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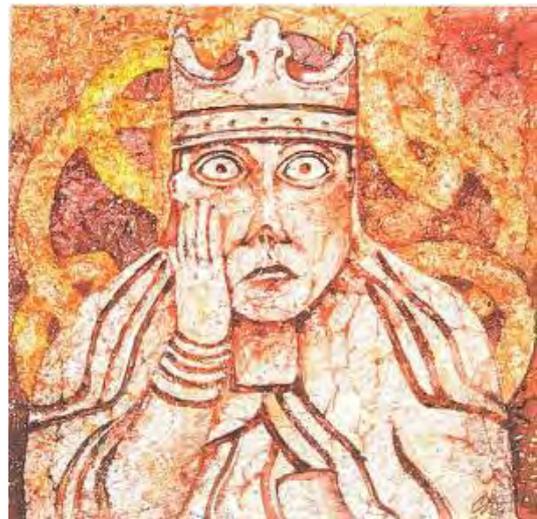
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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the 2018 magazine set! I think we can say we officially enjoyed a summer this year - perhaps something to look back on fondly post-Brexit when wolves and mammoths return to stalk the land...

Alan Borwell has now sounded the starting pistol for the George Pyrich Memorial Tournaments, and provides a short summary on our Notices page. Alan attended the closing banquet of the ICCF Congress in Llandudno where he sat with Catherine Pyrich, together with George's brother and sister-in-law.

Gordon Anderson attended his first Congress as our ICCF Delegate and you can read his illustrated report on proceedings inside. We've also enclosed a precis of voting results at the Congress on our Notices page.

Kevin Paine has analysed the fourth ICCF rating list of 2018 for us. No new titles to report this time, but there are a couple of new entrants, as well as plenty of activity and upwards movements.

Alastair Dawson continues his Games Column, this time featuring some tight Scottish Championship encounters. As before, games@scottishcca.co.uk is where to send your submissions.

John Hawkes has continued the theme of the Scandinavian Defence in his column, with yet more stunning games which feature the Marshall Gambit (2... Nf6) of the Centre Counter. John has also supplied some Romanian games to supplement our Chess Art feature.

Our Chess Art pages are devoted to a commemoration of the Romanian Centenary this year. I'm grateful to John Hawkes who collaborated with the Romanian ICCF delegate Miron Sferle to provide much of the material.

Peter Bennett does a double header again, firstly by successfully completing his personal targets exercise, and secondly by analysing our International activity, particularly our continued good form in the ETC.

Enjoy the guising when Halloween comes around! (If you don't know what that means, you probably aren't getting much fun out of life...)

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

2018	1st	2nd
September	J Anderson	A P Borwell
August	S R Gillam	A P Borwell
July	A P Borwell	K B McAlpine

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



SCCA George Pyrich Memorial Tournaments



Event organiser Alan Borwell writes:

The Scottish Correspondence Chess Association has organised 14 special tournaments to the memory of our dear departed friend George Pyrich.

Each section is comprised of 13 players with a total of 182 participants nominated by more than 30 ICCF member countries. The official start date of the event was 9th September 2018, the 67th anniversary of George's birth.

Amongst the participants are many ICCF friends of George as well as those from Scotland. Tournament Directors are Gordon Anderson, Andrew Dearnley, Kevin Paine and Clive Murden to whom we are most grateful for offering their services.

Sections are arranged according to rating groups with a spread of countries in each section, with title norms available in most of them. Progress reports will be provided in future editions of the magazine.

ICCF Sweden v Rest of the World



The Swedish Correspondence Chess Federation is celebrating 80 years by organizing a friendly match, "SSKK vs Rest of The World" on the ICCF server, hopefully on 80 boards. Starting-date is 1st December 2018.

Each country is asked to provide two players for the Rest of the World team as follows:

1. one player rated 2100-2600
2. one player rated 1400-2099

The Swedish team will have GM's rated 2500+ on the top 4-5 boards, and SIM/IM rated 2450+ on at least boards 6-12.

Any Scottish player interested in being considered for this match should contact Gordon Anderson no later than 10th October 2018.

ICCF 2018 Congress Proposals

001	ETL Procedures in Team Events	Y
002	Restriction on who may be Team Captain	Y
003	Recording Leave for a Player by the TD	Y
004	ICCF Membership - Statute Update	Y
005	Change to Voting Regulations & Procedures	Y
007	Clarification to Electoral Procedures	N
008A	Refinements to 3-Person Panel Review (A)	Y
008B	Refinements to 3-Person Panel Review (B)	Y
009	Clarifying Article 3 - Time Control	Y
010	Setting a Limit to ETL Frequency by a Player	Y
011	MF and National Delegate Responsibilities	N
012	Add Esperanto to Official Languages	N
014	Combine Appeals Committee Change	Y
015	Approve Services Committee Budget for 2019	Y
016	Insight into Adjudicators List for NDs	Y
018	Approve 2017 Congress Minutes	Y
019	New ICCF Member Federation (Mexico)	Y
020	Medals for CCE and CCM titles	Y
021	Choice of ICCF Rules for National Events	Y
022	Replace Ladies OLY/WC with World Cup	N
023	Standardising Viewing Rules	N
024	Updated ICCF Privacy Notice for GDPR	Y
025A	VWC winners get places in WCC	N
025B	VWC runners-up get places in WCC	N
025C	VWC 3 rd places get places in WC Semi	N
025D	VWC winners get SIM title	N
026	Let team members see ongoing team games	Y
027	Global Tenders for ICCF Webserver	N
029	Rescind Developing Nations GDP-based Fees	N
030	Update Article 33 of the ICCF Statutes	Y
031	Update CC Title Regulations	Y
032	Rescind WCC entry to Chess 960 WC winners	Y
035	Change to Reflection Time for Postal Chess	Y
036	ICCF Norm Optimised Tournaments	Y
037A	Incorporate the Voting Regulations in Statutes	Y
037B	Let Delegates change already-recorded Votes	Y
037C	Improve Delegate Engagement	Y
037D	Protect the Vote of Federation Delegates	Y
038	Modify ICCF Rules Document	Y
041	MF Problem with Player Registration via DE	N
042	Let some AA-Server Events be ICCF Rated	N
043	Reduce Rate of Play in VWC	N
044	ICCF Laws of CC	Y
045	Regulate the Start of Open Tournaments	Y
046	2019 ICCF Congress in Vilnius, Lithuania	Y
047	Improve Server Functions for TOs	Y
	Adopt Financial Director Report	Y

Above is a summary of 2018 proposals, accepted (Y) or rejected (N). Some proposals were withdrawn before Congress – hence missing numbers. To view the complete proposals, login to the ICCF site and select ICCF Congresses from the main menu. Then select 2018/Llandudno/Proposals.

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.

Fernschach 2018 CC Database



Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach 2018 offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Database available since 2000
- Total 1,160,000 games (from 1991)
- Approximately 8,500 annotated
- Games from all main chess servers + post + email
- All tournaments marked correspondence so that CC games can be recognised in a larger database
- Editing improved and refined
- German letters ä, ö, ü and ß are not counted in names

The price is €13 (shipping within Germany) and €15 (shipping elsewhere).

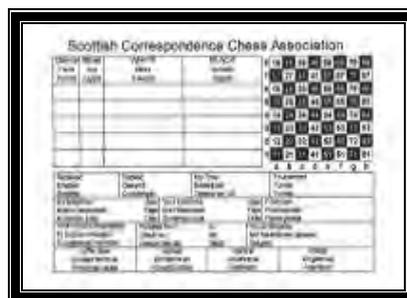
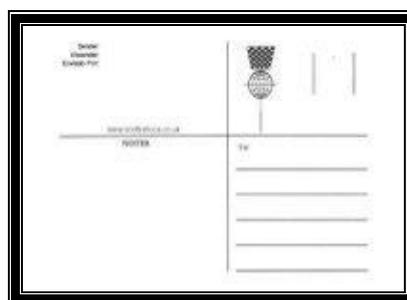
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CC Postcards



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. In June 2018, Royal Mail charged £2.95 for a 200-card parcel.

Orders and payments to Iain Mackintosh at chess@iainmack.co.uk please.

ICCF Game Archive



September updates to the Archive have now been added, and all files may be downloaded by logging into: <https://www.iccf.com/> then selecting Games Archive from the menu.



2018/4 Grading List

By Kevin Paine

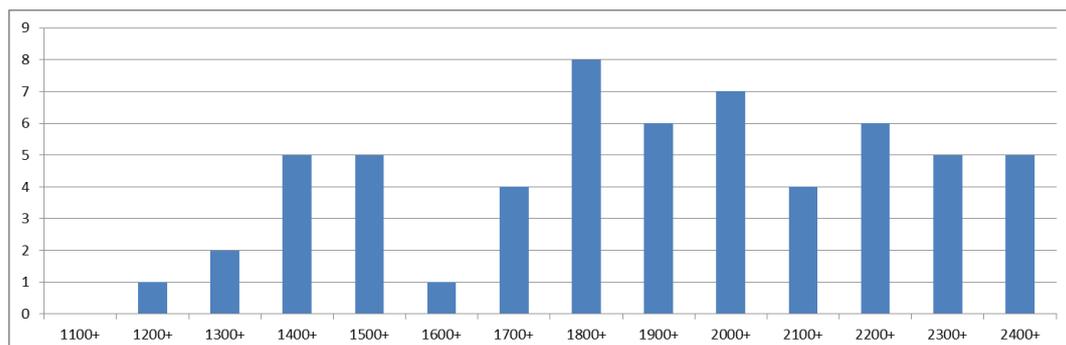
The fourth ICCF grading list of 2018 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 June and 31 August 2018. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 October and 31 December 2018.

There were two additions (Alan Kearns and John Moore) and no deletions in this list. Upwards movements in grading bands were recorded by Jim Anderson (1900+), Eoin Campbell (2100+), Derek Coope (1800+), Robert Gilbert (1800+), John Grant (1700+), Arthur Knox (1400+), Iain Mackintosh (2400+) and Ian Marshall (1900+) – well done to all of them!

Five new games centurions were recorded – Carlos Almarza Mato reached 1500+, David Cumming got to 1400+, Martin Hardwick surpassed 1100, Eoin Campbell passed 800 and Charles Neil vaulted 300. Highest recorded games during this quarter were Martin Hardwick (60), David Cumming (45), Alan Kearns (44), Carlos Almarza Mato (43) and Eoin Campbell (42).

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	1511	2090 ↑	475	Kearns, A	44	1398 ↑
518	Anderson, G M (CCE, SM)	310	2339 ↔	548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	345	2247 ↓
121	Anderson, J	295	1914 ↑	260	Knox, A	348	1412 ↑
049	Armstrong, A	207	1893 ↔	264	Lloyd, G (SM)	856	2241 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	387	1486 ↓	584	MacGregor, C A	417	1935 ↔
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)	445	2478 ↑	532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	729	2402 ↑
599	Bell, A D (CCM, SM)	231	2409 ↔	216	MacMillen, A N	1299	1614 ↓
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	419	2371 ↓	566	Marshall, I H	698	1939 ↑
	Beveridge, C	388	2153 ↓	434	Matheis, T (IM)	234	2452 ↔
472	Blake, M J	794	2322 ↓		McEwan, N R	39	1896 ↓
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	1062	2242 ↓	412	McKinstry, J	94	1481 ↔
602	Burridge, R J	1285	1810 ↓	401	Moir, P J	199	1543 ↔
601	Campbell, E S	810	2120 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	288	2255 ↔
038	Campbell, I S	293	1862 ↔		Moore, J	35	1733 ↑
467	Carswell, D	32	1581 ↔	474	Murden, C (IM)	536	2433 ↓
	Clark, S L	219	1944 ↓	564	Murray, J S	67	2034 ↑
364	Coope, D W	896	1837 ↑	440	Neil, C	307	1365 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	107	1894 ↔	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	162	1981 ↔
166	Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	1402	2370 ↓	604	Paine, Dr K A	207	2351 ↔
422	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	137	2194 ↑	315	Petrie, A	105	1511 ↔
572	Dempster, D	807	1759 ↔		Pettigrew, S	112	1476 ↑
	Dunn, J	293	1549 ↓	432	Price, D	377	2026 ↑
	Dyer, M	109	2059 ↓		Ross, D W	38	1886 ↔
371	Edney, D	245	1978 ↓	477	Sedstrem, A	75	1411 ↓
462	Gilbert, R	181	1805 ↑	439	Smith, M J	71	2070 ↔
086	Gillam, S R (SM)	145	2241 ↔		Stewart, A G	36	2170 ↔
124	Goodwin, B J	361	1792 ↑	546	Stewart, Dr K W C	180	2096 ↑
399	Grant, J	63	1709 ↑	1120	Taylor, W	95	2058 ↑
596	Hardwick, M E	1101	1218 ↑	530	Watson, J (IM)	153	2297 ↔
1013	Hilton, S H	179	1594 ↔				



Statistical Analysis

Total listed	59
New entrants	2
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	0
Full grades (30+ games)	59
Provisional grades (<30 games)	0
Grading increases (↑)	20
Grading decreases (↓)	18
Grading static (↔)	21

Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2478	Lloyd, G (SM)	2241
Matheis, T (IM)	2452	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	2194
Murden, C (IM)	2433	Stewart, A G	2170
Bell, A D (CCM, SM)	2409	Beveridge, C	2153
Mackintosh, I (SIM)	2402	Campbell, E S	2120
Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	2371	Stewart, Dr K W C	2096
Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	2370	Almarza Mato, C	2090
Paine, Dr K A	2351	Smith, M J	2070
Anderson, G M (CCE, SM)	2339	Dyer, M	2059
Blake, M J	2322	Taylor, W	2058
Watson, J (IM)	2297	Murray, J S	2034
Montgomery, R S	2255	Price, D	2026
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2247	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	1981
Borwell, A P (IM)	2242	Edney, D	1978
Gillam, S R (SM)	2241	Clark, S L	1944

Top 30 Rated Games

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Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	1402	MacGregor, C A	417
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Marshall, I H	698	Dunn, J	293
Murden, C	536	Montgomery, R S	288
Beecham, C R (SIM)	445	Edney, D	245

Other Notes

International Master (IM) title norms are held by:

Bennett, P G (1)

Scottish Master (SM) title norms are held by:

Paine, K A (3)

Montgomery, R S (2).

Correspondence Chess Master (CCM) title norms:

Anderson, G M (1)

Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE) title norms:

Beveridge, C (1)

Campbell, E S (2)

Lloyd, G (2)

Montgomery, R S (1)

Paine, K A (1).

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries, and may include members who have played <12 games and have yet to receive a provisional rating.

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

A number of useful online rating enquiry facilities are available, including a personal forecasted rating as your results come in.



47th ICCF Congress – Llandudno 2018

By Gordon Anderson

The 2018 ICCF Congress, hosted by the Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation, ('WCCF') was held in the Imperial Hotel, in the coastal town of Llandudno, in North Wales, from August 18-23, 2018. The Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation is led by a relatively small band of enthusiastic volunteers and was hosting its second ICCF Congress in 4 years, Cardiff having been the venue in 2015.



Llandudno, North Wales

The official opening was preceded by an address by Peter Bevan, President of the WCCF who welcomed Delegates and accompanying persons to Congress. Entertainment was provided by Maelgwn Male Voice Choir, followed by a welcome from the Mayor and Mayoress of Llandudno, before Congress was officially opened by ICCF President Eric Ruch, who warmly thanked the Welsh Federation and its officials for hosting Congress. The main items considered by Congress were as follows:



Maelgwn Male Voice Choir

Congress Awards

The opening ceremony was followed by the traditional presentation of numerous awards, including the induction of our esteemed member, George Pyrich, who died last December, into the ICCF Hall of Fame. George is only the fourth person to have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. Tributes to George were paid at various stages throughout *SCCA Magazine 143*

Congress. Apart from medals and certificates being presented to individuals who attended Congress, including the writer, medals and certificates were presented to National Delegates to pass on to individuals and teams where success had been achieved. It was fitting that some of the players who represented Wales in the 7th North Atlantic Team Tournament, won by Wales were present to receive their medals and certificates. It is worth noting that 744 titles were awarded in the last year.



Gordon receives his CCE certificate and medal

Congress Business-Minutes

Business commenced with the introduction of, Russell Sherwood, new Marketing Director, Jan Vosselman, new Finance Director and Neil Limbert new Non-title Tournament Commissioner. Consideration of the Minutes of the previous Congress took place and led to a lengthy discussion on what Minutes should consist of and the need to record the gist of discussion which took place at Congress. Following that discussion the Minutes were approved, however, there were a significant number of abstentions.

Membership Matters

Before moving to consider the financial report a proposal was made to admit Mexico to ICCF membership and this was approved.

ICCF Finance

The new Finance Director outlined the challenges which had been presented by the untimely death of his predecessor on 16 December 2017, which was just before the end of the financial year.

He explained that he had determined to change the method of preparation, partly because he was unfamiliar with the accounting programme used in the past. This had resulted in him going through the financial papers and transcribing them into a new finance spreadsheet. Mr Vosselman was confident he had captured all of the financial transactions and reported a deficit of around 8,000 Euros which was a significant improvement on the previous year when the deficit was just short of 28,000 euros. The paper report submitted to Congress was quite unimpressive when compared to those submitted to Congress in the past.

Again there was lengthy debate, some of it quite technical and I suspect was difficult for those with limited financial background to follow and understand. The consequence was that while the accounts were approved there were significant abstentions. It was noted that the ICCF Auditor was unimpressed with what had been prepared and had, in fact, resigned prior to Congress to allow delegates to identify a successor. In this regard, Paul Scott of Wales was proposed as the new ICCF Auditor. This appointment has subsequently been confirmed following a vote by National Delegates.

ICCF Webserver

The Services Director had submitted his report in advance of Congress (this is available on the ICCF site, as are other reports submitted to Congress-go to “About ICCF” and from the drop down box, click on 2018 Congress Documents) and rather than go through the report in detail the Services Director, Austin Lockwood, commented on the key actions taken since last Congress. Consideration was given to proposals which had been submitted to Congress with the Services budget being approved and with Congress approving an updated ICCF Privacy Notice to meet GDPR regulations.



Services Director and Congress Organiser Austin Lockwood

Various Reports

The Qualifications Commissioner, the Ratings Commissioner, the World Tournament Director, the Title Tournaments Commissioner, the Non-title Tournament Commissioner all submitted reports. The salient decisions reached were that:

- (1) all the invitational tournaments were approved in retrospect (including the George Pyrich Memorials),
- (2) National Delegates who attend Congress will be presented with CCM/CCE medals as happens with other title medals at present with all medals being paid for by ICCF,
- (3) the Veterans World Cup will start every second year from 2020 and the full World Cup, Veterans and Webserver Opens will have a regulated start date,
- (4) Champions League will move to Triple Block system from the season after next and a new Division D will be introduced to accommodate lower rated teams.

Gerhard Binder, the Ratings Commissioner indicated he would retire from the post at next Congress having served for 25 years in the role.

ICCF Marketing

The new Marketing Director, Russell Sherwood (Wales) enthusiastically presented his report in which he confirmed his intention to reactivate the Marketing Committee and to find a Deputy. Russell then outlined the main planks of his strategy, which revolve around Recruitment, Retention, Developing the ICCF brand and developing partnerships and sponsorship. It is recommended that players take the time to look at the Marketing Director’s report which can be found under the About ICCF, Congress 2018 papers tab. Indeed, all Congress Papers can be found under the 2018 Congress tab.



Marketing Director Russell Sherwood

ICCF Rules

The afternoon session on the second day was devoted to the report of the Rules Commissioner and to the various proposals referred to within the report or to other rules related proposals.

Probably the most interesting of the proposals (no. 36) related to the introduction of numerous new title tournaments, to include tournaments for CCE and CCM. Congress approved the proposal, although a fee structure had not been agreed with the Finance Director, although that should be resolved to allow for new SIM, IM, CCM and CCE norm tournaments to be introduced from January 2019.

Final Day

On the final day of the ICCF meeting, the following reports were presented and accepted: Tournament Director Committee Report, Appeals Committee, Arbitration Committee, Zonal reports, Internal matters, Committee membership and Future Congress venue. Within these various reports there was also consideration of a number of proposals, the most interesting of these being a series of proposals regarding 'rewards' for winners, runners-up and 3rd place in Veterans World Cup. Whilst the discussion was rather technical the proposals were rejected mainly around the fact that Veterans World Cups were closed events but also around the strength of these tournaments.

Future Congresses

Congress approved a proposal from Lithuania to hold the 2019 Congress in Vilnius from 18th to 22nd August.

Congress Activities

During the week there was the usual programme of chess activities-an ICCF team was able to secure a win in the traditional team match against the hosts, 7.5-4.5. The traditional blitz tournament was held on the second evening and ended in a 4-way tie involving Per Soderberg (Sweden), Jan Vosselman (Netherlands and ICCF Finance Director), Avotins Maigonis (Latvia) and Ian Jones from Wales.

The final chess event, on the Wednesday evening, was a simultaneous display by GM Nigel Davies over 18 boards. 3 draws were conceded to Peter Bevan (Wales) Artis Guajens (Latvia) and Josef Mrkvicka (Czech Republic), the remaining games being won by GM Davies.



GM Nigel Davies in action

The customary Congress Excursion involved a trip to Llanberis, which enable some members of the party to walk up Snowdon while others took a trip up Snowdon on the Snowdon Mountain Railway. Unfortunately, by the time everyone reached the summit the mist had descended resulting in poor visibility.

While the main party waited for the walkers to descend a number of the delegates and spouses enjoyed a visit to the National Slate Museum.



Happy mountaineers, including Services Director Austin Lockwood and President Eric Ruch

In the evening, ICCF hosted the traditional closing banquet, which this year was attended by Catherine Pyrich and by George's brother and sister. Tributes were paid to George for his work for ICCF and SCCA by Eric Ruch, ICCF President and then by Alan Borwell. During the course of the banquet there was a rolling slide show of photographs, from a number of Congresses, involving George and his many friends. A fitting tribute to our former colleague and friend.



Top table at the closing banquet which included Eric Ruch, Russell Sherwood, Alan Borwell, Catherine Pyrich, and George's brother and sister.

Being National delegate, rather than simply being part of the delegation, was hard work but it did enable me to meet fellow delegates and to line up some future matches for SCCA.

In the pipeline are possible matches with Panama (starting in March 2019) and Sweden (starting in June 2019). We will need a strong team for both matches and I hope players will be available to represent SCCA.





Games Column

By Alastair Dawson

David Cumming is currently tied in both the 2017-18 and 2018-19 Scottish Championships with Iain Mackintosh. He is a hard man to beat. His style is uncompromising and he never fails to set his opponents problems.

We include two of his games from the 2017-18 Championship here. The first is against myself where I struggled to hold together the White side of a Kings Indian.

The second is a lengthy dour battle between David and Clive Murden that starts as a Petroff. David then wins the exchange for a pawn but Clive gains compensation with two nice bishops on a reasonably open board. Eventually White returns the exchange and the game quickly peters out to a hard-earned draw

White: Dawson, Alastair (2113)

Black: Cumming, David (2306)

Scottish Championship 2017-18 King's Indian Classical [E92]

[Notes by Alastair Dawson]

1.Nf3 Nf6

2.d4 g6

Already Black is setting White problems of how to disguise his opening plans.

3.c4 Bg7

4.Nc3 0-0

5.e4

So, the dust has settled a bit and now we have a conventional King's Indian.

5... d6

6.Be2 e5

7.d5 a5

8.Be3 Ng4

So, already we are starting to enter uncharted waters although there are some top level GM games to compare with.

9.Bd2

The move 9. Bg5 is by far a much more popular option. I wanted to explore the Bd2 idea but in retrospect maybe I should not have bothered!

9... f5

10.exf5 gxf5

11.Ng5 Na6

Black has pretty much equalised by now and structurally White has to keep plugging holes in his pawn formation.

12.0-0 Nc5

13.Bxg4 fxg4

14.Qe2 Bf5

15.Nge4



The King's Indian is always amazing in its ability to allow quite distinctive and novel positions to emerge.

15... Nxe4

16.Nxe4 b6

17.Rac1 Qe8

White's problem is trying to keep a lid on the two Black bishops.

18.Ng3 Bd7

19.Qe4 a4

20.Rce1 Rb8

21.Bg5 Qf7

22.f3 Qg6

23.Qxg6 hxg6

In retrospect I should maybe have returned the N to e4 immediately but I thought I would gamble and try and get a different type of play by snatching on g4.

24.fxg4 Rxf1+

25.Rxf1 b5



I did not really consider this move in any detail but I should have because it is quite strong indeed.

26.Rc1 e4

27.Nxe4 Bd4+

28.Kh1

And now it is painful to experience the power of the two Black bishops - in summary White has messed up, the 2 bishops are stronger than the B plus N - and White is hanging on for dear life.

28... Rf8

29.b3 bxc4

30.bxc4 Bxg4

31.c5

The only chance for counterplay..

31... dxc5

32.h3 Be2

33.Nxc5 Rf5

34.Be7 Bb2

35.Re1 Bc4

36.Nxa4 Be5

37.Be5

White is just about holding on but the vulnerability of the king makes the position precarious.

37... Bxd5

38.Kg1 Bg3

39.Re8+ Kg7

40.Nc3 Bc4

41.Ne2 Rxc5

42.Nxg3 Bxa2



So, now one of the bishop pair is off White can breathe a bit more easily - although White still has to be careful.

43.Ne4 Rc1+

44.Kf2 Rc2+

45.Kg3 Bd5

46.Re7+ Kf8

47.Re5 c6

48.h4 Kf7

49.Kf3 Rd2

50.g4 Rd4
 51.Kc3 Ra4
 52.Nd6+ Kf6

And with White planning to ultimately create a passed pawn on the kingside, a draw was proposed and agreed.

½-½



White: Cumming, David (2306)
 Black: Murden, Clive (2437)
 Scottish Championship 2017–18,
 Petroff Defence [C52]
[Notes by Alastair Dawson]

1.e4 e5
 2.Nf3 Nf6
 3.Nxe5 d6
 4.Nf3

A Petroff and a challenge to White to find an elusive edge,

4... Nxe4
 5.Nc3 Nxc3
 6.dxc3 Be7
 7.Be3

A line used by Aronian, Carlsen, Bacrot and Anand.

7... Nc6
 8.Qd2 0-0
 9.0-0-0 Ne5
 10.Kb1 Be6
 Other options were 10...c6 and 10...Re8
 11.Nd4 Bd7
 12.Be2 a6
 13.Nb3 b5
 14.Na5 Nc6
 15.Nb7 Qc8



16.Nc5
 Quite an ingenious manoeuvre.

16... Bf5
 17.Bf3 Ne5
 18.Bxa8 Qxa8
 19.Nd3

White has won the exchange but the Black bishops are strong.

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19... Nxd3
 20.cxd3 Qxg2
 21.Rhg1 Qd5
 22.Ka1 Rb8
 23.c4 Qf3
 24.Bd4 Bf8
 25.Qg5 h6
 26.Qe3 Qxe3
 27.Bxe3 Kh7



So, with the queens off there is now a lengthy struggle with Black trying to handle being an exchange for a pawn down.

28.Rc1 b4
 29.Rg3 g5
 30.h3 Re8
 31.f4 gxf4
 32.Bxf4 Re2
 33.Re3 Rf2
 34.Bg3 Rg2
 35.Rf1 Bg6
 36.Bf2 Bg7
 37.Rg3 Rh2
 38.d4 h5
 39.a4 bxa3
 40.Rxa3 Be4
 41.Ka2 f5
 42.Rb3 Bg2
 43.Rg1 Be4
 44.Rbg3 Bh6
 45.Be1 d5
 46.Rg6 Rh1
 47.Rxh6+ Kxh6
 48.Bd2+ Kh7
 49.Rxh1 Bxh1



And with the exchange returned the game is looking more likely to end in a draw]

50.c5 h4
 51.c6 Bg2
 52.Bf4 Bf1
 53.Ka3 Bb5
 54.Kb4 Bxc6
 55.Bxc7 Bb5
 56.Kc5 Be4
 57.Bd8 Kg6
 58.Bxh4 f4
 59.Be1 Kg5
 60.Kd6 Kf5
 61.h4 Kf6
 62.Bd2 f3
 63.Be3 Kf5
 64.h5 a5
 65.h6 Kf6
 66.Kc6 a4



½-½



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The Hawkes Files

By John E. Hawkes

Scandinavian Marshall Gambit

In the early 1960s I lived in Balham (South London) and got hooked on chess and got off to a flying start in CC with the BCCS thanks to its creator John Mackie.



Brian Reilly
From a sketch by W.H.Cozens in the
September 1981 edition of *The BCM*

So I often took a Saturday train though the tunnel to West Norwood station and Brian Reilly's upstairs BCM office/emporium for some chess literature, and to renew my subscription to the invaluable *Shakmatny Bulletin*, mailed from Moscow.



It was sometime in the early 70s at his new premises in St.Leonards/Hastings where I bought a German magazine containing the bare score of the Dilmann - Felbecker game.

Now, 50 years down-the-line, I no longer have the magazine but did

keep that particular score in my so-called files. It's here for your pleasure, as an appetiser before the feast of entertaining chess games resulting from the Marshall Gambit 2...Nf6 of the Centre-Counter.

But first, here is one of two brilliant CC games by Brian Reilly embedded in a comprehensive account of his life on the Irish Chess Union site · <https://www.icu.ie/articles/72>.



White: Reilly, Brian Patrick
Black: Parr, Frank

British CC Championship, 1958
King's Indian, Saemisch [E88]
[Notes by John E Hawkes based on
ICU article annotation.]

Frank Parr won the Hastings Premier of 1939/1940 and was British CC Champion in 1948 (joint with Gabriel Wood), 1949 (joint with Harry Israel), and outright in 1950 and 1956.

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	g6
3.Nc3	Bg7
4.e4	d6
5.f3	0-0
6.Be3	e5
7.d5	c6
8.Qd2	

A few years later, Kiproff - Radulov (4th Bulgarian CC Championship 1964-65) would go: 8.Nge2 cxd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.g4 h5 11.h3 Nh7 12.gxh5 Qh4+ 13.Bf2 Qxh5 14.Ng3 Qh6 15.h4 Qf4 16.Bg2 Nd7 17.Nce2 Qf6 18.Be3 Nc5 (!18...a5) 19.b4 Nd7 20.Kf2 Qd8 21.Qc2! b5 22.Rac1±

8...	cx d5
9.cxd5	Nh5?
□9...a6	
10.0-0-0	f5
11.Bd3	f4
12.Bf2	a6
13.Kb1	b5
14.Nge2	Nd7



15.b4!?	Nb6
16.Nc1	Nc4
17.Bxc4	bxc4
18.a4	Rb8
19.N1a2	Bd7
20.Qb2	Bf6
21.Kc2	Qe8
22.Qa3	g5
23.b5!	axb5
24.a5!	Bd8
25.Nb4	

An impressive blockade.

25...	Ra8
26.a6	g4
27.a7	g3
28.hxg3	fxg3
29.Be3	Nf4
30.Rd2	h5
31.Nc6	h4
32.Qxd6	



32...	Nxg2?
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The game annotator on the lifestory article gives 32...Nxg2! It's a good try, but White refutes the idea brilliantly. 32...Bxc6 33.dxc6 b4 34.Qh6 bxc3 35.Rd7 Rf7 36.Bxf4 exf4 37.Qg6+ Kf8 38.Qh6+ and perpetual check.

33.Rxg2 Rxf3
 34.Nxd8! h3
 35.Ne6!! Bxe6
 35...hxg2 36.Rh8+! Kxh8 37.Qxe5+
 and mate to follow.
 36.Qxe5! Qg6
 36...hxg2 37.Qh8+ Kf7 38.Rh7+ Kg6
 39.Qg7#
 37.dxe6
 37...Rxe3 stops Bd4, but not Rxh3
 1-0



White: Dilmann, B.
 Black: Felbecker, Hans [B01]
 Correspondence 1968
 Scandinavian Defence [B01]
 [Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5
 2.exd5 Nf6
 3.d4 c6
 4.dxc6 Nxc6
 5.Bb5 e5
 6.Qe2 Bb4+
 7.c3 0-0!
 8.Bxc6!
 8.dxe5 Bg4 9.f3 Nd4 and all four
 minor pieces en prise!
 8... exd4
 9.cxb4 bxc6
 10.Qd3 Qb6
 11.Ne2 Re8
 12.b5
 12.Na3 Qxb4+ 13.Kf1 a5 and good
 play for Black.
 12... Bg4
 13.f3 Bf5?
 13...Bh5 lets White castle.
 14.Qxf5 Nd5



15.a4?
 15.Na3 Qc5 16.Qc2 is the correct
 defence.
 15... g6
 16.Qd3 Nb4
 17.Qc4 d3
 18.Qxb4?

18.Bd2 is necessary. 18...Nc2+
 19.Kd1 Rad8 20.Nf4 Nxa1 21.Nc3
 gets the pieces out and into action.
 18... Rxe2+
 19.Kd1 Qf2
 20.Bd2?
 After 20.Qc3 Black keeps pressure
 on the White king, but he can slip
 away e.g. 20...Rae8 21.Bd2 Qxg2
 22.Qxd3 Qxh1+ 23.Kc2 cxb5
 24.axb5 Rc8+ 25.Kb3 Qd1+ 26.Kb4!
 20... Qxg2
 After 20...Qxg2 21.Re1 there are nice
 mates; 21...Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 (22.Bxe1
 Qc2#) 22...Qg1#
 0-1



White: Thimann, Reg G
 Black: Felbecker, Hans
 ICCF-M, 1968
 Scandinavian Defence [B01]
 [Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5
 2.exd5 Nf6
 3.d4 c6
 3...Nxd5 4.c4 Nf6!? 5.Nc3 e5 6.dxe5
 Qxd1+ 7.Nxd1 Ne4 8.Bd3 Ne5
 9.Bb1 Nc6 10.f4 g5 11.Nf3 gxf4
 12.Bxf4 Be6 13.Ne3 Bg7 14.Nf5
 Rg8 15.Nxg7+ Rxg7 16.0-0 0-0-0±
 Thimann v Bowman-Smith , BPCF
 Ch 1967
 4.dxc6
 4.c4 cxd5 is the Panov Transfer
 variation, B14.
 4... Nxc6
 5.Bb5 e5
 6.dxe5 Qxd1+
 7.Kxd1 Bg4+
 8.f3 0-0-0+
 9.Ke1 Bb4+
 10.c3 Rhe8
 11.Bf4



11... Nxe5!
 Necessary complications.
 12.Bxe8 Nd3+
 13.Kf1 Nxf4

14.cxb4
 14.Ba4 was a safer move, as Black
 now gets his attack on the king.
 14... Rd1+
 15.Kf2 Bf5
 16.Bb5 N6d5
 17.a3 Rcl
 Black is a whole R down, but both
 White's Ns are pinned!
 18.h4 Bd3
 The option 18...Bxb1 was not the
 pastor's way of playing. He's looking
 for checkmate, but now White can -
 only just- stay alive by very clever
 development sacrifices.
 19.Nc3!
 19.Bxd3 Nxd3+ 20.Ke2 N3f4+
 21.Kf2? Rc2+ mates in six moves!
 22.Nd2 Rxd2+ 23.Ke1 Rc2 24.Ne2
 Rxe2+ 25.Kd1 Ne3+ 26.Kc1 Nd3+
 27.Kb1 Rxb2#



The might-have-been fabulous finish
 to the attack, but White could go
 21.Kd2 and there was no mate.
 19... Rc2+
 19...Rxa1 20.Nxd5 Bxb5 21.Nxf4+--
 20.Nge2 Bxb5
 21.Rac1!
 Returning the exchange in order to
 simplify and kill the attack.
 21... Nd3+
 22.Kg3 Nxc1
 23.Rxc1 Rxc1
 24.Nxc1 Ne7?
 24...Nxc3 25.bxc3 Bc4 and with a B
 dominating White's N, albeit
 momentarily, Black had better
 chances of a draw.
 25.Nxb5 Nxb5
 26.Kf4±



White now exploits his half-pawn advantage with impeccable play.

26... Kd7
27.Nd3 Nd6
28.Nc5+ Kc6
29.Ne4 Nxe4

Or, keeping the knights on the board: 29...Nc4 30.Ng5 Nxb2 31.Nxf7 Kb5 32.Nd6+ Ka4 33.Nxb7 Kxa3 34.b5 Kb4 35.Nd6 Ne4 36.Nc8 Kxb5 37.Nxa7+ Kb6 and the knight has that single escape square! 38.Nc8+! and a winning ending.

30.Kxe4 Kd6
31.Kd4 f5
32.h5 Ke6
33.Kc5 Ke5
34.b5 g5
35.hxg6 hxg6
36.b6 a5
37.a4 Kf4
38.b4 axb4
39.Kxb4

39.Kxb4 The game probably ended here with Black resigning faced with the variation 39...g5 40.a5 Kg3 41.a6 bxa6 42.b7 Kxg2 43.b8Q Kxf3 44.Qe5 Kg4 45.Kc3 f4 46.Kd2+–
1-0



White: Rotstein, E.
Black: Pyshkin, A.
 Crystal Factory Cup, 1991
 Scandinavian Defence [B01]
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5
2.exd5 Nf6
3.d4 Nxd5
4.c4 Nb6
5.Nc3

5.Nf3 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.h3 0–0 is more usual. Some examples: 8.Be2 (8.Be3 c5!? 9.d5 Na6 10.Qd2 e6 (A wrinkle to know is; 10...e5 11.Bh6 e4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nh2 e3 14.fxe3 Nxc4!) 11.d6 Bd7 12.Bh6 Na4 13.h4 Nxc3 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Qxc3+ f6
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16.h5 Nb4 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.Ng5 e5 19.a3 Nc6 20.Rh7+ Kg8 21.Qd3 Qe8 22.Qd5+ Be6 23.d7 Bxd5 24.dxe8Q Raxe8 25.cxd5 Nd4 26.Rc1 b6 27.Rxa7 fxg5 28.d6 Rd8 29.b4 Rxd6 30.bxc5 Rc6 31.Kd2 Rxf2+ 32.Kd3 Rxc5 33.Ke3 Rxc1 34.Kxf2 g4 35.g3 e4 36.Ba6 Nf5 0–1 Galicki-Zek, I Jurajski Tmt, Poland 1992) 8...c5 9.Be3 (Holding the tension - it's most interesting to see how Pyshkin treats this) 9...cxd4 10.Bxd4 Bh6! 11.Ne5 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.0–0 Bf5 14.b3 Qc7 15.c5 Nd5 16.Nxd5 cxd5 17.b4 (The majority is impressive, but with the Black B's controlling the baseline support squares, its advance is problematical.) 17...Rfd8 18.a4 e5 19.Bb2 d4 20.Bc1 Bf8 21.Ba3 e4 22.Qb3 d3 23.Bg4 Bxg4 24.hxg4 d2 25.Bb2 Rd3 26.Qd1 a5 27.Ra3 Rad8 0–1 : Sorensen, T-Pyshkin, VI Baltic Team Tmt.

5... e5
6.dxe5 Qxd1+
7.Nxd1

7.Kxd1 Nc6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Bf4 Nd4 10.Kc1 Nxf3 11.gxf3 Bxf3 12.Rg1 0–0–0 and equal chances in Gorov-Pyshkin, Yaroslav 1967.

7... Nc6
8.f4 Be6
9.Ne3 0-0-0
10.Nf3 Bc5
11.Ng5

11.a3 Bxe3 12.Bxe3 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Kf2 Bb3 15.Rac1 Rd7 with a slight edge.

11... Nb4
12.a3
 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.a3 (13.Kf2? Nc2 14.Rb1 Rd1 15.Ke2 Nxe3–+ Veinger-Sosonko, Leningrad 1966) 13...Nd3+ 14.Bxd3 Rxd3 (14...Bxe3 15.Ke2!) 15.Ke2 Rb3 getting the pawn back.

12... Nd3+
13.Bxd3 Rxd3
14.Ke2 Rb3
15.Nxe6 Bxe3
16.Ng5

16.Bxe3 Nxc4 17.Bxa7 fxe6 18.Ra2 b6 19.Rc1 Na5 20.Bxb6 Rxb6 21.b4 Nc6! 22.Rd2 Ne7+–

16...Bxc1 17.Raxc1
 17.Rhxc1 f6+–

17... Rxb2+
18.Kf3 Rb3+!
19.Ke4

19.Kf2 f6 was a critical option; 20.Nf7 Re8 21.Rhd1 fxe5 (21...Na4!?) 22.Nxe5 Rxa3 leaving White with counterplay by advancing his "weak" c-pawn.

19...f6

20.Ne6 Nd7
21.Rhd1
 21.Nxg7? fxe5 22.fxe5 Rg8+; 21.c5 c6+–
21... Rxa3
22.exf6 Nxf6+
23.Kf5 Nd7
24.Rc2



24... Re3!
25.Nxg7
 25.Rcd2 g6+ 26.Kg5 h6+ 27.Kh4 Rxe6 28.Rxd7 Re4 29.R1d4 Rxf4+! was Black's hoped-for variation.

25... Rf8+
26.Kg5 Rg8
27.Rxd7! Kxd7
28.Kf6 Rf8+
29.Kg5 Re7
30.Nh5 a5
31.g4 a4
32.Kh6

And the Black R's must get ready for the awkward task of defending his h-P and the White queening thrust.

32... Kc6
33.f5 a3
34.f6 Ref7
35.g5 Kc5
36.Ng7 Rh8
37.h4 Kb4
38.Rf2 Kxc4
39.Rf4+ Kd5
40.Ra4 b5
41.Rxa3 c5



42.h5 b4
 43.Re3 c4
 44.Re8 Rxe8
 45.Nxe8 c3
 46.g6 Ke6!
 47.gxh7 Rxh7+
 47...c2 48.h8Q c1Q+ 49.Kg6 Qg1+
 50.Kh6 Qe3+ 51.Kg6 Qg3+ 52.Kh6
 Qf4+ 53.Kg6 Qf5+ 54.Kh6 Rxf6+
 55.Nxf6 Qxf6+ 56.Qxf6+ Kxf6
 57.Kh7 b3 was equally instructive -
 if quite a bit longer.
 48.Kxh7 Kf7
 49.Nd6+ Kf8
 50.Kg6 c2
 51.h6 c1Q
 52.h7 Qh1

0-1



White: Kjellin, V (SWE)
 Black: Hribovsek, I (CSSR)
 European CC Tournament 1962
 Scandinavian Defence [B01]
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5
 2.exd5 Nf6
 3.Bb5+ Bd7
 4.Bc4 b5
 5.Bb3 Bg4
 6.f3 Bc8
 7.d4
 7.Qe2 a6 8.a4 b4 9.Qc4 Qd6 10.a5
 Bd7 11.c3 e6 12.dxe6 Bxe6 13.Qe2
 Kd7?! is another game in the fine
 Bohak/Zlender "500 Slovenian CC
 games" book: Bravnicar and Brajovic
 in 1967 with White victorious in 37.
 7... Bb7
 8.Nc3 b4
 9.Ba4+ Nfd7
 10.Ne4 Bxd5
 11.Ne2 e6
 12.Be3 c6
 13.0-0



Black now opts for a string of pawn
 moves.

13... f5
 14.Nd2 c5!?
 15.Nf4 c4
 16.c3 16.Qe2!
 16... Kf7
 17.cxb4 Bxb4
 18.a3 Bd6
 And he has gotten away with it.
 19.Kh1 Bxf4!
 The good B goes, and and Black
 retains his d5 "fat-pawn" [JEH
 copyright pending]. The more natural
 19...Nb6 might have brought about
 the interesting variation 20.Bc2 Nc6
 21.Ne4 - when I would have given
 you a diagram.

20.Bxf4 Qb6
 21.Bxd7
 21.Ne4 was to be considered but
 21...Rd8 22.Nd6+ Kg8 23.Nb5 Na6
 sees Black developed adequately.
 21... Nxd7
 22.Qa4 Bc6
 23.Qc2 Bb5
 24.Rfd1

Trying for more than the endgame
 after: 24.Nxc4 Rac8 25.Nxb6 Rxc2
 26.Nxd7 Bxd7 27.Rfc1 Rhc8
 28.Rxc2 Rxc2 29.b4 Bc6∞
 24... Nf6
 25.Nxc4 Bxc4
 26.Qxc4 Nd5
 27.Be1?!
 27.Qc1 was the best move; 27...Rhc8
 28.Qd2
 27... Rhc8
 28.Qd3 Rab8
 29.Bd2 Qb3!

Not falling for the trap: 29...Qxb2?
 30.Rdb1 Rb3 31.Qxb3+-
 30.Qxb3 Rxb3
 White's extra P was no deterrent to a
 Q-exchange. Black has three active
 pieces and a strong initiative.

31.Rab1
 31.Rac1 Rcb8 32.Bc3 Nxc3 33.Rxc3
 Rxc3 34.bxc3 Rb3 and the R-ending
 is good for Black.
 31... Rc2
 32.Bg5 h6
 33.Bh4
 33.Bd2 Rd3 34.Bc3 Nxc3! 35.bxc3
 Rxc3 36.Rxd3 Rxd3 and the R-
 ending is very good for Black.
 33... Ne3
 34.Rde1 Rbx2



And my mind went gack to one July
 afternoon at the 1987 Marseille
 Open. It was "hot enough to boil a
 monkey's bum" in the playing zone,
 and I was unfortunate enough to be
 paired against the mechant Mephisto
 computer. I'll never forget our 4-
 rook ending and the moment when it
 played the Black rook to complete
 the occupation of the 4 centre
 squares e4, d4, e5 and d5 - a winning
 move too - Carrement!

35.Bg3 g5
 36.Be5 f4
 37.Rg1 Rxb1
 38.Rxb1 Nxc2
 39.h3 Nh4
 Threatens an Arabian mate in two.
 40.Rb3
 If 40.Rb7+ Kg6 41.Rg7+ Kh5
 White's mate by Rh7 and Bg7 takes
 too long, whilst 42.Kg1 Nxf3+
 43.Kf1 Kh4 44.Rxa7 Kg3 and he will
 be mated by Rf2.
 40... Rf2

0-1



Chessplayer Concentrating
 Alma Redlinger



Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 11

By John E. Hawkes

White: Lesbekov, Adehan
Black: Nakhaenko, Viktor M
 Match Russia - Germany, circa 1994
 Scandinavian Defence [B01]
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 d5
2.exd5 Nf6
3.d4 Nxd5
4.Nf3 g6
5.h3 Bg7
6.c4 Nb6
7.Be3 0-0
8.Nc3 Nc6

For less-charted waters there is 8...c5!? A game Budlevskis-Roze in the Karl Behtins Memorial 1993-96 continued: 9.d5 Na6 10.Qd2 e5 11.0-0 (11.Bh6 e4 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Nh2 e3!) 11...f5 12.Bh6 Qf6 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.h4 h6 15.h5 g5 16.Qe3 Re8 17.Nd2 e4 18.g4 Qd4 19.gxf5 Bxf5 20.a3 Nd7 21.Bh3 Qxe3 22.fxe3 Bxh3 23.Rxh3 Nf6= **9.Qd2 e5**
10.d5 Na5
 10...Ne7 staying centralised, can continue: 11.g4 e4 12.Nxe4 f5 13.Nc5 fxg4 14.Ng5 Nf5 15.Nce6 Bxe6 16.Nxe6 Qf6! 17.0-0-0 (17.hxg4 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Qf3! and Black has a strong attack. Tseshkovsky-Smagin, USSR, 1986.) 17...Nxe3 18.fxe3 g3! in Dimitrov - Kogelov, 21st Bulgarian CC Championship 1991.
11.b3 e4

12.Nh2
 12.Nd4 and again, centralisation has to be better.
12... f5
13.Bc5
 White now goes after material! A sounder move was 13.Rc1
13... Rf7
14.Bb4 f4
15.0-0-0



15... Bf5!
16.Bxa5 e3
17.fxe3 fxe3
18.Qxe3 Qf8!
19.Kb2 Re8
20.Qg1
 Black now sacrifices the second knight.
20... Na4+!
21.bxa4
 21.Ka1 Qa3 22.Rb1 Re1 and Qb2 mate next move.

21... b6
22.c5 bxa5
23.Bc4 Re4!
24.Kb3



24... Qb8+
 White resigned.
 Resignation is understandable, after 24...Qb8+ 25.Nb5 a6 26.a3 axb5 27.Bxb5 and Nakhaenko would have had the pleasure of a queen sacrifice for mate in 4: 27...Qxb5+! 28.axb5 a4+ 29.Kc2 Re2+ 30.Kc1 Bb2#
0-1



Chess on the Beach



Alma Redlinger



Chess Art Romania 100

By Iain Mackintosh

Romanian Centenary

This year marks 100 years since the formation of the modern Romanian state at the end of World War 1, and has been officially declared "The Centennial Anniversary Year" by the Romanian Government.

We congratulate the Romanian CCF (Comisia Centrală de Șah prin Corespondență) who are organising the Romania 100 years invitational tournament!

The Chess Player Corneliu Baba



Baba (b.Craiova, 1906, d.Bucharest, 1997) chose The Chess Player (oil on canvas) for his debut at the official 1948 Bucharest Art Salon.

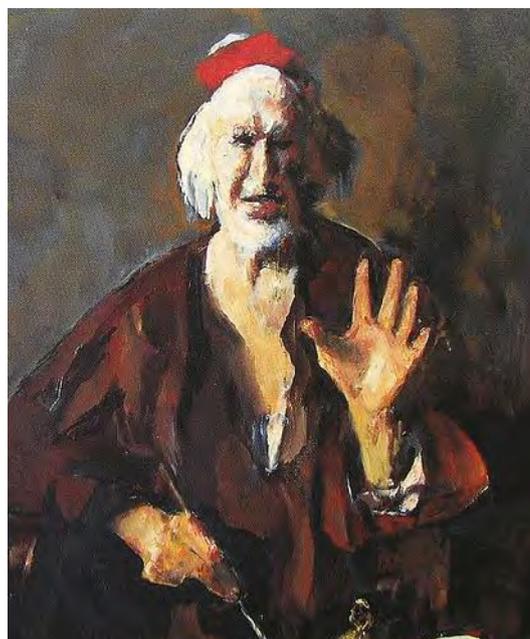
In the corner of the artist's studio a man in his 50's sits bent over a chessboard, his hands resting on his knees. He is engrossed in the position, where a black knight has penetrated into the heart of his camp.

The close-range, steep-angle viewpoint is particularly intriguing. Baba was a tall, well-built man, and here he is also the player of the black pieces we can't see.

The Mad King Corneliu Baba



Self Portrait Corneliu Baba

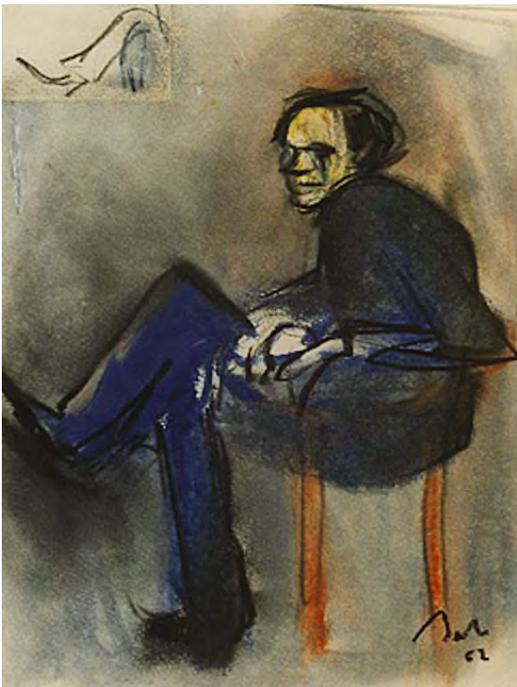


The Chess Players
Alexandru Ciucurencu



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Corneliu Baba

Tension
Alma Redlinger



The Art of Chess
Alma Redlinger



Concentration
Alma Redlinger



Green Chessplayer
Alma Redlinger



Alma Redlinger, (b. Bucharest 1924, d. Bucharest 2017) was a painter and illustrator. She graduated at Free Art Academy and at Guguianu Art Academy, having as professor the painter M H Maxy.

She was a member of the Artists Union in Bucharest from 1951. From 1945 she exhibited at graphic painting salons and then at state art exhibitions.

Relaxation
Alma Redlinger



Chess Patzer
Alma Redlinger



Tension
Alma Redlinger



Wary Player
Alma Redlinger





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Alma's husband Ladislau Redlinger (pictured above) died on August 24th 2018 at the age of 97.

He was the oldest Romanian chess player, a national candidate master and qualifier for three national correspondence finals. He played his chess — never computer aided — with an unending passion until the last moments of his life.

Here is one of Ladislau's last games. He'd hoped to win it, but it is officially recorded as a draw.

White: Redlinger, Ladislau (1711)
Black: Dostál, Stanislav (1705)
 Romania v Czech Rep Bd.31, 2017
 French Defence, Rubinstein [C10]

1.e4	e6
2.d4	d5
3.Nc3	dxc4
4.Nxe4	Nd7
5.Nf3	Ngf6
6.Nxf6+	Nxf6
7.c3	c5
8.Be3	Qc7
9.Ne5	a6
10.Qa4+	Nd7
11.0-0-0	cxd4
12.Nxd7	Bxd7
13.Qxd4	Rc8
14.Be2	Bc6
15.Bf3	Bxf3
16.gxf3	Rg8
17.Rd2	Be7
18.Rhd1	b5
19.Qd7+	Qxd7
20.Rxd7	b4
21.Ra7	bxc3

22.Rdd7	Bf6
23.b4	h5
24.Rxf7	Bd8
25.Bc5	a5
26.a3	axb4
27.axb4	Bf6
28.Kc2	h4
29.h3	Rh8
30.f4	Rd8
31.Be3	Rf8
32.Rfb7	Rh8
33.b5	Rh5
34.b6	Rb5
35.Rc7	Rb8
36.Ra2	Kf8
37.Rca7	Kg8
38.Ra8	Rxa8
39.Rxa8+	Kf7
40.Rc8	Ke7
41.Rc7+	Kd6
42.Bc5+	Kd5
43.b7	Rb2+
44.Kc1	

4.Nf3	Nxe4
5.Nc3	Nxc3
6.dxc3	Nd7
7.Bd3	Nf6
8.Bg5	Be7
9.0-0	Bg4
10.Re1	0-0
11.h3	Bxf3
12.Qxf3	c6
13.Re4!	Qd7

13...Qa5 14.Rxe7 Qxg5 15.Rxb7 d5 was a playable option.
 14.Rae1 Rfe8
 14...Bd8 was worth consideration.
 15.Rh4 h6?
 16.Bxh6 gxh6
 16...Bf8 was necessary protection for his king.
 17.Qg3+ Kf8
 18.Rxh6 Ng4
 The best move available.
 19.Rh8+ Kg7



½-½

A principled man whose life spanned almost all of Romania 100.



Finally, from almost 100 years ago...

White: Schlarko, Iosif
Black: Ludwig
 Correspondence circa 1920
 Petroff Defence [C42]
[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nf6

The players were corresponding between Timisoara and Pesti Naplo respectively. Iosif Schlarko (1890 – 1947) was a Hungarian-Romanian problem composer and Fairy Editor of the "Revista de Sah" magazine.
 3.Nxe5 d6

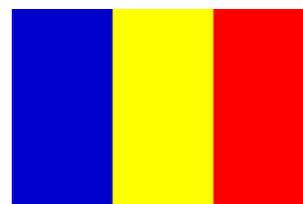


20.Rxe7!!	Qxe7
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20...Rxe7 21.Rxa8 Re1+ 22.Bf1+–
 21.Qxg4+
 The point.
 21... Kxh8
 22.Qh5+ Kg7
 23.Qh7+ Kf6
 24.Qh6+ Ke5
 25.f4+ Kd5
 26.Qh5+
 And Black loses the queen.
 1-0



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Setting Personal CC Targets: A Practical Exemplar : Final Review

By Peter Bennett

I cannot assume that many readers will have seen my earlier article on target-setting. So, to recap, on 14 November 2017, a little over 10 months ago, I set myself 6 targets which I hoped to reach before the end of 2018, with the 26 games I then had in progress. I often set myself targets; the difference, on this occasion, was that I sent an email the

following day (15 November 2017) to our editor, attaching a list of these six targets, hence making them “public” for the first time.

In the end, to my own astonishment, I managed to achieve all six targets.

Review of the Targets Exercise (over 9 months)

Timeline	15 Nov 17 Outset	15 Feb 18 3-month review	15 May 18 6-month review	15 Aug 18 9-month review
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Games				
Results		P13 W5 D7 L1	P19 W10 D8 L1	P25 W12 D12 L1
In Progress ¹	26	13	7	1

Targets	(estimated % chances and achievement)			
To qualify for one VWC10 Semi-Final	50%	50%	85%	Achieved 5 Jun
Not to lose more than 3 of my original 26 games	45%	85%	85%	Achieved 2 Aug
To win at least 7 of my original 26 games	35%	95%	Achieved 25 Mar	
An IM norm in the Euro Team Champs (ETC)	25%	10%	25%	Achieved 7 Aug
To beat my highest grading (2373) in 2018	15%	15%	Live 2374 4 May	Achieved 1 Jul
To qualify for a second VWC10 Semi-Final	5%	5%	65%	Achieved 23 Jun

¹12 new starts in WCCC42pr10 were excluded from this exercise. Results from WC42 did not affect my grading until 2018/4.

The targets, roughly in the order that they were achieved, were these:

To win at least 7 of my original 26 games (35%)

In the end I won 12 of these games and was very surprised to have achieved such a high strike-rate of wins. On 15 November, I had a significant advantage in 2 games, a slight advantage in 4, and level positions at best in the others. I duly converted the two “significant” advantages but only managed to win two of the four where I had held a slight advantage, the other two being drawn.

To win 12 games in the end, I had to create winning chances in eight games where I had no advantage at all back in November. There were even two games where I managed to reverse the advantage in games where I was clearly defending. In retrospect, I think the fact that I had a target made my chess more adventurous and risk-taking. For example, among these 26 games there are at least 6 in which I made an exchange sacrifice.

To qualify for two VWC10 Semi-Finals

My play in both VWCprs has been hampered by the usual problems – two early withdrawals of other participants (which damaged rather than enhanced my chances) and too many unavoidable draws against lower-graded players. I knew at an early stage that I had no chance of winning either group and that a S/F qualification hinged on securing second place.

Imagine that the winner of the group is already clear and three players – yourself, X and Y – are competing for the sole remaining qualification place. You also know that X will get it if he beats Y; and Y will get it if he beats X; and that your only chance is if X and Y draw with each other.

This common scenario applied in both my groups. And guess what happened? X and Y drew with each other in both cases! So my “achievement” was all down to luck!

In VWC9 I believed I had failed to qualify for a S/F because the results between other players were all detrimental to my chances. This year they have all gone in my favour, so I have finally qualified for both VWC10 S/Fs, but only because the gods, unusually, were on my side.

Then the unthinkable happened. I had completely written off my chances of a VWC9 S/F, as I was only in about 12th place on the “reserve” list; but, at the last minute, I was offered a S/F place in VWC9 as well, because more than 12 qualifiers had failed to take up their allotted places.

To beat my highest grading (2373) in 2018

Luck again played a part. One of my opponents was gracious enough to resign a lost position just before the end of the rating period; and another opponent defaulted in a level position. Without these two little bits of help, I would not have achieved my target of 2373 – which is why I didn’t really believe I could achieve it until a few days before it happened. In the end I managed to get my highest-ever grading with a point to spare.

Of course, my grading has now dropped to 2371 in the subsequent list; and no doubt will drop again in 2019.



International Update

By Peter Bennett

Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Aug 2018	23	Belgium	Server	1	2		
Dec 2017	18	Scheming Mind	Server	15½	15½		
Jul 2017	21	Australia	Server	22½	18½		win
Apr 2017	21	Finland	Server	11½	24½		loss
Dec 2016	8	Indonesia	Server	9	6		win

A match against Belgium started in August and first results have been posted. We continue our very tight match against Scheming Mind, and have completed all our fixtures against Finland. Some games remain against Indonesia. Matches against Panama and Sweden are in the pipeline.

Veterans’ World Cups

Little to report this time: all the VWC11 preliminaries and VWC9 semi-finals have only just started.

NATT 7

Scotland is contesting bottom place with Iceland, who have finished with 34 points. We have 33 with one game remaining.

NSTT 3

Scotland sits in second-bottom place with a score of 23/59 and one game still to finish. Iceland has 24/60.

Esko Nuutilanen Memorial Team Tournament

The team has now scored 24½/52 and continues to sit in 8th place.

General

A full list of available individual events and entry fees is available at our web site www.scottishcca.co.uk

Not to lose more than 3 of my original 26 games

My results to date are P25 W12 D12 L1, with one game still in progress (which I might still lose). In the end, therefore, I cannot lose more than 2; but I knew that I couldn’t lose more than 3 of the original 26 games when I had the 24th result, on 2 August

A key factor in achieving this goal was to get several very good draws which were “saves” of potentially lost positions. At the outset of the exercise, there were at least five games which I felt I was in serious danger of losing.

An IM norm in the Euro Team Champs (ETC)

This was the most surprising achievement of all – in the European Team Championship (see separate report). I conclude that the key qualities one needs to get a norm are persistence and determination in each and every game. Nowadays, it is essential to play consistently well in every game and then hope that one or two opponents play a loose move. A sobering thought, however, is that, while I was getting an IM Norm on Board 6 in the ETC, our esteemed editor was getting the much more difficult SIM Norm on Board 5. So there is still a long way to go....!



11th European Team Championship (ETC)

EU/TC11/sf1, 11th European Team Championship - Semifinal 1

TD Glaser, Karel (IA)

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	Scotland	2390	█	4	4	3.5	3.5	4	5	4	4.5	5	5	42.5	55	8	12	77	3	1
2	Iceland	2411	4	█	4	3.5	4	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	41.5	52	4	13	79	1	2
3	Lithuania	2498	4	4	█	4.5	4	4	4	3	3.5	3	6	40	54	7	9	73	7	3
4	Croatia	2349	3.5	3.5	3.5	█	4	4	4	4	4.5	4	4.5	39.5	51	2	9	77	3	4
5	Switzerland	2452	4.5	4	4	4	█	3	4	4.5	4	4.5	2.5	39	52	4	11	74	6	5
6	Bulgaria	2423	4	4	4	4	3	█	4.5	3.5	3	4	4	38	52	3	8	73	7	6
7	Denmark	2346	3	4	3	4	3	3.5	█	4.5	2	5.5	5	37.5	49	-1	8	76	4	7
8	Estonia	2372	4	3.5	3	3	3.5	3.5	3.5	█	3	4	5.5	36.5	50	0	4	73	7	8
9	Turkey	2400	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	4	4	4	3	█	4	4	36	50	1	5	71	9	9
10	Finland	2364	3	3.5	3	4	3.5	3	2.5	3	4	█	4.5	34	44	-8	4	76	4	10
11	Norway	2229	2	3.5	1	3.5	2.5	2	3	2.5	2	3.5	█	25.5	35	-20	0	71	9	11

Scotland's team of 8 is competing against 10 other nations and continuing to record good results. The problem with the late stages of a tournament in which there is no adjudication date is that the last few results often take interminably long to come through, such that the drama of the event inevitably ends with a whimper, not a bang. There is little we can do about this, except to say that it could be next Easter (2019), or even later, before we can be sure of the final result.

At the time of writing, Scotland has just 3 games still in progress, but most other nations have a lot more. We currently head the table with 42.5 from 77 games (+8).

On 8 June, when our Semi-final still had 90 games in progress, I predicted that the final positions would be (1) Lithuania, (2) Bulgaria, (3) Switzerland, (4) Scotland... (see my report for the previous issue of the magazine)

Today, 1 October (as I write), now with a further 60 results in individual games (hence, just 30 games still in progress) my prediction for the final crosstable has scarcely changed. In particular, I remain convinced that Lithuania will take first place:

1	46.5	Lithuania
2=	44.0	Switzerland
		Bulgaria
4	43.5	Scotland

Nevertheless, neither Switzerland nor Bulgaria has performed quite as well as I expected. In one very recent result, a Bulgarian player actually lost a game on time, very surprising when the team is in contention for a place in the

Final. I doubt if his team captain is very happy about that, especially since substitutions are allowed in this event.

Another point in our favour is that Switzerland and Bulgaria are still playing each other in two games. The worst case scenario from our point of view (also my prediction) is that both these games will be drawn; but, if the two points in question are not shared, then the team that loses a game will drop to 4th and promote Scotland to third place, overall.

The most encouraging aspect is the number of games Scotland has won. The fact that we have lost two games and could still lose a third matters not! Far more important is the fact that we have won 10 games – a very high strike rate at this level – and only Lithuania, with a GM-level squad, is likely to exceed that figure.

Scotland has also been plundering title norms at an unprecedented pace:

- On Board 3, Clive Murden looks likely to get a SIM-norm.
- On Board 4, Alan Bell got the final norm and the CCM title.
- On Board 5, Iain Mackintosh gained a final SIM-norm and the SIM title.
- On Board 6, Peter Bennett gained an IM-norm.
- On Board 7, Gordon Anderson got a second CCE-norm and the CCE title.
- On Board 8, Kevin Paine already has a CCE norm from 9 results; and only needs a draw in his last game to upgrade this to a CCM norm.

Talk about teamwork! Wow! Congratulations, everyone!!



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 Entry 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.

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Thematic Tournaments

Postal Events 2018-19

Theme 4/18: Scandinavian Defence, B01

1.e4 d5 2.exd5

Entries by 15 November; play starts 1 December

Theme 1/19: Giuoco Piano, C54

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

Entries by 15 January; play starts 1 February

Webserver Events 2018

Theme 6/18 – Ponziani Opening, C44

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4

Entries by 15 October; play starts 1 November

Theme 7/18 – Sicilian Grand Prix, B23

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5

Entries by 1 December; play starts 15 December

News

- ❑ The final of World Championship 29 is now complete. Aleksandr Surenovich Dronov (RUS) finished in clear first place. In second place on tie-break was Jacek Oskulski (POL), and in equal third place were Leonardo Ljubičić, (CRO) and Horácio Neto, (POR).
- ❑ SIM Mattia Mario Boccia (ITA) is the winner of VWC6 with 10 points/16 games. The runner-up and the third placed player are not yet decided.
- ❑ All preliminary groups of VWC11 have been started with effect from 1st September 2018. 598 entries were received of which there are 192 titled players (5 GM, 27 SIM, 51 IM, 1 LGM, 48 CCM, and 60 CCE). There are 46 groups of 13 players in total.
- ❑ The 2018 WCCC Candidates' Tournament (WCCC 38 CT) started on September 20. It has 3 sections with 13 players each and is category X (average rating of each Section: 2498). Players from 20 different countries are competing, including 16 GM; 14 SIM; 5 IM; 2 CCM. The winner and the runner-up of each section qualify for a WCCC Final.
- ❑ The ICCF Games Archive is now available up to September 2017 and can be downloaded from: <https://www.iccf.com/> Note that you need to login first.

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