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Picture by Derek MacIver



Welcome to the second edition of the 2015 magazine set, a diverse collection of reports, reviews, annotated games and, somewhat daringly, chess poetry! We've passed the longest day of the year now, but nobody knows whether we've had summer yet or not. Some knowledge can only be gleaned retrospectively in Scotland.

We held our AGM recently, so, in customary fashion, we bring you the minutes of that event plus Gordon Anderson's financial summary for 2014-15. We welcome Professor Alastair Dawson to our committee in 2015-16.

Despite being besieged by holidaying grandchildren in his Murcia stronghold, El Pyrich has managed to analyse the third ICCF rating list of 2015 for us.

Our Games Column once again has some very good annotated offerings, including contributions by Raymond Burrige, Bruce Kover, Tom Matheis, Eoin Campbell, David Cumming, Geoff Lloyd and Richard Beecham.

Peter Bennett has turned from prose to poetry on this occasion, and the surrounding pictures look quite good too!

Jorge kindly provides us with an e-book review in addition to his fulsome international report. The latter includes games by Raymond Burrige and a debut by Martin Hardwick.

Alan Borwell is fully back in harness and provides a further extensive report on the status of the ICCF Veterans' World Cups, including one of his own annotated games.

The 2015 ICCF Congress is being held in Cardiff during August, and we bring you a brief summary of the proposals to be voted on and of those seeking election to the ICCF Executive Board. George will be there as ICCF Financial Director as well as SCCA Delegate, and both Gordon Anderson and Kevin Paine plan to exploit their relative proximity to attend also.

Just before going to press, I was pleased to hear that Robert Montgomery of Livingston had won the 2014-15 SCCA Championship. More details on the Notices pages, and many congratulations to Robert!

SCCA Membership

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

Life: £100 gets you annual membership for the rest of your days (plus a year's worth of printed magazines to try out).

Patron: £125 (+ any further donation you care to make) gets you life membership and your name on something commemorative.

SCCA 100 Club

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

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

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

Recent 100 Club Winners

2015	1st	2nd
June	I Mackintosh	L R McKenzie
May	J Anderson	D Carswell
April	Mrs D Livie	S R Mannion

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



ICCF World Cup 21



Mariusz Wojnar, the Polish ICCF Delegate and Tournament Organiser, writes to announce that World Cup 21 will start on 1st October, 2015, with the closing date for entries 1st September.

As with previous World Cups, the event will be organised in three stages: Preliminaries, Semi-finals and Final. The Preliminaries will complete on 1st May 2017; the Semi-finals are expected to start on 1st September 2017 and the Finals are expected to start on 1st September 2019. Books and chess materials will be available as prizes for the Preliminaries and Semi-finals, with cash prizes available for the Final.

Players may enter for an unlimited number of Preliminary groups, but have no more than two places in the Semi-finals and one in the Final. Players who qualified for World Cup 19 and 20 Finals will be entitled to play in the Semi-final stage of World Cup 21 and the winners of WC 19 and 20 Finals will be eligible to participate in World Cup Final 21.

Players may enter through their National Federations (the SCCA entry fee per section is £8.50) or, where eligible, via the ICCF Direct Entry system. For further information and to register, please contact George Pyrich on international@scottishcca.co.uk before mid-August.

ICCF Veterans' World Cup 8



Richard Hall, president of EFCC (the English CC Federation), writes to announce that VWC8 will start on 1st September, 2015, with the closing date for entries 1st August. As with previous VWCs, the event will be organised in three stages, which will

allow several players from each group stage to advance to the Semi-finals and Final.

The number of promotions will depend on total entries received, but it is envisaged that groups at each stage will comprise 13 players (12 games) played by webserver with a rate of play of 10 moves in 40 days. Playing time in each stage will be 18 months, with a fixed closing date specified at the outset.

VWCs are open to all players who are 60 years old or more at the start date of the tournament. Although the number of preliminary groups which each player may enter is unlimited, no player will qualify for more than two Semi-final groups or more than one place in the Final. Players may enter through their National Federations (the SCCA entry fee per section is £8.50) or, where eligible, via the ICCF Direct Entry system. For further information and to register, please contact George Pyrich on international@scottishcca.co.uk before mid-July.

ICCF 2015 World Championship Candidates



Gian-Maria Tani, ICCF Title Tournaments Commissioner, writes to announce the candidates stage of the 35th World Championship which will start on 20th September. The following players are eligible for the 35th candidates:

- the participants of one of the previous or running finals who scored at least 50% of the possible points.
- the participants in one of the previous or running candidates stage who finished in 2nd place (in the exceptional event of only one qualifying place for the final being available), 3rd or 4th place, or scored at least 60% of the possible points but did not qualify for the final.
- the first and second placed players in every semi-final group.
- the first and second placed players in a final of the ICCF World Cup tournament.
- the first and second placed players from the acknowledged Zonal Championships of Category IX or higher.
- all previous World Correspondence Chess champions.
- the holders of the Grandmaster Title with at least 5 Grandmaster norms
- those players who have a fixed rating of 2600 and above, as at July 1, 2014, or from the current FIDE list.

Candidates sections normally have 13 players with the possibility for the TTC to extend them to 15 or 17 players (or reduce to 11 players) if appropriate in special situations. Normally, only four Candidates sections are started each year with 1st & 2nd qualifying for a final.

Registration completes on 19th August, so please email George Pyrich on international@scottishcca.co.uk before 12th August, for further details and to register your interest.

SCCA 100 Club



Treasurer Gordon Anderson writes:

A number of members have actively subscribed to the Association's 100 club for a number of years and these contributions are very much appreciated. Recently, 3 long standing subscribers have retired and decided that they will no longer contribute to the 100 club. We urgently need some new subscribers.

If you have not been a subscriber or have previously subscribed but allowed your subscription to lapse, why not take up a unit or two or indeed three units (always happy to accept subscriptions for more units)?

If you are interested please contact Gordon on treasurer@scottishcca.co.uk for more information. The usual method of subscribing is monthly standing order which spreads the annual cost.

2nd International Clergy Polish CC Championship



Jana Kochanowskiego.



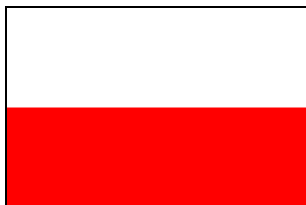
Mariusz Wojnar, the Polish ICCF delegate, writes to invite entries to the 2nd International Clergy Polish CC Championship.

This event is open to clergymen worldwide who have a passion for chess.

The intention is to run a round-robin format, but this may be modified to a Scheveningen/Swiss if sufficient entries are received.

The medium is webserver with an incremental rate of play (initial time: 10 days per game plus increment: 1 move in 3 days with duplication after 20 days; 20 days leave per year, no special leave).

Entry is free. Registration closes 31st August; play starts 15th September. If you are interested, please contact George Pyrich on international@scottishcca.co.uk before 15th August..



SCCA Championship 2014-15



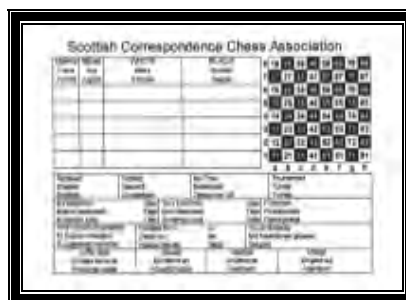
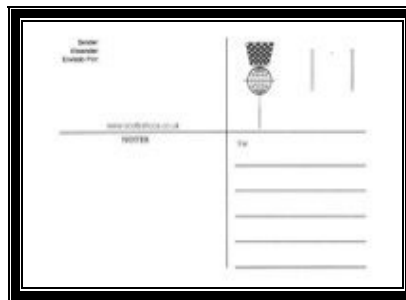
Robert Montgomery has won the SCCA Championship for the first time after a tie-break was needed to separate the top three players. Robert finished with 6/10, as did Eoin Campbell and Geoff Lloyd.

We haven't had many tied finishes in the Championship over the years, and our practice historically was to share the title.

However, in the webserver era, tournament organisers can elect to choose a tie-break method and the Baumbach system (most wins) was employed to decide the outcome.

So, many congratulations to the man from Livingston whose performances in this event in recent years make him a deserving winner! Commiserations to Eoin and Geoff, who both played fine chess!

CC Postcards



The SCCA has a stock of cc postcards showing the SCCA logo and website address. They are suitable for domestic and international use (English, German and Spanish used).

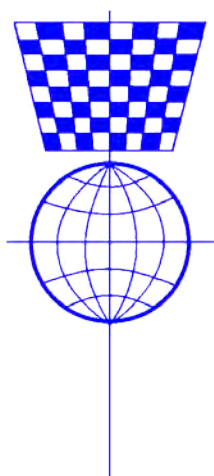
Orders in units of 100 please. The cards are supplied at their production cost (£2.50/100) and p&p is also required.

Orders and payments to Iain Mackintosh at chess@iainmack.co.uk please. Royal Mail prices rose in April 2015, so check current p&p prices with Iain first.



AGM 2015

By Iain Mackintosh



- Meeting:** The 38th AGM of the Scottish Correspondence Chess Association.
- Venue:** Sunday 21st June, 2015, 4pm at Perth and by Skype.
- Present:** Iain Mackintosh (Chair), Gordon Anderson, Alan Borwell, Alastair Dawson, Kevin Paine, George Pyrich (all Skype).
- Apologies:** Jim Anderson.

Minutes of the 37th AGM

On the proposal of Gordon Anderson seconded by George Pyrich the minute of the meeting held on 8th June 2014 was accepted as an accurate record and approved.

Matters arising from the 37th AGM

None.

President's Remarks

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

The 2013-14 Championship was won outright by David Cumming (7/8). The 2014-15 Championship is building to an exciting climax, with Eoin Campbell, Geoff Lloyd and Robert Montgomery all in close contention. Raymond BurrIDGE won both 2014 Premier sections outright, scoring 4½/5 in both. Robert Gilbert again won the Open with a score of 9½/10, narrowly missing the 100% Club. Raymond BurrIDGE collected the Challengers' medal. Social Stars and Hounds of the Scheming Mind shared the spoils with 10/16 in division 1 of the Webserver League, while Civil Service A won division 2 (13/16). BCCA A triumphed in the Postal League with 7½/10. The 3rd Webserver Open has progressed to the finals of its two competitions (<2000 and 2000+). The 2nd Annual Best Game Prize was adjudicated by Richard Beecham and won by Charles O'Neill-McAleenan. Gordon Anderson and Kevin Paine were awarded IA titles after their work in the ICCF Veterans' World Cups organised by the SCCA.

Internationally, we continued to participate actively in both team and individual events (refer George's report below).

Once more the SCCA has been indebted to its hard-working committee members and tournament directors, all of whom deserve great praise for their efforts and commitment. David Savage was awarded an engraved quaich for his long and distinguished service in organising the Postal League.

Secretary's Report

No formal secretary's report had been received. Membership renewals were initially slightly down, but recovered after reminders were issued. Life and patron memberships remained steady while donations increased. Our website hosting was very reliable and some content changes were made to improve navigation. We introduced a Facebook page which can be accessed at: <http://facebook.com/scottishcca> and which has attracted a respectable worldwide following. The online magazine was produced on schedule all year, while subscribers to the printed version held steady.

Treasurer's Report

Gordon Anderson presented a full set of accounts and once again expressed his thanks to Alan Hind for an efficient audit. We ended the year to 31st March 2015 showing a surplus of £272 (2014: £142) and net assets of £10,754 (2014: £10,482).

The Accounts reveal a satisfactory financial position. Income in the 12 month period amounted to £2,392 (2014: £2,584), the main contributors to the fall in income being reduced subscriptions to the 100 Club, a reduction in income from entries to ICCF competitions and no costs being incurred with our website ISP Connection fees (donated). The falls in income in these areas was offset a little by increases in donations received, bank interest and magazine income.

Expenditure in the year was £2,120 (2014: £2,443). The reduction in expenditure results from a significant reduction in the costs incurred for prizes, reductions in monies paid to ICCF in respect of tournament entries, and reduced postage for the SCCA magazine. These reductions were offset to some extent by our donations to both the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation in respect of the ICCF Congress to be hosted by the WCCF this year and a donation to Chess Scotland to assist with the funding of the Glorney Cup which they recently hosted.

Our overall financial position remains very acceptable. Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to Gordon and Alan Hind which was agreed by all. Gordon moved adoption of the audited accounts, seconded by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.

International Secretary's Report

George Pyrich reported that we are currently lying 11th in the semi-finals of the 10th European Team Championships. We have entered the 6th Champions League, fielding the Lewis Chessmen and Scottish Claymores teams. The Scottish Claymores (different team) finished 4th in their section of the European Postal Cup, narrowly missing out on a final spot.

New friendly matches were started against Switzerland, Iceland, Wales, NatCor (affiliated to EFCC) and Netherlands. Our form has reverted to type, with no wins in the last year! We continue to supply individual entries to a broad range of ICCF events, with the 8th Veterans World Cup and 21st World Cup being the most recent.

Through Alan Borwell, we continue to organise and sponsor cycles 2-4 of the ICCF Veterans' World Cup. VWC2 is now complete and was won by 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 Quaichs presented by the Scottish CCA. Cycles 3-4 are proceeding to schedule.

The 2015 ICCF Congress will be held in Cardiff from 16th to 22nd August. In addition to ICCF business, a meeting is scheduled between representatives of the 3 UK National Federations which will discuss the format and organisation of future British events including the British championships.

Iain Mackintosh proposed a vote of thanks to George which was unanimously agreed. Alan Borwell moved adoption of George's report, seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously agreed.

Election of Office Bearers

The following were re-elected to office for 2015-16, proposed en bloc by George Pyrich and seconded by Alan Borwell:

Office	Name
President	Iain Mackintosh
Vice President	George Pyrich
International Secretary	George Pyrich
Secretary	See note *
Treasurer	Gordon Anderson
Membership Officer	Kevin Paine
Committee Members	Alan Borwell Jim Anderson

* No nomination received. Kevin Paine (enquiries), Jim Anderson (domestic events) and Iain Mackintosh (minutes) will continue to provide interim cover.

Professor Alastair Dawson was proposed as a new member of committee by Iain Mackintosh, seconded by Gordon Anderson and unanimously elected.

Appointment of Auditor

Alan Hind was proposed by Gordon Anderson, seconded by Alastair Dawson, and duly reappointed.

Subscriptions

Gordon Anderson proposed no change to domestic membership and entry fees for 2015-16. This was seconded by Kevin Paine and unanimously agreed. Further reductions in ICCF fees are proposed for the Cardiff Congress and, if adopted, we expect to implement them with effect from January 2016.

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A vote of thanks to the chair was proposed by Alan Borwell and unanimously agreed.



SCCA Accounts 2014-15

By Gordon Anderson

2013-14			Profit & Loss	2014-15		
Income	Expenses	Net		Income	Expenses	Net
			General			
252.00			Annual Members (@£7)	168.00		
0.00			Life Members (@£100)	100.00		
0.00			Patron Members (@£125)	0.00		
232.00			Donations	272.00		
0.00	0.00		Chess Scotland Grant/Donation	0.00	250.00	
	0.00		Welsh CCF Donation		500.00	
80.46			Bank Interest	114.52		
	3.00		Committee Expenses		0.00	
	40.00		Chess Scotland Affiliation Fee		45.00	
	61.74		ICCF Affiliation Fee		56.06	
	70.00	<u>389.72</u>	Auditor's Fee		70.00	<u>-266.54</u>
			Domestic Competitions			
36.00			Individual Entry Fees	36.00		
122.00			Team League Fees	126.00		
	0.00		ICCF Webserver Fees		0.00	
	826.00		Prizes & Trophies		118.35	
	0.00	<u>-668.00</u>	Controllers' Expenses		0.00	<u>43.65</u>
			International Competitions			
0.00		<u>0.00</u>	International Match Fees	0.00		<u>0.00</u>
			ICCF Competitions			
561.00	608.11		Individual & Team Fees	439.50	381.97	
	0.00	<u>-47.11</u>	Bank Transfer Fees		0.00	<u>57.53</u>
			Magazine			
108.00			New Magazine Email (@£3)	72.00		
50.00			New Magazine Printed (@£5)	100.00		
	186.00	<u>-28.00</u>	Printing & Postage		150.30	<u>21.70</u>
			Website			
108.00	108.00		ISP Connection Fees (Donation)	0.00	0.00	
0.00	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	Domain Registration (Donation)	8.38	8.38	<u>0.00</u>
			100 Club			
1035.00			Units Bought	956.00		
	540.00		Prizes		540.00	
	0.00	<u>495.00</u>	Repayment of Units		0.00	<u>416.00</u>
			Other			
0.00	0.00		Miscellaneous	0.00	0.00	
	0.00	<u>0.00</u>	ICCF Delegate Travel		0.00	<u>0.00</u>
<u>2584.46</u>	<u>2442.85</u>	<u>141.61</u>	Surplus/Deficit	<u>2392.40</u>	<u>2120.06</u>	<u>272.34</u>

Balance Sheet 2014-15

Bank Summary	Opening	Payins	Withdrawn	Written Off	Transfers	Closing	2013-14
BoS Current	3913.88	2053.88	4585.06	0.00	0.00	1382.70	
Barclays	8216.80	2614.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	10831.32	
	12130.68	4668.40	4585.06	0.00	0.00	<u>12214.02</u>	<u>12130.68</u>

Net Opening/Closing **83.34**

Liabilities	Creditor	Debtor		
Accrued Prizes – ICCF VWC3	250.00			
Accrued Prizes – ICCF VWC4	250.00			
100 Club Prizes Uncashed	90.00			
Cheque 10521 Unpresented	30.00			
Cheque 10527 Unpresented	140.00			
Accrued Prizes - SCCA Web Open	700.00			
Subtotals/Net	<u>1460.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>		
	0			

Net Assets at March 31, 2015 **10754.02** **10481.68**

Capital Account

Balances b/f		9481.68	9340.07
Surplus/Deficit		272.34	141.61
Subtotal		<u>9754.02</u>	<u>9481.68</u>
Less Allocation to Development Account		0.00	0.00
Balances c/f		<u>9754.02</u>	<u>9481.68</u>

Development Account

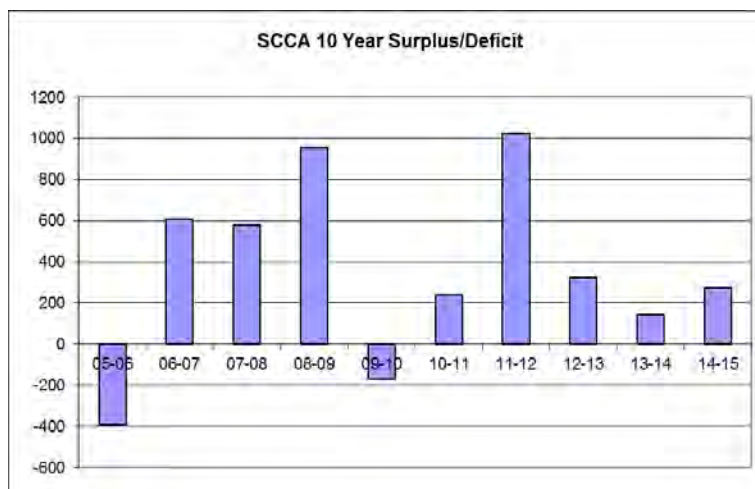
Balance b/f		1000.00	1000.00
Allocation from Capital Account		0.00	0.00
		<u>1000.00</u>	<u>1000.00</u>

Account Totals **10754.02** **10481.68**

Auditor's Report

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

Alan Hind, May 2015.





2015/3 Grading List

By George Pyrich

The third ICCF grading list of 2015 has been published and the new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 March and 31 May 2015. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 July and 30 September 2015.

There were no additions or deletions in this list. Membership numbers are retained for easy reinstatement should any previously removed players return to the board.

Kevin Paine moved into the 2300+ grading band for the first time on this list – well done to him!

More century games milestones were reached in this quarter. Andrew Macmillen went past 700 games; Ian Marshall is now a 500+ veteran; while Stephen Clark and Douglas Harvey notched up their first centuries.

Our resident games guzzlers were again very active, with Raymond Burr ridge completing 54 ties, just ahead of Martin Hardwick on 50. Carlos Almarza Mato (41), Eoin Campbell (36) and David Cumming (32) all kept pretty busy.

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	971	2165 ↓	1013	Hilton, S H	131	1623 ↓
518	Anderson, G M (SM)	269	2314 ↑	447	Jamieson, I M	82	1918 ↔
121	Anderson, J	250	1720 ↑	322	Jessing, M	29	2083 ↔ *
049	Armstrong, A	173	1892 ↔	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	317	2316 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	294	1651 ↑	260	Knox, A	177	1538 ↓
511	Beecham, C R (IM)	398	2464 ↓	1117	Laing, D	24	2100 ↔ *
599	Bell, A D (SM)	168	2403 ↓	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	698	2263 ↓
501	Bennett, P G (SM)	290	2362 ↓	471	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	44	2108 ↓
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	984	2282 ↑	584	MacGregor, C A	372	1864 ↓
424	Burr ridge, R J	788	2058 ↓	532	Mackintosh, I (IM)	622	2421 ↓
435	Cairney, J	62	2076 ↔	216	MacMillen, A N	716	1715 ↑
601	Campbell, E S	249	2186 ↓	566	Marshall, I H	502	2085 ↑
038	Campbell, I S	269	1841 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	196	2449 ↔
	Clark, S L	106	2089 ↑	412	McKinstry, J	86	1544 ↓
364	Coope, D W	666	1894 ↓	401	Moir, P J	175	1613 ↑
247	Cormack, W H	94	1917 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	251	2271 ↑
527	Craig, T J (SM)	372	2323 ↓	564	Murray, J S	44	1997 ↑
166	Cumming, D R (SM)	945	2386 ↑	440	Neil, C	159	1544 ↑
470	Davis, A	14	1544 ↔ *	429	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	117	2022 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G	88	2047 ↑	444	Paine, Dr K A	157	2304 ↑
572	Dempster, D	760	1828 ↑	315	Petrie, A	98	1513 ↓
371	Edney, D	197	1986 ↑	432	Price, D	295	2061 ↓
372	Flockhart, H	29	2134 ↔ *	048	Pyrich, G D (IM)	930	2153 ↓
459	Fraser, R A	60	1853 ↔	357	Robson, A C W	14	1355 ↓ *
462	Gilbert, R	80	1769 ↓		Sedstrem, A	20	1686 ↓ *
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	139	2275 ↔	439	Smith, M J	43	1956 ↑
551	Giulian, P M (SIM)	473	2398 ↔	463	Smith, P R	46	1737 ↔
124	Goodwin, B J	283	1910 ↓	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	164	2101 ↑
445	Graham, S (SM)	354	2202 ↔	1120	Taylor, W	52	2030 ↑
399	Grant, J	41	1761 ↓	452	Toye, D T	77	1582 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	580	1480 ↓	530	Watson, J (IM)	148	2297 ↔
063	Harvey, D	100	2062 ↓				

Statistical Analysis

Total listed	63
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	57
Provisional grades (<30 games)	6
Grading increases (↑)	21
Grading decreases (↓)	27
Grading static (↔)	15

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2464	Lloyd, G (SM)	2263
Matheis, T (IM)	2449	Graham, S (SM)	2202
Mackintosh, I (IM)	2421	Campbell, E S	2186
Bell, A D (SM)	2403	Almarza Mato, C	2165
Giulian, P M (SIM)	2398	Pyrich, G D (IM)	2153
Cumming, D R (SM)	2386	Macgilchrist, Mrs S	2108
Bennett, P G (SM)	2362	Stewart, Dr K W C	2101
Craig, T J (SM)	2323	Clark, S L	2089
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2316	Marshall, I H	2085
Anderson, G M (SM)	2314	Cairney, J	2076
Paine, Dr K A	2304	Harvey, D	2062
Watson, J (IM)	2297	Price, D	2061
Borwell, A P (IM)	2282	Burrige, R J	2058
Gillam, S R (SM)	2275	Dawson, Prof A G	2047
Montgomery, R S	2271	Taylor, W	2030

Top 30 Rated Games

Borwell, A P (IM)	984	MacGregor, C A	372
Almarza-Mato, C	971	Graham, S (SM)	354
Cumming, D R (SM)	945	Kilgour, D A (GM)	317
Pyrich, G D (IM)	930	Price, D	295
Burrige, R J	788	Armstrong, J McK	294
Dempster, D	760	Bennett, P G (SM)	290
MacMillen, A N	716	Goodwin, B J	283
Lloyd, G (SM)	698	Anderson, G M (SM)	269
Coope, D W	666	Anderson, J	269
Mackintosh, I (IM)	622	Montgomery, R S	251
Hardwick, M E	580	Campbell, E S	249
Marshall, I H	502	Edney, D	197
Giulian, P M (SIM)	473	Matheis, T (IM)	196
Beecham, C R (SIM)	398	Moir, P J	175
Craig, T J (SM)	372	Armstrong, A	173

Other Notes

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

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

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

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

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



Games Column

By Bernard Milligan

A slightly smaller column this time, partly due to pressure on space, but also not so many games submitted this quarter – try some annotating while dodging the thunderstorms!

Here are a couple of fine wins from Raymond Burrige, both played in the BCCA Postal Championship of 2014-15.

White: Burrige, Raymond (2054)

Black: Finnie, Doug (2073)

BCCA Postal Championship Final 2014-15

Sicilian Pelikan [B33]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

1.e4	c5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	e5
5.Nb5	d6
6.N1c3	

Or 6.c4 Be7 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 with a Maroczy-style bind.

6...	a6
7.Na3	b5
8.Nd5	Nf6
9.Bg5	Be7
10.Bxf6	Bxf6
11.c3	0-0
12.Nc2	Be6
13.a4	Bxd5
14.exd5	Ne7



Although White still had to complete his king-side development and with opposite-coloured bishops, I felt there were possibilities based around the c6 square and the a-file/queen-side in general.

15.axb5	Qb6
16.Nb4	axb5
17.Rxa8	Rxa8
18.Bd3	Ng6
19.0-0	Nf4

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20.Be4	Qc5
21.g3	Ng6
22.Qd3	Bd8
23.Kg2	Bb6
24.Qf3	Rf8
25.Qf5	Qc4
26.Bd3	

Gaining time to rearrange my pieces with an eye on the b5 pawn.

26...	Qc5
27.h4	Rd8
28.h5	Nf8
29.Qf3	Ra8
30.Nc6	Bd8



I was threatening to win the Black queen by 31.b4, now the pawn on b5 falls, giving White both a material and space advantage on the queen-side.

31.b4	Qb6
32.Qe2	Nd7
33.Bxb5	Bg5
34.Na5	Nf6
35.Bc6	Rb8

Now I can lay claim to the a-file and then penetrate the 7th rank.

36.Nc4	Qd8
37.Ra1	h6
38.Ra7	

And Black resigned. White will eventually be in a position to promote the b-pawn.

1-0



White: Burrige, Raymond (2054)

Black: Biddulph, David (1869)

BCCA Postal Championship Final 2014-15

Sicilian Najdorf [B98]

[Notes by Raymond Burrige]

1.e4	c5
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2.Nf3	d6
3.d4	cxd4
4.Nxd4	Nf6
5.Nc3	a6
6.Bg5	e6
7.f4	Nbd7

One of many main options Black has here. The others include:

(a) 7...b5 (Polugaevsky variation);
 (b) 7...Qb6 (Poisoned pawn);
 (c) 7...Be7 (Main line).

8.Qf3	Be7
9.Bc4	0-0
10.0-0-0	h6
11.Bh4	Rb8
12.Rhe1	Nb6

I was a bit surprised with this knight move after playing Rb8 on the previous move.

13.Bb3	Nfd7
14.Bxe7	Qxe7
15.g4	Nc5
16.Rg1	Nxb3+
17.axb3	Bd7
18.Qe3	Na8



19.g5

Time to open up the g-file for a decisive attack.

19...	hxg5
20.Rxg5	Rfc8
21.Nf5	exf5
22.Nd5	Qe6
23.Qd4	g6
24.exf5	Rxc2+

Black can't avoid loss of material or getting mated.

25.Kxc2	Qe2+
26.Rd2	Bxf5+
27.Rxf5	

And Black resigned.

1-0



BCCA/P/Chp/2014, BCCA Postal Championship 2014/15

					TD Limbert, Neil (IA)																
Rated					1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1	ENG	211649	Coyne, David W.	2303			1	½	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	8	33	0	1
2	ENG	210787	McLaughlin, Keith W.	2384	½	0			½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	7	28.25	0	2
3	SCO	620635	Burrige, Raymond John	2054	1	0	0	½			½	½	1	½	1	1	6	4	22	0	3
4	ENG	219038	Mann, Richard	2128 ^S	0	0	0	0	½	½			1	1	1	½	4.5	3	11.5	0	4
5	ENG	211741	Finnie, D. J.	2073	0	0	0	0	½	0	0	0			1	½	2	1	4.5	0	5
6	ENG	210636	Biddulph, D.	1869	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	0		1	0	3.25	0	6	

X^S = start rating

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Not finished: 0, Adjudication pending: 0, Finished: 30

Sorted by place. Click to sort by start list order.

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Raymond finished third in this event and, as you can see from the x-table commentary, he also sponsored it!

Now George Pyrich provides light annotations for a game played in the 3rd Webserver Open preliminary stages.

White: Kover, Prof. Bruce (2186)

Black: Matheis, Thomas (2436)

SCCA 3rd WS Open ICCF, 2014

King's Indian [E99]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

Tom Matheis was a convincing winner of Section A2 producing a thematic King's Indian win here.

- 1.d4 g6
- 2.c4 Bg7
- 3.Nc3 d6
- 4.e4 Nf6
- 5.Nf3 0-0
- 6.Be2 e5
- 7.0-0 Nc6
- 8.d5 Ne7
- 9.Ne1 Nd7
- 10.f3 f5
- 11.Be3 f4
- 12.Bf2 g5
- 13.Nd3 Nf6
- 14.c5 Ng6
- 15.Rc1 Rf7
- 16.a4 Bf8
- 17.a5 h5



18.Kh1?!

This seems rather a strange choice. [As it happens Tom showed his versatility playing this position with White against Robert Montgomery in this same event with the continuation 18.Nb5 g4 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Nxa7 Robert played the unexpected 20...gxf3?! when after (when instead of 20...Bd7 21.Bb6 Qe8 22.Ne1 (22.Qb3 allows 22...h4 although 23.Nf2 might be a strong reply) 22...Be7 and the B comes to d8) 21.Bxf3 White had no problems, winning at move 42; 18.a6 has also been tried here. However it would have been interesting had Bruce also played 18.Nb5!]

- 18... g4
- 19.a6 g3
- The thematic King's Indian break. Instead, 19...bxa6 20.Nb4!? is unclear.
- 20.axb7
- 20.hxg3 f3 21.Bxg3 h4 22.Bf2 Nh5 with good play for the pawn.
- 20... Bxb7
- 21.Be1
- 21.Bg1 justifies his 18th but after 21...gxh2 22.Bxh2 Rg7 with h4 and Nh5 to follow Black stands well.
- 21... Bc8
- 22.Qb3
- 22.h3? Bxh3! 23.gxh3 Qc8 causes White serious problems.
- 22... gxh2
- 23.cxd6 cxd6
- 24.Nb4 h4
- 25.Nc6 Qe8



- 26.Bb5 Nh5
- 27.Kxh2 a6
- 28.Bc4 Ng3
- 29.Rg1 Rh7
- 30.Ne2 Qd7
- 31.Rh1 h3
- 32.Bxg3 Qg7
- 33.Kg1 f3
- 34.gxh3 Nh4

Now Black can do whatever he pleases - say Qg5 with Bh6 and Qe3+

- 35.f4 exf4
- 36.Ned4 f3
- 37.Nxf3 Qf6

Now, not waiting for 38.Ncd4 Rb7 with Rxb2, White resigned.

0-1



Now, a well-played encounter by Eoin Campbell in the recently concluded SCCA Championship.

White: Campbell, Eoin (2000)
Black: Cumming, David (2313)
 SCCA Championship 2014-15
 Modern Benoni [A70]
 [Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 Nf6
 2.c4 c5
 3.d5 e6
 4.Nc3 exd5
 5.cxd5 d6
 6.e4 g6

7.Bd3

7.f4 leading to the four pawns attack, is the sharpest line for White.;

7.Nf3 leads to the classical system.

7... Bg7

8.h3 0-0

9.Nf3 Nh5



10.Bg5!?

10.0-0 is the popular choice here.

10... Qa5?!N

10...Bf6 is the main alternative, with a decent score for Black.

11.0-0

White has a plus after the opening exchanges and maintains it with direct play.

11... Nf6

12.Bf4 Ne8

13.Re1 Nd7

14.Nb5 Qb6

15.Qb3 Ne5

16.Nxe5 Bxe5

17.Bxe5 dxe5

18.Qc3 Bd7

19.Na3

19.a4 looks plausible also, but White is eyeing c4 for the knight]

19... f6

20.Nc4 Qc7

21.a4 b6

22.Rec1 Rc8

23.b4 cxb4

24.Qb2

Presumably not wanting the Black queen to get to c5.

24... Qd8

25.Qxb4 Rf7

26.Bc2 Rg7

27.Bb3 h5

28.a5 b5

29.Nb2 Kh7

Safest.

30.Nd3 Qe7

31.Rc5 a6

Black has limited opportunity for counterplay, so 31...f5 might have been worth a try.

32.Rac1 Rd8?!

32...Ra8 immediately seems to save a tempo.



33.Qe1!

Enabling c-file operations and the intrusion of the knight.

33... Ra8

34.R5c2 Nd6

35.Nc5 Bc8

36.Ne6 Bxe6

Only move.

37.dxe6 Nc4

38.Bxc4 bxc4

39.Rxc4 Qxe6

Equal material, but White is clearly winning.

40.Rc6 Qe7

41.Rb6 Rf7

42.Rcc6 Qd8

43.Rd6 Qf8

44.Qe2 h4

45.Qg4 Rd8

46.Rdc6 Kg7

Black could resign here.

46...g5 47.Qf5+ Kh8 48.Rxf6 etc.

47.Qxh4 Rc8

48.Rxa6 Rxc6

49.Rxc6 Qa8

50.Rc5 Qd8

51.Qg4 Qd2

52.Qf3 Qb2

53.Qd3 Ra7

54.Qd8 Qb1+

55.Kh2 Qxe4

56.Rc7+ Rxc7

57.Qxc7+ Kh6

58.a6 Qf4+

59.Kg1 Qa4

60.a7 Qd1+

61.Kh2 Qa4

62.Qc5

1-0



From the same event, the experienced Geoff Lloyd was too strong for Raymond Burridge.

White: Lloyd, Geoffrey (2276)

Black: Burridge, Raymond (2048)

SCCA Championship 2014-15

QGD [D06]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 Nf6

2.Nf3 d5

3.e3 Bf5

4.c4 e6

5.Nc3 Be7

6.Nh4 Bg6

7.Nxg6 hxg6

8.Qb3 b6

9.cxd5 exd5

10.g3N

10.Be2 was Dehsedin-Larmuseau, Le Touquet, 2008, 1-0 after 69 moves.]

10... c6

11.Bg2 Nbd7

12.0-0 0-0

13.e4 dxe4

14.Nxe4 Rc8

15.Be3 Nd5

16.Bd2 N5f6?!

16...N7f6 was the better knight.

17.Nc3 Bd6?!

This bishop manoeuvre just wastes time. 17...b5 looks better.

18.Rac1 Bb8

19.Bg5 Re8

20.Rfd1 Qe7



21.d5!

Strong and direct.

21... c5

22.d6 Bxd6

23.Bh3 Rcd8

24.Nd5 Qe4?

24...Qf8 looks very cramped, but would have held out a bit of hope.

25.Bxd7 Nxd7

26.Nc3

26... Qc6 27.Bxd8 Rxd8 28.Qd5

Ne5 29.f4 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Nc6

31.Rcd1 Nd4 32.Ne4 Bc7 33.Rxd8+

Bxd8 34.b4 it's a straightforward win.

1-0



Finally, George Pyrich provides the annotations for one of the first games to finish in the current 3rd Webserver Open Final, Section A.

White: Cumming, David R (2375)
Black: Beecham, C. Richard (2472)

3rd SCCA WS Open Final ICCF, 2015

Sicilian Defence [B30]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

David Cumming and Richard Beecham enjoyed a fairly good scrap in their game in our current SCCA WS Open Final.

1.e4 c5
2.Nf3 Nc6
3.Bb5 e6

As Black in our game in the current SCCA Championship., David preferred 3...Nf6 with the game continuing 4.e5 (4.Nc3!) 4...Nd5 5.Nc3 Nc7 6.Bxc6 dxc6 7.h3 g6 8.d3 Bg7 9.0-0 Ne6 10.Re1 b6 11.a4 a5 12.Ne4 0-0 13.b3 Nd4 14.Bb2 White has nothing 14...Bf5 15.Ng3 Be6 16.Ne4 Bf5



4.0-0 Nge7
5.c3 a6
6.Ba4 b5
7.Bc2 Bb7
8.Qe2 d5
9.e5 d4
10.Be4 Qd7

Richard makes the first break from established practice.

The most popular continuation has been 10...Nd5 as in 11.d3 dxc3 12.Nxc3 Be7 13.Rd1 0-0 14.d4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 cxd4 16.Bf4 Qc7 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.cxd4 Qd7 19.Ng5 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Ne7 21.Bb1 Nf5 22.Bxf5 Gino Figlio (2462)-Octavian Moise (2466), Peru-Romania, ICCF email, 2006, ½-½.

11.d3



11... dxc3N

And now there are no footprints in the sand. 11...Nd5 was Herman-Martirosov, New York, 2011, 1-0 after 51 moves.

12.bxc3 Rd8
13.Bd2 Nd5
14.c4 Be7
15.Na3 b4
16.Nc2 a5
17.Rfd1

17.cxd5 exd5 18.Bxh7 Rxh7
 19.Ng5=

17... Nb6
 17...f5 18.cxd5 exd5 19.e6 (Not 19.Bxd5 Qxd5 20.Ne3 Qxd3±)
 19...Qxe6 20.Ng5 Bxg5 21.Bxg5 fxe4 22.Bxd8 Nxd8 23.dxe4 0-0=
18.Rdb1 0-0
19.a3 Ra8

20.Ng5

Black has played energetically to generate a q-side initiative, but White has replied doggedly to limit his opponent to no more than a slight edge. This move is the first sortie into Black territory by White since 9.e5.

20... Bxg5
21.Bxg5 Ne7

This allows further simplification, but there aren't any forcing alternatives for Black.

22.Bxb7
 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.Bxb7 Qxb7 24.d4=
22... Qxb7
23.d4



23... cxd4

23...Na4 24.Qe3 Nf5 25.Qb3 Qd7
 26.axb4 axb4 27.dxc5 Nc3 28.c6
 Qxc6 29.Nxb4 Rxa1 30.Rxa1 Ne2+

31.Kf1 Qe4 32.Qf3 Qxc4 33.Qxe2
 Qxb4=

24.Nxd4 h6
25.Bd2 Rfd8
26.c5!?

26.axb4 axb4 27.Rxa8 Qxa8 28.Nf3=
 as Black can't hold the b-pawn.

26... Rxd4
27.cxb6 Re4
28.Be3 Qxb6
29.Bxb6

29.Qf3 Qb7 30.Rc1 Rb8 31.axb4
 Rxb4 32.Qxb7 R8xb7 33.Rxa5 Re4±
 The e-pawn seems set to fall, though
 White retains drawing chances.

29... Rxe2
30.Kf1 Rxe5
 30...Rc2 31.axb4 a4 32.Ba5=
31.axb4 a4



32.Bc5

32.b5?! Nd5 33.Bc5 Nc3 34.Bd4
 Nxb1 35.Bxe5 Nd2+ 36.Ke2 Nb3
 37.Ra3 f6 38.Bc3 Rc8±

32... Nc6
33.Ra3 Re4
34.Rba1 Rb8
35.Rxa4 Kh7

35...Rb5 36.Rb1 g5 37.Ra8+ Kh7±

36.Rb1 Rc4
37.Bd6 Rb6
38.Bf8 g5
39.Ra2 Kg6
40.Re2 h5
41.f3 Kf5
42.h3 h4
43.Reb2 Rb5
44.Bc5 Ne5
45.Ke2 f6

Neither side can make progress and
 so....

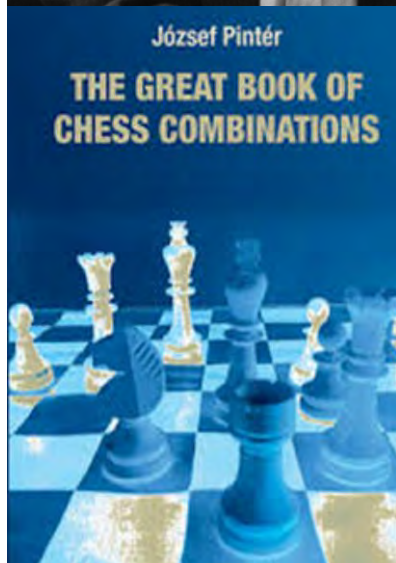
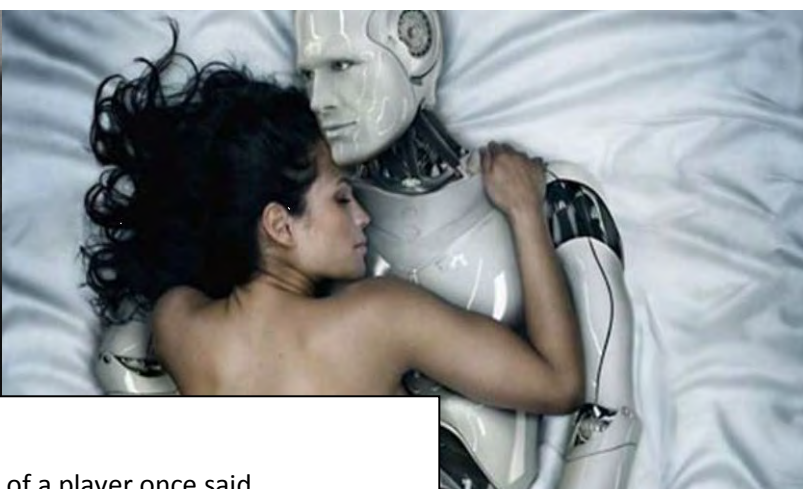
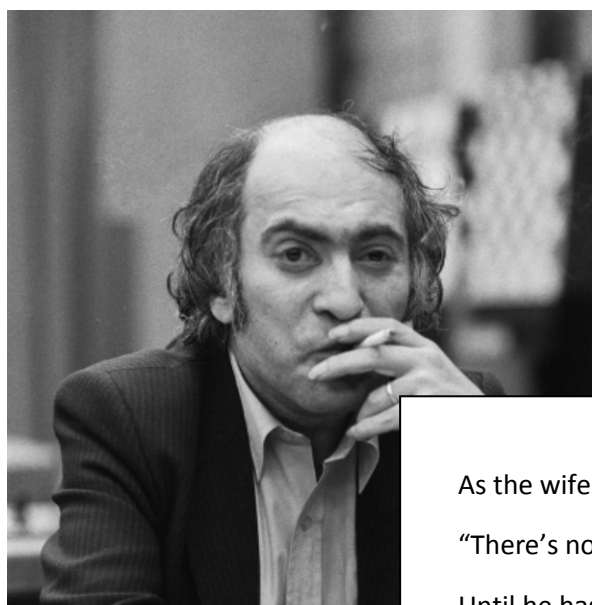
½-½





On Marriage and Chess

By Peter Bennett



As the wife of a player once said,
“There’s nothing but chess in his head.
Until he has won
Married life is no fun
When he’s still thinking chess in our bed!”

This was hardly the end of her ire,
For she then put him right in the mire:
“Who can share your elation
For wild combination
Unless you are holding me, sire?”



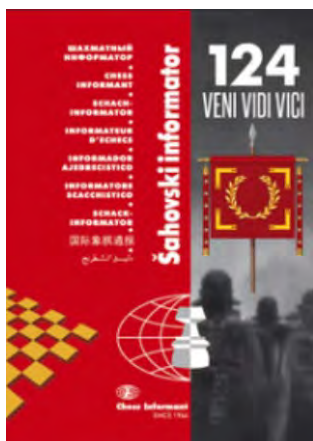


Book Review

By George Pyrich

Now resident in Spain, it's not so easy to obtain new English language books – of course I can still order online but delivery to a Spanish Post Box takes a good deal longer and also is a wee bit more expensive. So, this time I shall write about the increasing trend towards electronic books and other downloads and refer specifically to 2 publications, ChessBase magazine and Chess Informant.

Both are longstanding chess “publishers” although of course ChessBase is largely but not exclusively “electronic” whilst Chess Informant has only fairly recently offered an electronic option. I'm fairly sure that every serious correspondence player has heard of both (if you haven't then where have you been?!).



Belgrade based Chess Informant started life in the late 60's offering a largely language less bi-annual publication containing an 800 or so games selection with only a small proportion of these containing any annotations although with a fair number of diagrams. Other than this you got the usual sections of winning combinations, studies and endgames as well as several pages of cross-tables of recently concluded events. In the last few years however it has introduced some fairly substantial and welcome changes. Nowadays it is quarterly and has adopted a format more akin to a magazine in book format. Whilst there are now only about 200 or so games per issue, most are generously and well annotated. The hard copy still runs to about 350 or so pages but format and presentation are much improved since the early days. Recent innovations include regular contributions by GM Morozevich who provides a fascinating section entitled “Midnight in Moscow”, an insight into his unique perspective on openings and also sections on various middle and endgame features by reputable GM's such as Marin, Ivan Sokolov and acclaimed endgame virtuoso GM Karsten Mueller. There are also several articles on developments in topical opening lines. Another recently introduced feature on Women's chess is provided by Scots GM Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant and helps to provide its overall almost magazine like presentation. Old favourites such as “Combinations”, “Endgames” and “Studies” remain. About a year or so ago an electronic

format was made available containing all the material to be found in the printed copy. A Chess Informant Reader can be downloaded free of charge enabling access to all the available material although, quite significantly, the files are also available in ChessBase format which can easily be transferred over to your pc's ChessBase programme. Thus far I haven't tried downloading the Reader to my i-Pad and so can't comment further. One final comment I can offer here is one first made by the late Danish GM Bent Larsen who was quoted as saying that Chess Informant was the publication only really necessary as it contained all the information that anyone could readily absorb – studying other chess publications in addition to Informant were too much for the brain to absorb and could be discarded!



The “opposition” Hamburg based ChessBase provides a huge number of specialist DVD's, largely on Openings, but most available also by download. Our interest here is its “ChessBase Magazine” a bi-monthly presentation providing another substantial amount of material. Every issue contains about 5 or 6 reports with almost all games annotated, many by the players, from recent “super GM” events as well as file containing about 1,000 or so recent games from other events. Additionally there are usually about a dozen or so openings articles on topical variations (I find most of these to be a wee bit obscure or rather they've never featured in my games!). Finally, there are the old favourites - Endgames, Combinations and Studies. The “hard copy” is a DVD along with a well-produced wee 32 page booklet whilst the download version contains all the available material. The magazine bills itself as being “the publication the professionals use” – probably true and although whilst I do enjoy the games when I have time available I do find it all to be a wee bit “heavy”. One small gripe I would mention is that ChessBase can be used only on Windows – there's been a wee announcement for some time now on their web site that this is so and that they'll get round to adding access for Mac but have never done so (I wasn't going to mention “New in Chess” but they do provide access to both). It seems to me that with i-Pads and the like becoming increasingly popular they're missing out on a good business opportunity.



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	Portugal	2372	█	4	4	2.5	4.5	3	4.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	4	36	56	8	7	64	16	1
2	Bulgaria	2420	4	█	4	3.5	3.5	3	3.5	2.5	4.5	3.5	4	36	51	2	5	70	10	2
3	Denmark	2340	3	4	█	3.5	3.5	3	4	3	3.5	3.5	4	35	47	-3	3	73	7	3
4	Romania	2455	4.5	2.5	3.5	█	2	3.5	2.5	3.5	5	4.5	3	34.5	53	4	6	65	15	4
5	Lithuania	2361	2.5	4.5	4.5	2	█	2.5	2.5	3.5	4	5	2.5	33.5	50	0	7	67	13	5
6	Estonia	2427	3	3	5	3.5	4.5	█	4	2	2.5	3.5	2.5	33.5	53	4	5	63	17	6
7	Netherlands	2389	1.5	3.5	4	2.5	3.5	4	█	3	3.5	3	4.5	33	50	0	4	66	14	7
8	Ukraine	2415	1.5	3.5	3	4.5	4.5	2	3	█	3.5	4	3	32.5	55	6	5	59	21	8
9	Turkey	2383	2.5	2.5	4.5	3	2	3.5	3.5	1.5	█	4	2.5	29.5	45	-6	3	65	15	9
10	Belgium	2360	3.5	3.5	2.5	2.5	2	2.5	3	3	3	█	3.5	29	43	-9	0	67	13	10
11	Scotland	2327	2	3	3	3	3.5	2.5	2.5	2	2.5	3.5	█	27.5	45	-6	0	61	19	11

Unfortunately our earlier optimism has been found misplaced and the team after another couple of losses has slipped down to 11th place.

Current Friendly Internationals

GB/TriNat/2015, British Tri-Nations 2015

TD Ylönen, Olli

		1	2	3	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place				
1	Scotland				2018	█	1	0.5	1.5	50	0	0	3	37	1
2	England				2145	1	█	0	1	50	0	0	2	38	2
3	Wales				2015	0.5	0	█	0.5	50	0	0	1	39	3

Play began on 28 May in the 2nd Tri-Nations (Scotland, England & Wales) double round event. It's a 10 board event with Colin Beveridge, Eoin Campbell, Derek Price, Alastair Dawson, Charles O'Neill McAleenan, Raymond Burrige, David Edney, Derek Coope, Alan Armstrong and Iain Campbell carrying the colours. The team already has 3 results, all draws!

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
May 2015	25	Netherlands	Server	2½	1½		
Apr 2015	9	Natcor	Server	2	3		
Jan 2015	20	Wales	Server	13½ _{2r}	8½		
Dec 2014	27	Iceland	Server	9½	26½		
Nov 2014	25	Switzerland	Server	8	31		loss
May 2014	25	Venezuela	Server	17	31		loss
Mar 2014	23	France	Server	10	34		loss

A new match over 9 boards against the National Correspondence Chess Club started on 24 April whilst another, against the Netherlands over 25 boards, started on 25 May. Meantime our numerous other matches continue; we continue to lead Wales but have lost to Switzerland and will shortly do likewise against Iceland.

6th ICCF Champions League

The new cycle started officially under a new format on 15 April with both our teams, the Lewis Chessmen (Iain Mackintosh, Alan Bell, Alan Borwell & George Pyrich) and the Scottish Claymores (Robert Montgomery, Geoff Lloyd, Eoin Campbell & Raymond Burrige) playing in the new Promotional League with 5 teams playing double rounds (8 games) in sections of 5 teams. The Lewis Chessmen are in Group 17 whilst the Scottish Claymores play in Group 19.

CL/2015/PL17, Promotional League 2015 Gr17

		TD Jansen, Joop (IA)					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5							
1	LOS IMPERTERRITOS	2148	0	0.5	1	0.5	0	2	50	0	0	4 28 1	
2	Lewis Chessmen	2320	0.5	0	0	1	0.5	2	66	1	0	3 29 2	
3	The Black Knights	2209	1	0	0	0.5	0	1.5	50	0	0	3 29 3	
4	Rochade 5171 Chessfriends	2134	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	1	33	-1	0	3 29 4	
5	64for4	2302	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	50	0	0	1 31 5	

CL/2015/PL19, Promotional League 2015 Gr19

		TD Martín Sánchez, Carlos					Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
		1	2	3	4	5							
1	Scottish Claymores	2211	0	1.5	1.5	1.5	3	7.5	50	0	0	15 17 1	
2	WE BREAK FOR GAMBITS!	2314	3.5	0	1.5	0	0	5	62	2	0	8 24 2	
3	Volga - Moscow	2285	2.5	1.5	0	0	0	4	57	1	0	7 25 3	
4	Memento Gambit	2192	1.5	0	0	0	0	1.5	50	0	0	3 29 4	
5	CCI II	2069	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-3	0	3 29 5	

Adrian Hollis Memorial

MT-Hollis, Adrian Hollis Memorial

		TD Limbert, Neil (IA)											Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Rated		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11						
1	ENG 211305 GM Robson, Nigel	2602	½	½	.	1	1	½	.	½	1	1	½	6	4	24.75	2	1
2	SCO 620184 SIM Beecham, C. Richard	2459	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	5.5	2	22.25	0	2
3	ENG 210300 SIM Pegg, Russell M.	2471	.	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	1	21.25	1	3
4	ENG 211655 SIM Williamson, Harvey D.	2508	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	1	1	½	5	2	20	0	4
5	ENG 211500 SIM Burne, Nigel G.	2489	0	½	½	½	½	.	½	½	1	.	1	4.5	2	18.75	2	5
6	ENG 210773 GM Hall, Richard V. M.	2640	½	½	½	1	.	½	.	½	.	1	1	4	2	18.25	4	6
7	ENG 210405 SIM Donnelly, Dr. Mike J.	2468	.	½	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	½	4	0	17	2	7
8	ENG 211431 GM Pugh, John	2472	½	0	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	½	4	0	17.25	1	8
9	ENG 210701 SIM Rhodes, John D.	2413	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	4	1	15.75	0	9
10	ENG 210425 GM Brookes, John G.	2511	0	½	½	0	.	.	½	½	½	½	½	3	0	12.75	2	10
11	ENG 210217 SIM Timson, Paul F.	2506	½	0	½	½	0	0	½	½	0	½	½	3	0	13.5	0	11

Richard Beecham has now completed his games and lies second in the table with +2, =7, -1.

38th World Championship Preliminaries

WC38/pr13, WCCC38PR13

		TD De Blois Figueredo, Adrián (IA)													Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 3 IM=8½		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
1	LAT 910194 Bondars, Gunars	2345	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	7.5	3	34	0	1
2	ESP 160587 Santamaría Pérez, Tomás	2371	½	½	½	½	.	½	½	.	1	½	1	1	7	4	30.25	2	2
3	GER 81015 SIM Schmidt, Theo	2344	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	.	½	½	1	½	7	3	32.75	1	3
4	ITA 240612 IM Genga, Secondo	2409	½	½	½	½	½	½	.	½	.	1	1	1	6.5	3	28.75	2	4
5	GER 85214 SIM Ludwig, Christoph	2342	½	.	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	1	1	6.5	3	27.25	2	5
6	SCO 211558 Bennett, Peter G.	2302	½	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6	2	26.25	2	6
7	DEN 150996 Konstantinov, Maxim	2277	½	½	0	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	1	1	6	2	26	1	7
8	ENG 212012 Maver, Ian	2332	½	.	.	½	½	½	½	½	½	.	1	1	5.5	3	21.75	4	8
9	SUI 100315 Freytag, Walter	2381	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	5.5	1	26	1	9
10	POR 390563 Pereira, Edgar Teixeira de Lemos	2271	0	½	½	.	½	½	½	.	.	1	1	.	4.5	2	21.25	4	10
11	JPN 580154 Saitou, Atsushi	2227	½	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	½	3	0	14	0	11
12	RUS 471758 Silin, Viktor Aleksandrovich	2307	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	½	2	0	8.25	0	12
13	GER 86126 Fuhr, Michael	2217	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	.	½	½	1	0	2.5	1	13

Peter Bennett currently lies 6th in his section, 1½ points behind the leader with one game left to complete.

White: Burridge, Raymond (2106)

Black: Dudeney, Peter (2049)

Scotland v Nat Corr ICCF, 2015

Owen's Defence[B00]

[Notes by George Pyrich]

Raymond Burridge was quick off the mark in our latest friendly international.

1.e4 b6
2.d4 Bb7
3.Bd3 e6

The rather ancient Owen's Defence - nothing wrong with it, although the setup Black now adopts is a bit odd.

4.Nf3 d6
Owen himself preferred 4...c5 against Blackburne away back in 1862 but came unstuck after 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.0-0 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6 12.Nc3 Bb4 13.Re1 0-0 14.Rc1 Rac8 15.Re3 b5 16.Ne5 Rfd8 17.Rf3 Qh4 18.Nxf7 Rf8 19.Ne5 Bxe4 20.Rxf8+ Rxf8 21.g3 Qh3 22.Nxe4 d5 23.Nc5 1-0

5.0-0 Nd7
6.Qe2 a6

7.Rd1
Maybe simply 7.Nc3

7... c5

8.d5 e5

9.a4 Ne7

10.Nc3 Ng6

11.g3 Be7

12.Nd2!

Coming to c4 - however, Black's position isn't too bad.

12... 0-0

13.h4 Nh8?!

13...Re8 14.h5 Ngf8 15.h6 isn't much fun either.

14.Nc4 Nf6

15.Rb1 Bc8

16.b4 Bg4

17.f3 Bc8



White now has a considerable advantage - he's about to take over the q-side whilst Black has no play at all on the other side.

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18.Bg5 Ng6

19.bxc5 bxc5

20.Rb6 Ne8

21.Be3 Nf6

22.Rdb1 Nh5

23.Bf2 Bh3

24.a5 Bc8

25.Qf1 Nf6

The Grand Old Duke of York?!

26.Rc6 Bd7

27.Nb6 Bb8

27...Bxc6 28.dxc6 Ra7 29.Bxa6 Ne8

30.Nbd5 Nc7 31.Nxc7 is crushing.

28.Nxd7 Qxd7

29.Rxa6 Nh5

30.Rxb8 Rxb8

31.Rc6 Nf6

And again!

32.Nb5 Ne8

33.h5 Nf8

34.a6 Ra8

35.a7 Bd8

36.Kg2 h6

37.Qa1 Nh7

38.Nxd6!

Now 38... Nxd6 39.Qxe5 Black completely falls apart - so...

1-0



Finally, we feature a game by Martin Hardwick from the current friendly international versus Netherlands.

Martin has had a tough time in these matches to date, but here he turned in a 2-0 winning performance on board 25 against one of the strongest CC nations.

White: Hardwick, Martin E (1498)

Black: Miedema, Henk (1800 prov)

Scotland v Netherlands ICCF, 2015

Queen's Pawn Sideline [D02]

[Notes by Iain Mackintosh]

1.d4 d5

2.Nf3 Nc6

3.h3 f5

Not much orthodoxy on board 25 - and quite right too!

4.Bf4 Nf6

5.e3 e6

6.c4 Be7N

7.Be2 Ne4

8.0-0 0-0

9.Nbd2 a5

10.Ne5 Nxd2

11.Qxd2 a4

12.Nxc6 bxc6

13.Qc2 c5

14.Rfd1 cxd4

15.Rxd4 Bb7

Handing the initiative to each other.

16.Rad1!

That's the stuff Martin!

16... Bc5

17.R4d2

17.cxd5!? Bxd4 18.dxe6 looked an interesting alternative.

17... c6?

Overlooking the loose bishop.

17...Qe7 looks the safer bet.

18.cxd5! exd5

19.Qxc5 Re8

20.Bh5 Re6

21.Qb4 Qd7

22.Bf3 Ree8

23.g4 Rac8

23...fxg4 was worth a try.

24.gxf5 Ra8

25.Bg4 Red8

26.f6 Qf7

27.Qe7

27.fxg7 was good too.



27... Ba6?

Turning a blind eye to White's threats.

28.Be6!

While Martin has the telescope on his good eye!

28... Rf8

29.Bxf7+ Kh8

30.fxg7+ Kxg7

31.Be6+ Kg6

32.Qg5#

A ruthless finish from Martin - well played!

1-0





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.

Veterans World Cup 8 is being organised by the English Federation ECCF.

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.

VWC3/Final, ICCF Veterans World Cup 3 Final

				TD Pyrich, George D. (IA)															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						
1	NOR	360220	SIM Klausen, Tor-Arne	2456	✓	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	8	2	48	0	1	
2	GRE	220159	IM Bleker, Frits	2407	½	✓	½	½	½	.	½	½	.	1	½	½	½	1	1	7.5	3	45	2	2
3	USA	514137	Coplin, Lawrence	2387	½	½	✓	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	7.5	1	45.75	0	3	
4	SVK	950110	Hudák, Dušan	2311	½	½	½	✓	½	½	½	½	½	1	.	½	½	½	7	1	43.75	1	4	
5	EST	930112	GM Siigur, Jüri	2411	½	½	½	½	✓	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	7	0	43.5	0	5	
6	RUS	141943	Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2391	½	.	½	½	½	✓	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	1	40.75	2	6	
7	SWE	450858	SIM Andéer, Stefan	2474	½	½	½	½	½	0	✓	½	.	½	½	½	1	½	½	6.5	1	40	1	7
8	GER	80915	IM Zapf, Herbert	2442	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	✓	.	½	½	½	½	½	½	6.5	0	40.75	1	8
9	NED	370601	IM Tienhoven, Richard M. van	2417	½	.	½	½	½	½	.	.	✓	½	1	½	.	1	½	6	2	36.5	4	9
10	CZE	130306	SIM Teichmann, Čeněk	2386	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	✓	½	½	0	½	½	6	0	37.75	0	10	
11	ITA	240971	IM Alderisio, Piero	2428	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	✓	½	0	½	½	5.5	0	35.25	0	11
12	RUS	141799	Ibragimov, Viktor Aroslanovich	2416	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	½	½	✓	.	.	.	5	0	33.5	4	12	
13	ESP	160828	Aupí Royo, Juan Ignacio	2371	0	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	.	1	1	.	✓	½	.	5	2	31.25	3	13
14	RUS	141920	Butov, Yury Alekseevich	2311	½	0	½	½	½	.	½	½	0	½	½	.	½	✓	½	5	0	32	2	14
15	GER	85698	Gunkel, Wolfgang	2377	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	.	.	½	✓	5	0	31.75	2	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 92 finished games with 13 still in progress. So far there have been only 10 conclusive games in a 15 player Final. The leader with 8pts from his 14 games is SIM Tor-Arne Klausen (NOR) but he could be overtaken by IM Frits Blecker (GRE) who has 7.5/12pts. Lawrence Coplin (USA) and GM Juri Siigur (EST) have finished with 7/14pts but several other players could also reach medal places.

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

				TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place	
Category 6 SIM=10 IM=8½				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15						
1	CZE	130234	Leiner, Raimund	2357	✓	½	½	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	½	.	½	.	.	5	0	15.5	4	1
2	USA	511655	IM Rodriguez, Keith A.	2327	½	✓	½	½	½	½	½	½	.	½	.	½	.	½	.	5	0	15.25	4	2
3	USA	510993	Dessaules, Peter	2352	½	½	✓	½	½	½	½	.	½	.	½	.	½	.	4.5	0	14.75	5	3	
4	RUS	141926	Evgrafov, Boris Nikolaevich	2341	½	½	½	✓	.	½	½	.	½	½	.	.	.	.	3.5	0	12.75	7	4
5	GER	85849	SIM Kraft, Dieter	2466	½	½	½	.	✓	.	½	½	.	.	.	½	.	½	.	3.5	0	11.5	7	5
6	BEL	40429	IM Van tricht, Marcel	2385	½	½	½	½	.	✓	.	.	½	.	½	.	.	.	3	0	11.5	8	6	
7	RUS	140583	IM Shulman, Boris Yakovlevich	2418	.	½	½	½	½	.	✓	½	.	.	.	½	.	.	3	0	10.5	8	7	
8	CRO	900009	SIM Ljubičić, Ante	2484	½	½	.	.	½	.	½	✓	½	.	.	.	.	.	2.5	0	9.5	9	8
9	GER	82320	IM Sikorsky, Reinhard	2405	½	.	½	½	.	½	.	½	✓	.	.	.	.	.	2.5	0	9.25	9	9
10	RUS	141402	IM Kopeikin, Valentin Vasilievich	2436	½	½	.	½	.	.	.	.	✓	½	.	½	.	.	2.5	0	8.75	9	10
11	GER	85028	IM Stieger, Dr. Helmut	2413	½	.	½	.	.	½	.	.	.	½	✓	½	.	.	2.5	0	8.5	9	11	
12	NED	370283	Thierry, Rein D. J.	2326	.	½	.	.	½	.	½	.	.	.	½	✓	.	.	2	0	7	10	12	
13	ITA	241016	De Filippis, Francesco	2415	½	.	½	.	.	.	.	.	½	.	.	✓	.	.	1.5	0	6	11	13
14	GER	85722	Felkel, Siegfried	2417	.	½	.	.	½	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	✓	.	1	0	4.25	12	14
15	RUS	141943	IM Moskvichev, Valery Ivanovich	2435	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	✓	0	0	0	14	15

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. So far 34 games are finished – all as draws!

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

						TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe													Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 3 IM=8½						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
1	GER	85849	SIM	Kraft, Dieter	2455	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	8.5	5	45.5	0	1
2	USA	514934		Cintins, Ivars	2301	½	½	1	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	8.5	5	44.5	0	2
3	ENG	210108		Wharrier, Jo A.	2364	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	7.5	4	38.25	0	3
4	EST	930112	GM	Siigur, Jüri	2416	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	½	7.5	3	41	0	4
5	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2248	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	7.5	3	38.75	0	5
6	GER	81368	IM	Vetter, Gerhard	2309	0	½	0	½	½	½	1	½	1	½	½	1	1	7	4	35	0	6
7	BEL	40444		Vertongen, Willy	2329	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	7	3	35.5	0	7
8	POL	421200		Sanner, Zdzislaw	2293	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	1	7	3	35.25	0	8
9	GER	81514		Arnold, Horst	2291	½	½	½	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	1	1	1	5.5	2	26.75	0	9
10	RUS	142044		Presnyakov, Vladimir Sergeevich	2276	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	5	1	24.75	0	10
11	CZE	130482		Glaser, Karel	2262	½	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	½	½	1	4.5	1	22	0	11
12	RUS	140234		Khorunzhy, Mikhail Filippovich	2171	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	½	½	1.5	0	5.25	0	12
13	ESP	160720		Llorach Gracia, Tomás	2225	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	0	4.5	0	13

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

						TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe													Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Category 3 IM=8½						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13					
1	CRO	900117		Lovaković, Franjo	2343	½	½	½	½	.	1	.	1	½	½	1	1	1	7.5	5	37.75	2	1
2	SCO	211558		Bennett, Peter G.	2306	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	7.5	3	37.75	0	2
3	GER	81312	IM	Dorer, Manfred	2334	½	½	½	½	.	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	1	7	3	36.75	1	3
4	RUS	141634		Evstigneev, Sergey Aleksandrovich	2344	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	7	3	35.5	0	4
5	AUS	30513		Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2313	.	½	.	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	6.5	3	34.25	2	5	
6	USA	511655	IM	Rodriguez, Keith A.	2361	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	1 ^A	½	0	1	1	½	6.5	3	34	0	6
7	GER	82857		Zylla, Johannes	2378	.	½	½	½	½	½	½	½ ^A	½	½	.	1	1	6	2	31.25	2	7
8	GER	81942		Kühne, Ralf	2247	0	½	½	½	½	0 ^A	½ ^A	1 ^A	1 ^A	½	½	½	½ ^A	6	2	32.5	0	8
9	ENG	210514	SIM	Pheby, Ian M.	2327	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	0 ^A	½	½	1	1	6	2	30.25	0	9	
10	BUL	50055	IM	Sergiev, Stefan	2336	½	½	0	0	0	1	½	0 ^A	½	½	½	1	5	2	25.5	0	10	
11	POL	421093	IM	Nowak, Ireneusz	2237	0	0	½	½	0	0	.	½	½	½	½	0	1	3.5	1	17.5	1	11
12	LTU	920109		Rimkus, Bronius I.	2107	0	0	½	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	1	½	3.5	1	16.75	0	12	
13	RUS	471758		Silin, Viktor Aleksandrovich	2275	0	0	0	0	½	½	0	½ ^A	0	0	0	½	½	2	0	11.25	0	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. However, he was unable to win his last game and will not qualify for the Final. 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.

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! However, he has elected not to take up his Semi-final place. Alan Borwell (8/12) has also qualified for the Semi-final stage by finishing with 8/12 pts as group runner-up on tie break, having scored 5 wins in his games. The VWC6 Semifinals were started in April this year.

VWC6/sf08, ICCF Veterans World Cup 6 - Semifinale Group 08

Category 3 IM=10 LGM=7 LIM=4½						TD Staroske, Dr. Uwe															Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
						1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15					
1	GER	80433	IM	Koch, Hans-Georg	2257		½	½	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	0	0.5	12	1
2	GER	80616		Oppermann, Peter	2294	½		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.5	0	0.5	13	2
3	SLO	480032		Potrata, Janko	2296	½	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0.5	0	0.5	13	2
4	RUS	141423		Gromov, Sergey Vasilievich	2257	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
5	AUS	30513		Balutescu, Mihail Goanga	2350	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
6	RUS	141762		Mishin, Anatoly Valentinovich	2328	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
7	USA	514934		Cintins, Ivars	2337	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
8	LTU	920078		Voveris, Gediminas	2237	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
9	SCO	620098	IM	Borwell, Alan P.	2279	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
10	FIN	460876		Teeriaho, Tuomo	2342	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
11	ITA	240680	SIM	Boccia, Prof. Mattia Mario	2428	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
12	GER	81312	IM	Dorer, Manfred	2339	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	.	0	0	0	14	4
13	ESP	160254		Gómez-Galán Areense, Joaquín	2277	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	.	0	0	0	14	4
14	RUS	141768		Ananskikh, Evgeny Nikolaevich	2371	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		.	0	0	0	14	4
15	SVK	950496		Brudnak, Jozef	2177	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.		0	0	0	14	4

Veterans World Cup 7 started on 1st September 2014 with 33 Prelim. Groups.

There are 6 Scottish CC participants playing in 8 groups. After only 10 months of play, most Groups have more than 75% of games finished. The only SCCA player likely to qualify for the VWC7 Semifinals is Peter Bennett with 6.5/10pts with 2 games to finish. Alan Borwell with 5.5/10 and 6/11 is unlikely to reach a top 2 placing whilst Eoin Campbell finished with a creditable 7/12 in his group.

Veterans World Cup 8 was announced in May 2015, with the closing date for entries being 1st August 2015. The likely start date is 1st September 2015. It will be organised by the English CCF.

White: Borwell, Alan (2248)

Black: Cintins, Ivars (2301)

VWC5 SF02

Sicilian Najdorf [B90]

[Notes by Alan Borwell]

The regulations for this Veterans World Cup indicated that the Final would be of 15 players from 9 Semi-final groups and that group winners plus 6 best next placed players would qualify. This was my last game to finish and I needed a win it to have a chance of qualifying although my opponent would still be well placed if he avoided a loss as he would be better on tie break with more wins.

- 1.e4 c5
- 2.Nf3 d6
- 3.d4 cxd4
- 4.Nxd4 Nf6
- 5.Nc3 a6
- 6.h3

A move favoured by the great Paul Keres in his younger days which has recently become popular in GM chess and CC.

- 6... e5
- 7.Nde2 h5

Played against me in 2013 VWC game by Soren Ottesen of Denmark who eventually won a very complex game (see ICCF database) In that game I played the other main possibility here of 8.Bg5.

- 8.g3 Be6
- 9.Bg2 Nbd7
- 10.a4 Bb7
- 11.Be3 0-0
- 12.b3 Nc5
- 13.f4 a5
- 14.0-0 b6
- 15.Qe1 Re8
- 16.Rd1 Bd7
- 17.Kh2 Qc7



Key moment. White has many candidate moves to consider

including Qd2, Qf2, Nd5, Rd2, Bf3, Bg1 or fxe5.

- 18.Qd2 Rfd8
- 19.Nd5 Nxd5
- 20.exd5 f6
- 21.fxe5 fxe5
- 22.Bg5

After 22.Bg5 if 22...Re8 23.Bxe7 Rxe7 24.Qg5 Be8 25.g4 hxg4 26.Ng3 Qd8 27.Qxg4 Bd7 28.Nf5 Bxf5 29.Rxf5 Rf7 30.Rxf7 Kxf7 31.Rf1+ Kg8 32.h4 Qd7 33.Qh5 Qe8 34.Qg5 Rc7 35.Bh3 Rf7 36.Rf5 is probably equal.

22... Be8
Now White has a tricky decision - Options are Rde1, Bxe7, Qe3 or Nc3 or maybe even h4, Be3 or Rf2.

e.g. after 22...Be8

A) 23.Rde1 Rd7 (23...Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Rd7 25.h4 Rf7 26.Bh3 Rb8 27.Nc3 Qe7 28.Qxe7 Rxe7 29.Ne4 Nxe4 30.Rxe4 Bd7 31.Bxd7 Rxd7) 24.h4 Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Rf7 26.Bh3 Ne4 27.Qe3 Nf6 28.Be6 Ng4+ 29.Bxg4 hxg4 30.c4 Qc5 31.Qxc5 bxc5 32.Nc3 Rxf1 33.Rxf1 Bg6 34.Nb5 Rd8 35.Rf2 Bd3 36.Rd2 e4;

B) 23.Bxe7 Qxe7 24.Rde1 h4
25.Nd4 hxg3+ 26.Kxg3 Kh8 27.Nf5
Qf6 28.Nh4 Qe7 29.Be4 g5 30.Bf5;

C) 23.Qe3 Rd7 24.h4 Bxg5 25.Qxg5
Rf7 26.Bh3 Rb8 27.Bf5 Rf6 28.Nc3
Bd7 29.Bg6 Bg4 30.Rxf6 gxf6
31.Qxf6 Bxd1 32.Nxd1 Rf8 33.Qg5
Qg7 34.Qxh5 Qh8 35.Qg4 Qf6
36.Ne3 Qf2+ 37.Ng2 Qf6 38.Kh3
Kg7 39.Bf5+ Kf7 40.Ne3;

D) 23.Nc3 .Bg6 (23...Nxb3 24.cxb3
Bxg5 25.Qxg5 Qxc3 26.Be4 Rd7
27.Rf3 Qc7 28.Rdf1 Bf7 29.Qf5 g6
30.Qg5 h4 31.Qxh4 b5 32.Qh6 bxa4
33.Bxg6 wins) 24.Nb5 Qb7 25.Rf2
Rf8 26.Rdf1 Rxf2 27.Rxf2 Rf8
28.Rxf8+ Kxf8 29.h4 Bf5 30.Be3
Qd7 31.Bxc5 bxc5 32.Qxa5 Bxc2
33.Qa8+ Qd8 34.Qxd8+ Bxd8
35.Nxd6 Bxb3 36.Nb7 Bb6 37.a5
Ba7 38.d6 Ba4 39.Nd8 Ke8 40.Nc6
Bxc6 41.Bxc6+=]

23.Nc3 Bg6
24.Nb5 Qd7
25.Be3 h4
26.g4 Rf8
27.Qe2 Bh7
28.Kg1 Rce8
29.Bxc5 bxc5
30.Be4



White's strategy now is to try to exchange the white squared bishops and then all of the heavy pieces, leaving NvB with all of White's Ps on White squares and most of Black's fixed on squares the same colour as his bishop and a weak a-pawn. If White can position N on e4 and then infiltrate with K via c4/b5 is should be winning. With White N on e4, Black's K could not enter via K-side. Even eventual c3/b4 might be possible.

30... Bg5
31.Bxh7+ Kxh7
32.Rxf8 Rxf8
33.Rf1

33.Rf1 after 33...Rxf1+ a possible continuation is 34.Qxf1 Bf6 35.Kg2 Kg6 36.Nc3 Bd8 37.Ne4 Be7 38.Qf3 Qc8 39.Qf1 Qd7 40.Nd2 Bd8 41.Qd3+ Kh6 42.Ne4 g6 43.Qa6 Bc7 44.Qa8 Bd8 45.Qc6 Qf7 46.Qxd6 Qf4 47.Nf2 Qg3+ 48.Kf1 Bg5 49.Qf8+ Kh7 50.Qf7+ Kh8 51.d6 Qe3 52.Qxg6 Qc1+ 53.Kg2 Qd2 54.d7 Qd5+ 55.Kf1 e4 56.Qf5 Qd2 57.Qg6 e3 58.Qh5+ Kg8 59.Qxg5+ Kf7 60.Qh5+ Kg7 61.Qg5+ Kf7 62.Qf5+ Ke7 63.d8Q+ Kxd8 64.Qd3+

33... Bf4!
Preventing the exchange of rooks which is Black's best chance of survival.
34.Nc3 Kg8
35.Kg2 Qb7
36.Qd3 Qe7
37.Ne4 Rd8
38.Rf3 Rd7
39.Qb5 Qd8
[How can White exploit the advantage and make a breakthrough? Only way seemed to be to carefully mobilise q-side pawns.
40.Kf1 Kh7
41.Ke2 Kh6



Critical position - can White create winning continuation?

42.c3!
Not even considered by Houdini in its top 12 moves!
42... Kh7
43.Rf1 Kh8
44.Rb1 Qc7
45.Qc6 Qd8
46.g5?

Probably a decisive error as the only way of progressing on K-side involves exchanging N for B leaving a drawn ending. I wanted to play b4 at the right moment but could not afford to let Black's R and Q to take control of the c-file.

Probably best here was 46.Kd3 Kh7 but after 47.b4? (47.Qb5) 47...cxb4 48.cxb4 Rc7 49.Qb5 Qc8 50.bxa5

Rc1 51.Rxc1 Qxc1 52.Qc4 Qe3+ and Black is fine but I think there may have been something better around here which I did not find?

46... Kh7
47.Qb5 Qe8
48.Rg1 Bg3



49.Nxg3?
All realistic winning chances now evaporate - White must surely keep his good knight on the board.

49... hxg3
50.Rxg3 Qh5+
51.Kd2 Rd8
If 52. g6+ Kg8 53.Qe2 Qh6+ 54.Qe3 then Rb8 gives Black good drawing chances after the queen exchange, so best hope for White seems to be 52.Qxa5 with a more complex ending.

52.g6+ Kh6
53.Qf1 Qh4
54.Rg4 Qe7
55.Kd3 Rf8
56.Qc1+ Kh5
57.Qd1 Rf5!
58.Ke4 Rg5
59.Kd3 Kxg6
60.h4 Rxc4

A draw in now inevitable and was agreed. My last hope of reaching the VWC7 Final had disappeared. ☹

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ICCF Congress 2015 Cardiff

By Iain Mackintosh

This takes place in Cardiff from 16th-22nd August 2015. The SCCA Executive Committee has met to decide its voting intentions on the following items. SCCA Delegate George Pyrich also has discretion to act if counter-proposals or amendments are tabled during the Congress.

Executive Board Nominations

Candidates for the ICCF 2016-2019 four-term to the ICCF Executive Board and Auditor are as follows: (NB: Zonal Director nominations and elections will take place after Congress).

- President:** Eric Ruch (FRA) [unopposed]
General Secretary: Michael Millstone (USA) [unopposed]
Finance Director: George Pyrich (SCO) [unopposed]
World Tournament Director: [election required between:]
 Frank Geider (FRA)
 Brian Jones (AUS)
 Dinand Knol (RSA)
Marketing Director: Andrew Dearnley (ENG) [unopposed]
Services Director: Austin Lockwood (WLS) [unopposed]
Auditor: Josef Mrkvička (CZE) [unopposed]

Proposals to Congress

This year, proposals have been made publicly available beforehand so that all CC players can lobby their national delegate if they wish. This transparency is a welcome move, though it will require work by ICCF officials to smooth out any inconsistencies or unintended consequences across statutes and rules.

Summary proposals are listed below; full details can be accessed on the ICCF website by using your ICCF id and password to login.

1.	Eliminate Ladies Titles of LIM and LGM
2.	Reimbursement for ICCF Officials
3.	Title Norm Application Process Changes
4.	Revision of ICCF Playing Rules Server 1(g)
5.	Eliminate Free Day Calculation
6.	Same playing conditions for all games
7.	Create a Class of Isolated Players
8.	Create a Class of Unattached Players
9.	Eliminate Zone 4 Subsidy
10.	Eliminate Normal Leave Restriction

11.	Equitable Normal Leave Allocation
12.	Delegates Not Able to Attend Congress
13.	Tournament Proof of Acceptance
14.	Coordinated Universal Time for Server
15.	ICCF Zonal Realignment
16.	Revised Arbiters Manual
17.	International Arbiter Qualifications
18.	Revision of Adjudication Procedures
19.	Revised Norm Calculations
20.	Honorary Member and Lifetime Achievement Awards
21.	Restrict Accumulated Time
22.	Optional Sofia Rule
23.	Revise Tournament Fees
24.	Substitution
25.	(Withdrawn)
26.	Penalty for Resuming a Tournament
27.	Withdrawal and Substitutions
28.	Increasing the Timeliness of Manual Updates
29.	Require a Positive Score for a First Place Finish
30.	Extended Reflection Time (use 40+ days)
31.	Conditional Continuations
32.	Non Gender Specific Versions of Ladies Titles
33.	Discontinue Free Two Game Matches
34.	Linear Conditionals in Server Events
35.	To Adjudicate a Win Also for a Deceased Player
36.	To Keep Rating for Postal Events
37.	Remove Rule 5f) in the ICCF Server Rules
38.	Reinstate Old Rule 5e) Team to the ICCF Server
39.	Congress Approval of Change of Server Rule 3b)



General Information

ICCF is the International Correspondence Chess Federation. ICCF was founded in 1951 as a reincarnation of the ICCA (International Correspondence Chess Association), itself founded in 1945 as successor to the IFSB (Internationaler Fernschachbund), founded in 1928.

ICCF organises a huge variety of tournaments for individual and team play; operates a worldwide rating system and awards GM, SIM and IM titles to male and female players to recognise strength and performance. Most play is based now on the ICCF webserver, with a residue of postal and email events. Principal tournaments are:

World Individual (www.iccf-webchess.com)

- World Championship. Annual cycles progress through preliminary, semi-final, candidate and final stages.
- World Cups. These include Adult, Junior and the highly popular Veterans events.
- Norm Tournaments. For aspiring IM, SIM and GM players, categorised by rating strength.
- Promotion Tournaments. For middle-strong players, spanning Open, Higher and Master classes.
- Aspirer Tournaments. For beginners and lower-graded players.
- Thematic Tournaments. Organised by opening variations (see opposite).

World Team (www.iccf-webchess.com)

- Olympiads. National team event, 6-player teams, played to a very high standard.
- Champions League. National, cross-national and scratch 4-player teams, several divisions.

European Zone (www.iccf-europa.com)

- European Individual Championship.
- European National Team Championship.

Other

- Friendly Internationals. ICCF member organisations play team events, usually 2 games per player.
- Invitation/Memorial Events. To commemorate anniversaries and deceased officials and players.
- Chess 960. New events featuring Fischer/Random chess opening positions.

SCCA members are eligible to enter all ICCF events, though Scottish nationality is required for national representation.

Current tournament fees are shown on the Fees page of the SCCA website, and all Scottish players competing in ICCF events have bookmarks from the SCCA site to the relevant ICCF cross-table for easy checking of results.

Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2015

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

Theme 5/15: From Gambit, A02

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3

Entries by 15 November; plays starts 1 December

Webserver Events 2015

Theme 5/15: Dory Defence, E10

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 Ne4

Entries by 1 September; plays starts 15 September

Theme 6/15: Three Knights, Canal Variation, C56

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.O-O Nxe4 6.Re1 d5 7.Nc3

Entries by 15 October; plays starts 1 November

Note there are no Email Events in 2015.

News

- ❑ The Witold Bielecki Memorial Tournament has ended with joint winners in GM Stephan Busemann (GER) and GM David van der Hoeven (NED). GM Leonardo Ljubičić (CRO) finished in 3rd place.
- ❑ The 2nd Chess 960 World Cup Final started in June with qualifiers from RUS, ENG, GER, CZE and SLO.
- ❑ The 39th World Championship Semi-finals started in June. Section winners and runners-up qualify for the Candidates stage.
- ❑ The 10th Ladies' Olympiad will start on September 1st, 2015. Teams consist of four players.
- ❑ The 18th World Cup Final has started. 17 players from 12 countries have qualified, including 3xGM, 4xSIM and 1x IM. Highest grade is 2609, and average rating is 2430, making this a category 8 tournament.

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

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