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Welcome to the fourth edition of the 2019 magazine set and with it our wishes for a happy, healthy and successful 2020!

20+20=40, and this edition celebrates 40 years of the SCCA Magazine, our first edition having appeared in January 1980. I've reproduced some of the articles from then.

Kevin Paine has analysed the first ICCF rating list of 2020 for us. No new titles to report, but a healthy 72% of our members registered games activity.

I've summarised our domestic events of 2019, a year in which (unusually) all our events completed by year-end, including four League divisions for the first time.

John Hawkes majors on early Scottish CC games, and also includes some international ties played in the Victorian era. Bill Wall's writings provide some early mileposts for the pioneers of postal chess.

Peter Bennett has suspended his Ruy Lopez series pro tem (being awash with Olympiad games!), but has contributed a short piece on setting and achieving CC goals.

Once again, we have a number of Chess Art contributions in this edition which we hope will catch the eye. The main works are from Olga Suvorova (Russia) and Vito Campanella (Italy/Argentina).

Our International column features again, with team and individual updates across a number of events.

Gordon Anderson has been extremely busy making preparations for the 2020 ICCF Congress which will be held in Scotland. He was let down badly by the Glasgow Hilton who cancelled our booking, but has now secured the Golden Jubilee Conference Hotel in Clydebank. We'll be launching a new website this week to cover the event, so please visit: <https://congress.scottishcca.co.uk/> once it's announced. (A vote of thanks to Austin Lockwood of ICCF for his considerable help in setting this up!)

January means it's our Annual Best Game competition. I'm waiting for confirmation of our judge at present, but remember to get your 2019 entries in by the end of this month (the Notices page provides full details). Good luck if you choose to give it a try!

## SCCA Membership

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

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## SCCA 100 Club

The 100 Club has been and continues to be an important revenue-earner for our Association, with many long-standing subscribers.

However, in recent years we have lost a number of subscribers through death and replacing them has been a challenge that, as yet, we have been unable to fully meet.

Could you help us address our challenge by agreeing to take one, two, three or more units each month?

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 making contact with Gordon to sign up for some units (contact details below).

## Recent 100 Club Winners

2019	1st	2nd
December	I Mackintosh	G M Anderson
November	L R McKenzie	A P Borwell
October	W H Cormack	J S Murray

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NB Secretarial duties will be undertaken by Kevin Paine, Iain Sneddon and Iain Mackintosh pro tem.



### BdF Invitation Tournaments



The National Delegate of Germany has written to extend invitations to Scottish players to participate in the undernoted events.

It is anticipated that play will commence in June 2020, although pairings will appear on the ICCF Server in late April 2020.

Scottish players who meet the rating requirements are requested to contact Gordon Anderson as soon as possible and before 31st January 2020. The events are:

1. German Master 09-C: Rating at 2020/02- 2425+- (1 Player)
2. German Candidate Master 07-A: Rating at 2020/02- 2385+- (1 player)
3. German CCM/CCE 04 F:Rating at 2020/02-2095+- (1 Player).

### ICCF European Championship 2020 Candidates



The Europa Zonal Director has written to announce that the Candidates Tournament of the European Championship 2020 will start on 20th March 2020 and be played on the ICCF Server.

The top two players from each Candidates section (tiebreaks will be used if required) will qualify for the Final. All sections will normally consist of 13 players but, conditional upon the number of entries received, the Tournament Organiser shall have the authority to change the number of players in all sections to 11, 15 or 17.

If the number of the entries do not permit the formation of all sections of 13 (or 11, 15, 17) players, the entries of those players who have submitted entries under condition (d) below will, in ascending order from the lowest, be deferred to the next Candidates event. The following players have the right to participate in the European Championship Candidates:

- a. players rated 2500 or over at the time of entry
- b. holders of the Grandmaster title

- c. holders of the Senior International Master title with a rating over 2400 at the time of entry
- d. holders of the International Master title with a rating over 2450 at the time of entry
- e. those players who finished 1st or 2nd in a European Championship Semi-Final started after 01/01/2014
- f. participants of previous or running Finals who have scored at least 45% of the possible points, if they have not earned a higher qualification and have not already used this qualification right
- g. the participants of previous or running Candidates who have scored at least 55% of the possible points, if they have not earned a higher qualification and have not already used this qualification right

Players may enter in the usual way through their National Federations or, where eligible, via the ICCF Direct Entry system. Entry fee for those entering through the National Federation is £13.50.

### ICCF WCCC 2020 Preliminaries



ICCF Title Tournaments  
Commissioner Gian-Maria Tani writes to announce the Preliminaries stage of the 2020 (44th) World Championship

This event will be played in sections of 13 players (or 15/17 at the organisers' discretion), with entries closing on 2nd February and play commencing on 20th March 2020

Entry must be made through national delegates and each member federation is allowed to nominate entries - SCCA is once again entitled to 3 places in the 2020 cycle (includes Preliminaries and Semi-Finals).

If you are interested, please contact Gordon Anderson as soon as possible and before 31st January 2020.

### ICCF 9<sup>th</sup> Chess 960 World Cup Preliminaries



The event will be played by server and will be organised in three or four stages, depending on entries. The Preliminary sections will have 6 players (10 games) with 2 qualifying for the next round

All sections will be double round robin (players will have the same position with Black and White but all positions will defer from one opponent to another). Time control will be Triple Block (Duration of Tournament: 500 days; Initial Clock: 50 days; Initial Bank: 50 days; Increment: 3 days) . The event will be rated for Chess 960 rating system.

Players may enter in the usual way through the ICCF Server Entry System, before 29th February 2020. A player can apply for more than one preliminary group.

Registration closes on 29th February to allow for pairings; play starts on 15th March.2020. Prizes are 1000 €for the first 3 players (500 € 300 € 200 €), no tie break.

## Fernschach 2020 CC Database



Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach 2020 offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Database available annually since 2000
- Nearly 1,450,000 games (from 1991)
- Over 100,000 new games since 2019
- Approximately 9,500 annotated (400 new)
- Games from all main chess servers + post + email All tournaments marked correspondence so that CC games can be recognised in a larger database
- 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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## SCCA Annual Best Game Prize



The SCCA Best Game Prize will once again operate this year, covering games completed during 2019. The trophy (pictured above) will carry the inscription of its sponsor, Raymond Burrige, i.e.

### The R.J. Burrige Trophy SCCA Best Game Prize 2019 (winner's name)

To recap on the rules:

- Entries are games which finish in calendar year 2019;
- •Entries restricted to events organised by SCCA or ICCF;
- •Only SCCA members can submit their games;
- •Games may have been previously published;
- •Submission period will close at the end of January 2020;
- •The Committee will appoint a judge (who cannot enter!);
- •The winner will be announced by end-March 2020 and we'll feature the game in a subsequent magazine;
- •The winner receives a trophy miniature and certificate.

We're just waiting to confirm this year's judge and we'll announce the winning entry by end-March.

Please send your games to Iain Mackintosh at [president@scottishcca.co.uk](mailto:president@scottishcca.co.uk) – multiple entries are allowed – to reach him by end-January 2020.

## ICCF Games Archive

December 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.



## 2020/1 Grading List

By Kevin Paine

The first ICCF grading list of 2020 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 September and 30 November 2019. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 January and 31 March 2020.

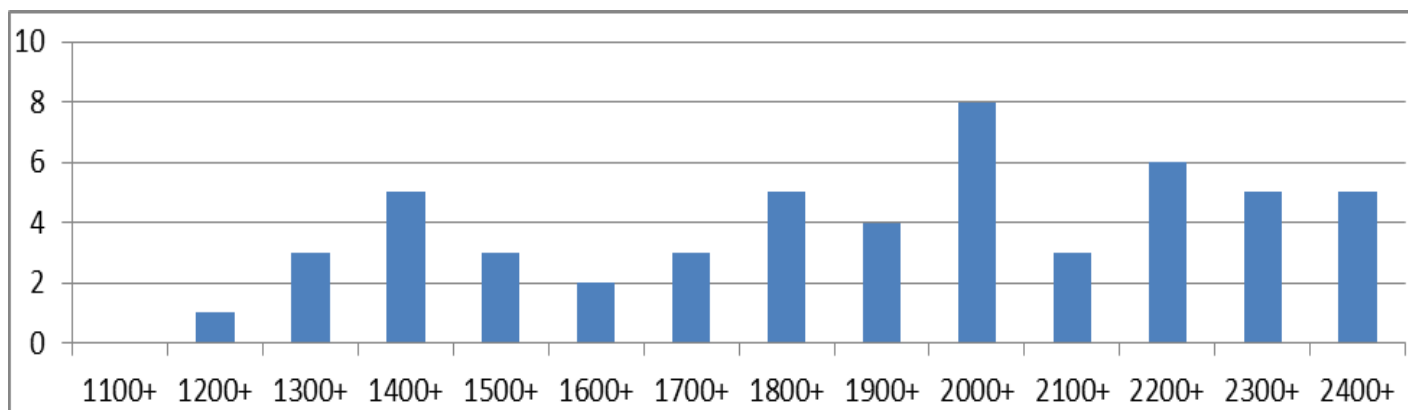
We had no additions, but three deletions due to inactivity (Stephen Hilton, A G Stewart and IM Joe Watson) in this list. No titles or norms were gained by members in the last grading period.

Just the one upwards movement in grading bands this time – well done Charles O'Neill-McAleenan who is now 2000+!

More new games centurions were recorded – David Cumming reached 1600+, Martin Hardwick surpassed 1300, while Robert Montgomery vaulted 300. Highest recorded games during this quarter were David Cumming (67), Martin Hardwick (57), Michael Blake (42) and Iain Sneddon (37).

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](mailto:grader@scottishcca.co.uk) if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
317	Almarza Mato, C	1732	2116 ↓	260	Knox, A	385	1453 ↓
518	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	330	2344 ↔	264	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	954	2283 ↑
121	Anderson, J	302	1941 ↔		MacDonald, M	56	1389 ↓
049	Armstrong, A	209	1876 ↔	584	MacGregor, C A	431	1872 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	419	1506 ↓	532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	767	2414 ↑
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)	469	2482 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	1374	1517 ↓
599	Bell, A D (CCM, SM)	244	2421 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	774	2034 ↓
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	445	2363 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	248	2458 ↑
481	Beveridge, C (CCE)	496	2251 ↓	867	McEwan, N R	39	1896 ↔
472	Blake, M J (CCE)	885	2369 ↑		Miles, A	58	1477 ↑
509	Borwell, A P (IM)	1093	2226 ↑	401	Moir, P J	199	1543 ↔
602	Burridge, R J	1457	2127 ↑	598	Montgomery, R S	302	2268 ↑
	Clark, S L	268	1877 ↓	474	Murden, C (IM)	577	2444 ↔
364	Coope, D W	968	1885 ↑	564	Murray, J S	76	2027 ↓
247	Cormack, W H	111	1921 ↑	440	Neil, C	327	1385 ↔
166	Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	1663	2369 ↓	453	Newton, A	30	1774 ↔
422	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	164	2185 ↑	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	165	2001 ↑
572	Dempster, D	807	1759 ↔	604	Paine, Dr K A (SM)	219	2352 ↑
478	Dunn, J	368	1474 ↓		Pettigrew, S	137	1426 ↓
	Dyer, M	113	2069 ↔	432	Price, D	432	1925 ↓
371	Edney, D	274	1967 ↓	477	Sedstrem, A	91	1388 ↔
462	Gilbert, R	228	1699 ↓	439	Smith, M J	75	2071 ↓
124	Goodwin, B J	389	1719 ↔	057	Sneddon, I (CCE)	242	2281 ↑
399	Grant, J	69	1686 ↔	605	Taylor, W	113	2034 ↔
596	Hardwick, M E	1351	1278 ↑		Warren, J	36	2067 ↓
475	Kearns, A	90	1428 ↓	480	Whittaker, I P	81	2083 ↓
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	351	2238 ↔				



## Statistical Analysis

Total listed	53
New entrants	0
Deletions (inactive, lapsed or non-members)	3
Full grades (30+ games)	53
Provisional grades (<30 games)	0
Grading increases (↑)	18
Grading decreases (↓)	20
Grading static (↔)	15

## Top 30 Grades

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2482	Borwell, A P (IM)	2226
Matheis, T (IM)	2458	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	2185
Murden, C (IM)	2444	Burridge, R J	2127
Bell, A D (CCM, SM)	2421	Almarza Mato, C	2116
Mackintosh, I (SIM)	2414	Whittaker, I P	2083
Blake, M J (CCE)	2369	Smith, M J	2071
Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	2369	Dyer, M	2069
Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	2363	Warren, J	2067
Paine, Dr K A (SM)	2352	Marshall, I H	2034
Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	2344	Taylor, W	2034
Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	2283	Murray, J S	2027
Sneddon, I (CCE)	2281	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	2001
Montgomery, R S	2268	Edney, D	1967
Beveridge, C (CCE)	2251	Anderson, J	1941
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2238	Price, D	1925

## Top 30 Rated Games

Almarza-Mato, C	1757	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	445
Cumming, D R (CCM, SM)	1663	Price, D	432
Burridge, R J	1457	MacGregor, C A	431
MacMillen, A N	1374	Armstrong, J McK	419
Hardwick, M E	1351	Goodwin, B J	389
Borwell, A P (IM)	1093	Knox, A	385
Coope, D W	968	Dunn, J	368
Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	954	Kilgour, D A (GM)	351
Blake, M J (CCE)	885	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	333
Dempster, D	807	Neil, C	327
Marshall, I H	774	Anderson, J	302
Mackintosh, I (SIM)	767	Montgomery, R S	302
Murden, C	577	Edney, D	274
Beveridge, C (CCE)	496	Clark, S L	268
Beecham, C R (SIM)	469	Matheis, T (IM)	248

## Other Notes

**Senior International Master (SIM)** title norms are held by:

Matheis, T (1), Murden, C (1)

**International Master (IM)** title norms are held by:

Bennett, P G (1)

**Scottish Master (SM)** title norms are held by:

Montgomery, R S (2)

**Correspondence Chess Master (CCM)** title norms:

Beveridge, C (1), Paine, K A (1)

**Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE)** title norms:

Montgomery, R S (2), 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](http://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.



## 2019 Results

By Iain Mackintosh

### Championship

#### SCO/C2019, Scottish Championship 2019/20

					TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)														Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Rated					1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7					
1	✉	620345	SIM Mackintosh, Iain	2410			½	1	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	9.5	7	38.25	0	1
2	✉	620409	Sneddon, Iain	2215	0	½			½	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	6	30.25	0	2
3	✉	620426	CCM Cumming, David R.	2395	½	½	½	½			½	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	8.5	5	33.25	0	3
4	+	210717	CCE Blake, Michael J.	2334	½	½	½	½	½	½			.	.	1 <sup>E</sup>	.	1	1	6	3	28.5	3	4
5	✉	620577	Price, Derek	1996	0	0	0	0	0	½	.	.			.	1	1	1	3.5	3	6.25	3	5
6	✉	620713	Gilbert, Robert	1781	0	0	0	0	0	0	.	0 <sup>E</sup>	0	.			1	1	2	2	0	2	6
7	✉	620410	Goodwin, Brian J.	1796	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	7

The 2019-20 event still has unfinished games, but Iain Mackintosh can't be overtaken in top spot. If Mickey Blake wins all his remaining games, he can reach 9 points and claim outright 2<sup>nd</sup> place. At present, Iain Sneddon and David Cumming are tied on 8½ points. The top 4 players enjoyed a very tight contest, and the one decisive game between them decided the outcome. Brian Goodwin wasn't able to compete because of illness.

### Premier

#### SCO/P/2019, SCCA Premier 2019

					TD Murden, Clive								Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Rated					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8					
1	✉	620424	Anderson, James	1914		½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6	5	16	0	1
2	✉	211024	Whittaker, Ian P.	2085	½		½	1	1	1	1	1	6	5	16	0	1
3	🇫🇷	160318	Almarza Mato, Carlos	2043	½	½		1	1	1	1	1	6	5	16	0	1
4	✉	629020	Knox, Arthur	1463	0	0	0		0	1	1	1	3	3	4	0	4
5	✉	620713	Gilbert, Robert	1781	0	0	0	1		½	½	1	3	2	5	0	5
6	✉	620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1529	0	0	0	0	½		1	1	2.5	2	3	0	6
7	✉	620603	Armstrong, John M.	1481	0	0	0	0	½	0		1	1.5	1	1.5	0	7
8	✉	620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	1161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	8

One Premier section again this year, with Jim Anderson, Ian Whittaker and Carlos Almarza Mato all finishing on identical points, Baumbach and SB scores. A triple tie it was!

## Open

### SCA/O/2019, SCCA Open 2019

				TD Anderson, James										Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5					
1	✉ 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1529			1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	20	0	1
2	✉ 620603	Armstrong, John M.	1481	1	0			½	½	1	1	1	1	6	5	16	0	2
3	✉ 620628	Dunn, John	1529	0	0	½	½			1	1	1	1	5	4	10	0	3
4	✉ 620726	Kearns, Alan	1414	0	0	0	0	0	0			1	1	2	2	0	0	4
5	✉ 620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	1161	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	5

One Open section this year, with Andrew MacMillen just falling short of a 100% score. John Armstrong and John Dunn both gave a very good account of themselves in this one.

## Challengers

2018-19 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
<b>Burridge, R J</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8½</b>
Fowler, D	10	10	0	4½
<b>Gilbert, R</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8½</b>
Kearns, A	8	8	0	2
Knox, A	10	10	0	4
Neil, C	10	10	0	3½
Sedstrem, A	8	8	0	1
Whittaker, I P	4	4	0	4

2019-20 Cycle	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Points
Armstrong, J M	14	14	0	7
<b>Beveridge, C</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7½</b>
Burridge, R J	10	10	0	7
Dunn, J	8	8	0	1½
Gilbert, R	10	10	0	4
Hardwick, M E	8	8	0	2
Kearns, A	8	8	0	7
Milton, G	8	8	0	0
Neil, C	8	8	0	3½
Whittaker, I P	8	8	0	5½

The 2018-19 Cycle was fully completed last year. The 2019-20 Cycle completed before year-end and was won outright by Colin Beveridge with 7½ points. Three players tied for second with 7 points – John Armstrong, Raymond Burridge and Alan Kearns.

Players have to complete a minimum of 8 games against 3 or more different players to qualify for a medal, but there is no maximum number of games. Points scored is the only criterion used to determine placings.



## Leagues

Four webserver leagues were contested for the first time, and a total of 25 teams reflected the growing popularity of this event.

### Webserver League Division 1

#### SCO/L1/19, SCCA League Div 1 2019

TD Murden, Clive

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	SchemingMind A	2380	█	2	2.5	2.5	2.5	3	3.5	16	66	8	11	24	0	1
2	SchemingMind B	2310	2	█	2	2.5	3	2.5	3	15	62	6	10	24	0	2
3	BCCA Topaz	2227	1.5	2	█	1.5	2.5	2	3	12.5	54	2	6	23	1	3
4	BCCA Diamonds	2267	1.5	1.5	1.5	█	2.5	2	3.5	12.5	56	3	5	22	2	4
5	Perth Correspondents	2270	1.5	1	1.5	1.5	█	2	3.5	11	45	-2	3	24	0	5
6	Social A	2254	1	1.5	2	1	2	█	3	10.5	45	-2	4	23	1	6
7	Civil Service A	2130	0.5	1	1	0.5	0.5	1	█	4.5	18	-15	0	24	0	7

Not yet started: 0, Ongoing: 0, Adjudication pending: 2, Finished: 82

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
<b>Scheming Mind A</b>	Williamson, D L	Reyes Maldonado, C	Szerlak, A	Rivas Maceda, J
<b>Scheming Mind B</b>	Waller, A	Elburg, J	Cousins, R	McDermott, F J
<b>BCCA Topaz</b>	Pheby, I M	Kitson, K	Jefferson, N W	Wood, B A
<b>BCCA Diamonds</b>	Evans, D	Roberts, A A	Eastlake, P	Whittaker, I P
<b>Perth Correspondents</b>	Mackintosh, I	Paine, K A	Borwell, A P	Warren, J
<b>Social A</b>	Franks, K	Vivante-Sowter, J	Ewan, R	Pallett, R
<b>Civil Service A</b>	Barber, P	Sargent, J M	Twitchell, N H	Horncastle, J

### Webserver League Division 2

#### SCO/L2/19, SCCA League Div 2 2019

TD Anderson, Gordon M. (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	SchemingMind C	2165	█	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	4	16.5	68	9	12	24	0	1
2	BCCA Emeralds	2121	1.5	█	2.5	2.5	2	2.5	3.5	14.5	60	5	9	24	0	2
3	White Rose A	2252	1.5	1.5	█	2.5	2	2.5	4	14	58	4	7	24	0	3
4	Knights of the Board	2138	1.5	1.5	1.5	█	2.5	2	4	13	54	2	5	24	0	4
5	Social B	2175	1.5	2	2	1.5	█	1.5	4	12.5	52	1	4	24	0	5
6	BCCA Sapphires	2168	1.5	1.5	1.5	2	2.5	█	3	12	50	0	5	24	0	6
7	Brutal Realism	1832	0	0.5	0	0	0	1	█	1.5	6	-21	0	24	0	7

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
<b>Scheming Mind C</b>	Kibalnichenko, S A	Laine, J	Málek, M	Moujan, P
<b>BCCA Emeralds</b>	Wilkinson, J P	Reed, A F	Cowan, A	Cole, S
<b>White Rose A</b>	Graham, O	Grobler, D J	Rózański, R	Sutton, A B
<b>Knights of the Board</b>	Cumming, D R	Sneddon, I	Price, D	Burridge, R J
<b>Social B</b>	Stracey, N	Lindberg, W J	Cook, P	Gibbs, P C
<b>BCCA Sapphires</b>	Mason, I J	Smith, A	Cunningham, P J	Farmer, M
<b>Brutal Realism</b>	Taylor, W	Murray, J S	Grant, J	Macmillan, A N

## Webserver League Division 3

### SCO/L3/19, SCCA League Div 3 2019

TD Anderson, James

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	+	White Rose B	1996		2.5	3	3	3.5	4	3.5	19.5	84	16	12	23	1	1
2	+	BCCA Rubies	1838	1.5		2.5	4	4	3.5	3.5	19	79	14	10	24	0	2
3	+	BCCA Pearls	1669	1	1.5		1	2	3	3.5	12	52	1	5	23	1	3
4	+	White Rose C	1791	0	0	2		2.5	3.5	3	11	50	0	7	22	2	4
5	+	Civil Service B	1777	0.5	0	2	1.5		3.5	3.5	11	45	-2	5	24	0	5
6	+	Social C	1711	0	0.5	1	0.5	0.5		3	5.5	22	-13	2	24	0	6
7	⊠	Civil Service Scotland	1745	0.5	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	1		4	16	-16	0	24	0	7

Not yet started: 0, Ongoing: 0, Adjudication pending: 2, Finished: 82

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
White Rose B	Ackley, P J E	Suffield, M	Grummit, W	Beckett, P J
BCCA Rubies	Hall, T R	McMahon, F	Elwood, D	Cunningham, B
BCCA Pearls	Bradney, R	Kiddell, T	Tanner, A	Gosling, D C
White Rose C	Primrose, J	Wood, B	White, R	Daykin, S
Civil Service B	Bicknell, G	Lewyk, I	Pickering, P	Ryan, R
Social C	Rosser, G C	Ash, G	McCormick, R	Ross, G J S
Civil Service Scotland	Edney, D	Reilly, B	Volante, I	Sedstrem, A

## Webserver League Division 4

### SCO/L4/19, SCCA League Div 4 2019

TD Paine, Kevin (IA)

			1	2	3	4	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
1	+	BCCA Amethysts	1771		4.5	7	8	19.5	81	15	6	24	0	1
2	+	BCCA Onyx	1658	3.5		6	7.5	17	70	10	4	24	0	2
3	+	Civil Service C	1695	1	2		4.5	7.5	31	-9	2	24	0	3
4	+	White Rose D	1418	0	0.5	3.5		4	16	-16	0	24	0	4

Team	Board 1	Board 2	Board 3	Board 4
BCCA Amethysts	Halliday, J	Murray, J S	Dudeny, K	Dunn, J
BCCA Onyx	Bruce, R	Tymms, J D M	Tibbert, P H	Hardwick, M E
Civil Service C	Conway, J	Pomeroy, R J	White, R	Deane, P
White Rose D	Clark, M	Ward, B	Zigmond, A	Miedema, H



Play Chess with Robot by Cuson, an artist based in Hong Kong



## 40 Years of the SCCA Magazine

My Scottish connection: 45 years ago I had just emigrated from England (Kent) to live in Perth, civil engineer on the British railroad.

I played for Great Britain in the first two North Atlantic Team Tournaments and also an odd game or two for the Perth Correspondents, regularly contributing various items to the early SCCA magazines edited by Alan Borwell.

With this first magazine of 2020 we celebrate exactly four decades of continuous publication of the SCCA magazine.

This New Year offering features the inter-city Dundee v Aberdeen game of 1859, another 19th century game between a pair of Scottish OTB champions Fraser and Chambers, and follows on with some historical postal games from that Victorian era.

I have tagged on one of my games from the period running up to my next emigration — to France — just in time for a Christmas and New Year 1985/6 in Marseilles.

Before the games, here are some 19th century mileposts in Scottish correspondence chess:

1. January 10, 1840, saw Sir Rowland Hill (1795-1879) introducing the Uniform Penny Post. It was established throughout Britain and gave considerable impetus to correspondence chess, with a dozen or so matches starting up between individuals living in remote parts of Britain. (Bell's Life, Jan 26, 1840)
2. In 1849, Glasgow CC played a correspondence match, losing against Newcastle CC.
3. In October 1850 Josef Kling (1811-1876) began played a won

a correspondence game with the Forfarshire Chess Club.

4. In September 1876 the first correspondence all-play-all chess tournament in Europe was organized by Rev. Thomas Hewan Archdall (1843-1924). There were 17 entries and the winner was John Crum (1842-1922) of Glasgow who did not lose a single game. He won a 10 British pound cup (sic).
5. In 1883 J. Russell of Glasgow won the first English Mechanic Correspondence Chess Tourney, organized by James Pierce. He won 10 out of his 11 games. (British Chess Magazine, 1884, p. 31)
6. In 1884 Glasgow CC defeated the Edinburgh CC in a 2-game correspondence match. (British Chess Magazine, 1884, p. 284)
7. In 1885 the Scottish Chess Association (SCA) organized its first correspondence chess event, the first Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship. The winner was John D. Chambers (1845-1930), beating John Court in the final of the knockout tournament.
8. In 1886 Ireland played Scotland in a correspondence match. Perhaps as many as 128 players were involved. Scotland won.
9. In June 1887 the UK International Correspondence Tournament was organized by the Scotland's George Fraser. It took 26 months to complete — and was won by Fraser.
10. In 1888 the second Scottish Chess Association correspondence championship began. It was a round-robin event for 16 players. The winner was D. M. Latta.

Thanks to Bill Wall for the above information. You can see more at:

[http://billwall.phpwebhosting.com/articles/corr\\_chess.htm](http://billwall.phpwebhosting.com/articles/corr_chess.htm)

**White: Dundee**  
**Black: Aberdeen**  
Inter-City Corr. 1859  
Sicilian - Morra Gambit [B21]  
*[Notes by John E Hawkes]*

<b>1.e4</b>	<b>c5</b>
<b>2.d4</b>	<b>cx d4</b>
<b>3.Nf3</b>	<b>e5</b>
<b>4.Bc4</b>	<b>Qc7</b>
<b>5.Qe2</b>	<b>h6</b>
<b>6.c3</b>	<b>dx c3</b>
<b>7.Nxc3</b>	<b>Bb4</b>
<b>8.0-0</b>	<b>Nc6?</b>

If you are not playing 8...Bxc3 you ask for trouble - sfm's kibitz on

[www.chessgames.com](http://www.chessgames.com)

<b>9.Nd5</b>	<b>Qd6</b>
<b>10.Be3</b>	<b>Nf6</b>

△10...Nge7 then after the game sequence 11.a3 Ba5 12.b4 Bd8 13.Rad1 Qb8 at least the k-side doesn't get smashed up.

<b>11.a3</b>	<b>Ba5</b>
<b>12.b4</b>	<b>Bd8</b>
<b>13.Bc5</b>	<b>Qb8</b>
<b>14.Rad1</b>	<b>b6</b>
<b>15.Nxf6+</b>	<b>gxf6</b>



15...Bxf6 16.Bd6 Qb7 17.b5 (or 17.Qa2!) 17...Ne7 18.Bd5!+—

**16.Nh4**

16.Qa2 was an interesting possibility; 16...bxc5 (or more defensively 16...Rh7) 17.Bxf7+ Kf8 18.Bg6 d5! 19.Qxd5 Qb7 20.bxc5 Kg7 and Black has survived the worst; △16.Bd6 Bc7 17.Bxc7 Qxc7 18.Bd5 Bb7 19.Qc4 Rh7 20.b5 Qc8! 21.bxc6 dxc6; 16.Be3 a5!??∞

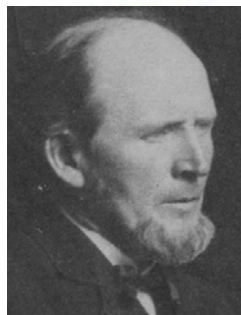
16... bxc5  
 17.Bxf7+ Kxf7  
 18.Qh5+ Ke6  
 19.Qg4+ Kf7  
 20.Qh5+ Ke6  
 21.bxc5



21... Nd4?  
 21...Be7 was relatively best: with a beautiful mate in the air, viz. 22.Ng6 Rg8 (22...Bxc5 23.Qg4+ Kf7 24.Nxh8+ Ke7 25.Qg7+ Kd8 26.Rb1 Bb7 27.Rfc1 Bd4 28.Qxf6+ Kc7 29.Rxc6+ dxc6 30.Qe7+ Kc8 31.Nf7 and mate in 3 more moves.) 23.Nf4+ exf4 24.Qd5#!  
 22.Rxd4! Bc7  
 22...exd4 23.Qd5+ Ke7 24.Ng6+ Ke8 25.Nxh8 Be7 26.Qg8+ and Black can resign.  
 23.Qf5+ Kf7  
 24.Rxd7+ Bxd7  
 25.Qxd7+ Kg8  
 26.Qe6+ Kg7  
 27.Nf5+ Kg6  
 28.Qd7



28... Rg8  
 28...Rh7 29.Nh4+ Kh5 30.Qf5+ Kxh4 31.g3# After receiving 28...Rg8 Dundee announced mate in 12 moves - and Aberdeen announced their resignation.  
 1-0



George Brunton Fraser

**White: Fraser, George B.**  
**Black: Chambers, John D.**  
 Correspondence 1896  
 King's Gambit Declined [C30]  
 [Notes by John E Hawkes]George Brunton Fraser, born in 1831, was a wine merchant and one of the leading Scottish correspondence players of the 19th century. Scottish OTB Champion in 1898, he was the organiser of the famous Dundee 1867 tournament and many postal tournaments - and also chess columnist for the Dundee Courier and Argus. He passed away in Wormit (Fife) in 1905.

John Dibbin Washington Chambers was born on the Isle of Man in 1845. Travelling agent for a whisky-distilling company, he was a co-founder of the Scottish Chess Association (1884); winner of the West of Scotland Challenge Cup (1885), winner of the first correspondence chess tournament in Scotland (1885-87), Scottish Chess Champion (1891), and British Correspondence Chess Association champion (1918-1919). He passed away in Cardiff at the age of around 85.

1.e4 e5  
 2.f4 Bc5  
 Scottish OTB champion in 1924, C.B. Heath is something of a forgotten player: not many games available, and in the following finding himself on the wrong end of a miniature against H.A. Turriff in a Dundee v Aberdeen match, 1923; 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 Bg7 6.d4 Nf6 7.Bc4 d5 8.exd5 Nh5 9.Nc3 c5 10.Bb5+ Kf8 11.0-0 Qxh4 12. Qe2 Nd7 13.Bxf4 g3 14.Ng6+ hxg6 15.Bd6+ Kg8 16.Bxg3 Bxd4+ 17.Bf2 Qh1+ 0-1 3.Nc3

After 3.Nf3 d6 4.b4 C.B.Heath, however, does have the privilege of having this 4.b4 variation named after him: a game he played v Dr R. Macdonald in Glasgow 1923 continued thus; 4...Bb6 (4...Bxb4! 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.fxe5 dxe5 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.0-0 Nf6+) 5.c4 Bd4 6.Nxd4 exd4 7.d3



making an unusual opening tableau; a continuation being: 7...c5 8.bxc5 dxc5 9.Be2 Qh4+ and equality - according to my precious, yellowing, and spotted copy of Modern Chess Openings, 7th edition, 1946.

3... d6  
 4.Nf3 Bg4  
 Black Death Blackburne's famous miniature win v Hanham, New York 1889, went: 4...Nf6 5.Bc4 c6 6.d3 Qe7 7.Qe2 b5 8.Bb3 a5 9.a4 b4 10.Nd1 Ba6 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Ne3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Nc5 15.Nd2 Qa7 (!15...Ne6) 16.Qg3 Nfd7 17.Be3 g6 18.0-0 0-0 19.Qf2 Kg7 20.Qh4 f6 21.Qh6+ Kh8 22.Rf3 Rae8 (22...Nxb3 23.Bxa7 Nxa1 24.Bf2 Nxc2 25.Rh3 Rf7 26.Qxg6+-) 23.Qxh7+ and mate in 3.

5.Be2 exf4  
 6.d4 Bxf3  
 7.Bxf3 Qh4+  
 8.Ke2 Bb6  
 9.Nd5 Nc6  
 10.c3 g5



The play is more obvious for Black: after an h5 push g4, so Fraser complicates matters brilliantly.

**11.g3! Qh3**  
 11...fxg3 12.hxg3 Qxg3 13.Qf1 g4  
 14.Bg2 and the Black queen is without a retreat. 14...Bxd4 If  
 15.cxd4 Nxd4+ 16.Kd1 Qe5  
 17.Bf4+-

**12.Kf2 h5**  
**13.Bg2 Qd7**  
**14.gxf4 g4**  
 Better is 14...gxf4 15.Bxf4 Ne5!  
 16.Nxb6 (16.Rf1 or Re1) 16...Ng4+  
 17.Kg1 axb6 with 2B's v 2N's : a very interesting proposition.

**15.f5 f6?**  
 15... Nce7 was best.

**16.h3! g3+**  
**17.Kxg3 Qg7+**  
**18.Kh2 0-0-0**  
**19.Nf4 Qf7**  
**20.Bf3 h4**  
**21.Bh5 Qh7**  
**22.Bg6 Qe7**  
**23.Ne6 Rd7**  
**24.Bf4 Nh6**  
**25.Qd2 Nf7**  
**26.Rhe1 Ncd8**  
**27.Qg2!?! Rg8**  
**28.Qf3 Nh8**



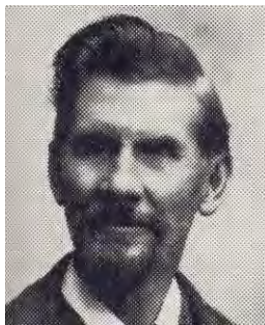
**29.Bh5 Qh7**  
**30.Rg1 Nxe6**  
**31.Rxg8+ Qxg8**  
**32.fxe6 Rg7**  
**33.Bg4**

Good, but there was also 33.Bh6!  
 Rg3 34.Qf5+-

**33... Kd8**  
**34.Rf1 Ke7**

**35.Bxd6+!**  
 35.Bxd6+ Kxd6 36.e5+ fxe5  
 37.dxe5+ Ke7 38.Qf6+ Ke8 39.Bh5+  
 Ng6 40.Rd1 and mate is in 7 at most.

**1-0**



John Dibbin Washington Chambers



**White: Sybil**  
**Black: Fraser, George D.**

Corres. 1851-5  
 Giuoco Piano [C54]  
*[Notes by John E Hawkes]*

Sybil was the pseudonym of one of the first ladies to play correspondence chess - this game against Fraser was part of the Home Circle magazine challenge.

**1.e4 e5**  
**2.Nf3**

Chessgames.com show another correspondence game by the lady half a century later. Tchigorin - Sybil, 1899; 1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.0-0 d6 7.Nd5 Bg4 8.c3 Ba5 9.Qb3 Nxd5 10.Bxd5 Bb6+ 11.d4 Na5 12.Bxf7+ Kf8 13.Qd5 Qf6 14.b4 Nc6 15.Bh5 Bxf3 16.Rxf3 g5 17.Bxf4 1-0

**2... Nc6**  
**3.Bc4 Bc5**  
**4.c3 Nf6**  
**5.d4 exd4**  
**6.cxd4 Bb6**

6...Bb4+ 7.Kf1 The Krakow Variation appeals to me, so here's an example: John Lord v Walter Montague Gattie, London

Vizayanagaram Tmt (1883) that went; 7...Nxe4 8.d5 Ne7 9.Qd4 Nf6 10.Bg5 Ng6 11.Nc3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 O-O 13. h4 h6 14.h5 Nh8 15.Bh4 d6 16.Bd3 Re8 17.Bb5 Bd7 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.Bxf6 gxf6 20. Qxf6 Kh7 21.Nd4 Re5 22.Rh3 Rg8 23.c4? Qg4 0-1

**7.Bg5 d6**  
**8.h3 h6**  
**9.Bxf6 Qxf6**  
**10.Bb5 0-0**  
**11.Bxc6 bxc6**  
**12.Nc3**



**12... Qg6**  
**13.Nh4 Qg5**  
**14.g3 f5**  
**15.Nf3**

Fraser is working up a dangerous attack. 15.e5 dxe5 16.Nf3 was worth considering.

**15... Qg6**  
 15... Qh5

**16.Nh4?**  
 16.e5 again - and rough equality.

**16... Qf6**  
**17.e5?**

Not at all good now.

**17... dxe5**  
**18.dxe5 Qxe5+**  
**19.Qe2 Qc5**  
**20.0-0 f4**  
**21.g4 Bd7**  
**22.Rad1 Rae8**  
**23.Ne4 Qb4**  
**24.Rfe1**

Fraser would have enjoyed the variation 24.Rxd7 Rxe4 25.Qd3 f3!  
 26.Nf5 Rxg4+

**24... Ba5**  
**25.a3 Qb3**  
**26.Rd3 Qf7**  
**27.b4 Bb6**  
**28.Rf3? Be6**  
**29.Qc2 Bd5**  
**30.Nf5**



**30... Be3!**  
**31.Rfxe3 fxe3**  
**32.Rxe3 Kh8**

**33.f3 Qd7**  
 At this juncture Fraser must have been more occupied with other matters, as this last and his next handful of Q-moves are not impressive. 33...Bxe4 34.fxe4 g6+  
**34.Nc5 Qd8**  
**35.Rxe8 Qxe8**  
**36.Kg2 Qe1**  
**37.Nd3 Qe8**  
 37...Qa1 38.Nf4 Bf7 39.Qxc6 Qb2+  
 40.Kg3 Qe5+  
**38.Nf4 Qf7?**



Q and 2 knights is always a formidable attacking force...

**39.Ne7!! Qxf4**  
**40.Ng6+ Kg8**  
**41.Nxf4 Rxf4**  
**42.Kh2 Rxf3**  
**43.Qa4 Kh7**  
**44.Qxa7 h5**  
 44...Rb3 45.h4!+  
**45.gxh5 Kh6**  
**46.a4 Rf7**  
**47.a5 Kg5**  
**48.Qc5 Kxh5**  
**49.a6 Rf1**  
**50.Qe7 g5**

A gallant gesture.

**51.Qh7#**

1-0



**White: Saint Petersburg**

**Black: Vienna**

Telegraph 1887-98

Evans Gambit [C52]

[Notes by Alapin and others]

**1.e4 e5**  
**2.Nf3 Nc6**  
**3.Bc4 Bc5**  
**4.b4 Bxb4**  
**5.c3 Ba5**  
**6.0-0 d6**  
**7.d4 Bb6**

**8.a4 Nf6**  
**9.Bb5 a6**  
**10.Bxc6+ bxc6**  
**11.a5 Ba7**



**12.Qa4?**  
 12.Nbd2 exd4 13.cxd4 0-0 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.Bb2 and Ra3 to come, yielding a good attack - Alapin.

**12... exd4**

**13.cxd4 Bd7**

**14.e5**

14.Qc2 0-0 15.Bg5 would be uncomfortable, according to the Viennese team.

**14... Nd5**

**15.Ba3**

15.exd6 cxd6 16.Re1+ Ne7 17.Bf4 gives White a stronger attack.

**15... 0-0**

**16.Qc4**

16.exd6 cxd6 17.Bxd6 Bg4 18.Bxf8 Bxf3 19.gxf3 (19.Bc5 Qg5 wins.)

19...Nf4 20.Kh1 Qh4 and Black is better - Rosenthal.

**16... Nf4**

**17.Kh1 Be6**

**18.Qc1**



**18... Nxc2!**

**19.Kxc2 Bd5**

**20.Kg3?**

20.Bb2 Qh4 21.h3 Bxf3+! 22.Kxf3 Qxh3+ 23.Ke2 dxe5 24.Qe3 and White can resist - Alapin.

**20... f5!**

**21.Nbd2**  
 21.Qf4 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 f4+ 23.Kh3 Qd7+ 24.Kh4 Qe7+ 25.Kh3 Qe6+ 26.Kh4 Qh6+ 27.Kg4 Be6# Alapin.

**21... f4+**

**22.Kg2 Qg5+**

**23.Kh1 Qh5**

**24.Qc3 Bxd4**

**25.Qd3**

25.Qxd4 Bxf3+ 26.Nxf3 Qxf3+

27.Kg1 Rf5 28.Rfd1 Rg5+ 29.Kf1

Qg2+ 30.Ke1 Rxe5+ 31.Kd2 Rd5

wins the queen.

**25... Bxa1**

**26.Rxa1 Qxe5**

**27.Rg1 Rab8**

**28.Rg2**

And Vienna terminates the game with energy and elegance - Alapin.

**28... Qh5**

**29.Kg1 Bxf3!**

**30.Nxf3 Qd5**

30...Qxf3 was brilliant - and wrong, because of 31.Rxg7+

**31.Qc3 Rb1+**

**32.Ne1**



**32... Qd4!**

**33.Bb2 c5**

0-1

The St Petersburg team consisted of Mikhail Chigorin, Benjamin Markovich Blumenfeld, Alexander M Levin, Peter Alexandrovich Saburov, and Ivan Andreevich Zybin; Vienna had Hugo Faehndrich, Bernhard Fleissig, Arthur Kaufmann, Georg Marco, and Carl Schlechter. The game lasted five months.



**White: Strasbourg**

**Black: Saint-Gall [C39]**

Inter-city corres. , 1887

King's Gambit Kieseritsky

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 e5  
 2.f4 exf4  
 3.Nf3 g5  
 4.h4 g4  
 5.Ne5

Amsterdam v Marseille, 1900 went  
 5. Ne5 Nf6 6. Bc4 d5 7. exd5 Bd6 8.  
 O-O Bxe5 9. Re1 Qe7 10. c3 f3 11.  
 d4 Ne4 12. Rxe4 Bh2+ 13. Kxh2  
 Qxe4 14. g3 O-O 15. Bf4 b5 16.  
 Bxb5 Ba6 17. c4 Bxb5 18. Nc3 Qg6  
 19. Nxb5 Re8 20. Nc3 Na6 21. Qd2  
 Re7 22. d6 cxd6 23. Nd5 Re4 24.  
 Re1 Rae8 25. Rxe4 Rxe4 26. Be3  
 Nc7 27. Nb4 Qe6 28. d5 Qf6 29.  
 Nd3 Qe7 30. Bf2 Re2 31. Qc3 Qe4  
 32. a3 a5 and White resigned.

5...d5  
 6.d4 Nf6  
 7.Bxf4 Nxe4  
 8.Nd2 Nxd2  
 9.Qxd2 Bd6  
 10.0-0-0 Be6  
 11.Bd3 f6?  
 ○11...Nd7  
 12.Rde1 Bxe5  
 12...Nd7 13.Nxg4+; 12...0-0  
 13.Ng6±  
 13.Bxe5 Kd7



13...fxe5 14.Rxe5 0-0 15.Qh6+—

14.Bxf6!

14.Qh6 Qf8 15.Qxf6 Qxf6 16.Bxf6  
 Rf8 17.Rhf1 Rf7 18.Bg5±

14... Qxf6  
 15.Rhf1 Qg7  
 16.Rxe6 Rf8  
 17.Rfe1

17.Rxf8 Qxf8 18.Rh6 would also  
 have brought resignation.

17... Nc6

18.Rh6

1-0



White: Hellsten, Ole

Black: Hawkes, John E.]

First NATT Bd.5 1981-4

Closed Ruy Lopez [C84]

[Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.e4 e5  
 2.Nf3 Nc6  
 3.Bb5 a6  
 4.Ba4 Nf6  
 5.0-0 Nxe4  
 6.d4 Be7  
 7.Re1 b5

There's a brilliant miniature I had  
 published in BCM in 1984 viz.  
 Lehtikoinen v Sorri in the first  
 Heilimo Memorial 1977-82 going;  
 7...f5 8.d5 Na5! (8...Nb8? 9.Nxe5 0-  
 0 10.d6!) 9.Nxe5 0-0 10.c3 Bc5  
 11.Re2 d6 12.Nf3 Nc4 13.Bc2 Re8  
 14.Qe1 Bd7 15.b3 Nxf2! 16.Nd4  
 Ng4! 17.h3 (17.bxc4 Qf6!) 17...Rxe2  
 18.Qxe2 Qh4! 19.Bxf5 (19.hxg4  
 Re8!-+) 19...Bxf5 20.hxg4 (20.bxc4  
 Ne5-+) 20...Bxg4 21.Qe4 Ne5 (or  
 21...Qh5) 22.b4 Bb6 23.Nd2 Rf8  
 24.Qe3 Bd1! 0-1]

8.Rxe4

Avoiding main lines.

8... d5  
 9.Nxe5 Nxe5  
 10.Bxb5+ axb5  
 11.Rxe5 0-0  
 12.Qf3 c6  
 13.c3 Bf6!?

Not as in a classic Marshall with  
 Bd6.

14.Re2 Re8

15.Na3

On 15.Nd2 Rxe2 16.Qxe2 I was  
 planning 16...Ra7

15... Bf5  
 16.Rxe8+ Qxe8



17.Bf4?

Other bishop moves were better,  
 especially 17.Bg5! My chance has  
 come.

17... b4!  
 18.cxb4 Bxd4  
 19.Rd1 Bxb2

20.Bc1

20.Nb1? Rxa2 (or 20...Bc2) 21.Qb3?  
 Qe2! 22.Nd2 Ra3+—

20... Rxa3

21.Qxf5 Bxc1

22.Rxc1 Rxa2

23.g3 Re2

24.b5 g6

25.Qd3 Re1+

26.Rxe1 Qxe1+

27.Kg2 cxb5

28.Qxd5 Qe8

29.h4 h5

30.Kf1 b4

31.Qb7 Qa4!

32.Qb8+ Kh7

33.Qf4 Qd1+

34.Kg2 Qd5+

35.Kf1 Qb7

36.Qf6 b3

37.Qb2 Qa6+!

37...Qa6+ 38.Ke1 /g1/g2 38...Qa2

39.Qf6 b2

0-1



In the article [SCCA Magazine 01](#) (page 18 of this edition), the game McAlpine-Lumsden is given in English notation. If you don't know that format, or have forgotten it, here are the moves in algebraic form:

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Qe2 Nc6 6.e5 Nxd4 7.exf6 Nxe2 8.fxg7 Rg8 9.Ngxe2 Rxc7 10.Bh6 Rg8 11.O-O e5 12.f4 exf4 13.Ne4 g5 14.h4 gxh4 15.Nxf4 Bf5 16.Bb5+ Ke7 17.Nd5+ Ke6 18.Nc5+ dxc5 19.Rhe1+ Be4 20.Rxe4+ Kf5 21.Ne7+ Kxe4 22.Re1+ Kd4 23.c3# 1-0



## Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 16

By John E. Hawkes

**White: Demonte Vitali, Manuel**  
**Black: Isaksson, Sten**  
 III Olympiad Final Bd.6 1958–59  
 Ruy Lopez - Closed Defence [C92]  
*[Notes by John E Hawkes based on  
 Kjell Krantz in SSKK Magazine  
 1/1988]*

- |       |      |
|-------|------|
| 1.e4  | e5   |
| 2.Nf3 | Nc6  |
| 3.Bb5 | a6   |
| 4.Ba4 | Nf6  |
| 5.0-0 | Be7  |
| 6.Re1 | b5   |
| 7.Bb3 | d6   |
| 8.c3  | 0-0  |
| 9.h3  | a5!? |



The Keres variation.

- 10.d4**  
 10.a4? b4 11.d4 bxc3 12.bxc3 exd4  
 13.cxd4 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Nbd2 Bf5  
 16.Ba3 Nb4 17.Nf1 c5!= Hellers -  
 Kupreichik, Malmoe 1987–88.  
**10... exd4**  
 10. ...a4 11. Bc2 Bd7 12. Nbd2 Re8  
 13. Bd3 Qb8! is a nice layout  
 (Iordachescu - Romanishin, 14th  
 Euro Indiv 2013)  
**11.cxd4 a4**  
**12.Bc2 Nb4**  
**13.Nc3**  
 13.d5! Nd7 14.Na3 is positionally  
 well-founded, Kupreichik proposing  
 14...Ba6 15.Nd4 Bf6 If White grabs



**Marcel Duchamp chess  
pieces, Buenos Aires, 1918**

the b-pawn then after exchanges  
 Black will push a4–a3.

- 13... Nxc2**  
**14.Qxc2 b4!**  
**15.Nxa4 Bb7**  
**16.b3 Nd7**  
**17.Bb2**



- 17... Ra6**  
**18.a3**  
 Anticipating ...Qa8  
**18... f5!?**  
 Another surprise.  
**19.e5**  
 The Black rook can get across the  
 board decisively. ♞19.exf5  
**19... dxe5**  
**20.Nxe5? Nxe5**  
**21.dxe5 Rg6**  
**22.g3 f4**  
**23.Kh2**  
 Two other lines are: 23.Red1 fxc3!  
 (23...Qc8 24.g4 Rh6–+) 24.Qc4+  
 (24.Qxg6 gxf2+ 25.Kh2 f1Q 26.Rxf1  
 Qd2+ and mate in 4 at most.)  
 24...Kh8 25.Rxd8 (25.f4 Qc8–+)  
 25...gxf2+ 26.Kf1 Bg2+ 27.Ke2  
 f1Q+ 28.Rxf1 Bxf1+ 29.Ke1 Bxc4–  
 +;  
 And 23.g4 bxa3 24.Bc1 (24.Bxa3  
 Bxa3 25.Rxa3 Qh4 26.b4 Rxg4+)  
 24...Qd7 (24...Qd5 25.Qc4 Qxc4  
 26.bxc4 Ra6–+ 27.Nc3 Bb4 28.Bd2  
 Rh6) 25.Qe2 Rh6 26.Kh2 Qe6–+  
**23... fxc3+**

**24.fxc3**



**24... Bh4!**

**25.gxh4**  
 If 25.Re3 Qg5 26.Qd3 Bxc3+  
 27.Rxc3 Rf2+ 28.Kg1 and mate in  
 eight by 28...Rg2+! The g-file line-  
 up is well worth a diagram:



And now, back to the game...

**25... Qd3!!**  
 Forcing mate in the most elegant  
 fashion.

**0–1**







The Scottish Correspondence Chess Association was founded in 1977, and its first Magazine was published in January 1980.



Here's how Val Nye introduced the publication:

### SECRETARIAL NOTES (by Val Nye)

Welcome to the first issue of the Association's Magazine! This is a natural development of the Newsletter. All being well we will be able to bring out at least three issues each season which will give the latest positions in all our Tournaments. George Livie has volunteered to run Games Column, so that each issue will contain a good selection of games. From time to time, Richard Beecham will give news about International Matches. (In passing, I must remark that there is a huge demand for international play and we are hoping to arrange more matches than originally anticipated.) As Secretary, I can probably manage to string together a few words about this and that..... All the Controllers and the members of the Executive Committee will have things to write on matters of importance to the Association. Certainly we can include basic items in the magazine but anything else must come from you, our members. If you feel strongly about anything, write a letter and we will put it in the magazine. If you have any ideas for articles, tell us. We need your support to make a success of the magazine.

The Association itself was the brainchild of Bernard Partridge and he employed what he calls his 'personal touch' to get a group of us together to form a steering committee. A Constitution was drawn up and an Executive Committee was established, and within a comparatively short space of time we have produced our own Playing Rules, Scorecard and an International Postcard. Guidelines have been agreed for the award of Scottish Master titles and we have made the first award to triple Scottish Champion, Ken McAlpine. Sooner or later, we will be recognized by ICCF and Scotland will be able to participate or be represented formally in international team and individual events.

In the meantime, it would be useful to have members' views on the structure of the Championships, whether there is demand for any new Tournaments, under what circumstances should play by telephone be allowed (and under what rules). The Executive Committee feels happy to have a Championship Final of eleven players, but a curious picture appears however when we look at the Premier and the Major. There are usually more players in the (higher ranking) Premier than in the Major. Also, a typical Premier Section is far stronger than a typical Major Section. One possible way round this state of affairs is to introduce a Candidate's Tournament between the Final and the Premiers. Is there a demand for another type of tournament - an Openings tourney, for example? On telephone play, one or two may do a lot of travelling because of their work and they could find it useful - on occasion - to make use of the telephone. Should we permit this, and what rules should then apply?

I have records of over 300 players who have participated in more recent times in Scottish correspondence events. The number entering each season is gradually increasing..... Our youngest member is probably Paul Hampton who is under 12. But who is the oldest member? Hart Hamilton (at Stewarton) says he is in the seventies but that he is a mere lad compared to J.W. Vernon (from Stranraer)! This season we have welcomed some Shetlanders. (I should point out that Ken Beer, the team captain who is also in the Premier, has requested that 1st class mail be used). There does not seem to be any sign, yet, of players from the more isolated parts of the Borders, the Highlands, nor from the Hebrides! Any members with contacts who might be interested in learning about our activities are encouraged to write to me - we will send them a complimentary copy of the magazine.

I must, finally, express our thanks to Alan Borwell for taking on the production of the first few editions of the magazine. This is an added responsibility over and above those he has already as Secretary of the SCA. Any volunteers of assistance or for eventually taking over the editorship will, I am sure, be welcomed by our President.

President Alan Borwell was editor of the printed magazine from edition 1-72, and included this short preview:

### **EDITORIAL COMMENT (by Alan Borwell)**

This first edition of our new bulletin is slightly behind schedule but I hope that it has been worth waiting for! As we proceed with subsequent editions I am sure that it can be improved and enlarged, but this will depend very much on readers' contributions, ie. articles, games, letters, opening analysis, amusing incidents, etc. The second edition is due to be published during April and will include results to date. The third edition will be published at the end of the season.

Alan reported in edition 1 on SCCA's progress towards full international recognition:

### **INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION (by Alan Borwell)**

There are now very hopeful signs that Scotland will secure its rightful place in international correspondence chess circles within the next two years. The following is an outline of the position, covering particularly the more recent developments.

The world organising body ICCF has been unable so far to recognise Scotland as a country in its own right because its Statutes include a clause which allows only for the affiliation of National correspondence chess organisations with only one organisation from each country (State). As ICCF has previously recognised Great Britain as a nation/country through BPCF as the affiliated organisation, it has been unable, under its existing Statutes, to accept affiliation from Scotland (or Wales) for international correspondence chess purposes. Our first application was made in 1973 and was repeated at subsequent ICCF Congresses without success, being opposed by BPCF.

However, in 1978 an Agreement was reached between BPCF, WCCA and ourselves by which BPCF now recognises Scotland and Wales as separate countries for the purposes of international correspondence chess and supports the direct affiliation to ICCF of both Scotland and Wales.

A renewed application by Scotland and Wales was considered by the ICCF Congress in Finland this year and the following is the relevant Minute from this meeting:

“Matters pertaining to the Constitution

Regarding the renewed applications for membership from Scotland and Wales, Congress decided that the General Secretary be asked to enquire of other international sport organisations in which Scotland and Wales are members (eg. FIDE, FIFA, UEFA, Hockey, etc) how in these organisations the membership and playing possibilities of Scotland and Wales both according to statutes and tournament rules are regulated. The General Secretary shall deliver a report to next year's Praesidium and the whole problem will be discussed afresh at the 1981 Congress.”

Encouraging letters have been received from both the ICCF President and ICCF Secretary expressing sympathetic understanding of our position and BPCF now gives our application its full support. We are therefore optimistic that

ICCF will be able to take the necessary steps to enable Scotland (and Wales) to participate and be represented in all official World and European Team and Individual events from 1981, at the latest.

Readers may be interested to know that the Scottish Chess Association (which was founded in 1884) was recognised by FIDE in 1932 for 'over the board' chess and Scotland has participated in many Olympiads and other team events and has been represented in many international individual events since that time. There are many Scottish Associations in existence for sports, games and pastimes where Scotland participates and is recognised internationally as a country in its own right, ranging from Association Football, Bowling, Golf, Hockey, Rugby Union, etc to many smaller or less publicised activities.

Although the SCCA will pursue Scotland's legitimate claims until full international recognition is achieved, it is not 'separatist' in outlook. It wishes to see its members participating both in SCCA events and British events (and indeed in European events). It therefore encourages Scottish correspondence chess players to participate in British Championships (individual and team) which are organised by the BPCF. Meetings will be held at least once every year to discuss the organisation and involvement in such competitions and other matters of common interest to the three countries concerned.

Early magazines ran profiles of significant personalities in SCCA. Here is Val Nye's account of founder Bernard Partridge:

### **BERNARD PARTRIDGE (A profile by Val Nye)**

I first came across Bernard Partridge in an over-the-board game more years ago than either of us would care to remember. Club members had previously warned me that he would be a difficult opponent - the game was a tough one, and all our other games since have been tough as well. I later found out that Bernard, in his time, has been champion of the Carlisle and Gloucester clubs. Once you met Bernard it was very difficult to keep out of his way....

He would be wanting an article for his Glasgow High School Magazine or somebody would be needed to give a simultaneous display at the school. There was, at one time, a team of the school's masters in the Glasgow League, and the school played the occasional correspondence match with other schools. All thanks to Bernard's efforts.



Bernard originally hailed from Surrey. He was a leading County player - he had won the Felce Cup and had done well in the Slater-Kennington (both of these being competitions run by the Surrey Chess Association). A war came along, however, and the RAF felt they had just the job for him! Undeterred by this change of routine, Bernard somehow found the time to arrange matches between his own camp, RAF Gloucester, and several other camps. This led to matches being played by correspondence between the various camps. If one looks through the records, the BCCA

magazine shows that a certain Sergeant B.B. Partridge won a Premier Tourney in the season 1945/6 and took part in the BCCA Championship the following season.

In between times he had found himself a Scottish wife! When demob came, there was only one thing to do. Sure enough, as an ex-servicemen, he was able to come to the University of Glasgow to be one of the first students taking joint honours in Geography and Political Economics. A year at Jordanhill followed and Bernard was able to realise his wish to be a teacher. He taught at various schools in Coatbridge and Airdrie. Glasgow High School then was fortunate to get him - but only for 19 years, since the closure came a few years before retirement! On leaving the High School, Bernard was able to do a certain amount of teaching, as a teacher on supply. Interesting part-time jobs he found, included being a 'lollipop man' - he tells me he had some interesting experiences with the 'stick'. A useful idea came to him, and this should be taken up by the authorities, that the 'stick' should be on wheels.....

Bernard's strong interest in chess led him to starting the famous High School of Glasgow Magazine. It filled a gap in

Scottish chess since the SCA only more recently began to put out a magazine on a regular basis. Considering that only one person looked after all the preparation, the magazine was a remarkable achievement. Arising from the readership, 'friendly' postal quartets began. As time went by, more people took up the correspondence events which Bernard was arranging. Eventually, the Scottish Championships were instituted and it is a wonder how Bernard found the time to run everything virtually single-handed for so many years. In SCA circles, Bernard was on the original committee which set up the Regional Competition (now run on Jamboree lines).

There is no doubt at all that Scottish chess is greatly indebted to Bernard.

There are many things missed out as there is only so much space available. However, this is sufficient for us all to say 'thank you' to Bernard and to wish him and his wife, Jean, a long happy and well-deserved retirement.



Ken McAlpine was our first Scottish Master, having won the Scottish Championship outright on

three occasions. He inaugurated the "My Most Enjoyable Postal Game" column. See if you remember the English notation! (If you don't, there's an algebraic version on p14.)

**Scottish Correspondence Chess Championship Qualifying 1974-75.**

**White: K.B.McAlpine**  
**Black: J.P.L.Lumsden**  
 Scandinavian Defence  
 (Notes by K.B. McAlpine)

- 1.P-K4            P-KN3
- 2.P-Q4            B-N2
- 3.N-QB3         P-Q3
- 4.B-QB4         N-KB3
- 5.Q-K2            N-B3

So as to be able to meet 6 N-B3 with B-N5 7 B-K3 P-K4 with a reasonable position and exerting pressure on white's Q4 square. The reply however successfully thwarts this plan and must have been unexpected.

**6.P-K5!**  
 Preparing a Q sacrifice after only 6 moves. The reply is virtually forced.

**6...**            NxQP  
 Clearly better than either 6 N-Q2 7 BxP ch. KxB 8 P-K6 etc, or 6 PxP 7 PxP N-KN1 8 P-K6 etc.

- 7.PxN            NxQ
- 8.PxB            R-KN1
- 9.KNxN

White has given up Q for 3 minor pieces. In many similar positions the minor pieces in practice have proved to be too powerful for the Q. Clearly White wishes to open up the position and create attacking chances, whereas Black should opt for keeping the position closed. I believe on balance, White has the better chances.

- 9...
- 10.B-KR6        RxP
- 11.0-0-0        R-KN1
- P-K4?



This was the sort of move I was hoping for. White can now exploit the weakness created. Much better would be P-QB3 followed by development of the Q-side.

- 12.P-B4           PxP
- 13.N-K4!

It is easy now to see how much of a blunder Black's 11th. move was - his KB3 square is so weak and the threat of B-KN5 is so strong that the game is effectively over. The rest is an enjoyable exercise in how to win in the most convincing manner.

- 13...            P-KN4
- 14.P-KR4!

There is no way to prevent the minor pieces from "pouring" in towards the Black king.

**14...**            PxP  
 If R-N3 then 15 BxP P KB3 16 N2xP PxB 17 NxR PxN 18 PxP Q-K2 19 N-B6 ch. and Black can resign.

- 15.NxBP         B-B4
- 16.B-N5ch       K-K2

There is no hope. If .... B-Q2 17 KR-K1 BxB 18 N-B6 mate.

- 17.N-Q5ch       K-K3
- 18.N-B5ch!

Giving Black no time to hide anywhere.

- 18...            PxN
- 19.KR-K1ch     B-K5
- 20.RxBch        K-B4
- 21 N-K7ch       KxR
- 22 R-K1ch       K-Q5
- 23 P-B3 mate

It is perhaps ironic that the Black king is mated in the centre of the board and that every square in the centre is controlled by White (except Black's QB4)





## Cherishing everyday achievements in CC: a few reflections on setting goals for 2020

By Peter Bennett

This year, 2020, I am playing in four major tournaments. The three that are already underway are two Semi-Finals of the VWC (Veterans World Cup) and the Olympiad preliminaries.

My MAIN GOALS in these events more or less dictate themselves: if possible, to win all three tournament groups; failing that, at least to come second which, in the case of the VWC Semi-Finals, might still qualify me for a place in the Final; and, in all three groups, to try to get a second IM norm.

Such grand targets are all very well. The problem is, what happens when it quickly becomes apparent that you are likely to achieve none of them?

This is where “everyday achievements” - hence “everyday goals” - start to become important. We need manageable, more readily reachable, targets in order to sustain motivation and to avoid become dispirited when things don't work out quite as we had hoped.

In my own case, 2019 was a very disappointing year. I achieved none of the main goals I had set myself at the outset. Even so, what I can cherish from an otherwise torrid year is that I won two games, both of which I intend to submit for the Best Games Prize competition. If you haven't

much to rejoice over, it is still worthwhile celebrating those small things.

It is also important to set some SUBSIDIARY GOALS, for the new year. I probably won't win any events; but I do have a chance to take my ICCF grading to a new high. My previous best was 2374. My “live” grading, today as I write, is 2369. There is just a chance that I could make 2375 by the 2020/3 list. This, at least gives me something to get my teeth into.

We can also set CONTEXTUAL GOALS, by which I mean goals that are not about our playing of the game. In my case, I shall set myself the task of sending in one script to the Editor for each Issue of the magazine. I also try each year to make one or two new contacts with players from other countries, recognising the value of the international community. Someone else might set themselves the target of becoming an International Arbiter; or standing for a place on our association's committee.

So what are your goals? Set them first; then send in a letter to the Editor, sharing your plans for 2020 with the SCCA magazine readership!

Now, there's a challenge!

## Chess Art



Chess Competition by Olga Suvorova, Russia



Duel by Olga Suvorova, Russia



Maternidad lúdica by Vito Campanella, Italy/Argentina



La Corte Esoterica by Vito Campanella, Italy/Argentina



Un afectuoso Homenaje, al Gran Maestro!!! by Vito Campanella, Italy/Argentina



## International Update

By Iain Mackintosh

### 22<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad Preliminaries

#### CCO22/S3, ICCF Olympiad 22 Preliminaries - Section 3

TD Pheby, Ian M. (IA)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place
1	U.S.A.	2490	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
2	Spain	2458	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
3	Argentina	2449	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
4	Romania	2437	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
5	Cuba	2412	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
6	Canada	2407	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
7	Denmark	2406	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
8	Scotland	2382	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
9	Portugal	2358	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	0	54	1
10	Nicaragua	2152	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	█	0	0	0	0	0	54	1

The 22<sup>nd</sup> Olympiad is off and running, and we are drawn in section 3 of the Preliminaries. Good luck to our team of: IM Clive Murden, CCM Alan Bell, CCM David Cumming, CCM Peter Bennett, Kevin Paine and CCM Gordon Anderson.

### 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	Lithuania	2498	█	4	4	4	4.5	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	7	45	56	10	15	80	0	1
2	Scotland	2390	4	█	3.5	4	4	4	4.5	5	4	5	5.5	43.5	54	7	13	80	0	2
3	Switzerland	2452	4	4.5	█	4	4	4	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5	42.5	53	6	15	79	1	3
4	Bulgaria	2423	4	4	4	█	4	4	3.5	4.5	4	4.5	5.5	42	52	4	12	80	0	4
5	Croatia	2349	3.5	4	4	4	█	4.5	4.5	4	4.5	4	4.5	41.5	51	3	13	80	0	5
6	Iceland	2411	4	4	4	4	3.5	█	4.5	4	4.5	4.5	4.5	41.5	51	3	13	80	0	6
7	Turkey	2400	4	3.5	4	4.5	3.5	3.5	█	4.5	4.5	4	4.5	40.5	50	1	11	80	0	7
8	Denmark	2346	3.5	3	3.5	3.5	4	4	3.5	█	4.5	5.5	5	40	50	0	8	80	0	8
9	Estonia	2372	3.5	4	3.5	4	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	█	4.5	5.5	39	48	-2	6	80	0	9
10	Finland	2364	3.5	3	3.5	3.5	4	3.5	4	2.5	3.5	█	4.5	35.5	44	-9	4	80	0	10
11	Norway	2229	1	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5	3.5	3	2.5	3.5	█	28	35	-23	0	79	1	11

Just one result outstanding between Switzerland and Norway which will determine 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placings. Peter Bennett writes: The qualifiers for the 11<sup>th</sup> ETC Final are still unresolved and the issue could drag on for quite a while yet. In the 10<sup>th</sup> Final, Russia could still catch Switzerland for 4th spot. If they fail, then Bulgaria from our S/F will get a spot in the Final.

## Current Friendly Internationals

Start	Boards	Opponents	Mode	For	Against	Void	Result
Nov 2019	20	Cuba	Server	3	3		
Jun 2019	27	Sweden	Server/Postal	13½	25½		
Mar 2019	19	Panama	Server	15	19		
Aug 2018	23	Belgium	Server	17½	27½		loss

Our match against Belgium is nearly complete, and we are trailing against both Panama and Sweden. The recently started match against Cuba is currently tied.

## George Pyrich Memorial Team Tournament (ICCF)

### MT-Pyrich/SF3, George D. Pyrich Memorial Team Tournament SF3

		TD Falatowicz, Piotr											Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11								
1	Switzerland 1	2221	■	2.5	2	3.5	1.5	2.5	1.5	3	3	2.5	2	24	60	8	4	40	20	1
2	England Knights	2238	2.5	■	2	2.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	1.5	2	1.5	2.5	21	53	3	0	39	21	2
3	Lithuania 1	2220	2	2	■	2.5	2	2	0.5	3	2.5	1	2	19.5	55	4	1	35	25	3
4	Brazil 1	2243	1.5	2.5	1.5	■	2	1.5	2	2	2	2.5	19.5	46	-3	0	42	18	4	
5	Italy 1	2187	2.5	1.5	2	2	■	2.5	1	2	2	2	19.5	55	4	0	35	25	5	
6	Russia 2	2176	1.5	2.5	1	2.5	2.5	■	2	1.5	1.5	1	2.5	18.5	46	-3	0	40	20	6
7	Romania 1	2118	1.5	1.5	0.5	3	1	2	■	2	1	2.5	3	18	50	0	2	36	24	7
8	Scotland	2117	1	1.5	3	2	1	1.5	3	■	1	1	2.5	17.5	43	-5	2	40	20	8
9	Indonesia	2110	1	1	1.5	1	2	2.5	1	3	■	1.5	2.5	17	48	-1	1	35	25	9
10	Netherlands	2155	1.5	1.5	1	2	1	2	2.5	2	1.5	■	1.5	16.5	50	0	0	33	27	10
11	Germany 2	2007	1	1.5	1	1.5	1	2.5	2	2.5	1.5	1.5	■	16	41	-7	0	39	21	11

Our team of Geoff Lloyd, Robert Montgomery, Iain Sneddon, Raymond Burrige, Derek Price and David Edney is now a couple of points away from 3<sup>rd</sup> spot.

## George Pyrich Memorial Tournament (SCCA)

Our best placed competitor to date is Raymond Burrige in section 14, who sits in 2nd position behind Richard Rozo of Venezuela. The Scottish standings are:

Section 1	6 <sup>th</sup>	Tom Matheis	6/12	Leader: GM Ruslan Tleptsok (RUS) 6½/11
Section 2	11 <sup>th</sup>	Clive Murden	5/10	Leader: IM Esposito Luca (ITA) 7/12
Section 3	4 <sup>th</sup>	Iain Mackintosh	6/12	Leader: CCM Hermann Rösch (PAN) 7/11
Section 4	10 <sup>th</sup>	David Cumming	6/12	Leader: Oliver Killer (SUI) 7½/12
Section 8	11 <sup>th</sup>	Alan Borwell	5/12	Leader: CCE Jan Kratochvil (CZE) 7½/12
Section 9	9 <sup>th</sup>	Geoff Lloyd	6/12	Leader: Matteo Troia, (ITA) 7/12
Section 11	9 <sup>th</sup>	Eoin Campbell (decd.)	5½/12	Leader: Vladimir Babychuk (UKR) 8½/12
Section 12	9 <sup>th</sup>	Alastair Dawson	5/11	Leader: Mario Sena Lopes (POR) 8/12
Section 13	13 <sup>th</sup>	Derek Price	2½/12	Leader: Roberto Sayas (VEN) 9½/12
Section 14	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Raymond Burrige	10½/12	Leader : Richard Rozo (VEN) 10½/11

A full list of available individual events and entry fees is available at our web site [www.scottishcca.co.uk](http://www.scottishcca.co.uk)





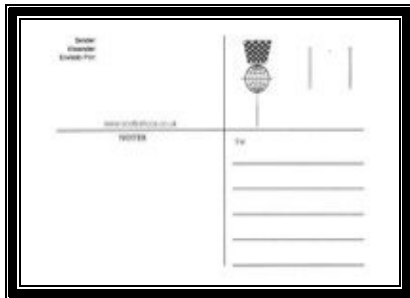
## General Information

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, IM, CCM and CCE titles to recognise strength and performance. Most play is based now on the ICCF webserver, with a residue of postal and email events.

ICCF organises a vast range of tournaments on its main world site ([www.iccf-webchess.com](http://www.iccf-webchess.com)) and its European Zone site ([www.iccf-europa.com](http://www.iccf-europa.com)). 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.

## 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).

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## Thematic Tournaments

### Postal Events 2020

#### Theme 1/20: Larsen Opening, A01

1.b3

Entries by 15 January; play starts 1 February

#### Theme 2/20: Sicilian Neo-Sveshnikov, B32

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

Entries by 15 April; play starts 1 May

### Webserver Events 2020

#### Theme 2/20 – Martens Snake Benoni, A60

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 Bd6

Entries by 15 February; play starts 1 March

#### Theme 3/20 - Slav Noteboom System, D31

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4

Entries by 31 March; play starts 15 April

## News

- The Final of the 6th Chess 960 World Cup starts on January, 20th – The qualifying players are:  
SF1: Dieter Kraft (GER) & Viktor Viktorovich Alekseev (RUS)  
SF2: Yuliya Tkachenko (UKR) & Ingo Lindam (GER)  
SF3: Michael Höppenstein (GER) & Aleksey Borisovich Voll (RUS)  
SF4: Johannes Kribben (GER) & Evgeny Georgievich Tsygankov (RUS)
- The Final of the 21<sup>st</sup> Olympiad will start on 13 January. The qualifying countries are Austria, Belarus, Czech Republic, England, Germany, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal, Russia, Spain, Ukraine and USA. 33 GMs; 23 SIMs; 15 IMs; and 7 CCMs are involved!
- ICCF is conducting a survey of its Tournament Entry System which has been operating since 2017. If you haven't yet commented on your experience, please visit: <https://forms.gle/dpJLzN49VJ73D8MJ7>
- The ICCF Games Archive is now available up to December 2019 and can be downloaded from: <https://www.iccf.com/> Note that you need to login first.

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