I thought I was totally lost. Fortunately being happily retired I could spend a great deal of time over a two week period trying to find something to save the game.



40... e3!
 41.Qxg7
 41.Qxe6 Rxh6+ 42.Kg3 Rhxg6+
 43.Qxg6 Rxg6+ 44.Kf3 Rxl
 45.Rxg1 exd2 46.Ke3 Nf5+ 47.Kxd2
 Nd6 48.Kc1 Ne4 49.Kb2 Ka5 This
 line seems to be forced after White's
 41st move and I was sure the ending
 could be held.]
 41... exd2
 42.Qxh8 Qe2+
 This was what I had planned at move
 40 I hope to deflect the rook from f1
 by promoting the pawn in the hope
 of gaining perpetual check. I wasn't

sure if it worked but saw no
 alternative hope of saving the game.
 43.Kg3 Qe3+
 44.Kh4 d1Q
 45.Qa8+
 45.Rxd1 Qf4+ and perpetual check.
 45... Kb5
 46.Qe8+
 46.Rxd1 Qf4+ 47.Kh3 Qxh6+ leads
 to perpetual check.
 46... Ka5
 47.Rxd1 Nf5+
 48.Kg4 Nxh6+
 49.Kh5 Qxe8
 50.Kxh6

After a flurry of tactics we enter the last phase of the game. In all honesty I thought I was still lost as I felt the two rooks and advance pawn should win.



50... Qh8+
 51.Kg5 a3
 The theme of hoping to deflect a
 rook to achieve perpetual check
 recurs. I am now very glad I took his
 a-pawn on move 14!
 52.Rde1 a2
 53.Ra1

The computer considers the position
 equal in all variations.
 53... Kb5
 54.Rgfl
 54.Rxa2 Qd8+ 55.Kf4 Qf6+ 56.Ke3
 Qf5 57.g7 Qe4+ 58.Kd2 Qf4+
 59.Kd1 Qf3+=
 54... Qd8+
 55.Rf6 Qh8
 56.Rf7
 My opponent finally offers a draw.
 This was probably my most complex
 correspondence game ever.
 ½-½



[Ed – here's the mug Charles had made last year, showing the winning position in his game against Michael Preussner. Is he planning a full dinner service this time perhaps?!]

British Webserver Team Tournament



Austin Lockwood writes on behalf of The Welsh Federation (WCCF) to invite entries to the 3rd British Webserver Team Tournament.

This event has some similarities with the SCCA Webserver League, and a number of teams participate in both. Division 1 features strong playing strength (GMs, SIMs and IMs are involved), while lower divisions have a wider rating spread.

Teams consist of 4 players, 2 of whom must be UK-based, with the other 2 from any location. Normally 7 teams comprise a division.

Fees are £20/team. Registration closes 1st June; play starts 15th June.

If you are interested, please contact George Pyrich before 25th May.



Dead Man's Chess ...and a few other "time" games...

By Peter Bennett

Back in November 2014 – just four months ago, as I write – my correspondence chess games were going like the clappers. For weeks on end I was playing an average of 10 moves a day which, to me at least, is a lot. It led to the accusation from my dear wife, Joy, that in my retirement I had become a professional chess player. Fair comment. If I spend an average of an hour on each move – as I do – then 10 moves a day might take around 10 hours a day; so I could see her point.

Today – in March 2015 – I am playing just one move per day, hence I have time to write articles once again. So how did this rapid transition come about?

It can easily be explained with a few simple statistics; but before I offer this explanation I would like to take the reader back to the discussions a few years ago which were reliably reported to have taken place at an ICCF congress. Dedicated players with furrowed brows were convincing one another in all seriousness that the 60 playing days for 10 moves which are allowed in "top" CC competitions were becoming grossly inadequate.

In order to overcome the tactical proficiency of their opponents' engines, they now had to carry out so much work on each and every position that six playing days per move was insufficient. Eight was being seriously touted as the new norm. In an earlier article I referred to this development as a "discourse of morbid perfectionism".

There is another way to look at this whole issue. We should instead ask the question, given the generous time allowances we already have, what do players *actually do* with all this time? Well, one obvious answer is that we stockpile it. In 80% of the games I currently have in progress I have more than 100 playing days in hand, even in two games that I will eventually lose. In other words, I am admitting that I have far more time

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available than I really need; and I can equally see that this is true for the majority of my opponents.

The second major use of playing time is this: *doing nothing at all*. That is, we merely use "playing time" to slow games down. I can illustrate this very easily by giving the true explanation for the 90% reduction in my own rate of play, referred to above. It is very simple really. Back in November I had 42 games in progress, today I have only 14. But that ratio is 3:1, not 10:1. A further explanation is required.

The 42 current games I had in November, by a curious twist of fate, could be divided into 3 equal groups of 14. Group A were the games in which both players had an interest in making rapid progress. Group B were the games in which I had an interest in making progress but my opponents did not; and Group C were the games where my opponents were pressing ahead rapidly but I, for various reasons, was not ready, willing or able to maintain such a rapid pace of play. In other words, Group C was the opposite scenario to Group B.

Most experienced CC players will already know what I am going to say next. Of my 10 moves a day back in November, 8 were in Group A games and only 1 each (on average) in Groups B and C. So, in fact, it was never the case that 42 games were "going like the clappers": 14 games were going very fast indeed and 28 games were actually progressing unnecessarily slowly.

And what happened next? That was also predictable. The 14 fast games are all now finished, as well as 7 (50%) of the games in each of Groups B and C. So in all the 14 games now still in progress one or other player is deliberately slowing the game down – in many cases the actual pace is ludicrously slow. Players are sometimes taking the full 20 days allowed before the "yellow clock" kicks in, just to decide what to play in a game where their move

is actuallyuhforced.

It is curious how long it takes a CC player to work out that his queen is en prise and there is only one move which will save it. No doubt he sits at his desk with an ICCF-type furrowed brow for three weeks poring over the complex issue of removing his queen from the threat and placing it on the only square where it will be safe. I have occasionally presented my highly talented six-year-old nephew with such positions and, do you know what? He sees the correct solution in 10 seconds; but, then, perhaps he is more intelligent than a few CC-SIMs I have come across? Or perhaps he is just more honest?

Some readers may be inclined to protest: it is all very well for you, Peter, you are retired and only working part-time now. We have busy lives; so we cannot play CC as fast as you. To them I say this: show me the game which you played very slowly even though you were winning easily and I will buy that argument!

Others will protest that they usually play fast in the opening, when the game is in theory, but slow down later when the real work starts. Fair enough; but the pace of the following illustrative game makes a similar abrupt transition from fast to slow, but not at the point where we left theory; so that explanation does not hold up, at least not for this game.

And please, dear reader, do not waste time playing through the game itself, which is very one-sided and ultimately predictable in its course. I include the game only for its annotations and for the issues which it raises about the pace of play.

White: Bennett, Peter (2319)
Black: Bitmanis, Valdemars (1841)
 VWC7 PR29
 Sicilian Dragon, Yugoslav Attack
 [B76]
 [Notes by Peter Bennett]

Started: August 2014
 Official start date: 1 September 2014
 Estimated completion in: April 2015

1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 d6
 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 g6
 6.Be3 Bg7
 7.f3 0-0
 8.Qd2 Nc6
 9.0-0-0 h5
 10.Kb1 Bd7
 11.h3 Nxd4
 12.Bxd4 Be6
 13.g4 Qa5
 14.Nd5 Qxd2
 15.Nxe7+ Kh7
 16.Rxd2 Rae8
 17.Bxf6 Bxf6
 18.Nd5 Bxd5
 19.Rxd5 Be5
 20.gxh5 gxh5



By this stage it was already clear to me that my opponent was playing for a draw. I could also infer that he was confident of getting the draw, since he was still firing moves back at me like pellets from a pop-gun. His reasoning was fair: in rook endings and bishops-of-opposite-colour endings the pawn count is rarely crucial. A single pawn deficit was not too much to worry about.

21.Bd3 Kh6
 22.Rf1 Bg3
 23.f4 Re6
 24.Rd4 b6
 25.Rc4 Rfe8
 26.a4 R8e7
 27.f5 Rf6



28.h4!
 The main purpose of this move is to prevent the freeing advance 28...h4. The Black bishop cannot capture the pawn because of the threat e5; nor can Black fix the e-pawn with 28...Re5 because of the threat 29.Rc8 which is winning for White. In addition, Black's Rf6 is effectively played out of the game, at least for long enough for White to develop a winning attack in the centre and on the queenside; and White has the further threat of Rg1, shifting the bishop from g3 and taking control of the g-file. In other words, my own assessment is that the game is already a positional win for White, even though this does not yet come through in the engine assessment.

28... Re8!
 Necessary to protect the back rank. My opponent had seen the threat.
29.Ka2 a5
30.Rg1 Bf4
31.c3
 Now here begins my discussion about pace. Right up to this point, the pace of this game had been frenetic on both sides, Black had actually been playing faster than White. Having passed the time control at move 30, both players had earned a fourth tranche of 40 playing days. White had 157 playing days in hand, having used only 3 days for the first 31 moves. Black had 160 playing days in hand, having used 0 days for his first 30 moves, even though the game left "theory" on move 11. In my view the outcome of the game was effectively determined by the 20 moves between move 11 and move 31; but this was precisely the period in which my opponent (who, it has to be said, at one time held a grading higher than mine and at the time of writing has a 50% score in the games he has finished in this tournament) was consistently playing with indecent haste. White's 31st move was played on 19 September 2014, just 18 days after

the official start date of the tournament.]
31... Be3
 Black finally wises up to the possibility that he may be losing (even though, I must admit, his chess was not that bad in the first 30 moves). I can infer this change of perspective from his speed of play which, in our game but not in others that he was playing, now abruptly slows to a snail's pace. The change is so immediate and so dramatic, it is really quite comical.
32.Rg2 Bc5
33.b4 axb4
34.cxb4 d5
 White continues to play quickly; but Black's 34th move is not played until 27 November. He has now used 65 playing days for the last four moves. When I politely enquire whether there is some kind of problem, he simply ignores my message.
35.exd5 Bf8
36.Rc6 Rxc6
37.dxc6 Bxb4
38.c7 Rc8
39.f6 Be1
 Black's 39th is played on 7 February 2015. Over the course of the winter, Black has hit the "yellow clock" three times. Some players have argued that this extremely slow play is all down to the complex task of finding the correct defence in a difficult position. But this argument does not wash. During the slow period, Black has missed the best defence on at least six occasions. The standard of his play, far from being enhanced by his copious amounts of reflection time, has actually deteriorated markedly, at least in this encounter, whereas his play in the ultra-fast first 30 moves contained very few serious errors. In the meantime, he has won a game against another opponent, playing briskly and with an excellent attack. In short, the substantial variations in his pace of play, from game to game, are being very carefully orchestrated.]
40.Rg7 Bxh4
41.Rxf7 Bg3
42.Rg7 Bxc7
43.Rg6+ Kh7
44.f7 Kh8
45.Bc4 Line
 Now, after some very loose defensive play by Black, White has a forced mate in 17 moves against any defence. Black is about to lose his rook but, at the time of writing, has

already taken two weeks over his 45th move, just to work out which way to be mated. He has used a total of 177 playing days for the last 14 moves, an average of 12.6 days per move.

The plain fact, unfortunately, is that Black's playing behaviour over the last 6 months has been nothing to do with the *chess*, he has long since lost interest in the chess position and his lack of any effort beyond the most superficial analysis shows up in the sequence of errors which have crept into his moves. The chess game, let us face it, ended last September. Now we are playing an elaborate and carefully orchestrated game of *delaying tactics*, nothing less, nothing more. So far, this charade has continued for a full six months. I hope and pray that the game will be over by the time that this article gets into print.

Recent British champion Bill Lumley uses the term "Dead Man's Chess" (DMC, for short) to describe this pattern of behaviour, which he has observed on numerous occasions.

Of course, sometimes there are perfectly good reasons for playing slowly, even in a lost position. For example, a player may be concerned to maintain his grading for a tournament entry requirement or a norm towards a title. He may not wish to declare his position in the tournament too early; or he may just want to postpone the loss until a different rating period. None of these potential explanations could apply to this particular opponent,

whose grading has been in freefall for several years.

I have certainly sometimes played slowly myself for one or more of these reasons; but the difference between me and Mr. Bitmanis is that I am always willing to explain it to an opponent who wants to know what is happening. Furthermore, whenever I lose a game because I have been outplayed, I make a point of congratulating my opponent on the win and, usually, praising the way in which he has achieved it.

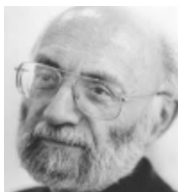
Somehow I doubt that Mr Bitmanis will write any such note to me when he finally, reluctantly, concedes defeat. Like a worryingly large minority of CC players, his way of dealing with prospective defeat in a game seems just to be to put the eventual, unwelcome result off for as long as possible; and the more generous the time limits, the slower the defence, and the longer it takes to bring such games to a conclusion.

Collectively, we need to address this problem. If we can't, then I for one will seriously consider reducing my CC activities. For one thing, I have resolved only, in future, to enter tournaments where there is an entry requirement in the form of a minimum grading, or where there is a direct entry available to the tournament's second stage. This policy will help me steer clear of my opponent in the game given above, and a few others like him. Unfortunately, even this restriction does not entirely solve the problem, as I could equally give a list of titled

players who use are similarly negative tactics.

In a high-level domestic competition in another (nameless) country, which would have been category 7 if the field had been international, the participants included a player who was notorious for ultra-slow play, and whom I shall call "Mr Tortoise". Another player, "Mr. Hare", got so fed up with Tortoise's behaviour that he finally lost patience with his opponent and wrote to Mr Tortoise telling him exactly what he thought of his playing style. I am reliably informed that virtually all the other players in the tournament were entirely on Mr. Hare's side in this dispute. Nevertheless, Mr Tortoise reported Mr. Hare's outburst to the organisers and registered a formal complaint. The organisers, in turn, entirely failed to see the "bigger picture" but dealt with the complaint only at face value. Mr Hare was disqualified in that particular game and the full point was awarded to Mr. Tortoise. This provoked a storm of protest from other participants, but to no avail. Since then, the tournament in question has been largely deserted by those who really want to play chess.

So Dead Man's Chess is still alive and kicking. How will we rid ourselves of this meddlesome practice? I suggest that we set up a competition with a substantial cash prize, to find an ingenious way to outlaw "Tortoise play" once and for all.



Another Samuel Bak illustration to finish. This is *Intruder* (oil on canvas)



Further images on the University of Minnesota website: <http://www.chgs.umn.edu/museum/responses/bak/chess.html>



Glasgow Herald Correspondence Tournament 1938-39

By Alan McGowan

In an earlier article, reference was made to correspondence matches arranged by the Rev. Young and the Greenock Telegraph.

In the Glasgow Herald chess column of September 2, 1938, the chess editor, D.M. MacIsaac, announced a correspondence tournament to be run during the winter. The intention was to have teams of twelve players representing clubs, towns, counties or districts in Scotland. Players not attached to any particular club were also invited to enter, as places would be found for them in suitable teams.

Play was planned to begin in October with each player having to play one game only. The system of play meant that each team would meet a composite team drawn from all the other teams in the same division. [Hutton Pairing System, first proposed by the Rev. G.D. Hutton - http://www.chessscotland.com/history/biographies/hutton_revgd.htm]

Entries flowed in to the Glasgow Herald through September October, and with his column of October 21, MacIsaac was able to list all the players in all the teams, except for the Galloway entrants, whose team list was complete by the next week.

There were 14 teams entered, two of them made up of individual entries and named after their respective leaders.

Ayrshire - A. Groener, W. M'Bride, T. Couper, J. Howat, W. Allen, D. Suttie, JP Young, A. Hardie, JM Mill, R. Galbraith, A. Morris, and WJ Morris.

Central CC (Glasgow) – DM MacIsaac, J. Black, T. Rothwell, TK Blake, A. Mercer, T. Meiklem, J. Paul, Wm. C. Hill, W. MacRae, CH Doig, T. Packer, and A. M'Beth.

Dumbartonshire – A. Murray, JM Nichol, RN Murray, D. Hamilton, L. Murray, W. Young, J. Ryan, J. Gregor, W. Hirst, H. Jones, G. Hirst, and T. Gemmell.

Edinburgh CC – JM Aitken, D. Simpson, TR Harvey, WA Smith, FBT Salveson, WW Graham, TC Garden, RP Steele, Major GV Aitken, AM Mackintosh, RJ M'Robbie, and JL Forbes.

Edinburgh Ladies' CC – Miss Forbes, Mrs Ritchie, Miss Henderson, Mrs Prenter, Miss Milne Rae, Miss Watson, Mrs Harvey, Miss Tweedie, Miss Lamb, Miss Macdonald Clark, Mrs Macfarlane, and Mrs Mowat.

Galloway – JH Vernon, TK Meikle, Rev. DR Mitchell, D. Casey, Rev. AP Kinnear, EB Blacklaws, - Fraser, R. Young, ET Edwards, RN Bradford, - Dick, and - Welsh.

Jewish Institute CC (Glasgow) – A. Klibanski, S. Levart, J. Bercovitch, J. Goldman, N. Schulman, P. Benjamin, SK

Miller, H. Goldin, F. Slotopolsky, G. Goldin, S. Solomon, and I. Madisky.

Motherwell CC – W. Muir, G. Seaton, Dr Collier, AJK Honeyman, T. Walters, G. M'Neill, R. Brown, T. Coats, J. Sandilands, J. Sutherland, GA Semple, and DB Reid.

North of Scotland – Dr RC Macdonald, HJM Thoms, JE Bothwell, E. Behrens, R. Edwards, F. Campbell, AB Charles, LS Sinclair Smith, JY Cheyne, J. Brand, CK Jackson, and J. Wilson.

Polytechnic CC (Glasgow) – JS Macmartin, WE Wyse, GE Kerr, HD Gemmell, JA Stewart, AJ Birchenough, J. Aitchison, JD Peters, AJ Smith, V. Hope, G. Hofer, and D. Gibson.

Scottish Blind Players – T. Moyes, R. Morrison, J. Donaldson, W. Henderson, T. Lawrie, A. Wells, J. Vattese, T. Sorensen, J. Harvey, A. Anderson, A. Dale, and A. Moodie.

Stirling CC – S. Dawson, W. Morgan, P. Miller, A. Forrester, D. Angles, F. Davidson, GH Sinclair, DK Cunningham, R. Bain, A. Hendry, S. Adam, and AT M'Crindle.

Burnett's Team – AG Burnett, R. Laing, Sir R. Macnair, M. Aupret, JI Swan, JL Edward, A. Blair, P. Shaw, W. Lindsay, J. Henderson (Motherwell), Mrs Irwin, and FJ Hallsworth.

Clunie's Team - DS Clunie, JW Hastie, J. Steele, J. Grindley, D. Henderson, GT Lyburn, A. O'Hare, Mrs CB Heath, A. Webster, R. Crilley, DM Kay, and J. Henderson (Clarkston).

The final results were posted in the chess column of 25 August 1939, p. 9:

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| Clunie's Team | 8½ |
| Polytechnic CC | 7½ |
| Motherwell CC | 7 |
| Stirling CC | 7 |
| Galloway CA | 6½ |
| Edinburgh CC | 5½ |
| North of Scotland | 5½ |
| Ayrshire League | 5 |
| Burnett's Team | 5 |
| Central CC | 5 |
| Dumbartonshire | 5 |
| Glasgow Jewish Inst. | 5 |
| Scottish Blind Players | 5 |
| Edinburgh Ladies' CC | 3½ |

A game from the event:

Thoms, HJM - Simpson, D
 North of Scotland v Edinburgh
 Glasgow Herald Corr. T., 1939
 Symmetrical English [A30]
 [Notes by H J M Thoms]

This game was published in the
 Glasgow Herald chess column of 31
 March 1939, p. 9.

1.Nf3 e6
 2.c4 c5
 3.Nc3 Nc6
 4.g3 Nf6
 5.Bg2 Be7
 6.0-0 b6
 7.b3 Bb7
 8.Bb2 0-0
 9.d4 cxd4
 10.Nxd4 Qb8
 11.Qd2

This appears to lose time. f3 would
 lose by ...Nxd4 etc. Perhaps best for
 White was e4.

11... Nxd4
 12.Qxd4 Bxg2
 13.Kxg2 Qb7+
 14.f3 Rfd8

14...Rad8 seems better, leaving KR
 to support a counter-advance on the
 king's side.

15.e4 Ne8
 16.Rad1 d6
 17.Rd3 Bf6
 18.Qf2 Nc7
 19.Rfd1 Be5
 20.Qd2 Rd7



An oversight, which loses a pawn.

21.Nb5 Bxb2
 22.Rxd6 Rxd6
 23.Nxd6 Qc6
 24.Qxb2 f6
 24...Rd8 at once would lose by
 25.Nf5

25.Rd3

To get the queen behind the rook on
 d2.

25... Rd8
 26.Nf5 Qe8
 27.Rxd8 Qxd8
 28.Qd4 Qxd4
 29.Nxd4 Kf8
 30.f4

30.b4 may be better, but White
 wanted to hinder ...e5, and also to
 cross nearer the pawn majority with
 his king.

30... a5
 31.Kf3 Ke7
 32.Ke3 Kd6
 33.Kd3 g6
 34.Nb5+

The pawn ending after the exchange
 of knights is a win for White.

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ChessBase CD Reviews

By Bernard Milligan

Master Class 04 - José Raúl Capablanca by Dr. Karsten Müller, Mihail Marin, Oliver Reeh, Niclas Huschenbeth



He was a child prodigy and he is surrounded by legends. In
 his best times he was considered to be unbeatable and by
 many he was reckoned to be the greatest chess talent of all
 time: Jose Raul Capablanca, born 1888 in Havana. At the
 age of 13 he became Cuban champion; in 1909 he

sensationally defeated Marshall by 8:1 and was thus
 catapulted into the world elite. It was only after some time,
 since only sparse amounts of information made it across the
 pond, that in 1911 Capablanca achieved well-deserved
 recognition by leaving the elite of world chess trailing in his
 wake in San Sebastian. It would however take another 10
 years before the Cuban defeated the reigning world
 champion Emanuel Lasker in their match and wore the
 crown himself.

On this ChessBase-DVD a team of experts gets to the
 bottom of Capablanca's game. Niklas Huschenbeth presents
 the openings of the third world champion. Oliver Reeh has
 assembled a select choice of little combinations
 (Capablanca's famous "petite combinaison") and prepared
 them in interactive format. Mihail Marin looks into
 Capablanca's strategic performances and finds astonishing
 parallels in the games of Bobby Fischer. Our end game
 expert Karsten Müller had a multiplicity of examples from
 which to choose, since Capablanca liked to liquidate into an
 endgame, being well aware of his particular strength and
 creating numerous masterpieces of the art of the endgame.

The DVD also contains all of Capablanca's games, many of
 them annotated and is rounded off by a biographical section,
 tables and both a tactics and an endgame database.

Video running time: 6 hours (English).



Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

The clocks are forward now, and the occasional day feels like Spring. However, if you're not disposed to chasing Easter eggs downhill, here are some nice games to play over...

To start with, here's another fine miniature from Raymond Burrige who is becoming a specialist in this field!

White: Burrige, Raymond (1986)

Black: Clements, John (1697)

BCCA Handicap 14-15, 2015

Sicilian Najdorf [B99]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

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|---------|------|
| 1.e4 | c5 |
| 2.Nf3 | d6 |
| 3.d4 | cxd4 |
| 4.Nxd4 | Nf6 |
| 5.Nc3 | a6 |
| 6.Bg5 | e6 |
| 7.f4 | Be7 |
| 8.Qf3 | Qc7 |
| 9.0-0-0 | Nbd7 |
| 10.g4 | h6 |

The much more 'normal' move here is 10...b5. The move played is more common after 10.Bd3, known as the Browne System (as adopted by the American GM Walter Browne). However, against 10.g4 it weakens the square g6.

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| 11.Bxf6 | Nxf6 |
| 12.h4 | Bd7 |
| 13.g5 | Ng8 |
| 14.g6 | fxg6 |
| 15.Bh3 | Qc8 |

White has an advantage as Black has been pushed onto the back foot.



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| 16.e5! | h5 |
| 17.exd6 | Bf6 |
| 18.Nxe6 | Bxc3 |

Obviously Black can't take on e6 and with Nc7 looming it's only a matter of time before White mates.

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| 19.Nc7+ | Kf8 |
| 20.Qxc3 | Rb8 |
| 21.Rde1 | Nf6 |



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| 22.Qb3 | Bg4 |
| 23.Bxg4 | hxg4 |
| 24.Re7 | |

And, as checkmate will be delivered on f7, Black resigned.

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David Cumming sent in this game from the recent friendly international versus France, where Scottish wins were hard to spot.

White: Cumming, David. R (2313)

Black: Merrheim, Xavier (2377)

Scotland vs. France, 2014

King's Indian Panno Variation [E63]

[Notes by David Cumming]

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|---------|------|
| 1.d4 | Nf6 |
| 2.c4 | g6 |
| 3.Nc3 | Bg7 |
| 4.Nf3 | 0-0 |
| 5.g3 | d6 |
| 6.Bg2 | Nc6 |
| 7.0-0 | a6 |
| 8.b3 | Rb8 |
| 9.Nd5 | Nxd5 |
| 10.cxd5 | Nb4 |
| 11.e4 | f5 |
| 12.Ng5 | c5 |
| 13.dxc6 | Nxc6 |
| 14.exf5 | Bxf5 |
| 15.Be3 | |

15.Bd5+ Kh8 16.Bb2 Qd7 17.Re1 Nd8 18.Qe2 h6 19.Nf3 Bg4 20.h3 Bh5 21.Qe3 Qxh3 22.Nh2 Qf5

23.Be4 Qd7 24.g4 Bxg4 25.d5 Kh7
 26.Bxg6+ Kxg6 27.Bxg7 Kxg7
 28.Qd4+ Kf7 29.Nxg4 Rg8 30.f3 h5
 31.Qf4+ Ke8 32.Kf1 hxg4 33.Rxe7+
 Qxe7 34.Re1 Nf7 35.Rxe7+ Kxe7
 36.Qe4+ Kf8 37.fxg4 Rg5 38.Qb4
 Rxd5 39.Qb6 Rb5 40.Qc7 Re8 41.a4
 Rxb3 42.g5 Rf3+ 43.Kg2 Rf5
 44.Qxb7 Rxg5+ 45.Kf3 a5 46.Kf4
 Ree5 47.Qb8+ Kg7 48.Qb2 Rgf5+
 49.Kg3 Rf6 50.Qc3 Rc5 51.Qb2
 Rcf5 52.Kh4 Ne5 53.Qb7+ Kh6
 54.Kh3 Rg6 0-1 Petrik, T (2529)-
 Varga, D (2280)/ Slovensko
 2009/OM 2.04]

15... d5

A blocked isolated pawn position, roughly equal at this point in time, but with both sides possessing all original material save a pawn and a knight each, the position is rich in dynamism and possibilities.....

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| 16.Rc1 | h6 |
| 17.Nf3 | g5 |
| 18.Ne5 | Nxe5 |
| 19.dxc5 | e6 |
| 20.Bc5 | Re8 |
| 21.Bd6 | Rc8 |
| 22.Rxc8 | Qxc8 |
| 23.Bf3 | Qc3 |
| 24.Bg4 | d4 |
| 25.h4 | Bd3 |



26.hxg5!

Positional exchange sac, aiming to possess a 2 bishop advantage.....]

| | |
|----------|-------|
| 26... | Bxf1 |
| 27.Kxf1 | hxg5 |
| 28.Bh3 | d3 |
| 29.Qh5 | Qc1+ |
| 30.Kg2 | Qc6+ |
| 31.Kh2 | Qd7 |
| 32.Bg4!? | Rf8!? |

Probably necessary to give the exchange back, that dark-squared Bishop on d6, right in the heart of the Black position is a serious thorn in the flesh, and it was supported by and protected the pawn on e5, which was seriously cramping Black's space, obstructing the dark-squared diagonal for Black's bishop, and also blocking the d-file which denied the Black d3 pawn support on the d-file from the queen. Returning the exchange frees Black's position, but leaves a residual advantage to White.

- 33.Bxf8 Kxf8
 34.Qxg5 Qd4
 35.Qf4+ Qxf4
 36.gxf4 Ke??!
 36...d2 37.Kg3 Ke7 38.Bd1 Bh6
 39.Kf3 Kf7 40.Ke3 Kg6 41.Bg4 Kf7
 42.Bf3 b6 43.Bg4 b5 44.Bh5+ Ke7
 45.Ke4 a5 46.Bd1 Kd7 47.f5 exf5+
 48.Kxf5 Bf8 49.Ke4 Kc6 50.Ke3±
 37.Kg3± Kf7
 38.Kf3 Bf8
 39.f5 exf5
 40.Bxf5 Bc5
 41.Bxd3 Bd4
 42.Bf5 Bxe5
 43.Bc8 a5
 44.Ke4 Kf6
 45.Bxb7 Ke6
 46.f3 Bc3
 47.Bc8+ Kd6
 48.Kd3 Bb4
 49.f4 Kd5



50.Bb7++-

No real "bad" moves from Black since his 36th, but the position has witnessed a creeping progression from full advantage to outright winning position for White, with little or nothing that Black could do to stop.

- 50... Kc5
 51.Bg2 Kd6
 52.Kc4 Be1
 53.a3 Bd2
 54.f5 Bh6
 55.Bf3 Kc7
 56.Kb5 a4
 57.bxa4! Bf8

58.f6

Black has had a lost position for a while, and he knew it full well, he was simply stalling for time, using up all his holiday entitlements for 2014, and with the renewed holiday entitlement for the New Year, again in 2015, for the sake of maintaining his grading levels to qualify for a tournament he wished to enter.

58... Kb8

Ironically, stalling or not, had he taken the pawn on a3 I could have then utilised ICCF rules by evoking a Nalimov Tablebase ruling and obtained a win on the spot, so my opponent has to acquiesce in the ever-increasing rapidity of the deterioration of his position, which is lost in either case, but he was using up his time which was running out, stalling until the next rating list became active, Then it would be safe for him to resign.

- 59.Kb6 Kc8
 60.a5 Kd7

61.a6
 Stockfish 6 64: 61.a6 Bh6 62.Bh5 Ke6 63.f7 Kf5 64.a7 Kg5 65.a8Q Kxh5 66.f8Q Bxf8 67.Qxf8 Kg5 68.Qf3 Kg6 69.Kc6 Kh7 70.Kd6 Kg8 71.Ke6 Kh7 72.Qg3 Kh6 73.Kf6 Kh7 74.Qg7##14/52

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In domestic play, David has qualified for the final of the 3rd Webserver Open. Here's his game against our only currently active CC GM.

White: Kilgour, David. A (2337)
Black: Cumming, David. R (2300)
 SCCA 3rd WS Open, 2014
 Sicilian Najdorf Poisoned Pawn [B97]
[Notes by David Cumming]

- 1.e4 c5
 2.Nf3 d6
 3.d4 cxd4
 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 a6
 6.Bg5 e6
 7.f4 Qb6
 8.Qd3 Qxb2
 9.Rb1 Qa3
 10.f5 Qa5
 10...Be7 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Be2 Qa5
 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.g4 h6 15.g5 (15.Qh3 0-0 16.g5 hxg5 17.Nxe6 Qc6 18.Rf1

g4 19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.Rxf8+ Bxf8
 21.Qxg4 Qd7 22.Nd5 Qxe6
 23.Qxe6+ Bxe6 24.Nc7 Ra7 25.Nxe6 b5 26.a4 Nc6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rxb5 Ra2 29.Kd1 Ra1+ Robson,R (2628) - Troff,K (2427)/Arlington 2013/CBM 155 Extra/1-0 (57); 15.e5 dxe5
 16.Qg6+ Kf8 17.Nf3 Bd7 18.g5 Be8 19.Qd3 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Kg8 21.Rg1 Qd7 22.Qg3 Nh5 23.Qxe5 Bd6 24.Qe4 Bxh2 25.Bc4 Nf6 26.Qg2 Qd4 27.Bxe6+ Kf8 28.Nf3 1-0 Mamedov,R (2645)-Cernousek,L (2431)/Pardubice 2009/OM 2.04) 15...hxg5 16.e5 dxe5 17.Nf3 e4 18.Nxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 0-0 20.Nxg5 (20.Bd3 Rf5 21.Qe2 g4 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Nd4 Bh4+ 24.Kd1 Qf7 25.h3 g3 26.Nf3 Bf6 27.Rg1 Nc6 28.Rxg3 f4 29.Ng5 Bxg5 30.Rxg5 Bf5 31.Rxf5 Qxf5 32.Qc4+ Kh8 33.Rxb7 Qg6 34.Kc1 Ne5 Guseinov,G (2609)-Kotanjian,T (2522)/Dubai UAE 2010/OM 2.04/1-0 (39)) 20...Bxg5 21.Bxg5 Nc6 22.Rb3 Qe5 23.Qxe5 Nxe5 24.Rg3 b5 25.Rhg1 Gashimov,V (2740)-Grishchuk,A (2756)/Nice 2010/CBM 135 Extra/1/2-1/2 (33) 25...Ra7 26.Be3 Rd7 27.Bh6 Rff7 28.Bh5 Kh7 29.Bxf7 Rxf7 30.Bxg7 Nf3+ 31.Rxf3 Rxf3 32.Bb2 e5 33.Rg3 Rxg3 1/2-1/2 Gashimov,V (2740)-Grishchuk,A (2756)/OM 2.04 (33)

11.Bd2 e5!?
 12.Nb3 Qc7
 12...Qd8 13.g4 Nxg4 14.Nd5 Nc6 15.Qg3 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.Bc4 Ne7 18.Na5 d5 19.exd5 Nxf5 20.Qf2 Nd6 21.Bd3 Bh6 22.Bb4 f5 23.Rg1 Ne4 24.Bxe4 fxe4 25.Nc4 e3 26.Nxe3 Bf8 27.Qg3 Barrientos Chavarriaga,S (2513)-Corrales Jimenez,F (2593)/Cartagena 2012/CBM 148 Extra/1-0 (36)



13.g4N

13.Be2 b6 14.g4 h6 15.h4 "A battle is taking place for the d5 square, and both sides are in a decisive mood. White's idea is very simple: he wants to drive the knight from f6 with his pawns but he has a problem having

to spend a tempo defending the rook on h1, and Black exploits this to create counterplay on the queenside." (Zaven Andriasyan, Winning with the Najdorf Sicilian). My opponent tries to improve on this by saving a tempo by omitting to move Be2.]

13... b5
14.g5 b4
15.gxf6 bxc3
16.Bxc3 g6
17.fxg6 hxg6
18.Ba5 Qc6
19.Bg2 Be6
20.Bd2 Qb6
21.Be3 Qd8
22.0-0 Nd7
23.Bg5 a5
24.a3 Rh5
25.h4 Qb6+
26.Rf2 Bh6
27.Nd2 Qc5
28.Nb3 Qc7
29.Bxh6 Rxh6
30.Rd1 a4
31.Nc1 Nb6
32.Qxd6 Qxd6
33.Rxd6 Nc4
34.Rd3 Rxh4
35.Ne2 Rg4
36.Kh2 Nb2
37.Rd2 Rc8
38.Rf1 Rh4+
39.Kg3 g5
40.Rb1 Nc4
41.Rd3 Rh6
42.Rb4 Rxf6
43.Rc3 Nxa3



44.Rxa4?!

Komodo 8 64-bit: 44.Rxa3 Rxc2 45.Ng1 g4 46.Rb1 Ke7 47.Bf1 Bb3 48.Re1 Rc3+ 49.Kg2 Rd6 50.Bb5 Rd2+ 51.Ne2 Re3 52.Kf1 Ke6 53.Rc1 Rxe4 54.Nc3 Rf4+ 55.Kg1 f5 56.Nxa4 Bxa4 57.Bxa4 Kf6 58.Bb5 Rf2 59.Rc5 Rg2+ 60.Kf1 e4 61.Bd7 f4 62.Rf5+ Ke7-0.67/25

44... Nc4
45.Ra6 Ke7
46.Bf3 Rh6
47.Bg4 Rh4
48.Ra7+ Kf6

49.Rf3+ Kg6
50.Bxe6 fxe6
51.Ra6?! Re8!-+
52.Nc3 Nd2
53.Rf2 Nxe4+
54.Nxe4 Rxe4
55.Rc6 Rf4
56.Re2 e4
57.c4 Kf5
58.c5 Rh8
59.Rc7 Rf3+
60.Kg2 Rhh3
61.Kg1 e3
62.Rg2 Rf4
63.Rg7 Ke4
64.Rb7 Kf3
65.c6 Rfh4

Komodo 8 64-bit: 65...Rfh4 66.Rf7+ Ke4 67.Rgf2 Rh1+ 68.Kg2 R4h2+ 69.Kg3 Rxf2 70.Rxf2 exf2 71.Kxf2 Kf4 72.c7 Rc1 73.Ke2 Rxc7 74.Kd2 g4 75.Kd3 g3 76.Ke2 Rc5 77.Ke1 Kf3 78.Kd2 g2 79.Kd3 g1Q 80.Kd2 Qd4+ 81.Ke1 Rc1#-#17/21

66.Rf7+ Ke4
67.Kf1 Rf3+
68.Rxf3 Kxf3
69.c7 Rh1+
70.Rg1 Rxc7+
71.Kxg1 e2

This move was made by me on Sunday 19th October, my opponent having used up all his holiday time, and with a mate in 3 on the board.....

72.c8Q
My opponent's clock had gone into overdrive here, he was on double time pens when he made this move, on the 17th December, by making the move he had exited from the double time pens, but had left himself about to be mated in 2, and with barely 8 days left on his clock.....

72... e1Q+
And in this position my opponent chose to allow his clock to run down to 0, rather than resign or alternatively play out the mate quickly. Not the best etiquette.

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Now George Pyrich provides light annotations for some other games played in the 3rd Webserver Open preliminary stages.

White: Beecham., Richard (2461)
Black: Price, Derek (2043)
SCCA 3rd WS Open ICCF, 2014
Semi Slav[D43]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

In this game Richard shows the requisites necessary for success - diligent research and, more importantly, the ability to critically assess the machine's evaluations.

1.d4 d5
2.c4 c6
3.Nf3 Nf6
4.Nc3 e6
5.Bg5 h6
6.Bh4

In recent years a very popular line on the ICCF server and one where Black has scored quite well. However, in Bulletin 125 we saw 2 games, against Dorer and Glaser, both won by the winner of Veterans World Cup 2, Vladimir Sergeev.

6... dxc4
7.e4 g5
8.Bg3 b5
9.Be2 Bb7
10.0-0

Against Dorer, Sergeev tried the alternative 10.h4 g4 11.Ne5 h5 12.0-0 Nbd7 13.Qc2 winning on move 34.; I tried 10.Qc2 in my current game in the SCO - SUI match against Fabian Lang but it didn't cause him any problem after 10...Nbd7 11.Nd2 Qb6 12.Rd1 Be7 13.0-0 a6 14.Rfe1?! (14.e5!/? appeared over committal but was very likely better.) 14...Rd8 15.Nf1 h5!

10... Nbd7
11.Ne5



11... h5
Glaser tried 11...Be7 12.f4 Nxe5?! but it didn't do him much good, losing on move 27.

12.Nxd7 Qxd7
13.Qc1 Rg8
14.Rd1 h4

14...Bb4 scores better on the server with one example being 15.Qe3 Ng4 16.Bxg4 hxg4 17.Rac1 Neto - Boukal, World ch. 28 final when Black drew comfortably.]

15.Be5 Qe7

16.h3 a6
 17.b3 Nd7
 18.Bh2 b4
 19.Na4 c3
 20.a3 a5
 21.Qc2 Rg6

The machine thinks that Black is equal here but White surely has far the better prospects (the c3 pawn isn't going anywhere soon and all White's pieces are better placed).

21...g4 looks a better try as in Dunlop - Mercader Martinez, LIPEAD 40, 2014 and drawn on move 41 after 22.Bxg4 Nf6 23.Nc5 Nxg4 24.hxg4 Rxg4=]

22.Nc5 Nxc5
 23.dxc5 Qxc5
 24.axb4 axb4
 25.Rxa8+ Bxa8
 26.Qd3 Qe7



The machine still thinks Black is ok.

27.Bb8 Rh6
 28.e5

At last it begins to appreciate Black's difficulties.

28... Rh8
 29.Ra1 Qb7
 30.Bd6 Qc8
 31.Bf3 Bxd6
 32.exd6 Bb7
 33.Ra7

Now Black doesn't have a decent move so....

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White: MacMillen, Andrew (1860)

Black: Edney, David (1952)

SCCA 3rd WS Open ICCF, 2014

Torre System [A48]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

In Section B1, David Edney proved himself a class above the rest with the excellent score of 9/10. In this game he quickly takes advantage of some passive play.

1.d4 Nf6
 2.Nf3 g6

3.Bg5

Nowadays a popular set-up at all levels.

3... Bg7
 4.c3 b6
 5.Nbd2 Bb7
 6.e3 0-0
 7.Bd3 d6
 8.Qe2 Nbd7
 9.0-0 h6
 10.Bh4 e5
 11.dxe5

Maybe 11.e4 was better.

11... dxe5

12.Bc2 Re8

12...Qe8 breaks the pin and allows an immediate k-side advance.

13.Rfd1 e4

14.Nd4 a6



15.Nf1?!

Better was the active 15.Nc4 when

15...c5 16.Nb3 a5? allows 17.Rxd7!

15... c5

16.Nb3 Qc7

17.Bg3 Qc8

18.h3

Maybe he should have admitted his

earlier error with 18.Nfd2

18... Ne5

19.Bh2?!

Another passive move allowing

Black to take over.

19... Nf3+

20.Kh1 Nxb2

21.Kxh2 Qc7+

22.Kg1 a5

23.Rd2 a4

24.Nc1 a3

25.b3 Nd5!

... and wins.

26.c4 Nxe3

27.Qxe3 Bxa1

28.Ng3 Bd4

29.Rxd4 cxd4

30.Qxd4 e3

31.Nce2 Rad8

32.Qg4 exf2+

33.Kxf2 Qc5+

34.Kf1 Rd2

35.b4 Qe3

36.Bb3 Red8

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White: Campbell, Iain (1835)

Black: Dempster, Dave (1727)

SCCA 3rd WS Open ICCF, 2013

Sicilian Accelerated Dragon [B34]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

A brevity from Section B2 where White's small slip is ruthlessly punished.

1.e4 g6

2.d4 Bg7

3.Nc3 c5

4.Nf3

Allowing a transposition to the Accelerated Dragon - not bad but...

4.dxc5! cast doubt on Black's

opening after 4...Qa5 (or 4...Bxc3+?!)

as Dave played against Eoin

Campbell in this event surviving to

draw on move 31.) 5.Bd2 Qxc5

6.Nd5! as in Elwert - Ekebjærg,

ICCF 50th Jubilee Elite event, 2002

when White won easily.

4... cxd4

5.Nxd4 Nc6

6.Be3 Nf6

7.f3?

This would be OK if Black were to

reply 7... d6 7.Bc4 was better.

7... 0-0

8.Qd2 d5!

Played with gain of tempo.

9.Nxc6 bxc6

10.0-0-0 Be6

11.Kb1

Better 11.exd5 when 11...Nxd5

12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Bd4 isn't too bad.

11... Rb8

12.Bxa7?! Ra8

13.Bc5 Qa5

Now Black wins easily.

14.Ba3

14.Bxe7?? d4! is crushing.

14... Rfb8

15.Ka1 dxe4

16.Nb1 Qb6

16...Rxb2! also wins after 17.Kxb2

Nd5+ 18.Kc1 Nc3!

17.Qc1

17.c3 is a bit more stubborn when

Black has to find 17...Bxa2 18.Kxa2

Qb3+ 19.Ka1 Nd5!

17... exf3

18.gxf3 Ne4!

And White threw in the towel.

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10th European Team Championship

EU/TC10/sf2, 10th European Team Championship - Semifinal 2

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Score | % | +/- | Team results | FG | RG | Place |
|----|-------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|----|-----|--------------|----|----|-------|
| 1 | Estonia | 2427 | 3 | 4.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 2 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 4 | 2 | 30.5 | 54 | 5 | 3 | 56 | 24 | 1 |
| 2 | Portugal | 2372 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3.5 | 4 | 3 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 30.5 | 57 | 8 | 1 | 53 | 27 | 2 |
| 3 | Denmark | 2340 | 2.5 | 2 | 4 | 2.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 30.5 | 47 | -3 | 1 | 64 | 16 | 3 |
| 4 | Bulgaria | 2420 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3.5 | 30 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 59 | 21 | 4 |
| 5 | Romania | 2455 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 3 | 3 | 1.5 | 4 | 27.5 | 55 | 5 | 1 | 50 | 30 | 5 |
| 6 | Ukraine | 2415 | 2 | 1.5 | 3 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 3 | 4 | 2.5 | 2.5 | 27 | 52 | 3 | 1 | 51 | 29 | 6 |
| 7 | Netherlands | 2389 | 3.5 | 1.5 | 3.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 4 | 3 | 2.5 | 2 | 26.5 | 50 | 1 | 1 | 52 | 28 | 7 |
| 8 | Scotland | 2327 | 2.5 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3.5 | 3.5 | 2 | 26.5 | 46 | -4 | 0 | 57 | 23 | 8 |
| 9 | Belgium | 2360 | 1.5 | 3 | 2.5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 3.5 | 2 | 2 | 24.5 | 42 | -8 | 0 | 57 | 23 | 9 |
| 10 | Lithuania | 2361 | 2 | 1.5 | 3 | 3 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 2.5 | 4 | 1 | 22.5 | 45 | -4 | 1 | 49 | 31 | 10 |
| 11 | Turkey | 2383 | 2 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 1.5 | 2 | 1.5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 45 | -4 | 2 | 46 | 34 | 11 |

After a couple of disappointing results our team has slipped a little more and is now in 8th place. However, the section is very closely contested and a couple of wins would see us shoot back up the table!

Current Friendly Internationals

GB/TriNat/2014, British Tri-Nations 2014

TD Siefiring, Dr. Carl L.

| | | 1 | 2 | 3 | Score | % | +/- | Team results | FG | RG | Place |
|---|----------|------|------|------|-------|-----|-----|--------------|----|----|-------|
| 1 | Wales | 1948 | 17.5 | 15 | 32.5 | 81 | 25 | 4 | 40 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | England | 2018 | 11.5 | 14 | 34 | -12 | 2 | 40 | 0 | 2 | |
| 3 | Scotland | 1942 | 8.5 | 13.5 | 33 | -13 | 0 | 40 | 0 | 3 | |

Astonishingly this event finished a short time ago, barely 9 months after it started. Wales finished as very convincing winners (+25) whilst we slipped a little towards the end to finish on -13, just behind England on -12. Despite our disappointing result we hope that another such event can be held again.

| Start | Boards | Opponents | Mode | For | Against | Void | Result |
|----------|--------|-------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| Jan 2015 | 20 | Wales | Server | 10 | 3 | | |
| Dec 2014 | 27 | Iceland | Server | 7 | 20 | | |
| Nov 2014 | 25 | Switzerland | Server | 6½ | 22½ | | |
| May 2014 | 25 | Venezuela | Server | 17 | 31 | | loss |
| Apr 2014 | 10 | Tri-Nations | Server | (S) -13 | (W) +25 | (E) -12 | |
| Mar 2014 | 23 | France | Server | 8 | 32 | | loss |

A new Friendly International match against the National correspondence Chess Club, an affiliate of the EFCC, over 9 boards will be starting shortly. Meantime our numerous other matches continue; doing well against Wales but badly elsewhere.

6th ICCF Champions League

The new series is expected to commence shortly with a revised format. We have entered 2 teams as follows:

Lewis Chessmen (Iain Mackintosh, Alan Bell, Alan Borwell & George Pyrich)

Scottish Claymores (Robert Montgomery, Geoff Lloyd, Eoin Campbell & Raymond Burrige).

Adrian Hollis Memorial

MT-Hollis, Adrian Hollis Memorial

| | | | | | | TD Limbert, Neil (IA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------|-----|-----------------------|------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|-------|------|-------|----|-------|
| Rated | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place |
| 1 | SCO | 620184 | SIM | Beecham, C. Richard | 2459 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | . | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 5.5 | 2 | 18.75 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | ENG | 211305 | GM | Robson, Nigel | 2602 | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | ½ | . | . | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | 5 | 3 | 16.25 | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | ENG | 210405 | SIM | Donnelly, Dr. Mike J. | 2468 | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 4 | 0 | 14 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | ENG | 211655 | SIM | Williamson, Harvey D. | 2508 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 14 | 1 | 4 |
| 5 | ENG | 211431 | GM | Pugh, John | 2472 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 4 | 0 | 13.75 | 1 | 5 |
| 6 | ENG | 211500 | SIM | Burne, Nigel G. | 2489 | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | . | 1 | . | 3.5 | 1 | 12.75 | 4 | 6 |
| 7 | ENG | 210300 | SIM | Pegg, Russell M. | 2471 | . | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | . | 3 | 0 | 10.5 | 4 | 7 |
| 8 | ENG | 210217 | SIM | Timson, Paul F. | 2506 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | . | 3 | 0 | 11.25 | 3 | 8 |
| 9 | ENG | 210425 | GM | Brookes, John G. | 2511 | ½ | 0 | ½ | . | ½ | . | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 2.5 | 0 | 9.5 | 4 | 9 |
| 10 | ENG | 210701 | SIM | Rhodes, John D. | 2413 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | . | 2.5 | 0 | 9.5 | 2 | 10 |
| 11 | ENG | 210773 | GM | Hall, Richard V. M. | 2640 | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | 2 | 1 | 9.25 | 7 | 11 |

Richard Beecham continues his fine form in this event and is continues to head the table with an unbeaten 2 wins and 7 draws.

European Postal Championship

EU/PC-OR/006, European Postal Championship Open Round 006

| | | | | | TD Pheby, Ian M. (IA) | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------|--|---------------------------------|-----------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|-------|------|----|----|-------|--|
| Rated | | | | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 4 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place | |
| 1 | SCO | 620353 | | Marshall, Ian H. | 1982 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 1 | |
| 2 | GER | 85596 | | Möbius, Manfred | 2082 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | . | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | |
| 3 | CZE | 132186 | | Štěpán, Josef | 1794 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | |
| 4 | ESP | 160296 | | Ciruelos Clerencia, Juan Manuel | 2000 ^P | 0 | 0 | . | . | . | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | |

Thanks to Ian Marshall for sending in this lively game against a German opponent.

White: Möbius, Manfred (GER) (2082)

Black: Marshall, Ian (SCO) (1982)

ICCF EU/PC-OR/006, 2014

Giuoco Piano [C54]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

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|-------|-----|
| 1.e4 | e5 |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6 |
| 3.Bc4 | Bc5 |
| 4.c3 | Nf6 |
| 5.d3 | d6 |
| 6.b4 | |

Caruana has played this at the top level, but the opening statistics are heavily weighted to 6.0-0; 6.Bb3; and 6.Nbd2

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|---------|-----|
| 6... | Bb6 |
| 7.0-0 | 0-0 |
| 8.Nbd2 | Ne7 |
| 9.Bb3 | c6 |
| 10.Nc4 | Bc7 |
| 11.a4 | Ng6 |
| 12.Re1 | Re8 |
| 13.Be3N | d5= |

Black has equalised without too much difficulty.

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14.exd5

14.Ncd2 was the more conservative option.

14... cxd5

15.Na3



15... h6

This quiet move strengthens Black's grip in the centre and kingside. In contrast, White has no discernible plan and his pieces lack co-ordination.

16.h3 Bd7

17.Rc1 b6

18.Qd2 a6

18...Rc8 is also good for Black.

19.Qa2 Bf5

20.Rcd1



20... Qd7!

Eyeing the sac on h3.

21.d4 Bxh3

22.Nxe5 Bxe5

23.dxe5 Bxg2

24.f4

24.exf6 Bf3 and it's mate in 3.;

24.Kxg2 Qg4+ 25.Kf1 Rxe5 and White is doomed.

24... Nh4!

25.Qf2 Qh3

Desperation.

26.Qxh4

26... Qxh4

27.Kxg2 Ne4

28.Bxd5 Qg3+

29.Kh1 Nxc3

30.Nc2 Nxd5

0-1



Veterans' World Cups

By Alan Borwell

Veterans World Cups 2, 3 & 4 are all sponsored by the Scottish CCA.

Veterans World Cups 5, 6 & 7 are being organised by German Federation BdF

WVC2/f, Veterans World Cup 2 - Final

TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)

| Category 6 SIM=8½ IM=7½ | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place | |
|-------------------------|-----|--------|-----|-------------------------------|------|----------------|----------------|---|---|---|----------------|---|---|----------------|----|----|----|-------|------|----|-------|-------|----|
| 1 | RUS | 140593 | IM | Sergeev, Vladimir Stepanovich | 2428 | | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ ^A | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 8.5 | 5 | 48.75 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | LTU | 920005 | IM | Sutkus, Vytautas | 2412 | 0 | | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ ^A | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6.5 | 2 | 37.75 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 | ARG | 20121 | SIM | Enricci, Juan Andrés | 2431 | ½ | 0 | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 6.5 | 2 | 36.75 | 0 | 3 |
| 4 | USA | 510993 | | Dessaules, Peter | 2386 | 0 | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6.5 | 2 | 36.25 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | USA | 514167 | | Michael, Dennis | 2399 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6.5 | 1 | 38.5 | 0 | 5 |
| 6 | ENG | 211510 | | Evans, Dr. Gordon R. | 2356 | ½ ^A | ½ ^A | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ ^A | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 6.5 | 1 | 37.75 | 0 | 6 |
| 7 | AUS | 30513 | | Balutescu, Mihail Goanga | 2329 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 6 | 1 | 35 | 0 | 7 |
| 8 | GER | 85172 | | Laube, Bernd | 2379 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 6 | 0 | 36 | 0 | 8 |
| 9 | CZE | 130429 | IM | Canibal, Jaromír | 2380 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ ^A | ½ | ½ | | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | 5.5 | 2 | 31 | 0 | 9 |
| 10 | GER | 81312 | IM | Dorer, Manfred | 2401 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | | ½ | 1 | ½ | 5.5 | 1 | 31.5 | 0 | 10 |
| 11 | GER | 80433 | IM | Koch, Hans-Georg | 2344 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | | ½ | ½ | 5.5 | 0 | 33.5 | 0 | 11 |
| 12 | USA | 514137 | | Coplin, Lawrence | 2403 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | | ½ | 4.5 | 0 | 27.75 | 0 | 12 |
| 13 | CZE | 130482 | | Glaser, Karel | 2260 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | 4 | 0 | 23 | 0 | 13 |

Veterans World Cup 2 Final (TD George Pyrich) has been concluded with the winner being Vladimir Stepanovich Sergeev IM from Russia, ahead of Vytautas Sutkus IM from Lithuania and Juan Andres Enricci SIM from Argentina. The three medallists have received engraved quichs presented by the Scottish CCA.

WVC3/Final, ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 Final

TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)

| Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½ | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place |
|-------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|------|-------|----|-------|
| 1 | USA | 514137 | | Coplin, Lawrence | 2387 | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 7.5 | 1 | 40.75 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | SVK | 950110 | | Hudák, Dušan | 2311 | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | 7 | 1 | 39.5 | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | NOR | 360220 | SIM | Klausen, Tor-Arne | 2456 | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 7 | 1 | 39.5 | 1 | 2 |
| 4 | EST | 930112 | GM | Siigur, Jüri | 2411 | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 7 | 0 | 39 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | SWE | 450858 | SIM | Andéer, Stefan | 2474 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | 0 | 1 | 6.5 | 1 | 37 | 1 | 5 |
| 6 | GRE | 220159 | IM | Bleker, Frits | 2407 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | 1 | ½ | . | 1 | . | ½ | . | 6 | 2 | 36 | 4 | 6 |
| 7 | GER | 80915 | IM | Zapf, Herbert | 2442 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | . | 6 | 0 | 35.25 | 2 | 7 |
| 8 | CZE | 130306 | SIM | Teichmann, Čeněk | 2386 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 0 | 5.5 | 0 | 32.75 | 1 | 8 |
| 9 | ITA | 240971 | IM | Alderisio, Piero | 2428 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 5.5 | 0 | 32 | 0 | 9 |
| 10 | RUS | 141920 | | Butov, Yury Alekseevich | 2311 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | . | . | ½ | 5 | 0 | 30.5 | 4 | 10 |
| 11 | GER | 85698 | | Gunkel, Wolfgang | 2377 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | | ½ | . | ½ | 5 | 0 | 29.25 | 2 | 11 |
| 12 | NED | 370601 | IM | Tienhoven, Richard M. van | 2417 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | . | . | ½ | 1 | . | ½ | | ½ | . | 4.5 | 1 | 27.25 | 6 | 12 |
| 13 | RUS | 141799 | | Ibragimov, Viktor Aroslanovich | 2416 | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | . | ½ | | . | . | 4.5 | 0 | 27.75 | 5 | 13 |
| 14 | RUS | 141943 | | Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich | 2391 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | . | . | . | ½ | . | ½ | . | . | | 4 | 1 | 26 | 7 | 14 |
| 15 | ESP | 160828 | | Aupí Royo, Juan Ignacio | 2371 | 0 | ½ | . | ½ | 0 | . | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | . | . | . | . | 4 | 2 | 23.5 | 6 | 15 |

Veterans World Cup 3 Final (TD George Pyrich) started on 15/2/2014 with 13 players and it should end in late Summer 2015. There are currently 85 finished games with 20 still in progress. So far there have been only 8 conclusive games in a 15 player Final. Leader with 7.5pts from his 12 games is Lawrence Coplin (USA) but he could be overtaken by several players, with Frits Bleker IM (GRE) looking to be the best placed.

VWC4/f, Final - 4th ICCF Veterans World Cup

TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)

| Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½ | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place |
|-------------------------|-----|--------|-----|--------------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|-------|------|------|----|-------|
| 1 | USA | 511655 | IM | Rodriguez, Keith A. | 2327 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1.5 | 0 | 1.75 | 11 | 1 |
| 2 | BEL | 40429 | IM | Van tricht, Marcel | 2385 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1.5 | 0 | 1.5 | 11 | 2 |
| 3 | CZE | 130234 | | Leiner, Raimund | 2357 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 0 | 1.5 | 12 | 3 |
| 4 | GER | 85849 | SIM | Kraft, Dieter | 2466 | ½ | . | . | ½ | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 1 | 0 | 1 | 12 | 4 |
| 5 | GER | 85028 | IM | Stieger, Dr. Helmut | 2413 | . | ½ | . | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 0.5 | 0 | 0.75 | 13 | 5 |
| 6 | NED | 370283 | | Thierry, Rein D. J. | 2326 | . | . | . | ½ | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 0.5 | 0 | 0.5 | 13 | 6 |
| 7 | RUS | 141402 | IM | Kopeikin, Valentin Vasilievich | 2436 | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 8 | GER | 85722 | | Felkel, Siegfried | 2417 | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 9 | CRO | 900009 | SIM | Ljubičić, Ante | 2484 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 10 | GER | 82320 | IM | Sikorsky, Reinhard | 2405 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 11 | RUS | 140583 | IM | Shulman, Boris Yakovlevich | 2418 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 12 | RUS | 141926 | | Evgrafov, Boris Nikolaevich | 2341 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 13 | ITA | 241016 | | De Filippis, Francesco | 2415 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 14 | RUS | 141943 | IM | Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich | 2435 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |
| 15 | USA | 510993 | | Dessaules, Peter | 2352 | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | . | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 7 |

Veterans World Cup 4 Final (TD Gordon Anderson). The Final of 15 players started on 15/1/2015 with no closing date. Both SIM and IM title norms are available in this final. Only 6 games are finished so far.

VWC5/sf02, ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 - Semifinal Group 02

TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe

| Category 3 IM=8½ | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place | | |
|------------------|-----|--------|-----|---------------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|-------|------|-----|-------|-------|----|---|
| 1 | GER | 85849 | SIM | Kraft, Dieter | 2455 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | 7.5 | 4 | 39.5 | 1 | 1 |
| 2 | EST | 930112 | GM | Siigur, Jüri | 2416 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | ½ | 7.5 | 3 | 36.5 | 0 | 2 | |
| 3 | SCO | 620098 | IM | Borwell, Alan P. | 2248 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7.5 | 3 | 34.75 | 0 | 3 | |
| 4 | GER | 81368 | IM | Vetter, Gerhard | 2309 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 7 | 4 | 32 | 0 | 4 |
| 5 | BEL | 40444 | | Vertongen, Willy | 2329 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 3 | 31.5 | 0 | 5 | |
| 6 | USA | 514934 | | Cintins, Ivars | 2301 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | . | 6.5 | 3 | 38 | 2 | 6 | |
| 7 | ENG | 210108 | | Wharrier, Jo A. | 2364 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | . | . | 5.5 | 2 | 33.75 | 2 | 7 | |
| 8 | POL | 421200 | | Sanner, Zdzislaw | 2293 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | . | 1 | 5 | 1 | 26.25 | 2 | 8 | |
| 9 | RUS | 142044 | | Presnyakov, Vladimir Sergeevich | 2276 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 5 | 1 | 23.25 | 0 | 9 | |
| 10 | GER | 81514 | | Arnold, Horst | 2291 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | 4.5 | 1 | 22.75 | 2 | 10 | |
| 11 | CZE | 130482 | | Glaser, Karel | 2262 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | 4.5 | 1 | 19 | 0 | 11 | |
| 12 | RUS | 140234 | | Khorunzhy, Mikhail Filippovich | 2171 | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | . | . | . | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | 1.5 | 0 | 5.25 | 5 | 12 | |
| 13 | ESP | 160720 | | Llorach Gracia, Tomás | 2225 | 0 | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | . | . | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 1 | 0 | 4.5 | 2 | 13 | |

VWC5/sf07, ICCF Veterans World Cup 5 - Semifinal Group 07

TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe

| Category 3 IM=8½ | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place | |
|------------------|-----|--------|-----|-----------------------------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|-------|------|------|-------|-------|----|
| 1 | SCO | 211558 | | Bennett, Peter G. | 2306 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 7.5 | 3 | 30.5 | 0 | 1 |
| 2 | CRO | 900117 | | Lovaković, Franjo | 2343 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | . | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6.5 | 4 | 29.25 | 3 | 2 |
| 3 | GER | 81312 | IM | Dorer, Manfred | 2334 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 6 | 2 | 29.25 | 2 | 3 |
| 4 | AUS | 30513 | | Balutescu, Mihail Goanga | 2313 | ½ | . | . | ½ | ½ | 1 | ½ | 1 | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 5.5 | 2 | 25.5 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 | ENG | 210514 | SIM | Pheby, Ian M. | 2327 | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | . | 1 | . | ½ | 1 | 5.5 | 2 | 24 | 2 | 5 |
| 6 | RUS | 141634 | | Evstigneev, Sergey Aleksandrovich | 2344 | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | . | . | 1 | ½ | ½ | 1 | 5.5 | 2 | 23.25 | 2 | 6 |
| 7 | USA | 511655 | IM | Rodriguez, Keith A. | 2361 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | . | ½ | 1 | 5.5 | 2 | 23.5 | 1 | 7 |
| 8 | BUL | 50055 | IM | Sergiev, Stefan | 2336 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | . | 1 | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | 1 | 5 | 2 | 21.5 | 2 | 8 |
| 9 | GER | 82857 | | Zylla, Johannes | 2378 | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | . | . | ½ | ½ | 1 | . | . | . | 3.5 | 1 | 18.25 | 6 | 9 |
| 10 | LTU | 920109 | | Rimkus, Bronius I. | 2107 | 0 | 0 | ½ | ½ | 0 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | ½ | 1 | ½ | 3.5 | 1 | 13 | 0 | 10 |
| 11 | GER | 81942 | | Kühne, Ralf | 2247 | ½ | 0 | ½ | ½ | . | ½ | . | . | . | ½ | . | . | 3 | 0 | 15.25 | 5 | 11 |
| 12 | POL | 421093 | IM | Nowak, Ireneusz | 2237 | 0 | 0 | ½ | . | ½ | ½ | 0 | ½ | . | 0 | ½ | . | 2.5 | 0 | 12.5 | 3 | 12 |
| 13 | RUS | 471758 | | Silin, Viktor Aleksandrovich | 2275 | 0 | . | . | ½ | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | . | ½ | . | 1.5 | 0 | 7.25 | 5 | 13 | |

Veterans World Cup 5. There are 9 Semifinal Groups of 13 players. Alan Borwell played in Group 02, finishing with 7.5/12pts, winning 3 and drawing 9 games. Peter Bennett leads Group 07 also with final score of 7.5/12 pts. He is also unbeaten but will

have to wait until several other challenging players have finished their games before knowing if he will qualify for the VWC5 Final.

VWC6/pr18, ICCF Veterans World Cup 6 pr 18

| Rated | | | | | | TD Schwetlick, Thomas | | | | | | | | | | | | | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------|-----|--|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|----|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | |
| 1 | SCO | 620184 | SIM | Beecham, C. Richard | 2461 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 10 | 8 | 55.75 | 0 | 1 | |
| 2 | BUL | 50095 | IM | Spasov, Spas | 2159 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 8 | 6 | 42 | 0 | 2 | |
| 3 | ROU | 440491 | | Tudor, Vasile | 2162 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 5 | 42.25 | 0 | 3 | |
| 4 | RUS | 471758 | | Silin, Viktor Aleksandrovich | 2315 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 37 | 0 | 4 | |
| 5 | ESP | 160056 | | Sánchez de Ybargüen Gutiérrez, Luis F. | 2245 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 7 | 2 | 40.25 | 0 | 5 |
| 6 | FRA | 180709 | | Deneuve, Christian | 2247 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6.5 | 4 | 34 | 0 | 6 | |
| 7 | NED | 371179 | | Laan, Aad | 2000 ^P | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6.5 | 4 | 33.5 | 0 | 7 | |
| 8 | USA | 514128 | | Chilson, Steven W. | 2158 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5.5 | 4 | 24.75 | 0 | 8 | |
| 9 | USA | 514361 | | Deskin, Gary | 2027 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 5.5 | 2 | 30 | 0 | 9 | |
| 10 | CZE | 131285 | | Šindelář, František | 2011 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4.5 | 2 | 24.25 | 0 | 10 | |
| 11 | GER | 83198 | | Frenzel, Lothar | 2013 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 18.25 | 0 | 11 | |
| 12 | USA | 514852 | | Brown, Harold | 1869 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 | 15.5 | 0 | 12 | |
| 13 | POL | 420285 | | Chomicki, Henryk | 2100 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2.5 | 0 | 16 | 0 | 13 | |

VWC6/pr17, ICCF Veterans World Cup 6 pr 17

| Rated | | | | | | TD Schwetlick, Thomas | | | | | | | | | | | | | Score | Wins | SB | RG | Place | | | | |
|-------|-----|--------|----|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|------|-----|-----|-------|-------|----|----|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | | | | | | |
| 1 | RUS | 141634 | | Evstigneev, Sergey Aleksandrovich | 2316 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 6 | 49.5 | 0 | 1 | |
| 2 | SCO | 620098 | IM | Borwell, Alan P. | 2251 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 8 | 5 | 44.25 | 0 | 2 | |
| 3 | RUS | 141423 | | Gromov, Sergey Vasilievich | 2249 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 45.5 | 0 | 3 | |
| 4 | GER | 85203 | | Räßler, Arndt | 2329 | 0 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7.5 | 4 | 40.25 | 0 | 4 | |
| 5 | RUS | 142437 | | Kravetsky, Boris Ignatyevich | 2000 ^P | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1/2 | 7 | 5 | 35.25 | 0 | 5 | |
| 6 | ROU | 440161 | | Vasile, Constantin | 2172 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 1/2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6.5 | 4 | 31.75 | 0 | 6 | |
| 7 | NED | 370907 | | Vosselman, Jan M. | 2273 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 6.5 | 1 | 37 | 0 | 7 |
| 8 | BRA | 71109 | | Castor, Emiliano | 2048 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 5.5 | 1 | 29.5 | 0 | 8 | |
| 9 | GER | 81449 | | Mathias, Manfred | 2190 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1 | 5 | 1 | 27.25 | 0 | 9 | |
| 10 | NED | 370584 | | Groot, Peter J. A. | 2169 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 5 | 0 | 28.5 | 0 | 10 | |
| 11 | ROU | 440684 | | Mitica, Grigore | 2082 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 4 | 0 | 21.75 | 0 | 11 | |
| 12 | ESP | 160909 | | Puertas Covarrubias, Francisco Javier | 1857 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 3.5 | 0 | 18.25 | 0 | 12 | |
| 13 | USA | 510792 | | Weiss, Lester P. | 2043 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 1/2 | 2.5 | 0 | 13.75 | 0 | 13 | |

Veterans World Cup 6 with 42 groups started 1/9/2013 –Closing Date 28/2/15.

There are 9 Scottish CCA participants playing in 12 different preliminary groups and Richard Beecham finished in top place with a very impressive 10/12 score! Alan Borwell (8/12) has also qualified for the Semifinal stage by finishing with 8/12 pts as group runner-up on tie break, having scored 5 wins in his games. It is expected that the VWC6 Semifinals will be started in April this year.

Veterans World Cup 7 started on 1st September 2014 with 33 preliminary groups.

There are 6 Scottish CC participants playing in 8 groups. More details next time.

Veterans World Cup 8 should be announced in April/May 2015 with the likely start date being 1st September 2015. It will be organised by the English CCF.

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Black: Borwell, Alan (2248)

VWC5 SF02

Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

Although the Sicilian Sveshnikov is a heavily analysed defence, I have found it very reliable for CC games and if White does not play accurately, Black can gain the initiative in unbalanced and open positions. This game was played in the Veterans World Cup Semifinals

where winning games is a tough proposition.

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| 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 |
| 11. c3 | Bg7 |
| 12. Nc2 | fxe4 |

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| 13. a4 | Rb8 |
| 14. axb5 | axb5 |
| 15. Qe2 | O-O |
| 16. Qxe4 | f5 |
| 17. Qd3 | f4 |
| 18. h4 | |

A most interesting position, with Black having several interesting options to consider:
 18.h4 Kh8 (18...e4 19.Qd2 Be5; 18...Be6 19.f3 Rf7 20.Be2 Bf8 21.Ncb4 Nxb4 22.Nxb4 Qf6 23.Ra6 Rg7 24.Bf1 Kh8 25.Qc2 Rbb7 26.h5 Rg8 27.Qf2 Qg7 28.Ra8 Be7

29.Rxg8+ Kxg8 30.Nc6 Bf6 31.Bd3 Bc4 32.Kd2 Qc7 33.Nb4 d5 34.Qe2 Be7 35.Nc2 Ra7 36.Rd1 Bb3 37.Ra1 Rxa1 38.Nxa1 Bc4 39.b3 Bxd3 40.Qxd3 d4 41.Nc2 dxc3+ 42.Qxc3 Qd6+ 43.Ke2 Kg7=; 18...Qe8; 18...Rb7) 19.Qd2 Bb7 20.h5 Bh6 21.f3 Na5 22.Qd1 e4 23.Be2 Nb3 24.fx4 Nxa1 25.Nxa1 Re8 26.Qd3 b4 27.Nc2 Bxd5 28.Qxd5 bxc3 29.bxc3 Rb1+ 30.Bd1 Qb6

18... Kh8



19.Qd1 e4!
20.Qd2

Should have played here with last move - an important tempo for Black.

20... b4!
21.cxb4

Black now has choice of several promising moves eg 21...Bxb2, Qe8, Rf5 or Ne5. The clearest and most secure seems to be Bxb2 giving Black the advantage. A possible continuation would be 21.cxb4 Bxb2 22.Rd1 Be5 23.Bc4 Qe8 24.b5 e3 25.fx3 fxe3 26.Qxe3 Na5 27.Be2 Bg4 28.Rf1 Qh5 29.Nf4 Rxf4 30.Rxf4 Bxe2 31.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 32.Kxe2 Bxf4 33.Rd4 Be5+

21... Bxb2
22.Ra4 Be5
23.Bc4 Qd7
24.b5

24.b5 Qg7 25.f3 (25.Kf1 as in game) 25...exf3 26.0-0 Nd4 27.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 28.Kh1 fxg2+ 29.Qxg2 Qe5 30.Qe2 f3 31.Qxe5+ dxe5 32.Kh2 Bd7 33.Nc7 Rfc8 34.Nd5 Rxb5 35.Bxb5 Bxb5 36.Rxd4 Bxf1 37.Rd2 Be2 38.Ne3 Rg8 39.Kh3 h6 40.Rd7 Rg7 41.Rd8+ Kh7 42.h5 Rg1 43.Rd7+ Kh8 44.Rf7 e4 45.Rf8+ Kg7 46.Rf4 Bd3 47.Kh4 Rh1+ 48.Kg4 Rh2 49.Nd5 Bb5 50.Ne3 Re2 51.Nf5+ Kh7 52.Kg3 Bc6+

24... Qg7
25.Kd1 may be White's best.
24...Qg7 25.Kd1

a) 25.Kf1 Black now must choose between Bf5 or e3 (both rated more

than +5.0 by Houdini), with Na7, Nd8, Be6 or Bf5 being other possible moves! 25...Bf5 4.28/0 (maybe better is 25...e3 4.44/0 26.Qd1 Bf5 27.Bd3 (27.Be2 Rg8 28.Bf3 Bxc2 29.Qxc2 Nd4 30.Qe4 Nxf3 31.Qxf3 Rxb5 32.g4 Rb2 33.fx3 Qb7 34.Ra3 Rc8 35.Rd3 Qb5 with mate in a few moves) 27...Rg8 28.Ne1 exf2 29.Kxf2 Nd4 30.Bxf5 Nxf5 31.Rh3 Rxb5 32.Nxf4 Rb2+ 33.Kf1 Ng3+ 34.Rxg3 Qxg3 35.Qf3 Qh2 36.Nh3 Qh1+ 37.Ng1 Rbb8 38.Rg4 Rgf8) 26.Nxf4 Bxf4 27.Qxf4 e3 28.Qxe3 Bxc2 29.Ra2 Rbe8 30.Qd2 Be4 31.Rg1 Nd4 32.g3 Nf3 33.Qb2 Nh2+ 34.Ke2 Bd5+ 35.Kd1 Bxc4 36.Qxg7+ Kxg7 37.Ra7+ Kh6;

b) 25.Rf1 Qxg2 26.f3 exf3 27.Kd1 Be6 28.Ne1 Qg4 29.Qf2 Nd4 30.Rg1 Qh3 31.Bf1 Qf5 32.Bd3 Qf7 33.Rxd4 Bxd5 34.b6 Bb3+ 35.Kd2 Rxb6 36.Nxf3 Bd5;
25...Qxg2 26.Qe1 Nd4 27.Nxd4 Bxd4 28.Rg1 Qxf2 29.Rg5 Qf3+ 30.Qe2 Qh1+ 31.Qe1 Qxe1+ 32.Kxe1 Be5

25.Kf1 e3
26.Qe2



Now Black has at least 4 good continuations:

a) 26...Bf5 27.Bd3 Rg8 28.Ndxe3 fxe3 29.Nxe3 Bxd3 30.Qxd3 Nd4 31.Rb4 Rbc8 32.Rb1 Rgf8 33.Rh3 Qf7 34.Nd1 Rc2 35.Rf3 Nxf3 36.Qxc2 Nd4 37.Qa4 Qg6 38.Ra1 Qd3+ wins;
b) 26...f3 27.gxf3 exf2 28.Qxf2 (28.Kxf2 Bg4 29.Ra3 Nd4 30.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 31.Kf1 Rbe8 wins) 28...Nd4 29.Ra3 Be6 30.Nxd4 Bxd4 31.Qg2 Qe5 32.Qe2 Rbc8 33.Qxe5+ dxe5 34.Nb6 Bxc4+ 35.Nxc4 Rxc4 36.h5 Rc2 37.Rd3 Rb2 38.Ke1 Ra8 39.Rd1 Raa2 and mates;
c) 26...exf2;
d) 26...Nd4 27.Nxd4 Bxd4 28.f3 Bd7 29.Ra5 Qg3 30.Qe1 Rfc8 31.Qxg3 fxg3 32.Ke2 Rxc4 33.Nxe3 Rc5 34.Rd1 Rcb5 35.Ra2 Rb2+ 36.Rxb2

Rxb2+ 37.Kd3 Bc5 38.Re1 Rb3+ 39.Ke4 Rb4+ 40.Kd3 Ra4

26... Bf5
Decided to bring another piece into attack, connect rooks and threaten simplification.

27.Bd3 Rg8
Maybe Nd4 was marginally better, but I preferred this move for achieving quick end.

28.Nxe3
28.Nxe3 fxe3 29.Nxe3 Nd4 30.Rxd4 Bxd4 31.Bxf5 Bxe3 32.fxe3 (32.g4 Bxf2 33.Kxf2 Rbf8 34.Qe4 Rxf5+ 35.gxf5 Qb2+ 36.Qe2 Rg2+ 37.Kxg2 Qxe2+ wins) 32...Qa1+ 33.Qe1 Ra8 34.Rg1 Qe5 35.g4 Ra1 wins.

28... fxe3
29.Nxe3 Nd4
30.Rxd4 Bxd4
31.Bxf5 Bxe3
32.g4 Bxf2
33.Kxf2 Rbf8
34.Qf3 Rxf5
35.Qxf5

35.gxf5 would prolong the agony but Black would win the White Q after a few checks: 35.gxf5 Qb2+ 36.Ke3 Qc3+ 37.Kf2 Qd2+ 38.Kf1 Rc8 etc.

35... Rf8
36.Qxf8+ Qxf8+
0-1



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Sicilian Sveshnikov [B33]
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This game was played in VWC 7 Preliminary Groups and again the Sicilian Sveshnikov features, but this time Black is on the defensive after White sacrifices on b5 - a line which I have used several times for White but never finding more than a draw.

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.d4 cxd4
4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5
6.Ndb5 d6
7.Bg5 a6
8.Bxf6 gxf6
9.Na3 b5
10.Nd5 f5
11.Bxb5 axb5
12.Nxb5 Ra4
13.Nbc7+ Kd7
14.0-0 Rxe4

15.Qh5 Nd4
 16.c3 Ne2+
 17.Kh1 Kc6
 18.g3 Kb7
 19.a4 Rc4
 20.Nb5 Be6
 21.Rfd1 Nd4
 22.Ne3 Nxb5
 23.Nxc4 Nxc3
 24.bxc3 Bxc4
 25.Qxf5 Kc7
 26.Qe4 Ba6



27.Rab1 Be7 28.Kg1 Qa8 29.Qb4
 Rb8 30.Qa5+ Kc8 31.Rxb8+ Kxb8
 32.Rb1+ Kc8 33.Rb6 Bb7 34.Qxa8+
 Bxa8 35.a5 Kc7 36.h4 Bc6
 27... Bb7
 28.Qc4+ Bc6
 29.Qxf7+ Be7
 30.a5 Qf8
 31.Qxf8 Rxf8
 32.c4 Kb7
 33.Rab1+ Ka7
 34.Re1 Rf7
 35.c5 d5
 36.Rxe5 Bxc5



37.Re2
 Important for Black to retain d pawn
 as h pawn + b is wrong colour for h1
 square ie B+RP v K will be draw.

37... d4
 38.Re5 Bf8
 39.Kf1 d3
 40.Ke1 Bg7
 41.Rc5 Bf3
 42.Kd2 Rd7
 43.g4 Bxg4
 44.f4 Bf8
 45.Rcb5 Be2
 46.Rf5 Ba3
 47.h4 Rc7
 48.Rd5 Rc2+

Must keep white squared bishop to
 help the h-pawn.

Must not allow Bxd3 leaving drawn
 wrong B and h-pawn ending.
 49.Ke1
 Now an important moment with
 several options: Bc1, Bc5, Rc4 or h5.

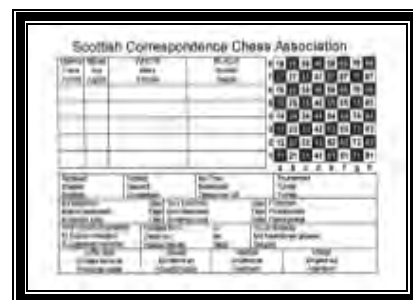
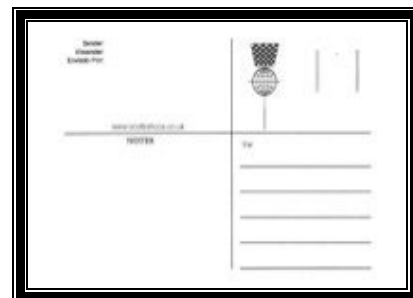
49... Bc1
 50.Rd7+ Ka6
 51.Rd8 Bb2
 52.f5 Bg4
 53.Rxd3 Bc3+
 54.Rxc3 Rxc3
 55.f6 Re3+
 56.Kd2 Rf3
 57.Rb8 Rxf6
 58.Ra8+ Kb5
 59.Rg8 h5
 60.Rg5+
 60.Rb8+ Kxa5 61.Ke3 Rb6 62.Ra8+
 Kb5 63.Kf4 Kc5 64.Ra5+ Kd4
 65.Ra4+ Kd5 66.Kg3 Ke5 67.Ra5+
 Kf6 68.Ra4 Rb3+ 69.Kf4 Rf3+
 70.Ke4 Rh3 71.Kf4 Rxh4 72.Kg3
 Rh3+ 73.Kf4 Rb3 74.Ra6+ Be6
 75.Ra4 h4 76.Re4 h3 77.Re2 Rb4+
 78.Kg3 Bf5 79.Rf2 Kg5 80.Re2
 Rg4+ 81.Kh2 Kh4 82.Re3 Rg2+
 83.Kh1 Rb2 84.Kg1 Bg4 85.Rd3
 Kg5 86.Kh1 Kf4 87.Rd4+ Kg3
 88.Rd3+ Bf3+
 60... Rf5
 61.Ke3 Rxc5
 62.hxc5 Bf5
 63.Kf3 Kxa5

0-1



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1.e4 c5 2.b4

Entries by 15 April; plays starts 1 May

Theme 4/15: Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation, C68

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6

Entries by 15 September; play starts 1 October

Webserver Events 2015

Theme 3/15: Myers Opening, A10

1.c4 g5 2.d4 Bg7

Entries by 1 April; plays starts 15 April

Theme 4/15: Alekhine, B02

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6

Entries by 15 May; plays starts 1 June

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