# Scottish Correspondence Chess Association

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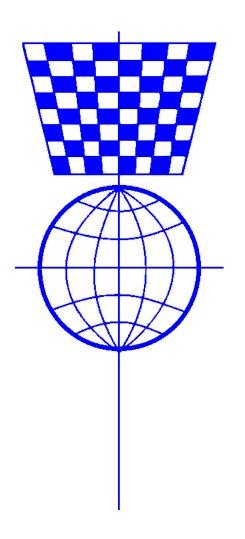
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Two knights back to back, from Skye, mid-13th century National Museum of Scotland <u>https://www.nms.ac.uk</u>



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## **Editorial and News**





Welcome to the winter edition of our 2024 magazine set! I hope you all had a happy celebration with friends and family over Christmas and New Year, and that you'll enjoy the new twelvemonth of CC!

It's been a fairly chaotic end to the year with illness and its aftermath interfering with the usual assembly of articles, magazine production and website updates. So, I apologise for the necessary delays and hope nobody gets too vexatious as a result.

The result has been to extend the schedule by a week or two, and we'll now need to re-organise the Members' area of the website to tidy things up a bit. Inter alia, we'll post magazines to club members rather than ask them to download material from the web.

The final ICCF rating list of 2024 is analysed by our grader Alistair Maxwell, who reports no new norms or titles this time, but plenty of active play.

I'm indebted yet again to John Hawkes for authoring an article on a selection of games from the IFSB pre-WW2 period. The four eminent World Championship candidates are profiled in play, and in their (rather stiff) photo gallery line-up (though one is playing the piano!)

Our Chess Art pages feature the Russian artist Galina Ivanovna Satonina (1905–2000), who embodied the Soviet domination of chess from the end of World War II to 1991.

There are year-end updates from Domestic Secretary Mickey Blake and International Secretary David Kilgour. Good to see the decent level of activity from our small membership and guest teams.

Awani Kumar continues to explore knight tours and has discovered a 24-fold cyclic semi-magic tour on a 7x24 board -- the first of its kind!

Alastair Dawson features the increasingly rare occurrence of wins in CC – and you don't need to buy a NASA computer to achieve the feat!

Enjoy the read and thanks again to John Hawkes and Awani Kumar for helping out with the production work!

## **SCCA Membership**

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

**Life: £100** gets you annual membership for the rest of your chess-hobbying days.

**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 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, Ian Whittaker. 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 Ian to sign up for some units (contact details below).

## **Recent 100 Club Winners**

2024	1st	2nd
December	K B McAlpine	S R Gillam
November	W H Cormack	A P Borwell
October	I Mackintosh	A P Borwell

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## **SCCA Annual Best Game Prize**



The SCCA Best Game Prize will once again operate this year, covering games completed during 2024. The trophy (pictured above) will carry the inscription of its sponsor, Raymond Burridge, i.e.

#### The R.J. Burridge Trophy SCCA Best Game Prize 2024 (winner's name)

To recap on the rules:

- Entries are games which finish in calendar year 2024;
- 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 2025
- The Committee will appoint a judge (who cannot enter!);
- The winner will be announced by end-March 2025and we'll feature the game in a subsequent magazine;
- The winner receives a trophy miniature and certificate.

This year's judge will be announced shortly, and we'll announce the winning entry by end-March.

Please send your games to Iain Mackintosh at

president@scottishcca.co.uk – multiple entries are allowed – to reach him by end-January 2023.

## 2nd Dimitar Karapchanski Memorial

The Bulgarian CCA is delighted to announce the 2nd Dimitar Karapchanski Memorial.

The tournament is played on the ICCF server using the Silli system (10 games).

It is organized for all players with an ELO rating of 0-2750 (max. two sections per player).

All player entries (max. 2 per player) will be sorted by the player's ELO in the 2025/1 list as of 01.01.2025 within the respective groups. Entry Link: https://www.iccf.com/EventEntry.aspx?id=107649

2 groups A and A-1: players 2500 – 2750 ELO 2 groups B and B-1: players 2450 – 2499 ELO 2 groups C and C-1: players 2400 – 2449 ELO 2 groups D and D-1: players 2300 – 2399 ELO 2 groups E and E-1: players 2150 – 2299 ELO 2 groups F and F-1: players 1900 – 2149 ELO 2 groups G and G-1: players 0 – 1899 ELO.

In practice, this means that each player can play 2 sections!!

## **Tournament description:**

- ICCF standard time control 10 moves in 50 days with duplication after 20 days is used.
- 45 days of leave per year are available to each player.
- There is no special leave in this event.
- Linear conditionals can be entered.
- This tournament allows claims based on the seven piece tablebase.
- The event will be rated and if the criteria are met, it will be possible to achieve ICCF title norms.
- Tie -breaking: if a tie persists after the standard tiebreaking procedures (para 1.3.4.2.2. a-e), the order is determined by the higher rating in previous ranting lists (before the end of the tournament) until broken.
- If needed, adjudicators will be selected by the server.
- Other participants can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event. and games are finished.
- The public can see the games after 10 games are finished in the event and games are finished.
- The tournament will start on 25.01.2025. There is no end date.
- TO/TD: Matjaz Pirs and IA Simeon Vinchev

## **Registrations:**

• All entries have to go through the DE system on the ICCF server by opening Bulgaria menu in New Events. Entries cannot be sent via email!

- Entry fee for Direct Entry system is 9.00 Euro (in the case of NF Entries, this is the responsibility of NF).
- The ICCF rating as of 01.01.2025 (Rating List 2025/1) is binding.
- Closing date for Direct Entry is 17.01.2025.
- Closing date for NF entries is 15.01.2025.

## **Certificates:**

Electronic certificates will be awarded for the first 10 places.

Amici Sumus,

TO Matjaz Pirs

## EU/RoW Individual Championship 2025

The Super-Regional Tournaments Commission (SRTC) is glad to announce the 2025 cycle of Rest of the World Server + European Server and Postal Championship!

## Webserver:

Open Rounds: for players rated under 2100, starts when filled

Preliminaries: for players rated between 2100-2299, starts when filled

Semi-Finals: for players rated between 2300-2499, starts on the 20th of September

Candidates' Tournament: for players rated 2500 or over, starts on the 20th of March

## Postal (EU only):

Open Rounds: for players rated under 2100, starts when filled

Semi-Finals: for players rated between 2100 or over, starts when filled.

## 14th Chess 960 World Cup



The tournament will be played by server and will be organized in three or four stages, depending on the number of the entries. The sections of the preliminary round will have 6 players (10 games) with 2 qualified for the next round.

All sections will be with 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: 450 days; Initial Clock: 50 days; Initial Bank: 75 days; Increment: 2 days). Players may enter in the usual way through the ICCF Server Entry System.

All the finalists of the 11th Chess 960 World Cup start the 14th Chess 960 World Cup from the Semi-Finals (starting approx. in the first half of 2026)..

The closing of the registrations is the 28th of February 2025.

A player can apply for more than one preliminary group.

Allocation of players to their sections will be made as random as possible; however, geographical distribution as well as an achievement of reasonable equality of the average rating will be taken into account.

## **Tournament Organisation**

The tournament starts on 15.03.2025. Registration closes on 28.02.2025 to allow for pairings.

## Prizes

Prize 1000  $\in$  for the first 3 players (500  $\in$  300  $\in$  200  $\in$ ), no tie break.

## Qualifications

The winner and the runner-up of each preliminary section will qualify for the next round.

Although the number of preliminary groups which each player may enter is unlimited, no player will qualify for more than two semifinal groups or more than one place in the final (in case of four stages the qualification to the second round is unlimited).

In case the total number of players is not a multiple of 6, the players with the highest Chess 960 ELO (up to a maximum of 5, no multiple entries) will be moved directly to the next round.

Member Federations are asked to give the tournament wide publicity to all their players.

We wish all participants many interesting games and new connections with CC friends in other countries, based on the spirit of friendship and the ICCF motto AMICI SUMUS.

## **Revised TD Test 2025**

The revised TD test valid from 2025-01-01 is now live.

The revised section 3.6. states the following:

"... every IA must also pass the TD Test once per year (when the updated ICCF Rules become available for the upcoming year, typically during December and definitively by 1st January) or cannot be assigned to a new ICCF tournament that year (measured from 1st February)..." Any feedback about the test is welcomed.

P.S. The link(s) for retaking the test(s) are under your Player Details page. Select the TD Details from the dropdown menu. Valer Eugen Demian

## World Correspondence Chess Championship 2025 Cycle



ICCF, in association with the Bulgarian Correspondence Chess Association (Bulgarian CCA), is pleased to announce World Cup 24.

## Organisation

Registration will begin immediately and will close on 10th November 2024.

Rating list 2024/4 will be applied.

All Preliminary groups will finish on 25th October 2026. The Semifinal round will be started on 25th November 2026. Each group will consist of 9-15 players.

All Semifinal groups will finish on 25th October 2028 The Final round will be started on 25th November 2028 With 13-17 players

All groups of the Preliminary and Semifinal stages start on the same day.

Each group winner will be promoted to the next round together with the best runners-up of the groups (as decided by the tournament organiser).

For multi-round and promotion tournaments (including the WCCC series of events), a positive score is required for a first-place finish to be awarded. If no player in these types of tournaments (for any specific place, whether first, second, etc.) achieves a positive score, then no player is awarded qualification (for that place) to the next round or to the next higher class (1.3.1.).

#### **Tie-breaking Procedures**

a. number of wins by each tied player in the tournament (the Baumbach tie-breaking system)

b. if after "a" the tie persist, then the points evaluation by the Sonneborn-Berger-System,

c. if after "b" the tie persists, then the results of the tied players against each other.

#### Prizes

The group winners of the Preliminary stage and of the Semifinal stage win a prize, paid as ICCF Vouchers or suitable prizes provided by our sponsors. Cash prizes are only available to those with a acceptable route of payment, otherwise in ICCF vouchers. Tie-breaks will not be applied in respect of these cash prizes and instead those players scoring equal points will equally share any prize money due.

## Qualification

The winner of the Final round has the right to take part in the Final round of the next correspondence chess World Cup tournament without paying any entry fee. Participants in the Final stage have the right to take part in the intermediate stage of the next correspondence chess World Cup tournament.

## **Caribbean Tropical Sun Open**

The Cuban Correspondence Chess Federation (FECAP) are pleased to announce the "Caribbean Tropical Sun 2025 International Tournament"

The Tournament will be played in a single phase using ICCF Rating List 2025/1 with 4 sections:

Section A for players with rating 2400 or higher Section B for players with rating 2300 – 2399 Section C for players with rating between 2000 – 2299 Section D for players with rating 1999 or lower

he tournament will be played on the ICCF server at triple block time control with appropriate tournament duration according to the average rating of each group: 350 days event, with 75 days initial bank and 1 day increment for the first 50 moves is used, no guaranteed time after move 50.

The tournament will be rated and valid to obtain the norms for ICCF titles in groups that meet all the conditions required by the ICCF.

Registered players grouped by rating will be allocated to groups of 11, 13 or 15 players in ranking order, so that all group members have a similar rating. The number of groups will depend on the number of registrations. Up to 2 registrations will be allowed, with the second registration the player will be paired in the group following the first group.

The start date of the tournament is March 30, 2025.

#### Registrations

The registrations and the payment of the fees for **Cuban Tropical Sun International Tournament 2025** must be done by the DE system in the server of the ICCF opening the menu Cuba in New Events.

The registration fee is  $9 \in$  Inscriptions must be received no later than March 10, 2025.

#### Certificates

This tournament will award certificates to the top 3 in each group. The tiebreaker system will be: 1. Baumbach, 2. Sonnenborn-Berger, 3. the results of the players tied with each other and 4. the lowest rating at the start of the tournament.

## Fernschach 2025 CC Database





Herbert Bellmann writes to advise that Fernschach 2025 offers a CC games database in addition to ICCF and commercial products. In summary:

- Database available annually since 2000
- Nearly 2,032,000 games (from 1991)
- Over 100,000 new games since CD 2024
- 11,084 annotated games (400 new)
- German letters ä, ö, ü and ß are not counted in names
- Games from all main chess servers + post + email All tournaments marked correspondence so that CC games can be recognised in a larger database

The price is €14.00 (shipping within Germany) and €16 (shipping elsewhere). Email version €12. For further details, contact Herbert at:

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## **ICCF Games Archive Updates**



December updates to the Games Archive have now been added. You can now download all archives to end-2024.

## **SCCA on Twitter**



Mickey Blake sends a reminder that we are now on Twitter at https://twitter.com/scotcorrchess

The account is linked to <u>membership@scottishcca.co.uk</u>

If you are a Twitter user, feel free to follow us and retweet our news items. We'll retweet news from ICCF to broaden the reach of their tournament announcements etc., and our posts will carry the tag #CorrespondenceChess

Our page looks like this:



Scottish Correspondence Chess @ScotCorrChess

The SCCA is a non-profit body responsible for organising and promoting correspondence chess (CC) in Scotland. We are a full national member of ICCF.

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21 Following 6 Followers

If you're a Twitter user, feel free to get in touch!

## **SCCA on Facebook**



Mickey Blake continues as our FB editor.

If you prefer to get your updates from Social Media, then the page to visit is:

https://www.facebook.com/scottishcca

You can help Mickey by posting your own comments on the page, and 'Liking' anything which catches your eye!

For reference, ICCF are on Facebook at:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/168419426514337



## 2025/1 Grading List

The first ICCF grading list of 2025 is published and new grades are based on 3 months' results reported between 1 Oct and 30 Dec 2024. The grades will apply to internationally graded games starting between 1 Jan and 31 Mar 2025.

As far as I am aware no norms or titles have been achieved in this grading period.

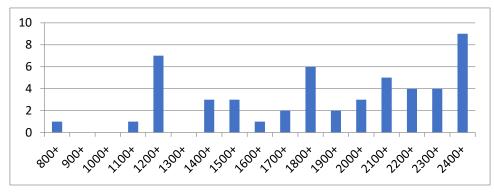
There was 1 addition to the list as Christopher Burton returns after a period of inactivity (which I assume is why he only has 22 games!). 3 have dropped off the list due to inactivity.

The most significant rating moves were Robert Gilbert (+66), Robert Bruce (+59), Ian Foote (+41) John Armstrong and Charles O'Neill-McAleenan (both +30), Michael Blake (+29) and William Cormack (+27).

New games centurions were Michael Blake (1000+) and Iain Sneddon (900+). Highest recorded games this quarter were Robert Bruce (40), Iain Sneddon (33) and Carlos Almarza Mato (31).

You need to complete 12 ICCF-eligible games to obtain a rating. Fixed ratings are based on at least 30 games and only these are shown below (although see above!). Rating changes are denoted by arrows. Email <u>grader@scottishcca.co.uk</u> if you have any queries.

No.	Name	Results	Grade	No.	Name	Results	Grade
317	Almarza Mato, C (CCE)	2675	2154 ↓	532	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	876	2464 ↑
518	Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	435	2337 ↑	216	MacMillen, A N	1544	1702 ↓
	Anderson, T R	77	1810 ↓		Major, B	124	1283 ↑
	Antunes, A	57	2210 ↑	566	Marshall, I H	946	2196 ↓
313	Armstrong, J McK	582	1272 ↑	434	Matheis, T (IM)	331	2470 ↓
511	Beecham, C R (SIM)	565	2479 ↑		Maxwell, A	78	2035 ↓
599	Bell, A D (IM)	285	$2429 \leftrightarrow$		Miles, A	106	$1231 \leftrightarrow$
501	Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	513	$2378 \leftrightarrow$	598	Montgomery, R S (CCM, SM)	432	2365 ↓
472	Blake, M J (CCM)	1011	2432 ↑		Moss, R	47	1778 ↔
	Burton, C	22	1453		Munro, P R	105	2163 ↑
	Bruce, R (CCE)	1251	1942 ↑	474	Murden, C (IM)	697	2466 ↓
486	Buchan, A W (CCM)	489	2450 ↓	564	Murray, J S	122	2067 ↑
602	Burridge, R J	2029	1691 ↓	603	O'Neill-McAleenan, C	259	1679 ↑
	Carswell, D	67	1461 ↓	604	Paine, Prof K A (CCM, SM)	260	$2333 \leftrightarrow$
247	Cormack, W H	143	1847 ↑		Pettigrew, S	209	1294 ↓
422	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	179	$2144 \leftrightarrow$	432	Price, D	549	2069 ↓
478	Dunn, J	577	1269 ↓		Rafferty, F	54	1154 ↓
371	Edney, D	339	$1818 \leftrightarrow$		Robinson, A	33	$1569 \leftrightarrow$
	Foote, I	288	1846 ↑		Sedstrem, A	124	1298 ↑
462	Gilbert, R	359	1581 ↑	477	Smith, M J (CCE)	134	$2239 \leftrightarrow$
548	Kilgour, D A (GM)	351	2289 ↑	439	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	910	2425 ↑
260	Knox, A	431	1266 ↔	057	Taylor, A	55	$1883 \leftrightarrow$
264	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	1258	2235 ↓		Taylor, R	82	$1425 \leftrightarrow$
	MacDonald, M	157	848 ↓		Taylor, W (CCE)	255	2173 ↑
584	MacGregor, C A	559	1909 ↓	605	Whittaker, I P (CCE)	366	2401 ↑
				480	Wicht, D	82	$1890 \leftrightarrow$



## **Statistical Analysis**

Total listed	51
New entrants	1
Deletions (inactive, lapsed, non-members etc.)	3
Grading increases (↑)	19
Grading decreases $(\downarrow)$	18
Grading static $(\leftrightarrow)$	13

## **Top 30 Grades**

Beecham, C R (SIM)	2479	Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	2235
Matheis, T (IM)	2470	Antunes, A	2210
Murden, C (IM)	2466	Marshall, I H	2196
Mackintosh, I (SIM)	2464	Taylor, W (CCE)	2173
Buchan, A W (CCM)	2450	Munro, P R	2163
Blake, M J (CCM)	2432	Almarza Mato, C (CCE)	2154
Bell, A D (IM)	2429	Dawson, Prof A G (CCE)	2144
Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	2425	Price, D	2069
Whittaker, I P (CCE)	2401	Murray, J S	2067
Bennett, P G (CCM, SM)	2378	Maxwell, A	2035
Montgomery, R S (CCM, SM)	2365	Bruce, R (CCE)	1942
Anderson, G M (CCM, SM)	2337	MacGregor, C A	1909
Paine, Prof K A (CCM, SM)	2333	Wicht, D	1890
Kilgour, D A (GM)	2289	Taylor, A	1883
Smith, M J (CCE)	2239	Cormack, W H	1847

#### **Top 10 Rated Games**

Almarza-Mato, C (CCE)	2675	Blake, M J (CCM)	1011
Burridge, R J	2046	Marshall, I H	946
MacMillen, A N	1544	Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	910
Lloyd, G (CCM, SM)	1258	Mackintosh, I (SIM)	876
Bruce, R (CCE)	1251	Murden, C (IM)	<b>697</b>

## Selected Personal Best Grades 2025/1

	New	Pre	vious	Gain
Blake, M J (CCM)	2432	2403	2024/4	29
Sneddon, I (CCM, SM)	2425	2397	2024/2	<b>28</b>
Whittaker, I P (CCE)	2401	2386	2024/4	15
Antunes, A	2210	2205	2024/4	5
Taylor, W (CCE)	2173	2162	2023/4	11
Major, B	1283	1280	2021/3	3

#### **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: Anderson, G M (1), Bennett, P G (1), Sneddon, I (2)
Scottish Master (SM) title norms are held by: Buchan, A (1), Whittaker, I P (1)
Correspondence Chess Master (CCM) title norms: Whittaker, I P (1), Taylor, W (1)
Correspondence Chess Expert (CCE) title norms: Burridge, R J (2).

This list includes a number of our members who are registered with other countries. Members who have played <30 games are not shown.

To check your rating online at any time, go to the ICCF webserver site (<u>www.iccf.com</u>), 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.



## **The Hawkes Files**

## By John E. Hawkes

## Introduction

A selection of games from the IFSB pre-WW2 period.

White: Opsahl, Haakon		
Black: Dyckhoff, Eduard		
IFSB Championship 1931–32		
Ruy Lopez, Open [C83]		
Notes by John E Hawkes		

1.e4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Bb5	a6
4.Ba4	Nf6
5.0-0	Nxe4
6.d4	b5
7.Bb3	d5
8.dxe5	Be6
9.c3	Be7
10.Nbd2	0-0
11.Bc2	f5
12.exf6	Nxf6
13.Nd4	Nxd4
14.cxd4	Bd6
15.Nf3	Bg4
16.Qd3	



16	Qe8!
17.Re1	Qh5
18.Ne5	Rae8
19.f3	Bc8
20.Bf4	c5
21.Ng6	c4
22.Qd2	Bxf4
23.Nxf4	Qg5!
24.g3	Nh5
25.Rxe8	Rxe8
26.Re1	Re6



#### 27.Bxh7+!

The Norwegian plays his best and most complicated option: not 27.Rxe6 Bxe6-/+ after simplification.

/ areer simplifies	autom.
27	Kf7
28.Rxe6	Nxf4
29.Re3	g6
30.Kf2	Ne6
31.Re2	Qf6
32.Re5	Nc5!
33.Kg2	Nd3



34.Rg5?			
A bad mistake. 34.Bg8+ Kxg8 35.Re8+			
Kf7 36.Rxc8 Qxd4 37.I	Rc7+ Kg8		
38.Rc6+-			
34 Ne1+	-!		
35.Kf1 Nxf3			
36.Bxg6+ Kg7!			
The sort of move a hum	nan can ignore.		
Not 36Kg8 37.Qf4! a	nd White		
simplifies to a favourab	le bishop		
endgame; for example 3	37Bh3+		
(37Nxh2+? 38.Kg2+-	–) 38.Kf2 Qxf4		
39.gxf4 Nxg5 40.fxg5			

Eduard Dyckhoff finished first or equalfirst in three consecutive IFSB finals between 1929 and 1932



White: Vidmar, Milan Black: Balogh, Janos IFSB Championship 1936–38 Queen's Gambit Symmetrical [D06] Notes by John E Hawkes

1.d4	d5
2.Nf3	Bf5
3.c4	e6
4.cxd5	exd5
5.Qb3	Nc6
6.Bg5	Bb4+
7.Nc3	Nf6
8.e3	0-0
9.Be2	



<b>9</b> To play Ne4	Qd7
10.Bxf6	gxf6
11.0-0	Rad8
12.Rac1	Ba5
13.Na4	Bb6
14.Bb5	Qd6
15.Bxc6	bxc6
16.Qc3	Rb8
17.b4	Kh8

Two rather unexpected knight moves53.Rf5+follow from Vidmar.54.Nxc718.Nb2Rg855.d6+

Ionow nom viu	1	
18.Nb2	Rg8	
19.Ne1	a5	
20.a3	axb4	
21.axb4	Bg4	
22.Rc2	Rbe8	
[22Ra8 and if	23.Nbd3 Bd1 24.Rd2	
Ba4=]		
23.Nbd3	Re4	
24.Qxc6!		
(Petrovic)		
24.f3? Rxe3 25.fx	kg4 Rxg4 26.Qxc6	
(26. <i>Rf3</i> !? <i>Bxd4</i> !) 26Bxd4 27.Nf2		
Qxb4 and White has problems.		
24	Qxc6	
25.Rxc6	Be2	
26.Rxf6	Kg7	
27.Rf5	Rd8	

Bxf1

28.Nf4



29	Rd6
30.Ned3	f6
31.Nc5!	Bxc5
32.bxc5	Rd7
33.Nxd5	Re6
34.g4	h6
34c6 35.Nf4+-	
35.Kg2	Rf7
36.Nf4	Ra6
37.d5	Kf8
38.h4	Ra4
39.Kf3	Ra1
40.c6	Ra7
41.Nh5	Ke7
42.Ng3	Rh7
43.Ne4	Rf7
44.Rh5	Rh7
45.Kf4	Ra8
46.Kf5	Rf8
47.Nc5	Rhh8
48.Ne6	Rc8
49.e4	Kf7
50.f3	Ke7
51.e5	fxe5
52.Kxe5	Kf7

+ :7 Ke7 Rxc7

1–0



White: Herzog, Franz Black: Vidmar, Milan IFSB Championship 1936–38 Queen's Gambit Declined [D61] Notes by John E Hawkes

1.d4	d5
2.c4	<b>c6</b>
3.Nc3	Nf6
4.Nf3	e6
5.Bg5	Nbd7
6.e3	Be7
7.Qc2	0-0
8.Rd1	a6
9.Bd3	h6
10.Bh4	Re8
11.0-0	



11	b5
12.cxb5	cxb5
13.Bg3	Bb7
14.Rc1	Rc8
15.Qb1	Qb6
16.Ne5	Nxe5
17.Bxe5	Ng4
18.Bg3	Bd6
19.Ne2	Bxg3
20.hxg3	Rxc1
21.Nxc1	Qd8
22.Nb3	g6
Provocative; 22	.Qg5 23.Be2=
23.Nc5	

If 23.Bxg6 Black plays Qg5 with tempo. 23... Bc8 24.a4



24... e5! 24...Qg5 25.Be2 Nxe3 26.fxe3 Qxe3+ 27.Rf2 Qxd4 28.Qc1 bxa4-/+ 25.axb5 Qg5 26.Be2 exd4 27.bxa6 dxe3 28.f4 Qe7 29.b4 Nf6 30.Qa2 Bg4 31.Ra1 h5 32.Kf1? Bxe2+ [32...Ne4!] 33.Qxe2 d4 34.a7 Ne4! 35.Qb5



35	e2+!
36.Ke1	Nxc5!
37.a8Q	
37.Qxc5 Qe3! with	ns.
37	Nd3+!!
38.Qxd3□	Qxb4+
39.Qd2	
Other moves and	Black mates.
39	Qxd2+
Other moves and	White wins!
40.Kxd2	e1Q+

41.Rxe1	Rxa8
42.Kd3 43.Kxd4	Ra3+ Rxg3
44.Re2	Kg7
45.Ke5	h4
46.Ke4	f5+
47.Ke5	



#### **47... Rd3!** 47...Rd3! The principal variation goes; 48.Ke6 (48.*Re1 Rd2! 49.Rg1 Re2+*) 48...Rd8 49.Ke7 Rd4! 50.Rf2 Re4+ with his king becoming cut off White resigned. Vidmar won the event with a score of 11.5/14 points, one point ahead of Dyckhoff.

## 0-1



White: Schaedle, Richard Black: Demetriescu, Theophil IFSB correspondence 1934 English - Four Knights {A28] [Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.c4	e5
2.Nf3	Nc6
3.Nc3	Nf6
4.d4	exd4
4e4 5.Nd2 Bb4	!?
5.Nxd4	Bb4
Probably best.	
6.Nxc6	bxc6
7.Qb3	Bc5
8.e3	0-0
9.Be2	d5
10.0-0	Be6
11.Qa4	Qd7
12.cxd5	cxd5
13.Qxd7	Nxd7
14.Rd1	c6
15.b3	f5
16.Bb2	a5?!
17.Rac1	Rac8
Wrong rook!	
18.Ba6	Rc7
18Ra8? 19.Bb7	+- of course; 18Rb8
19.Na4+-	
19.Ne2	Ra8
20.Nf4	Kf7
∩20Bf7 21.Bd3	5 g6
21.Be2	g5
22.Nxe6	Kxe6



The Black king seems well-centralised and counterplay on the Q-side is imminent, but.... 23.g4! Bd6 23...a4 24.gxf5+ Kxf5 25.b4 Rb8 (25...Bxb4 26.Rxd5+) 26.b5! cxb5 27.Rxd5+ wins.. 24.gxf5+ Kxf5 25.e4+! Kxe4 25...Ke6 26.Rxc6! Rxc6 27.exd5+ wins; 25...Kg6 26.exd5 c5 27.Bd3+ Kh6 28.Re1 wins. 26.Bg4 Be5 26...Kf4 27.Rd4+ 27.Rc4+! A beautiful finish: 27.Rc4+! dxc4 28.f3+ Ke3 29.Bc1+ Ke2 30.f4# Richard Schaedle lived a very short life, latterly in London, and died in 1943 during WW2 at the age of 29. Theophil Demetriescu 1891–1958, born in Romania, was a celebrated concert pianist who played with the Berlin Philharmonic and and also recorded many works for the VOX and Odeon labels.

1-0





White: Atakisi, Fatih Black: Runowiecki, Tadeusz [A32] ICCF Master Class, 1990 Symmetrical English/Catalan [A22] [Notes by John E Hawkes]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	e6

## Miniature Correspondence Masterpieces No. 35

 3.g3
 c5

 4.Nf3
 cxd4

 5.Nxd4
 Qc7

 6.Nd2
 Bb4

 7.Qb3
 Nc6

 8.Nxc6
 [8.Nc2 Ba5 9.Bg2 d5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 Qe5=

 8...
 Qxc6





## 9.Oxb4!?

A risky, but highly interesting sacrifice -Atakisi commenting in "ICCF Gold".

9	Qxh1
10.Nf3	b6!
11.b3	Bb7
12.Ba3	0-0-0

12...Kd8 13.Ne5 Bg2 and White castles long! 14.0-0-0 Bxf1 15.Rxd7+! Nxd7 (15...Kc8 16.Qd6+-) 16.Qe7+ Kc8 17.Qxd7+ Kb8 18.Bd6#

13.c5	Bxf3
14.exf3	



#### Qxf3?

Atakisi indicated 14...Nd5! and Black can organize his king's defence e.g. 15.Qe4 16.Qd3 Kb8 f5 (Even 16...Kb7!?) 17.cxb6 (17.Qa6? Qxf3 18.cxb6 Qc3+ 19.Ke2 Qe5+ 20.Kf3 Qe4#!) 17...Nxb6 18.Bd6+ Ka8 19.Bc7 Rb8!

15.Ba6+ Kb8 16.cxb6 d6

14...

16...Qh1+ 17.Ke2 Qe4+ (17...Qxa1? 18.bxa7+ Kc7 19.Qc5#) 18.Qxe4 Nxe4 19.f3! Nxg3+ 20.hxg3 axb6 21.Be7! (21.Bd6+ Ka7 22.Bb5) 21...Rde8 22.Bd6+ Ka7 23.Bb5 Rc8 24.Kd2 White is better, having Rh1 - h4 - a4! as a big threat. (24.Bxd7? is an interesting variation, leading to a rook-ending favouring Black; 24...Rcd8 25.Rd1 Rxd7  $26.Bb8 + Rxb8 27.Rxd7 + Rb7\mu$ ] 17.Rc1

 $17.Qxd6+\ Rxd6\ 18.Bxd6+\ Ka8\ 19.b7+$ Qxb7 20.Bxb7+ Kxb7 with perhaps an endgame win for White. Ne8?

17... 17...Qe4+ 18.Qxe4 Nxe4 19.Rc7 (19.b7 Nc5 20.Bxc5 dxc5 21.Rxc5 g5 22.Rxg5 Rd6 23.Ra5 Rhd8=) 19...axb6 20.Rb7+ Ka8 21.Rxf7 Nc5 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Rxg7=

## 18.b7

18.bxa7+ Kxa7 19.Bb5 was also winning.

18... Qh1+ 18...Nc7 19.Rxc7 19.Ke2 Qxc1 20.Bxc1 Nc7 21.Qa5 d5 22.Be3 e5



22... d4 23.Bf4 Rd7 24.Bb5 Re7 25.Bd6+-

#### 23.Bxa7+ Kxa7 24.b8Q+!

A sacrificial promotion finishing a fine game with some beautiful mating variations: 24.b8R no check! 24...Kxb8 25.Qb6+ Ka8 26.Qb7#; and the text finish 24.b8Q+ Rxb8 25.Bc8+! Na6 26.Qxa6#



## **Chess Art by Galina Satonina**

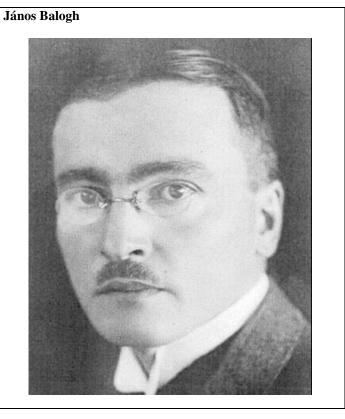


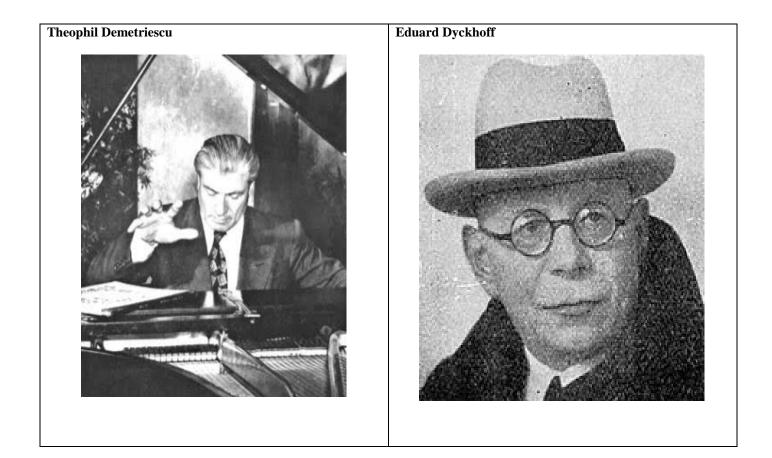




## **IFSB Players Gallery**









## **Galina Satonina**

Our featured artist this time is Galina Ivanovna Satonina (1905–2000), who dedicated her long and eventful life to fine art, chess and poetry. She was born in Kazan, and as she grew up was constantly surrounded by loyal, kindred spirits and talented colleagues. An exceptional person who played chess passionately and professionally, she glorified this great form of art with her paintings and drawings. Later, she would state in her autobiography that she discovered the world of visual arts through chess and remained loyal to chess for her entire life. She embodied the Soviet domination of chess from the end of World War II to 1991.

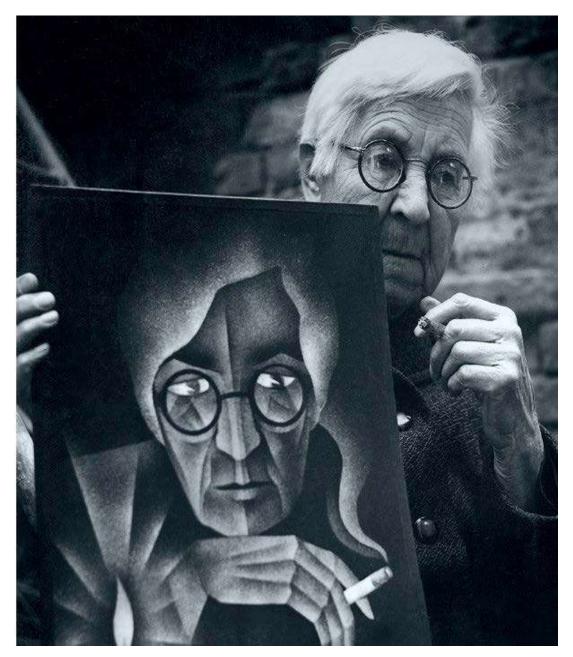


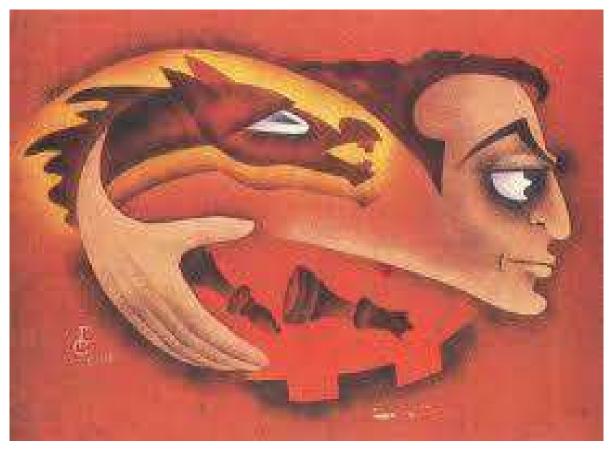
Photo (1980s)



Lasker



Racing to Queen



Team Tal



Signed Emanuel Lasker Painting



SCCA Magazine has come out with its 168th issue and let us celebrate it with some interesting knight tours on 7x24 and 8x21 (= 168) cell board. Figure 1 and Figure 2 are semi-magic tours (the sum of move numbers in each row is the same) of knight on 8x21 board.

Sum of all the move numbers in each row is 676. Both are open tours (cell 1 and cell 168 are not a knight move apart) and readers are urged to look for the more challenging closed (re-entrant) tours.

Figure 3 is a semi-magic tour on 7x24 board. Sum of all the move numbers in each column is 2028. It is a closed tour and has a very interesting property. It is 24-fold cyclic. That is, it remains semi-magic if the tour starts from any of the cells 1, 8, 15, 22, ...,162 and proceeds onwards. It is the first semi-magic tour ever constructed having 24-fold cyclic property.

Christmas is an occasion of festivities and celebrations around the globe. Besides get-togethers and parties, decorating the Christmas tree is a joyous activity. Figure 4 is a 'figured tour' on 8x21 board. The line joining the square numbers  $1^2$ ,  $2^2$ ,  $3^2$ , ...,  $12^2$ , namely, 1, 4, 9, ..., 144 delineate Christmas tree.

1	84	105	148	27	58	107	146	676		1	84	105	148	27	58	107	146	
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150	103	4	81	144	109	56	29	676	1	50	103	4	81	144	109	56	29	6
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102	151	6	79	112	141	30	55	676	10	02	151	6	79	112	141	30	55	6
7	78	87	166	61	24	111	142	676	-	7	78	87	166	61	24	111	142	6
152	101	8	77	140	113	54	31	676	1	52	101	8	77	140	113	54	31	6
9	76	165	88	23	62	115	138	676	9	9	76	165	88	23	62	115	138	6
100	153	10	75	114	139	32	53	676	10	00	153	10	75	114	139	32	53	6
11	74	89	164	63	22	137	116	676	1	11	74	89	164	63	22	137	116	6
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98	155	20	65	118	121	48	51	676	9	98	155	20	65	118	127	42	51	6
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71	14	161	92	45	36	133	124	676	7	71	14	161	92	45	36	133	124	6
96	157	18	67	126	123	46	43	676	9	96	157	18	67	120	129	40	49	6
15	70	93	160	37	40	129	132	676	1	15	70	93	160	37	46	123	132	6
158	95	68	17	130	127	42	39	676	1	58	95	68	17	130	121	48	39	6
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155	98	157	74	95	160	9		52	45	84	87	82	77	26	39
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2028	2028	2028	2028	2028	2028	2028	3.	117	120	147	138	127	122	149	124



Christmas Carnival in Lucknow



## **Rudolf KolesnikovTournament Semi-Finals**

#### MT-Kolesnik/SF2, Rudolf Kolesnikov Team Tournament SF2

			TD Y	erer	neni	ko, A	ndre										
			1	2	3	4	s	6	7	Score	96	+/-	Team results	EG	RG	Place	Team Captain
1	🔰 Philippines Agila	2270		1	0	1.5	0	0	0	2.5	62	1	0	4	68	1	Perez, Brigiliano
2	France	2056	1		0	0	0	0	0	1	50	0	0	2	70	2	Rozier, Denis
3	🔚 Cuba	2190	0	0		1	0	0	0	1	100	1	0	1	71	3	Menéndez Rodríguez, Giraldo
4	🖾 Scotland	2082	0.5	0	0		0	0	0	0.5	16	-2	0	3	69	4	Kilgour, David A.
5	📑 Ukraine 1	2285	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	5	Koshmak, Iurii
5	🛨 Finland	2245	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	72	5	Salminen, Jussi
7	1 Norway	2185	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	72	5	Sjøl, Henrik

## North Atlantic Team Tournament VIII

#### NATT/8, North Atlantic Team Tournament VIII

			TD \	Nech	N, SI	rittion	(IA)																
			X	2	3	14	5	0	17	38	9.3	10	11	12	13	Score	26	45	Teism (esista	FG	RG	Place	Team Captain
1	France	2405		1	1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0	6	46	-1	0	13	83	1	Tinture, Laurent
2	+ England A	2390	1		0.5	0.5	1	0	0.5	0	0	1	0.5	0	0	5	50	0	0	10	86	2	Beckett, Phillip J.
3	M United States	2377	1	0.5		0.5	0	1	0	1	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	5	50	0	0	10	86	з	Biedermann, Thomas
4	E Cuba	2373	1.5	0.5	0.5		0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	4	57	1	0	7	89	4	Menéndez Rodriguez, Giraldo
5	Wales 1	2414	0.5	1	0	0.5		0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	0	0	6	90	5	Sherwood, Russell
6	12 Norway	2310	0.5	0	1	0	0.5		0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	3	50	0	0	6	90	6	Sjøl, Henrik
7	📸 Wales A	2419	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	a		0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	3	50	0	0	6	90	7	Jones, Ian
8	Scotland	2390	0,5	0	1	0	0	0.5	0		0.5	0	0	0	0	2.5	50	0	0	5	91	8	Kilgour, David A.
9	III Mexico	2408	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0.5		0	0	0	0	2	50	0	0	4	92	9	Sauceda Salazar, Eduardo
10	[+] Canada	2386	0.5	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	2	50	0	0	4	92	10	Marconi, Ralph P.
11	Portugal	2367	0	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0		0	0	1.5	50	0	0	3	93	11	Martins, Sérgio A.
12	+ England B	2384	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0		0	1	50	0	0	2	94	12	Pheby, Ian M.
13	I Spain	2392	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	96	13	de Andrés Senra, Sergio Iván

## **ICCF Olympiad 23 Prelims S4**

#### TD Neves, Bianor de Oliveira (IA) FG RG Place 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 B: 9 Score % 47- Team result Team Captain 1 **III** Denmark 2390 2 2 2 19.5 48 3 3 3 2.5 2 -1 3 40 8 1 Ottesen, Søren Rud 2 🚺 Belgium 2370 3 3 2.5 2.5 1.5 2.5 2.5 2 19.5 50 0 2 39 9 2 Dondelinger, Jean-Pierre 3 Switzerland 2453 2,5 3 2.5 2.5 2 2 19.5 50 39 Rüfenacht, Matthias 2 3 0 2 9 3 4 Im Iceland 2.5 2.5 2.5 19.5 51 2313 3 2.5 2.5 2 2 38 10 Jónsson, Dadi Örn 1 1 4 5 Peru 2445 2.5 3 2.5 2 1.5 1.5 1.5 17.5 50 0 2 35 13 5 Figlio, Gino Franco 3 6 Scotland 2442 1.5 2.5 2.5 2 1.5 2.5 2 17.5 50 0 35 13 Beecham, C. Richard 3 1 6 7 📷 Lithuania 2.5 2.5 2.5 2.5 1.5 1.5 17.5 35 Chocenka, Dmitrijus 2467 2 2.5 50 7 0 0 13 8 🔯 Türkiye 2413 2.5 2 2 1.5 2.5 1.5 16 50 0 0 32 16 Kural, Aziz Serhat 2 8 2 9 Mexico 2409 2 2 2 2 1.5 2 15.5 50 0 0 31 17 9 Hernández Martínez, Jerónimo 2.5 1.5

#### CCO23/S4, ICCF Olympiad 23 Preliminaries - Section 4

## **Current Friendly Internationals**

## SCO - USA 2024, Scotland - USA Friendly Match 2024

	Sootland Kilgour, David A			White	Black	White	Black	USA Biedermann, Tho	mas	
Board 1	🔀 SIM Beecham, C. Richard	2479	(94)	3/2	1/2	3/2	1/2	👫 IM Biedermann, Kyle	2465	(82)
Board 2	🔀 SIM Mackintosh, lain	2431	(92)				(#)	📑 CCM Tedesco, Matthew	2432	(84)
Board 3	CCM Sneddon, Iain	2410	(58)					Meiners, Edwin	2414	(100)
Board 4	🔀 CCM Beveridge, Colin	2353	(71)	C.	°.C	.C	_C	CCM Ralls, Richard	2346	(59)
Board 5	CCE Whittaker, Ian P.	2317	(79)	3/2	14		1/2	🔜 CCM Price, Brennan	2318	(73)
Board 6	CCM Lloyd, Geoffrey	2301	(75)		<u> </u>			📑 CCM Relyea, Alexander	2314	(60)
Board 7	CCE Taylor, Wilf	2110	(81)	1	1	0	0	👫 Nurmi, Ronald	2102	(103)
Board 8	K Price, Derek	2063	(89)	3/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	💷 Quirk, Michael	2056	(94)
Board 9	🔀 Murray, James S.	2021	(92)					Helmbrecht, John R.	2014	(96)
Board 10	MacGregor, Colin A.	1957	(83)	1/2	1/2	3/2	1/2	🖼 Capron, Mark	1948	(104)
Board 11	CCE Bruce, Robert	1899	(52)	3/2	1/2	1/2	1/2	🔜 Aiken, Joseph	1863	(79)
Board 12	Scormack, William H.	1820	(94)	1	0	1	0	📑 Schoenwald, Ira	1821	(126)
Board 13	Anderson, Thomas R.	1811	(89)	1/2	3/2	1/2	1/2	Mott, Paul B.	1809	(88)
Board 14	🔀 Burridge, Raymond John	1776	(69)	3/2	0	1	1/2	Messinger, Bruce	1778	(92)
Board 15	🔀 MacMillen, Andrew N.	1736	(77)		0	1		📑 Korman, Joseph	1708	(74)
Board 16	+ White, Richard	1548	(95)	0	0	1	1	🔜 Stack, James	1575	(106)
Board 17	🖾 Gilbert, Robert	1485	(85)	1	1	0	0	💷 Braider, Christopher	1475	(72)
Board 18	🔀 Sedstrem, Alan	1327	(107)	1	0	1	0	📑 Niemi, Greg	1360	(77)
Board 19	🔀 Dunn, John	1327	(71)	1	0	1	0	🔜 Cadarett, Joseph	1357	(105)
Board 20	Armstrong, John M.	1307	(78)	0	4/2	1/2	1	🔜 Jakubas, Ed	1321	(79)
Board 21	Hardwick, Martin E.	761	(59)	1	0	1	0	Ellis, Roscoe	782	(73)
Total:				14	1.5	15	5.5			

#### POL-SCO 2024, Poland-Scotland 2024

#### Tournament Management Committee

				The entries of the	I	gennern e				
	Poland Szerlak, Andrzei			White	Black	White	Black	Scotland Kilgour, David A		
Poord 1		2400	(45)					SIM Mackintosh, Iain	2431	(02)
Board 1	IM Szerlak, Andrzej	10000	(45)	<b>1</b> 0	345	- 3.			10000000	(92)
Board 2	IM Woźnica, Mirosław	2380	(57)		100	1-18	*	CCM Sneddon, Iain	2410	(58)
Board 3	르 CCM Bartkiewicz, Bronisław	2374	(71)	1/2	1/2	1⁄2	1/2	CCE Whittaker, Ian P.	2317	(79)
Board 4	📕 Fiedor, Paweł	2359	(92)			- a ,		CCM Lloyd, Geoffrey	2301	(75)
Board 5	📕 Wiaderek, Piotr	2170	(99)	1	•			🔀 CCE Taylor, Wilf	2110	(81)
Board 6	📕 Grochol, Kamil	2123	(150)	2)	192		2	🔀 Price, Derek	2063	(89)
Board 7	🚥 Makosiej, Władyslaw	2050	(97)	12	120	- 21	4	🔀 Murray, James S.	2021	(92)
Board 8	페 IM Lew, Tadeusz	2042	(95)	1	1	0	0	🔀 MacGregor, Colin A.	1957	(83)
Board 9	🚃 Rabczewski, Adam	1901	(79)	1/2	0	1	1/2	CCE Bruce, Robert	1899	(52)
Board 10	📕 Głowiński, Daniel	1849	(67)	0	1/2	1/2	1	Cormack, William H.	1820	(94)
Board 11	🛑 Bobrova, Yevheniia	1800	(250)	÷	1/2	1∕2		Anderson, Thomas R.	1811	(89)
Board 12	🚃 Mańczuk, Dominik	1800	(250)	1	1/2	1⁄2	0	🔀 Burridge, Raymond John	1776	(69)
Board 13	🛑 Grabowski, Benedykt	1798	(73)	15		2		🔀 MacMillen, Andrew N.	1736	(77)
Board 14	🛑 Domaraczeńko, Krzysztof	1712	(86)	1	12		0	🕂 White, Richard	1548	(95)
Board 15	📕 Stryjek, Damian	1709	(172)		•	•		🔀 Gilbert, Robert	1485	(85)
Board 16	📻 Krupacz, Maciej	1687	(179)	1	1	0	0	🔀 Dunn, John	1327	(71)
Board 17	🚃 Kamiński, Janusz	1789	(88)	12	120	- 22	- 2	🔀 Sedstrem, Alan	1327	(107)
Total:				ç	)	5	5			_





## SCO/C2024, Scottish Championship 2024/25

TD	Murd	en, (	Clive	(IA)								
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
2)	1⁄2	1⁄2	1	1/2	1⁄2	$1^{\dagger}$	$1^{\dagger}$	5	3	14	0	1
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1) 1/2			1⁄2	1/2	1⁄2	$1^{\dagger}$	$1^{\dagger}$	4	2	10.5	1	2
D) 0	1⁄2	1⁄2		1	1⁄2	1⁄2	$1^{\dagger}$	4	2	11	0	4
2) 1/2	1⁄2	1⁄2	0		1⁄2	$1^{\dagger}$	$1^{\dagger}$	4	2	10.5	0	5
5) 1/2	1⁄2	1⁄2	1⁄2	1⁄2		1⁄2	$1^{\dagger}$	4	1	11.5	0	6
7) 0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	1⁄2	0†	1⁄2		$1^{\dagger}$	2	1	4	0	7
5) 0 <sup>+</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>	0 <sup>†</sup>		0	0	0	0	8
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Robert Montgomery and Allan Buchan are vying to catch Iain Mackintosh who currently occupies pole position.

## SCO/P/2024, SCCA Premier 2024

				TD F	Paine	e, Ke	vin (	IA)								
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1 🔀 620789	Taylor, Andrew	1801	(92)			1⁄2	1⁄2	1	$1^{E}$	1	1	5	4	9	0	1
2 🔀 620393	MacGregor, Colin A.	1953	(91)	1⁄2	1⁄2			1	1	1	1	5	4	9	0	1
3 🔀 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1651	(83)	0 <sup>E</sup>	0	0	0			1	1	2	2	0	0	3
4 🔀 620603	Armstrong, John M.	1466	(90)	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	4

Andrew Taylor and Colin Macgregor can't be separated .in 1<sup>st</sup> place.

## SCO/O/2024/A, SCCA Open 2024 A

				TD F	Paine	e, Ke	vin (	IA)										
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1 🔀 620454	MacMillen, Andrew N.	1651	(83)			$1^{E}$	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	19	0	1
2 🔀 620713	Gilbert, Robert	1521	(83)	1	0 <sup>E</sup>			1	1	1	1	1	1	7	7	19	0	1
3 🔀 620723	Carswell, David	1584	(92)	0	0	0	0			1	0	1	1	3	3	3	0	3
4 🔀 620603	Armstrong, John M.	1466	(90)	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	1	3	3	3	0	3
5 🔀 620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	901	(93)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0	0	0	5

Andrew Macmillen and Robert Gilbert share 1<sup>st</sup> place here.

## SCO/O/2024/B, SCCA Open 2024 B

				TD F	Paine	e, Ke	vin (	IA)										
Rated				1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1 🔀 620393	MacGregor, Colin A.	1953	(91)			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	24	0	1
2 🔀 620778	Major, Benjamin	1185	(85)	0	0			0	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	10.5	0	2
3 🔀 620822	Deignan, Tom	1800	(250)	0	0	0	1			1	0	1	1⁄2	3.5	3	9.25	0	3
4 🔀 620648	Hardwick, Martin E.	901	(93)	0	0	0	0	1	0			0	1	2	2	5	0	4
5 🔀 620603	Armstrong, John M.	1466	(90)	0	0	0	0	1⁄2	0	0	1			1.5	1	3.75	0	5

## Colin Macregor was the ouright winner of SCCA Open 2024 B.

	Т	TD P	Paine	e, Ke	vin (	IA)										
Rated		1	1	2	2	3	3	4	4	5	5	Score	Wins	SB	RG	Place
1 🔀 212273 CCE Bruce, Robert 1822	(64)			1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8	8	24	0	1
2 🔀 620454 MacMillen, Andrew N. 1651	(83)	0	0		8	1	1	1	1	1	1	6	6	12	0	2
3 🔀 620628 Dunn, John 1285	(81)	0	0	0	0			1	0	1	1	3	3	3	0	3
4 🔀 212404 Pettigrew, Steve 1379	(99)	0	0	0	0	1	0			1	1	3	3	3	0	3
5 🔀 620648 🛛 Hardwick, Martin E. 901	(93)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88		0	0	0	0	5

#### SCO/O/2024/C, SCCA Open 2024 C

Robert Bruce secured first spot in our third Open section.

#### The Scottish League

This is our team tournament and features a league system for teams of four players. Scottish players get free entry! We recently lost the Civil Service Chess Association and the British Correspondence Chess Association who no longer exist, but we have managed to get support from the English federation who have agreed to sponsor 6 teams once again for 2025. In addition, I have got positive feedback from NATCOR, the National Correspondence Chess Association who are intending to add a further three teams to our lineup for 2025. Now we need Scottish players to get on board and support the league in 2025. If you would like to play and have not yet indicated this or renewed your membership for 2025, please do so now as the league is scheduled to begin on March 1st.

League 1 is a tough division with strong players across the teams. White Rose lead the table and are two points clear of England A and England B. Scotland are represented by Knights of the Board A who are Allan Buchan, Iain Sneddon, Robert Montgomery and Raymond Burridge.

SCCA Claymores lead the League 2 table! The team comprise, Ian Whittaker, Geoffrey Lloyd, Derek Price and Robert Bruse. Our second team in this division are Brutal Realism, Gordon Anderson, Wilf Taylor, James Murray and Robert Gilbert.

In League 3, Knights of the Board B (comprising Andrew MacMillen, David Carswell, Alan Sedstrem and John Dunn) are . currently in 4th place with England E leading the table

		TD N	1urd	en, (	Clive	(IA)								
		1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	Team Captain
1 🖶 White Rose A	2308		2	2.5	3	2.5	10	62	4	7	16	0	1	Beckett, Phillip J.
2 🕂 England A	2416	2		2	2.5	2	8.5	53	1	5	16	0	2	Rhodes, John D.
3 🕂 England B	2269	1.5	2		2.5	2.5	8.5	53	1	5	16	0	2	Woodhouse, Stephen
4 🔀 Knights of the Board A	2254	1	1.5	1.5		2.5	6.5	40	-3	2	16	0	4	Whittaker, Ian P.
5 Social A	2375	1.5	2	1.5	1.5		6.5	40	-3	1	16	0	5	Blake, Michael J.

#### SCCA/L1/2024, SCCA League Div 1 2024

#### SCCA/L2/2024, SCCA League Div 2 2024

		TD Murden, Clive (IA)														
_			1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	Team Captain
1	🔀 SCCA Claymores	2111		2.5	3	2	3	3.5	14	73	9	9	19	1	1	Sneddon, Iain
2	🕂 White Rose B	2052	1.5		2.5	2	3	3.5	12.5	62	5	7	20	0	2	Beckett, Phillip J.
3	🕂 England C	2021	1	1.5		2	2.5	2.5	9.5	47	-1	5	20	0	3	Rhodes, John D.
4	🔀 Brutal Realism	1991	1	2	2		2.5	1.5	9	47	-1	4	19	1	4	Anderson, Gordon M.
5	🕂 England D	1818	1	1	1.5	1.5		3	8	40	-4	2	20	0	5	Woodhouse, Stephen
6	Social B	1887	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.5	1		6	30	-8	2	20	0	6	Blake, Michael J.

## SCCA/L3/2024, SCCA League Div 3 2024

TD Murden, Clive (IA)															
			1	2	3	4	5	Score	%	+/-	Team results	FG	RG	Place	Team Captain
1	🕂 England E	1628		2.5	2.5	4	4	13	81	10	8	16	0	1	Rhodes, John D.
2	Social C	1594	1.5		2	3	3	9.5	63	4	5	15	1	2	Blake, Michael J.
3	🕂 White Rose C	1602	1.5	2		2	2.5	8	50	0	4	16	0	3	Beckett, Phillip J.
4	🔀 Knights of the Board B	1467	0	0	2		2.5	4.5	30	-6	3	15	1	4	Sneddon, Iain
5	🖶 England F	1415	0	1	1.5	1.5		4	25	-8	0	16	0	5	Woodhouse, Stephen

TD Murden, Clive (IA)

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ICCF Nr.	Entrant	Name	Games	Complete	Ongoing	Pts	
620454	8	MacMillen, Andrew Neil	8	8	0	6	75%
620628	3	Dunn, John	12	12	0	6	50%
620713	4	Gilbert, Robert	16	16	0	6	38%
620603	1	Armstrong, John McKenzie	12	12	0	5	42%
211024	10	Whittaker, Ian P	4	4	0	4	100%
620819	12	Campbell, Darren	4	4	0	4	100%
620794	11	Anderson, Thomas Robb	4	4	0	4	100%
620723	2	Carswell, David	2	2	0	1	50%
620619	6	MacDonald, Murdo	2	2	0	0	0%
620393	7	MacGregor, Colin A	2	2	0	0	0%
620648	5	Hardwick, Martin Edward	6	6	0	0	0%
620814	9	Rafferty, Frey	Silent Withdrawal				0%

Members are reminded that pairings can be requested at any time of the year.

## **Chess Art**



The Republic of Tatarstan, birthplace of featured artist Galina Satonina.



When CC is compared to other forms of chess, the number of drawn games is enormous.

The effect of various chess engines has taken its toll. Some players steadfastly refuse to use engines in their move analysis, others prefer to use engines as a means o check for blunders before sending off a move. Others use engines plus their own calculation to figure out the best move in a position.

Winning a game is extremely difficult. Winning a game with the Black pieces is a wonderful feat indeed! Your author did a quick check of ICCF game lists and in the file containing recent World Championship games, out of the last 150 games there were only 4 wins by players having the Black pieces.

The first of the two games below is one of these rare beasts! It was played by Vladimir Perevertkin in the WC31/final in 2019. The game is an absolute delight - enjoy.

## White: Marek, Stanislav (2440) Black: Perevertkin, Vladimir Viktorovic (2607)

WC31/final ICCF, 20.06.2019 King's Indian Sämisch [E81] [Notes by Alastair Dawson]

1.d4	Nf6
2.c4	g6
3.Nc3	Bg7
4.e4	dő
5.f3	
And here we go	- a Sämisch - and a
guaranteed fight	ahead!
5	0-0
6.Be3	c5
7.Nge2	Nc6
8.d5	Ne5
9.Ng3	
U	centre and Black

White closes the centre and Black, for the moment at least, has a knight on e5 asserting some influence. But watch what happens to the white knight! 9... h5

And here we have the start of a remarkable assault by the h-pawn. *SCCA Magazine 168* 

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Simon Williams in his videos, always essays the advance of the h- pawn. But this advance takes the biscuit!					
10.Be2	h4				
11.Nf1	e6				
12.Nd2	exd5				
13.cxd5	h3				
14.g3	a6				
15.a4	Bd7				
Black now begins a queenside					
counterattack.					
16.0-0	b5				
17.axb5	axb5				
18.Nxb5					



This kind of Benko-type counter attack on the queenside is discussed many times by Gawain Jones in his classic 2 volume work on the Kings Indian. He makes the case that there are many Kings Indian positions where Black can play improved Benko-type gambits. Here, Black gives up the b-pawn but secures very active counterplay.

18...Qb619.Rxa8Rxa8In this position, every Black piecehas latent power - not least the Blackbishop on g7 that has an opendiagonal to make use of.

20.Na3	Qxb2
21.Nac4	Nxc4
22.Nxc4	Qa2
23.Re1	Bb5
24.Nxd6	Bxe2
25.Rxe2	

#### By Alastair Dawson



For a pawn, Black has all the play..

25	Qa6				
26.Bf4	Nd7				
27.e5	Nxe5				
28.Bxe5	Bxe5				
29.Rxe5	Qxd6				
And now ofter the exchange					

And now after the exchanges we reach a queen plus rook endgame, but now the Black pawn on h3 exerts extra menace due to the threat of checks

checks.	
30.Qe1	Kh7
31.Qc3	Ra3
32.Qxa3	Qxe5

And here is the culmination of Black's play with mate threatened on e1 and the need for White to deal with it.

#### 33.Kf2 Qxd5

But with this capture of the d-pawn and the future advance of the cpawn, White resigns - a beautiful game by Black.

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The second game is from lower down the divisions. A few years ago I played Vidar Taksrud at a Seniors over the board event. Here, Vidar (2115) had the White pieces and was up against a far stronger opponent -Martin Huber (2342).

The game is more of a rough house than the first and is finally decided by a slip in concentration by White. We hope that you enjoy both games after all they are rare wins by Black in ICCF competitions.

#### White: Taksrud, Vidar (2115) -Black: Huber, Martin (2342) WC47/pr/1 ICCF, 27.03.2023 Fianchetto Grünfeld Defence [D78] [Notes by Alastair Dawson]

1.d4	Nf6
2.Nf3	g6
3.g3	Bg7
4.Bg2	0-0
5.0-0	d5
6.c4	<b>c6</b>
7.Nc3	dxc4
8.e4	b5
9.Qe2	<b>b4</b>
10.Nd1	



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<b>e6</b>
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24	Ne7
25.Rd1	Rcd7
26.Bh3	h6
27.Rcd2	Rb7
28.Bf1	Rdb8
29.Kg2	Qa7
30.Rb1	Rb3
31.Bd3	g5
32.h3	c5
33.dxc5	Nc6
34.e5	Qc7
35.Re1	Bxe5
36.Qe4	Bg7
37.Ree2	Ne7
38.Nd4	



38	Bxd4
39.Qxd4	Qxg3+
40.Kxg3	Nf5+
41.Kg2	Nxd4
42.Rf2	Nc6
43.Ba6	Ra8
44.Bc4	Rb7
45.Bd3	a4
46.Be4	Rc8
47.Rd6	Rbc7
48.Bxc6	Rxc6
49.Rd4	



49	Rxc5
50.Rxa4	<b>R8c7</b>
51.Ra8+	Kg7
52.b4	Rc3
53.b5	Rb3
54.a4	Kg6
55.Rg8+	Kh5
56.Rg7	Rcc3
57.Rgxf7	Rg3+
58.Kf1	Rb1+
59.Ke2	Ra3
60.Kd2	Rbb3
61.Re2	Rxa4
62.Rxe6	Ra2+
63.Kc1	Rxh3
64.Kb1	Rg2
65.Rf1	Rb3+
66.Kc1	Rxb5
67.Rff6 R	bb2
68.Rxh6+	Kg4
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